

Inside Ashburton

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Shire of Ashburton welcomes New Council in 2021

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In October 2021, a postal election was held in the Shire of Ashburton for seats in Pannawonica, Tom Price and Paraburdoo.

For the position of Councillor Paraburdoo, Alana Sullivan was elected with 96 votes and will serve a term of four years.

For the position of Councillor Tom Price, Audra Smith and Tina Mladenovic were elected with 235 and 223 votes respectively. Cr Matthew Lynch was re-elected with 234 votes.

Cr Smith and Cr Lynch will serve a four-year term, with Cr Mladenovic to serve a two year term filling a vacant position on Council.

Cr Gallanagh was re-elected unopposed for the ward of Pannawonica and will serve a four-year term.

Councillors play an integral role in representing the community, advocating for issues of community importance, and providing leadership and strategic direction for the future of our Shire.

Cr Kerry White was voted by the new Council to serve as Shire President for a further two-year term with Cr Lynch voted to serve as Deputy Shire President.

Congratulations to our councillors and we look forward to seeing their achievements during their respective terms.

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



Ronnie Dahl and 4WD Australia Visit Ashburton

In early 2021, the Shire of Ashburton engaged 4 Wheeling Australia and 4WD enthusiast Ronny Dahl to produce a '4 Wheeling Ashburton' feature on their YouTube channel and collaborate across Facebook and Instagram platforms.

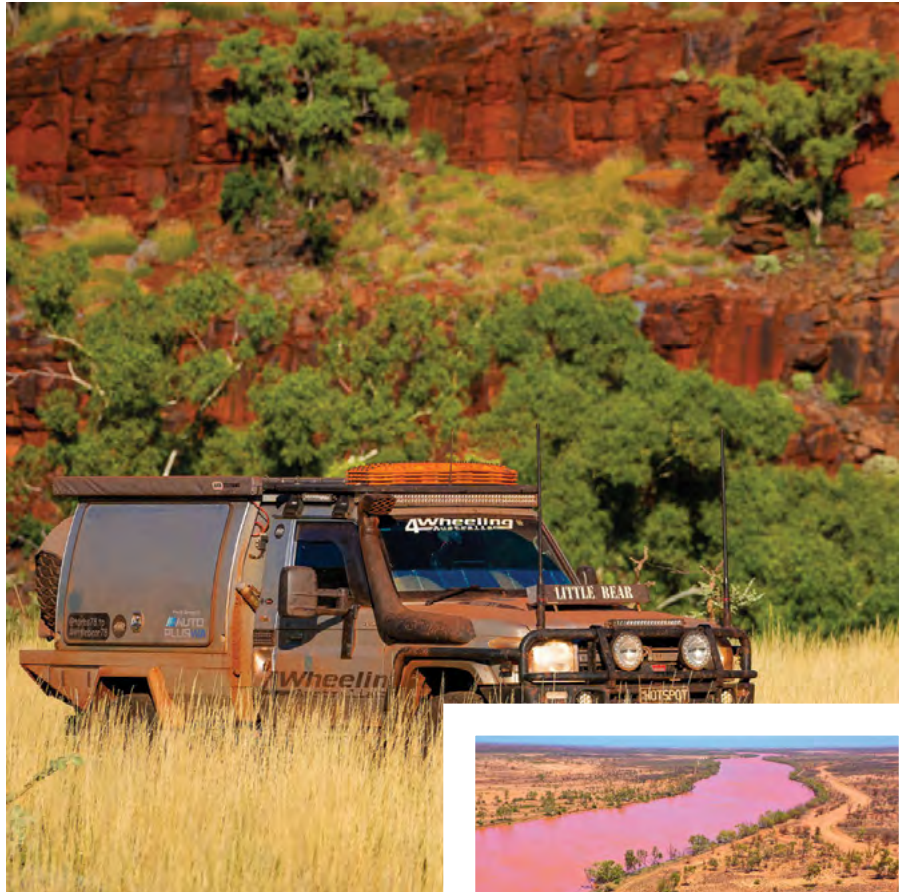
Ronny Dahl and the 4 Wheeling Australia team were invited to bring their cameras and explore the beauty of the Ashburton Shire. With a combined social media following of over 570 thousand, the team are well known and well respected in their field.

The result was a ten-part series showcasing a trip throughout the Shire, the creation of a 4WD trail map, a live show in Tom Price that was live-streamed to an audience of over 15,000, and a lasting working relationship between the 4 Wheeling Australia and Shire of Ashburton teams.

The two teams came together again in November 2021, when the Shire of Ashburton took part in the Perth 4WD and Adventure Show and McCallum Park.

Under the Visit Ashburton branding, Shire staff engaged with over 39,000 show visitors across the weekend - discussing 4WD, camping, adventure, and tourism opportunities ahead of the 2022 tourist season.

Ronny Dahl and the team from 4 Wheeling Australia also took audiences through their tour of the Ashburton, directing those interested in mimicking the journey to the Visit Ashburton tent.



In addition to engaging show visitors, an online audience of over 8,800 followed the Shire team's show experience via Instagram reels.

The weekend allowed the Shire to interact with eager tourists and present the Ashburton region as a prime road trip destination.

A big thank you to all who made the weekend a great success.

To watch the 4 Wheeling Australia team tackle the Ashburton region, search 'Ronny Dahl' on YouTube.

To see the vast landscapes of the Ashburton region and follow tourism initiatives, follow 'Visit Ashburton' on Facebook and Instagram.



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



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



Shire of Ashburton wins Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Award

In November 2021, Shire of Ashburton was awarded the Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Award at the LG Professionals WA State Conference for our Pilbara Regional Waste Management Facility.

The Pilbara Regional Waste Management Facility is a \$13 million dollar Class 4 facility just 40km from Onslow, and will be the new regional waste management facility for Australia's North West.

This award recognises dedication to sustainability through corporate process improvements or initiatives that yield significant real or potential environmental benefits.

The 100% off-grid, solar powered waste facility will accept waste from mining, industrial and oil and gas operations across Northwest Australia. The design has been carefully thought out to ensure minimal disruption to the surrounding

landscape and to also comply with strict environmental protection requirements.

The Pilbara Regional Waste Management Facility has been designed and constructed to best practice standards to service the Resource Sector globally, taking waste locally and nationally in addition to waste freighted from the northern hemisphere and hydrocarbons like plastic, trawled from the oceans.

The Pilbara Regional Waste Management Facility is jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$9 million), Chevron and the Western Australian Government (\$2 million) and Shire of Ashburton (\$2 million).

The Shire, Chevron and the Western Australian Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation are the Key Project Partners in the delivery of the project.

The facility will be accepting waste from early 2022.

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



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



Ernie Dingo visits the Shire of Ashburton

In December 2021, Shire of Ashburton engaged Australian actor, television presenter and comedian Ernie Dingo as he and the team from BushTV Enterprises visited Tom Price.

Dingo and his team were in town as part of the Pilbara leg of their 'Vax the Outback' campaign, encouraging Indigenous vaccination rates in remote Western Australia.

After visiting Wakathuni Community and meeting with Rio Tinto to discuss vaccination and youth initiatives, Mr Dingo joined Shire of Ashburton Councillors and staff as a guest judge on a guided bus tour in town for the annual Christmas Lights Competition.

Thank you to Nintirri Centre Inc. and ABC Foundation for providing the bus for the evening.

During his visit, Mr Dingo also visited Tom Price Senior High School to meet staff and students and offer a range of advice and anecdotes from his incredible life.

The Shire of Ashburton would like to thank Mr Dingo and his team for taking time out of their campaign to meet with members of the Tom Price community.

We look forward to seeing Mr Dingo again when the Vax the Outback team travel to Onslow in 2022.



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The year that was – events take over the Shire of Ashburton

A number of community events were held across the Shire of Ashburton in 2021, ranging from the traditional celebrations of Australia Day, ANZAC Day and NAIDOC Week, to family focused events that included the Fairy Door Trail in Tom Price, the Colour Fun Run in Paraburdoo, the Mad Hatter Tea Party in Pannawonica and Passion of the Pilbara in Onslow. Approximately 80 events were held during the year with community development staff in each town working tirelessly to create strong engagement with the community.

To assist with the ongoing development of clubs in the Shire, 31 workshops on governance matters such as financial management and grant writing were held.

A very successful sports awards event was also held to recognise the outstanding achievements of community members.

To finish off the year, the four towns hosted and assisted with the execution of Christmas events and activities.

With a float parade and community Christmas party in Onslow, Community Christmas Markets in Paraburdoo, Carols by Candlelight in Pannawonica, Carols by Glowlight in Tom Price, and a Christmas lights competition across the three inland towns, the Shire of Ashburton was filled with Christmas cheer.

Thank you to Project Partners Rio Tinto and Chevron for their continued support and partnership in 2021; the Shire looks forward to bringing a great variety of events across all towns in 2022!





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Reef to Range Wildlife Photo Competition Winners announced

In 2021 there was a stunning array of entries into the annual Reef to Range photo competition. The judges deliberated over snaps that showcased the ancient landscapes, unique wildlife and intense colours that constitute the full reef to range experience offered in the Shire of Ashburton.

Congratulations to the winners of the competition:

1st Place: *Ruler of Punurrunha* by Samuel Burges

2nd Place: *Cheela* by Bradley Roberts

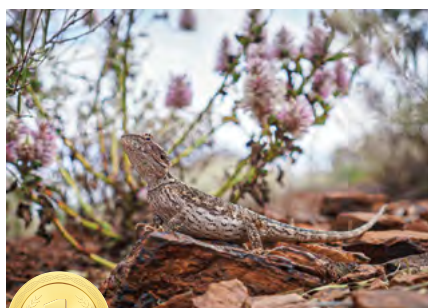
3rd Place: *I See You* by John Mantei

Thank you to Liz Diver at the Tom Price Visitor Centre for organising and facilitating the competition. Check out the Visit Ashburton Facebook page to view the lucky winners and other 2021 entries.

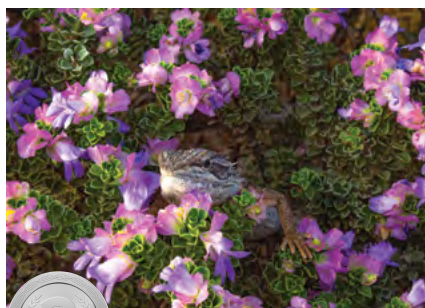
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Maintaining our towns – town maintenance 2021 achievements

In 2021, our Town Maintenance team were hard at work ensuring all of our towns stay beautiful!

Some notable achievements include:

- The planting of new trees in both Onslow and Paraburdoo,
- The renovation of Clem Thompson oval in Tom Price
- Repairs to path defects in Tom Price
- Planting of garden beds in front of the Tom Price Visitor Centre and Paraburdoo Visitor Bay
- Tidying of gardens throughout Barrarda Estate
- Planning and installation of reticulation in garden beds at Onslow Airport

Congratulations and thank you to Town Maintenance Manager Chris Hurstfield and the entire Town Maintenance team for their continued efforts across our Shire.



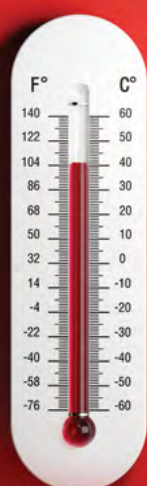
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Residents urged to be heat safe this summer



Shire of Ashburton community members and visitors to our region are reminded to treat the intensity of the Pilbara summer with the respect its due. Always carry water with you, on your person or in your vehicle. Notify someone of your travel plans and the time that you intend to return.

With temperatures regularly exceeding 40 degrees celsius in the peak of summer, it doesn't take long to become dehydrated. Keep your fluids up by sipping water at regular intervals throughout the day. Reduce your sun exposure by wearing long, loose light-coloured clothing and a hat to reflect the heat and keep cool. Keep physical activity to a minimum during the hottest part of the day and seek shade where possible. By being sensible you can reduce the strain on our local emergency service teams.

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Shire Swimming Pools make a splash in 2021



The Shire of Ashburton swimming pools in Onslow, Paraburdoo and Tom Price had a great 2020/2021 season.

With regular patrons from Swim Clubs and Swim Schools, Royal Life Saving WA programs, Emergency Services Groups, physio groups, birthday parties, pool

parties, movie nights, school carnivals and more, each pool had great attendance this season.

Each pool also had Vacation and Term Swimming programs run across the year via the Education Department that were a great success.

The Vic Hayton Memorial Swimming Pool in Tom Price had a patronage of 28,370 in 2020/2021, whilst the Onslow Aquatic Centre had a seasonal patronage of 15,420.

The 2021/2022 pool season is well underway, with community members and visitors encouraged to make use of the facilities in the area.

Planning is now underway for the 2022 Virtual Rottneest Channel Swim Event which will take place at each Shire pool in February. Visit your local pool for more information and to register.

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A reminder to watch around water

Shire of Ashburton residents are reminded to watch their children around water and at their local pool. In addition to lifeguards being on duty at all Shire pools, parents have a crucial role to play in the supervision of children while visiting these facilities.

The Shire of Ashburton adheres to the 'Watch Around Water' initiative from Royal Life Saving Western Australia that advises children under 5 must always be within arm's reach of a parent or guardian. If your child is under 10 years, constant active supervision is required.

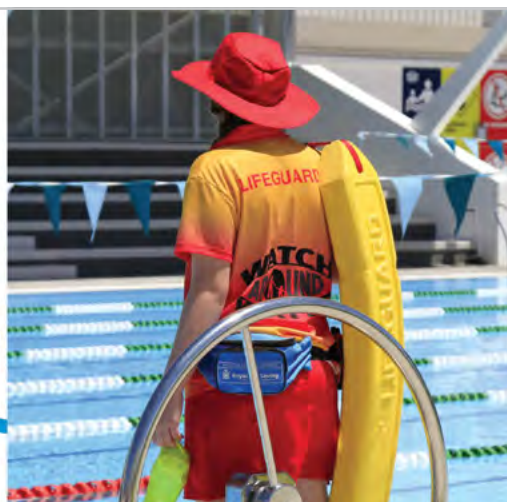
Parents and carers must be prepared to enter the water and maintain constant visual contact.

In line with this initiative, parents and guardians are required to attend the pool with their children and pay entry fees to our pools.

Parents who are required to enter the pool with their child who is partaking in

swimming lessons can pay the normal spectator fee of \$1 for entry. This is under the condition they are only in the water for the duration of the lesson.

This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



100 Year Flight Celebrations at Onslow Airport



On Thursday September 16 2021, the Shire of Ashburton welcomed the Sir Norman Brearley Commemorative Flight into Onslow Airport to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the first ever commercial flight in the southern hemisphere.

The monumental flight in 1921 between Geraldton and Derby was operated by Western Australian Airways and included a stopover in Onslow.

To celebrate this historic milestone, the Sir Norman Brearley Commemorative Flight (named after West Australian

Airways founder Sir Norman Brearley) re-created the original journey.

24 planes descended into Onslow Airport and were welcomed by Cr Linton Rumble, Onslow Airport staff, and members of the community.

A small ceremony to celebrate the event was held and the Shire of Ashburton graciously received a commemorative plaque to remember the historic occasion.

Thank you to all those who came out to see the planes and to our airport staff for hosting a fantastic event.



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Staff Development the key to success at the Shire of Ashburton

Through the implementation of an annual performance review program with key performance indicators, values assessments, blended learning models, and ongoing support, the Shire of Ashburton Human Resources Department have been able to increase internal mobility and drive a culture of continued learning and development.

In addition to the performance review program, the Shire has also implemented

a bi-annual CEO facilitated introduction to Local Government for all new employees, ongoing manager training and a Mental Health First Aider (MHFA) course for all leaders to help employees effectively manage the harsh realities that can often come with living in a small rural town.

These programs, in addition to a continuing rotation of personal, team, managerial and executive training opportunities, have allowed the Shire to

develop an organisation of consistent development and success.

The Shire looks forward to continuing these initiatives in 2022.

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



Onslow Boating precinct upgrade underway



Construction of the new Onslow Community Boating Precinct facility has officially commenced.

The Onslow Community Boating Precinct will provide a new boat ramp and central holding jetty with suitable space for the development of a small marina that may contain fully serviced boat pens at the Beadon Creek (Onslow) Maritime Facility.

The project is delivered by the Department of Transport and is significantly funded by the Shire (\$7.9 million), with support from the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project (\$1.5 million), the Commonwealth Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Program (\$0.9 million) and the State Government (\$0.4 million).

It is well-known that Onslow is home to some of the best fishing in Western Australia, as well as the Mackerel, Montebello and Pilbara Inshore Islands that offer pristine snorkelling and recreational boating opportunities.

This project and the planned second stage of the Onslow Community Boating Precinct will open up Onslow's potential as a premier marine tourism destination.

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Old Onslow Cemetery wins 2021 Western Australian Heritage Award



In November 2021, the Shire of Ashburton was commended for the conservation and adaptive reuse of the Old Onslow Cemetery.

The commendation, which was awarded as part of the Western Australian Heritage Awards, recognises the conservation efforts of the Shire, in partnership with Laura Gray and Norman Ioannopoulos from Heritage Intelligence.

In addition to the conservation of the area, the revelation and acknowledgement of Aboriginal gravesites provides an insight into

a significant stage of the settlement history and associations with the existing Aboriginal community in Onslow and the Ashburton region.

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



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Paparazzi Dogs capture staircase to the moon



Have you seen Onslow's Paparazzi Dogs?

The statue, from artists Gillie and Marc are a symbol of the transformation of Onslow and celebration of the natural beauty surrounding our coastal community.

Set up on the shore alongside locals and tourists, Onslow's Paparazzi Dogs are strategically positioned with their cameras

ready, waiting to capture the stunning coastal skies and the staircase to the moon.

As it has done throughout the world, the statue will shine a spotlight on Onslow as a key destination for tourism and experiences.

Make sure you slip into Onslow and check them out!

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



Deputy Premier visit to Tom Price

On September 17 2021, the Shire of Ashburton welcomed then Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Hon. Roger Cook MLA to Tom Price for the opening of the Rio Tinto Vaccination Blitz.

The clinics, which have visited Tom Price and Paraburdoo three times since their inception, provided an opportunity for all eligible members of the community to protect themselves and our communities against the effects of COVID-19.

The Shire encourages all members to Roll Up for WA.



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Cyclone Alert System

**PREPARE,
TAKE ACTION,
RECOVER**

KEEP INFORMED, STAY SAFE

When a cyclone threatens, community alerts will be issued by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. The alert level changes to reflect the increasing risk to your life and advises what you need to do before, during and after a cyclone. The four alert stages are – blue, yellow, red and all clear.

COMMUNITY ALERT LEVELS

BLUE ALERT

Get ready for a cyclone

You need to start preparing for cyclonic weather.

YELLOW ALERT

Take action and get ready to shelter from a cyclone

You need to prepare for the arrival of a cyclone.

RED ALERT

Take shelter from the cyclone

You need to go shelter immediately.

ALL CLEAR

The cyclone danger has passed but take care

Wind and storm surge dangers have passed but you need to take care to avoid the dangers caused by damage.

DO NOT DRIVE ON RED ALERT – IT IS DANGEROUS

Cyclones can be unpredictable and can intensify rapidly. You need to prepare for a cyclone impact even if it does not look like it is coming your way.

You and your family must know

- ☐ The four stages of the alert system and what they mean
- ☐ Where to access the latest alert level information
- ☐ What tasks or actions need to be done on each alert level



During a cyclone you can get alert information from

- Emergency Alerts at www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- DFES Information Line on **13 DFES** (13 3337)
- www.bom.gov.au or by calling the Cyclone Warning Advice Line on **1300 659 210**
- ABC radio and other local media

**LISTEN
CAREFULLY**
and do what the
alerts say to help
keep safe.

For more information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au or contact **DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816**



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Department of **Fire & Emergency Services**



A novel year for Shire Libraries

The Shire of Ashburton libraries delivered a range of events for all age groups and interests in 2021.

Across the year, the libraries delivered 359 programs from February to November with over 5409 attendees.

A total of 340 residents across the Shire signed up as new borrowers across 2021, highlighting the importance of libraries and resources across the region.

Key events held at the libraries included the Scribbler's festival, Science Week, Children's Book Week, Children's Week and NAIDOC celebrations.

Story time and Rhyme time is returning from February 2022 for the children of Ashburton to enjoy.

For more information regarding Shire Libraries visit 'Shire of Ashburton Libraries' on Facebook.



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Onslow leading the future of Solar in WA



In June 2021, Onslow became the largest town to be powered by 100% solar and battery for up to 80 minutes.

It was a significant milestone for the Onslow Distributed Energy Resource Project constructed by Horizon Power as it helped to demonstrate and prepare for a renewable future.

The work allowed the Horizon team to learn how to manage networks with high-renewable penetration.

The Shire of Ashburton is proud to be part of the continual development towards a renewable future.

This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



Tropical cyclones and flooding

Summertime is tropical cyclone season in our North West. It's important to know your risks and be prepared for cyclones and flooding.

GET PREPARED BEFORE YOU GO

KNOW THE RISKS

Tropical cyclones hit the Kimberley and Pilbara coasts from November to April, and the Midwest-Gascoyne often floods as they move south.

Cyclones can be severe, and hit WA every year with destructive winds, torrential rainfall, flooding, dangerous storm surges and heavy swells.

Your safety is your responsibility. Follow the advice below to get prepared, stay informed and keep safe during the cyclone season.

KNOW THE WARNING SYSTEM

For current cyclone alerts and warnings visit emergency.wa.gov.au

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issues cyclone information to the public in the form of a Cyclone Watch and Cyclone Warning. DFES then issues community alerts to keep people informed and safe.

The alert level changes to reflect the increasing risk to your life and advises what you need to do before, during and after a cyclone.

> BLUE ALERT

Get ready for a cyclone. You need to start preparing for cyclone weather.

BE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM



> YELLOW ALERT

Take action and get ready to shelter from a cyclone. You need to prepare for the arrival of a cyclone.

> RED ALERT

Take shelter from the cyclone. You need to shelter immediately.

> ALL CLEAR

The cyclone has passed but take care. Wind and storm surge dangers have passed but you need to take care to avoid the dangers caused by damage.

BE READY FOR TRAVELLING

To ensure you are prepared for a cyclone when travelling in the North West:

> PACK A WATERPROOF EMERGENCY KIT

As a minimum, your emergency kit should include a battery-operated radio, torch, spare batteries, mobile phone and charger, medications, first aid kit, toiletries and sanitary items. For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone

> TAKE SUPPLIES FOR 5 DAYS

Roads and supplies are often blocked during a cyclone. You need to take enough food, water and fuel for at least five days.

> PLAN YOUR ROUTE(S)

Plan how you can leave safely from your destination or route if impacted by a cyclone. For information on roads in Western Australia, including current road closures and conditions, visit mainroads.wa.gov.au or call 138 138.



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Desexing campaign success



In July 2021, the Shire of Ashburton successfully completed their inaugural desexing campaign.

Beginning in July and concluding in September, a team of 2 vets, 2 vet

nurses, 2 administration staff and 3 rangers successfully desexed 48 animals, microchipped 22 animals, conducted 52 welfare checks, re-homed 19 animals via SAFE, and removed over 100 unwanted animals in the region.

The campaign was instrumental in aiding residents to comply with proposed changes to the Dog Act 1976 that will require all dogs to be desexed and allowed the Shire to update our records system with current data whilst increasing the compliance rate of animals across the region.

The campaign was run in conjunction with Pets and Vets WA, SAFE Karratha, volunteers, and Shire of Ashburton Ranger Services with financial sponsorship from Chevron Australia, Pilbara Ports Authority, AusGroup Limited and the Shire of Ashburton.

Congratulations to all involved.

This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



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



Tom Price Childcare Centre and Emergency Services Precinct project full steam ahead

Tom Price Childcare Centre and Emergency Services Precinct project full steam ahead Construction is underway on the new Childcare Centre and Emergency Services precinct in Tom Price after the construction contract was awarded to Emirge in 2021.

Additional childcare services have been long sought after by Tom Price residents, and the development of a new childcare centre will provide much needed

additional spaces for daycare, after school care and vacation care whilst providing the children attending with a modern, built for purpose facility.

Once built, it will run under the operation of Nintirri Centre Inc., who have been providing childcare services in Tom Price for over 30 years.

The Emergency Services Precinct will combine the Shire's major emergency services of the Bush Fire Brigade and

State Emergency Services (SES) in one accessible location.

With funding contributions from DFES and Rio Tinto, along with a contribution from the Shire of Ashburton, community health and wellbeing is at the forefront of the project with the establishment of the combined, fit-for-purpose facility.

Stay tuned for construction updates in 2022!

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West Coast Eagles Stars support the Ashburton sporting community

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



The 2021 Active Ashburton Sports Awards took place in November in Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Pannawonica and recognised the achievements of the sporting community within each town.

Each town hosted Brad Sheppard and Andrew Gaff from the West Coast Eagles, who took part in a kick to kick with the kids before presenting winners with their awards.

Congratulations to all our winners in each of the Shire towns:



Tom Price

Excellence in Leadership:

Robert Wright

Service to Sport:

Moya Pirini

Club Volunteer of the Year:

Tracey Rogers

Sporting Group of the Year:

Tom Price Stealers Softball Club

Junior Sportsperson of the Year:

Maya Walsh

Sportperson of the Year:

Marama Rawiri

Paraburdoo

Excellence in Leadership:

Todd Woolcock

Service to Sport:

Singapu

Club Volunteer of the Year:

Reuben Taniora

Sporting Group of the Year:

Paraburdoo Amateur Swimming Club

Junior Sportsperson of the Year:

Isys Taniora

Sportperson of the Year:

Haylee McIlroy

Pannawonica

Excellence in Leadership:

Phil Norris

Service to Sport:

Frank Rika & Gerald Fitzgerald

Club Volunteer of the Year:

Taila Pye

Sporting Group of the Year:

Pannawonica Panthers RLFC

Junior Sportsperson of the Year:

Ayden Stephens

Sportperson of the Year:

Adam Finn



Onslow

Excellence in Leadership:

Aaron and Dana McHugh

Service to Sport:

Carl French

Club Volunteer of the Year:

Kylee French

Sporting Group of the Year:

Occys Swim Club

Junior Sportsperson of the Year:

Bryce McLean



Tom Price Skate Park upgrade glides into 2022



Upgrades to the Tom Price skate park commenced this year with both stage one and two progressing.

Stage one of the project took place in May 2021 with shade, water fountains and a soft fall area.

In August 2021, phase two of the project was approved following the endorsement of the 2021/22 budget at the monthly Ordinary Meeting of Council.

In October 2021, an additional \$300,000 in funding towards the project was received by the Shire from the Building Better Regions Fund.

The main addition to the skate park will be a feature fishbowl element. An additional

section will also be created expanding the skate park and will include some of the most frequently requested skate park obstacles including a stair set, A-frame and bank to extension.

Stay tuned for further developments in 2022.



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Shire support recognised by Tom Price Emergency Services



In 2021, the Shire of Ashburton received recognition from the Tom Price Emergency Services Cadet Corps for our continual commitment and support throughout the year.

The Shire is proud to assist local Emergency Services in keeping our community safe and informed and look forward to continuing our relationship in 2022.

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Festivals of fun across the Shire in 2021

The Shire of Ashburton was proud to sponsor three amazing festivals across our region in 2021.

Karijini Experience, Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival and Passion of the Pilbara were all held in 2021.

Held on the traditional lands of the Banjima people, the Karijini Experience was a five-day celebration of culture, food, music and art on country. Taking place in April, Karijini Experience hosted 46 events from exclusive fine dining under the stars, to live music, yoga in the gorge and free community and family-friendly events. The event provided an opportunity for the whole family to get involved in the outback oasis of Karijini National Park.

In Tom Price, the Shire of Ashburton has been a proud principal partner of the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival that has been taking place since 1969.

With a Roaring Twenties themed ball the weekend before the festival, a street parade, food vans, rides and amusement, live music and fireworks, the event was a great success for the town and the team of volunteers who brought the event to life.

In Onslow, Passion of the Pilbara took place on August 13 and 14 2021. Supported by Chevron, the event included food trucks, kids activities, cooking demonstrations, live music, sideshow alley and more.

The event welcomed My Kitchen Rules stars Anna and Jordan Bruno to cook in the Onslow Community Garden, and WA rockers Birds of Tokyo closed the event with a bang.

The Shire of Ashburton looks forward to further supporting these events in the future.



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



Community Support Grants help the community grow

The Shire's Community Support Grants are provided as in-kind or financial assistance to enable community groups to deliver quality programs, community events and services. In 2021, community groups across the Shire were awarded in both March and October intakes.

Round 1 recipients:

- Ashburton Anglers
- Onslow Sports Club
- Tom Price Motorcycle Club
- Tom Price Diamond Club
- Paraburdoo Driveln
- Paraburdoo Horse & Pony Club
- Tom Price BMX
- Tom Price Women's Softball Association
- Tom Price Netball Association
- Pannawonica Parents & Citizens Association
- Karingal Neighbourhood Centre
- North Tom Price Primary School

Round 2 recipients:

- Pannawonica Community Garden and Leisure Centre Inc.
- Pannawonica Craft Club
- Pannawonica Junior Sports
- Pannawonica Kindy Gym
- Pannawonica Playgroup Inc.
- Paraburdoo Amateur Swimming Club
- Paraburdoo Branch Sporting Shooters Association of Australia
- Paraburdoo Pirates Rugby League and Touch Football Club
- Tom Price Amateur Swimming Club
- Tom Price Arts Hub
- Tom Price Men's Shed
- Tom Price Steelers Rugby League Football Club
- Tom Price Tennis Club
- Tom Price Tigers Football Club

This funding allows clubs to host or travel to regional and state sporting events or championships, purchase new equipment, and partake in professional sports or

community development such as clinics, courses and seminars.

The funding can also be used to host community events in addition to other purposes based on broad community benefit.

Community Support Grants allow the groups in all towns to continue offering their services to the people of Ashburton.

Keep an eye on Shire platforms in 2022 to find out how you can apply for a Community Support Grant.

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



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



New Tom Price Tennis Courts open and thriving

In April 2021, the Shire of Ashburton officially reopened the Tom Price Tennis Courts following completion of a \$1.5M upgrade to the facility.

As part of the upgrade, all three courts had groundwork issues amended and were resurfaced with synthetic courts in line with Tennis West guidelines.

Tom Price Tennis Club and spectators now enjoy a new clubhouse and shaded observation area as well as newly installed onsite toilet amenities and storage areas.

Since its completion, the facility has been enjoyed by Tom Price Tennis Club and local residents alike.



Thank you to local contractor Neowest who undertook the upgrade works.

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



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



This activity met Community Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality Services and Infrastructure.



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



Upcoming Events



shire of Ashburton
opportunity to community

February 2022

Date	Event	Location
FEBRUARY 2022		
26 February	South 32 - Virtual Rottnest Channel Swim	Paraburdoo, Tom Price, Onslow

UPCOMING EVENTS!



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