



Inside Ashburton

September 2019

Council focuses on continued service delivery



The Shire of Ashburton released their 2019/2020 budget at the July Council meeting, after careful consideration by Council to ensure sound financial outcomes for ratepayers and residents. Each year Council spends considerable time reviewing the budget with a focus on achieving a high level of service delivery, adequately planning for the future requirements and balancing the needs of the community.

Shire President Kerry White says that comprehensive long term financial planning has enabled the Shire to deliver a positive budget, despite numerous challenges and rate adjustments.

“Council have carefully reviewed numerous factors that affect our income and expenditure and, despite some obstacles, we have an operational budget that will enable the Shire to effectively service residents,” said Cr White. “Having been recognised this year by the Department of Local Government with a high Financial Health Indicator score, which is a performance evaluation of effective budget

management, Council will continue to prioritise our spending and make financial decisions that will serve us all well into the future.”

Some of the key challenges faced by the Shire this year include the need to absorb increased costs for insurance, utilities, labour, materials and transportation which are a result of the upturn in new resource industry investment.

Despite these factors, the Shire has developed a budget that will endeavour to meet community expectations as well as respond to market conditions. The main focus of the 2019/20 budget will be delivering a significant capital works program, maintaining and renewing key infrastructure and facilities and enhancing strategic industry and community partnerships.

To alleviate the rate burden on ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulty, the Shire has introduced a GRV – Residential / Community rating concession for the townsites of Onslow, Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

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Budget Summary

- Forecasted \$1.5m surplus
- \$64.5m Capital Works program.

The Capital Works program has provided for investment in 122 new and ongoing projects. The following give an example of these:

- Completion of the Class IV Waste Facility in Onslow
- Extensive Roadworks program
- Completion of the Child Care Facility in Tom Price
- Upgrade to the Beadon Creek Marina in Onslow
- Upgrade to the Bowling Green and patio area at Tom Price Bowling Club
- New toilet facility at the Paraburdoo Information Bay
- New shade structure for the Tom Price Skate Park
- Refurbishment of Gym and Child Care facilities in Onslow
- Refurbishment to the playing surfaces and clubhouse at the Tom Price Tennis Club
- Upgrade and renewal of the lighting and storage at the Tom Price Diamond Softball field.

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



Jubilee in the Dust

What started out fifty years ago as a community festival in the local carpark has developed over the years into an iconic annual event on the Tom Price social calendar.

This year the band of local volunteers went over and above to present the 50th Jubilee of the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival, celebrating a long held tradition of vibrant community spirit.

Starting the celebrations with the Jubilee Ball on Saturday 3 August, over 250 guests enjoyed the chance to dress up and danced the night away as Perth band Switch lit up the stage.

Excitement and anticipation then built during the week as the line-up of food vendors, rides and stall holders made their way into town.

The Festival kicked off on Friday night with the popular Mik Mak's and Suitcase Circus Show, followed by the Wearable Art Awards and Acrobatic performance.

The main entertainment then took to the stage with Good Faces 4 Radio and popular DJ's Horizon and Brooklyn pumping out the tunes and keeping the dance floor busy.

As is tradition, Saturday morning saw the town gather for the annual street parade with clubs, groups, schools and local businesses taking part – while the rest of town lined the streets to cheer them on.

The main festival day continued with dancing and singing, the popular local talent quest and the display of Pilbara pooches in the annual dog show.

Car and bike enthusiasts came together for the Grease, Grills and Gears exhibit and talented bakers, artists, sewers, and craft connoisseurs showcased their many talents in the Home Industry pavilion.

Festival favourites of hot donuts, ice cream, fairy floss and an assortment of delicious food vendors kept everyone happy, while kids deliberated over their

showbag choices and pocket money purchases.

After the sun had set on Saturday night the sky lit up with the spectacular fireworks display before more entertainment took to the main stage to finish off another great event of community spirit, friendship and fun.

The Shire of Ashburton, along with Rio Tinto, were again proud festival partners of the 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 committee who volunteered their time and presented an outstanding festival to mark the 50th anniversary of the event.

We would also like to thank all of the other sponsors, supporters and volunteers who together make the Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival the success that it is.



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



Onslow's Passion of the Pilbara



Onslow was once again transformed with the festival vibe as the community celebrated the sixth biennial Passion of the Pilbara.

Kicking off with the POP launch party on Friday 16 August at the newly renovated Onslow Sports Club, residents and visitors celebrated with live music from Ben Mullen, Bryan & Pete and the Brad Hall Band. Dinner was on offer from an array of food vendors and kids were thrilled with the selection of free amusement rides.

As is tradition, Saturday morning saw the Community Garden bustle with activity as past Masterchef contestants Ben Bullock and Liliana Battle cooked up a storm. With a casual vibe, plenty of opportunities to engage with the chef's and ask questions, as well as taste testing, the popular morning event was well attended by both locals and visiting tourists.

In addition to the Community Garden showcase, both Ben and Liliana hosted

cooking demonstrations in the culinary pavilion throughout the afternoon, sharing their skills and providing step-by-step advice on preparing some sensational meals.

From noon on Saturday, Thalanyji Oval was festival central, with plenty of stalls, activities, roving entertainers, live music, food and of course, free rides.

Entertainment ran throughout the day on the main stage with Ben Mullen, Bryan and Pete, the Brad Hall Band, The LuLus and Smalltown performing.

Running concurrently to the Passion of the Pilbara was the Ashburton Anglers Mack10k competition, with weigh ins held on both Friday and Saturday at the festival. Anticipation and excitement grew on Saturday evening, where the massive \$10,000 prize was awarded to local angler Nathan, who landed the biggest Spanish mackerel.

Popular musician Jon Stevens, formerly from Noiseworks, lit up the stage on

Saturday night in a free community concert, with a show jam-packed full of hits from the Noiseworks and INXS collection. As crowds joined in to sing hit after hit, and danced the night away, it was a spectacular end to another great festival.

The Passion of the Pilbara is made possible thanks to the generous support from our festival partner, the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, as well as our key sponsors – BHP, Pilbara Port Authority, Onslow Beach Resort, NTC Contracting, Discovery Parks and K+S Ashburton Salt.

The Shire would also like to thank the numerous local businesses who generously provide their services and expertise in putting the festival together.

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



School Holiday Fun

Thanks to the support of Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone project, the Shire of Ashburton offered an array of engaging and fun activities across the July School holidays which kept children active and entertained.

Kite flying with Kite Kinetics was a huge hit with both kids and adults, as the whalesharks and flying fish took to the air.

Nerf Gun wars are always popular, particularly when the local police join in and make it extra fun.

Yoga, golf, squash, puppetry, cooking and Lego kept the kids occupied, while parents could enjoy some time out.

The NAIDOC craft also gave children from all backgrounds the chance to learn and participate in this year's celebrations.

Thank you to all children and parents who attended the sessions and we look forward to hosting another great program in the upcoming holidays.

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



Local Government Election Call for nominations

An Ordinary Postal Election will be held on 19 October 2019 in the Shire of Ashburton to fill the following vacancies:

Onslow	1 Councillor	4 year term
Tableland	1 Councillor	4 year term
Paraburdoo	1 Councillor	4 year term
Tom Price	1 Councillor	4 year term
Ashburton	1 Councillor	4 year term

Nominations open on Thursday 5 September and close at 4pm Thursday 12 September.

For details on how to nominate, as well as information on what it means to be an Elected Member, please visit the following; www.elections.wa.gov.au/candidates-and-parties/local-government-candidates www.ashburton.wa.gov.au or email soa@ashburton.wa.gov.au

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



2019 #shoWcAse in Pixels

Formerly known as the Banners in the Terrace Competition, this year the annual exhibition of artwork from Local Governments was displayed in a new format and venue – on the iconic digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square in Perth City.

The Shire of Ashburton put the call out to our creative community and we received a number of great entries.

Congratulations to the Year Two students at Tom Price Primary School who, with the assistance of art teacher Mrs Kelly Geddes, not only won our local competition and had their artwork displayed in Yagan Square last month, but also took out first place in the Junior Primary School category.



Celebrating NAIDOC

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 creating a shared future through the key elements of Voice. Treaty. Truth, and how we can work together to develop positive and lasting change.

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

Welcome to Country smoking ceremonies, music and dance, traditional food showcase and tasting plates, craft, interactive workshops and displays attracted community participation from all cultural backgrounds.

Shire of Ashburton Councillors adorned NAIDOC shirts at the July Council Meeting in support and recognition of this year's theme and celebrations.



NAIDOC events are made possible through support from Rio Tinto, Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation, Gumala Aboriginal Corporation and Robe River Kuruma Aboriginal Corporation, as well as valuable assistance from local business and community groups in each town.

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



Councillors honoured for service



Cr Kerry White recognised for her service

Cr Peter Foster recognised for his service

Congratulations to Shire President Cr Kerry White and Cr Peter Foster who were both honoured for their distinguished service to the community, during this year's Local Government Week.

Cr Kerry White has lived in Onslow for 24 years, 12 of these as an Elected Member and the past eight as Shire President. Raising a family in Onslow while running a successful local business, Cr White has dedicated

many years to both the local and regional communities and is a highly regarded community leader and strong advocate for many progressive projects.

Cr Peter Foster has lived in Tom Price for 12 years and

was first elected to Council in 2011. As a passionate member of the community and Council, Cr Foster sits on numerous committees and advisory bodies.

Our newest Citizen



New Australian Citizen Emily Rutherford & Cr Peter Foster

Congratulations to our newest Australian Citizen, Emily Rutherford, whose ceremony was conducted at Kings Lake by Cr Peter Foster.



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 Administrative Office

Tom Price: 9188 4444
 Paraburdoo: 9190 2220
 Onslow: 9184 6001
 Pannawonica: 9134 9501



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Bushfire Warning System

Bushfire Fact Sheet

During a bushfire, emergency services will provide you as much information as possible through a number of different methods.

There are **four levels of warning**. These change to reflect the increasing risk to your life or property, and the decreasing amount of time you have until the fire arrives.

Bushfire Warning System



ADVICE



WATCH AND ACT



EMERGENCY WARNING



ALL CLEAR

ADVICE

A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.

WATCH AND ACT

There is a possible threat to lives or homes. You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.

EMERGENCY WARNING

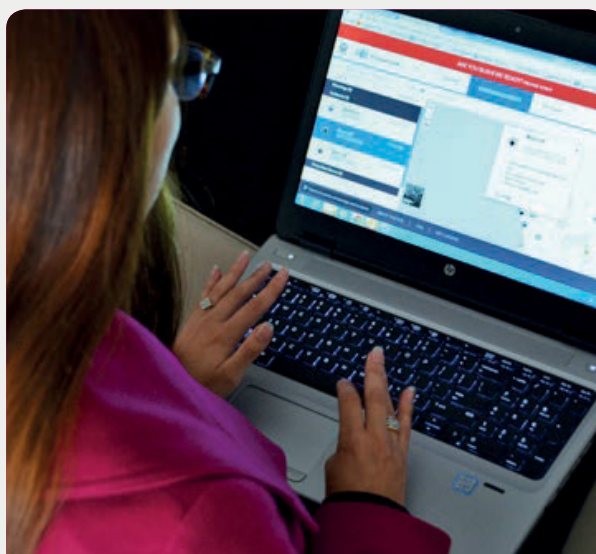
You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive. There is a threat to lives or homes.

ALL CLEAR

Take care to avoid any dangers and keep up to date.

Your surroundings could be your best information source.

Stay alert to what is happening around you. If you believe you may be in danger, act immediately to stay safe.



Where can you get information during a bushfire?

Know where to find information before the fire season starts. Work out what your local ABC radio station is and familiarise yourself with the DFES website.

Bushfire Warnings at www.emergency.wa.gov.au

DFES Information Line on 13DFES (13 3337)

Local radio and other local media



**Stay alert when a bushfire starts!
Do not wait and see, this can be deadly.**



For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au

or contact DFES Community Engagement – 9395 9816

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Travelling During a Bushfire

Bushfire Fact Sheet

What will you do if you encounter a bushfire while travelling or staying near bushland?

In Western Australia, bushfires can start suddenly without warning throughout the year. People have been killed or seriously injured during bushfires. If you are travelling or staying near bushland, fire is a real risk to you.

Be aware of your surroundings and carry a printed map of the areas you are visiting. Pack an emergency kit to take with you including important items such as woollen blankets, drinking water and protective clothing.

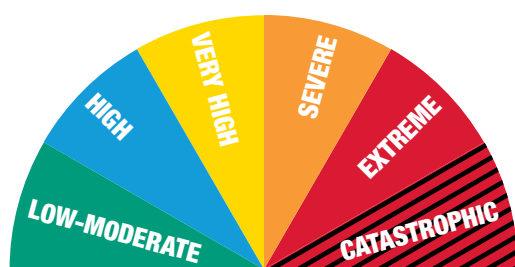
If there is a lot of smoke

- Slow down as there could be people, vehicles and livestock on the road.
- Turn your car headlights and hazard lights on.
- Close the windows and outside vents.
- If you can't see clearly, pull over and wait until the smoke clears.



If you become trapped by a fire

- Park the vehicle off the roadway where there is little vegetation, with the vehicle facing towards the oncoming fire front.
- Turn the engine off.
- Close the car doors, windows and outside vents.
- Call **000**.
- Stay as close to the floor as possible and cover your mouth with a damp cloth to avoid inhalation of smoke. If smoke enters the vehicle, toxic fumes are released from the interior of the vehicle.
- Stay covered in woollen blankets, continue to drink water and wait for assistance.
- Stay in the car until the fire front has passed and do not open windows or doors.
- Once the front has passed and the temperature has dropped, cautiously exit the vehicle. Internal parts may still be extremely hot.



Check the weather forecast and current fire restrictions. Be aware of the Fire Danger Rating for the area you are travelling to and be prepared to reassess your plans. Download the Bushfire Traveller's Checklist at www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Important information

Find the local ABC radio frequency in the area you are travelling through. In a major emergency, when lives and property are at risk, ABC radio will issue broadcast warnings at a quarter to and a quarter past the hour. Main Roads provides updated information on road closures throughout Western Australia. Call 138 138 or www.mainroads.wa.gov.au



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\$2
per person

Basketball

15 August 2019 until
26 September 2019
Games 7.00pm-9.00pm

Paraburdoo Sport Fitness and Community Centre

- Basketball 3x3 competition
- Adults & Youth 14+ years
- Registrations from 6.45pm

Come along and teams will be made on the night!



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FOR THE COMMUNITY**

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Upcoming Events



September 2019

Date	Event	Location
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 4 September	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Thursday 5 – Friday 6 September	Robe River Campdraft	Pannawonica
Saturday 7 September	Robe River Rodeo	Pannawonica
Saturday 7 September	Sports, Fitness & Community Complex Celebrations	Paraburdoo
Saturday 14 September	Onslow Rodeo	Onslow
Wednesday 18 September	Council Meeting	Mayu Maya Centre, Pannawonica
Thursday 19 September	Talk like a Pirate Day	Pannawonica Library
Friday 20 September	Community Movie	Onslow
Saturday 28 September	Pools open for Summer	All towns
OCTOBER		
Tuesday 1 – Friday 11 October	School Holiday Program	All Towns
Saturday 12 October	Onslow Gala	Onslow
Tuesday 22 October	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson Pavilion, Tom Price
Friday 25 October	Community Sundowner	Pannawonica
NOVEMBER		
Monday 4 November	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Friday 15 November	Community Movie	Onslow
Saturday 16 November	OCCI Business Awards	Onslow
Tuesday 19 November	Council Meeting	Ashburton Hall, Paraburdoo
Friday 29 November	Onslow Keepers Christmas	Onslow

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