

March 2018



Aussie day Pilbara style

Australia Day was celebrated across the Shire of Ashburton in true Aussie style with BBQ's, games and plenty of iconic tunes. Thanks to the Shire's partnerships with Rio Tinto and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, free community events were held in each town, along with Citizenship Award Ceremonies.

Communities in Onslow, Pannawonica and Tom Price gathered at their local swimming pools, adorned in their Aussie finest, for a morning of family fun. Onslow residents then moved on to the Onslow Sports Club for a free BBQ lunch, live music and face painting for the kids.

Paraburdoo enjoyed dinner, games and a DJ at the Ashburton Hall, while also celebrating their local 2017 Sports Star Awards.

Deputy Shire President Linton Rumble aid the Shire of Ashburton is no

host free, family friendly events in Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Pannawonica and Onslow to celebrate Australia Day.

"In addition to celebrating everything that makes our country such a great place to live, it is also an important day to acknowledge the many outstanding residents who volunteer countless hours within our communities," said Cr Rumble.

"Both the nominees and recipients of the Citizenship Awards are to be commended for their valuable contributions to our towns."

Rio Tinto Iron Ore general manager Paraburdoo Region Gabrielle Iwanow said "Rio Tinto are proud to support events in partnership with the Shire of Ashburton which bring residents together to celebrate what makes living in the Pilbara and Australia great. We would particularly like to acknowledge the individuals and community pisations who received Citizenship

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Awards and highly commend both the nominees and recipients in all categories for 2018."

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

"It was great to see so many Onslow residents celebrating the hard work and commitment of local community members, while enjoying time with friends and family," Mrs Glancy said.



Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Citizenship Awards





Tom Price



Pannawonica



Onslow

Paraburdoo

Citizen of the Year

Onslow – Cristie Lockie Pannawonica – Narelle Dall Paraburdoo – Tania Johnson Tom Price – Angela Rushbrook

Senior Citizen of the Year

Pannawonica – Rangi Lim Paraburdoo – Roma Butcher Tom Price – Joyce Drummond

Active Citizen of the Year

Onslow – V Swans Pannawonica – Pannawonica Playgroup Paraburdoo – Para Colour Fun Run Committee

Tom Price – Tom Price Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service, Tom Price Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Youth Citizen of the Year

Onslow – Kaiden Matera Pannawonica – Hemi Wynyar Thompson, Hineriu Wynyard Thompson Paraburdoo – Reece Gordon Tom Price – Jack Dawson



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

Your local online directory

Looking for a local business, service or club? Search via town and category on the Shire's online business directory.

If you are a business, group or club who haven't already added your FREE listing simply head to the directory website, register and then add your details. It is easy! You can update your information at any time and it is a great way to promote yourself to locals and tourists!

www.ashburtondirectory.com.au



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



Shire welcomes new CEO



The Shire of Ashburton has welcomed in the new year with Mr Rob Paull commencing in the role of Chief Executive Officer.

Shire President Kerry White said that with over 30 years' experience in Local Government and the private sector, along with high level of qualifications, Mr Paull is well suited to the Shire of Ashburton's financial and strategic directions.

"Council is very pleased to welcome Mr Paull to the Shire and we are confident his career experience will be an asset to the Shire's operations," said Cr White. "We would also like to extend our thanks to Dale Stewart for his efforts in managing the Shire's operations over the last year."

Mr Paull commenced in the role on Monday 8 January 2018 and has been busy immersing himself in the Shire's daily operations.

"I am honoured to be offered the opportunity to assist Council as the Shire continues to work hard to achieve positive outcomes for each of our towns and communities.'

"The Shire of Ashburton is in a very unique position where it has a significant income, small population and localised issues, all spread across four towns each with its own identity. This presents both opportunities and challenges and I look forward to working closely with our stakeholders and communities.'

"As with starting any new role, my initial focus is on reviewing the Shire's expenditure, operational procedures and governance. My goal is to ensure we are operating effectively, efficiently and transparently and to provide Council with the necessary information to make decisions."

"Over the coming months I look forward to meeting residents, and the wider community, in each of our towns so they can inform me of their needs and we can work together for the betterment of our Shire."

Prior to joining the Shire Mr Paull was CEO of the Shire of Corrigin and has worked extensively with Local

Government Authorities across Western Australia providing specialist consultancy advice in Town Planning. This includes six years working with the Shire of Ashburton, as well as the Gascoyne, Wheatbelt and South West region.

"My career experience in planning and development has provided me with a valuable understanding of, and a passion for, proper land use, consultation, relationship building and development.

"Since commencing in the role, the most common question is why I decided to come back to Tom Price" said Mr Paull. "The answer is easy, because I honestly love the Pilbara."

Mr Paull commended Acting CEO Dale Stewart for his efforts in keeping the Shire's operations running smoothly throughout last year while Council completed the recruitment process.

"The Shire of Ashburton is in a great position, with great people and an amazing landscape, and I look forward to making a valuable contribution as we continue to achieve positive outcomes for our communities."



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

See it, Report it!

The Customer Action Request (CAR) form is to enable people living in the Shire to report issues or circumstances that need our attention.

If you see something you think we should know about, complete the online form which can be found on the home page of the website, or call in to your local Shire office to complete a CAR form.

Examples of issues to report include:

- Lights out at Shire facilities such as tennis courts or halls
- Potholes on Shire roads
- Tree branches that need trimming/removal
- Blocked drainage

So if you see it, please report it!



Award winning community facility



Vice President of WALGA, Mayor Tracey Roberts, and the Shire's Lee Reddell

The Shire of Ashburton has excelled in Western Australia's seventh annual Local Government Children's Environment and Health Policy Awards, winning the Planning Healthy Communities for Children category.

The Children's Environment and Health Policy Awards are presented annually by the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA, showcasing local government's progress in creating environments that protect and support the health of children. The range of new facilities within the Town of Onslow has received top honours in the Planning Healthy Communities for Children category. The new skate park, named "The BHP Fish Bowl" by locals, with a pattern reflecting the internal chambers of a termite mound, is central to the vibrant community hub.

Dr Melissa Stoneham, Director of The Public Health Advocacy Institute said, "Local councils are important as the name suggests - they are local. They care about local communities and people. Children are an important part of any community, and they are our future. We are so excited to be acknowledging the Councils in WA who have developed policies and provide programs, services and information that are relevant and valued by children and young people."

The Awards, an initiative of the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA with support from Healthway, the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA (CCYP) and The Cancer Council WA were presented by the Vice President of WALGA Mayor Tracey Roberts and Commissioner for Children and Young People Colin Pettit.



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

Join us for story time

Each week our libraries host a story time session, where a wonderful book is read and then followed by a fun craft session. Perfect for 0 - 5 year olds, story time is a free activity and a great way for children and parents to socialise. Join us at your local library each week.



Tom Price Library

Monday morning at 10am - Rhyme time (0 - 5 years) Friday morning at 10am - Story time

Paraburdoo Library

Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9am

Pannawonica Library

Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10am





Shire recognised for volunteer support



Lee Reddell, Director Development & Regulatory Services accepting the Shire's award

The Shire of Ashburton is proud to have been recognised for our support of the team of fire and emergency service volunteers who we are lucky to have in our Shire.

The DFES Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards (VERA) acknowledge the important contribution made by employers and self-employed volunteers in the delivery of emergency services in Western Australia.

Shire President Kerry White said the Shire was honoured to have been nominated for our support of volunteers in releasing them from work, for adopting a paid emergency service leave in our Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, and for the financial support provided in each town.

"Our towns rely on the selfless and tireless dedication of our volunteers who, through their commitment to the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services, the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, the SES and the Volunteer Fire & Emergency Service, keep our towns and residents safe," said Cr White.

"The Shire is proud to be recognised through the VERA awards, however our thanks and appreciation lies with the volunteers who give up their own time to provide these important services to our communities."

Accessible and inclusive communities

The Shire of Ashburton is committed to ensuring that each of our communities are accessible and inclusive for people of all ages and abilities, including people with disability, their families and/or their carers.

Our new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2018-2022 is now available and can be downloaded from www.ashburton.wa.gov.au

We acknowledge, and are thankful for, the input received from individuals and groups within the community, which has been invaluable in the preparation and review of this Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

If you have any questions in regards to the DAIP please contact the Shire on 9188 4444



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

Preventing mosquito-borne diseases



Having mosquitoes and midges in our back yards is no fun, and of late some properties have been experiencing that.

We encourage residents to protect themselves from mosquito and midge bites by covering up with light loose clothing and/ or using mosquito repellent with DEET when out and about - particularly during the hours of dusk and dawn when biting mosquitoes are usually active.

In Western Australia, mosquitoes can transmit Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Kunjin virus and the potentially fatal Murray Valley Encephalitis virus. There is currently no cure or vaccine for any of these diseases.

The Shire's Environmental Health team work to reduce adult mosquito numbers in town by implementing a range of mosquito control strategies.

Some of the key things the Shire is currently doing are:

- Participating in promoting the State Health Departments Fight the Bite health promotion campaign.
- Participate in the WA Department of Health Sentinel Chicken program.

This involves blood testing the chickens every two weeks in all towns within the Shire. It provides an early warning for Murray Valley Encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus. Both viruses are rare but can be found in the Pilbara and Northern WA.

Mosquito larvae control.

On a regular basis all drains and natural waterways are inspected in and around our towns. We treat any water found with Vectobac G; a biological larvicide granule. VectoBac G is toxic only to the larvae of certain mosquitoes. It does not harm other aquatic, marine or terrestrial fauna.

Adult mosquito trapping.

Monitoring adult mosquito populations to provide a quantitative measure of mosquito activity.

Adult mosquito fogging.

We spray an ultra-fine mist into the air from a slowly moving vehicle (usually 10-15kph). The Shire's current machines are Ultra Low Volume (ULV or 'cold) foggers. We have fogging machines located in Onslow and Tom Price. The chemicals approved for fogging are usually in the 'synthetic pyrethroid' family which are designed to target insects while having a low toxicity towards humans and mammals. Fogging is a last line of defence against adult mosquitoes. Fogging not only effects adult mosquitoes but also other important insects in the environment.

Provide input to land development applications to ensure final development design does not allow opportunity for mosquito breeding.

Request design improvements to drains and mosquito habitat areas to eliminate or reduce opportunities for mosquito breeding.





Be aware of turtle hatching season

It is still turtle hatching season and we remind everyone to consider their use of the beaches during this time as you can have a detrimental impact to the wellbeing of this species.

Marine turtle populations have declined in many places across the globe and Flatback turtles are the only marine turtle species that nest exclusively in Australia. They are listed as vulnerable and WA's Pilbara and Kimberley beaches support significant nesting grounds for flatbacks.

Please follow the guidelines and minimise disruption to the beaches and turtles so the nesting cycle can continue without negative human impact.

- Avoid driving your vehicle/motorbike on turtle nesting beaches, as this can compact the sand near nests and create obstructions to emerging hatchlings.
- Avoid using campfires or any artificial lights on nesting beaches, as this can disorient and disturb nesting turtles and hatchlings.
- Use reusable bags instead of plastic bags—turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and eat them, eventually starving to death.

- Throw all your rubbish into the bin—turtles can get caught up in discarded fishing lines, ropes and other debris at sea and on the beach.
- Do not buy or sell sea turtle products—this creates a demand for products that require hunting and killing turtles.
- Drive your boat slowly to avoid injuring turtles in the water.



Community support grants & emergency services grants

The second round of grants for the 2017/18 annual financial year are currently open for Incorporated Community and Sporting Groups and Emergency Services (Incorporated and Unincorporated) in Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Onslow and Pannawonica.

General Submission Requirements

- Applications are available from Shire offices, or online at www.ashburton.wa.gov.au
- Submissions Close: 4.30pm Saturday 31 March 2018
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Applications can be for cash and/or in-kind contributions as long as the total amount does not exceed \$2,500.
- Applications will not be funded retrospectively.
- Applicants can apply more than once each financial year as long as the total amount does not exceed \$2,500 (this includes cash and in-kind donations such as venue hire).

Application forms are to be completed in full and signed by an Officer Bearer then submitted via email to Community. Grants@ashburton.wa.gov.au

Applications will be assessed and presented to Council for a formal decision at a monthly Council Meeting. This process can take between two and three months following submission closing date.

The round is a competitive process and therefore not all applications may be successful. If there are any questions in relation to the above please call the Community Development Administration Officer on (08) 9181 3304.



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



Ian Blair Memorial Boardwalk gets new decking

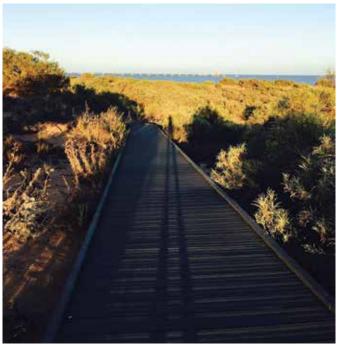
The Ian Blair Memorial Boardwalk in Onslow has been transformed over the last few years, with the last section now complete. The salt air, wind and weather had caused damage to parts of the boardwalk, with some areas left unsafe for use. Thanks to funding of \$500,000 from the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, as well as a \$300,000 Royalties for Regions Grant from Pilbara Development Commission, the Shire has been able to complete the replacement of the popular facility.

The works have included transporting in 550 linear metres of composite decking from South Australia, so as to match the partial replacement that was completed several years ago. All site works were carefully managed to minimise disruption to the coastal environment and heritage areas.

Still to come is detailed interpretative signage, which will be located at various points along the boardwalk, providing information on the Onslow environment and heritage. It is anticipated these will be installed later this year.

The Ian Blair Memorial Boardwalk is popular with both residents and tourists, winding 1km along the Onslow coastline from Anzac Park to Sunset Beach, with viewing platforms along the way. The boardwalk commemorates Ian Blair, a former WA Policeman who was posted to Onslow in 1959 and remained an active member of the community until his death in 1998.

A popular destination for sunset walks and exercise regimes, it is a must see activity the next time you are in Onslow.



Ian Blair Boardwalk



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

Here to help our local clubs

Are you part of a local community group or sporting club? Are you making the most of the Shire's Club Development team?

Our Club Development Officers are here to help you run your group or club with maximum efficiency. Their role is to increase community engagement and interaction, help build the capacity of local based clubs and assist in developing networks with State sporting associations and regional representatives.

How can they help your club?

Contact your local Community Development Officer for assistance with;

- Fundraising, sponsorship and grants information
- Guidance with developing sound administrative processes in the areas of incorporation, insurance, constitution and committees
- Contacts with other clubs and associations
- Becoming an incorporated association or club

Currently, the Club Development team are focused on the Aim to Change program, assisting incorporated clubs and associations to meet the legal requirements to have their constitution updated by 30 June 2019. So, if you need help understanding the process, or assistance with getting things on track, contact your local Club Development Officer today!

The team also facilitate bringing professionals into the Shire to host educational workshops that enable our local clubs and groups to grow, thrive and continue delivering sporting and social interaction into our communities. So keep an eye on the Shire's Facebook page for details of these events.

If you need help with your club or group please don't hesitate to contact the team via active.ashburton@ashburton.wa.gov.au

The Club Development Team is made possible through the Shire's Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership with Rio Tinto, which focuses on making the region a better place to live and work.



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

Plenty of fun with the Onslow Keepers



Are you an Onslow resident, 55 years young or more, interested in sharing laughs and stories with other likeminded people and willing to learn new things while having plenty of fun? If so, then don't hesitate and become part of the Onslow Keepers.

Initially formed in March 2011, Onslow Keepers are local residents over the age of 55, and are the Keepers of some of Onslow's most valuable history. They gather together on the first Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members, visitors and activities.

There are plenty of great things already lined up for this year, so make sure you join in on the fun!



This activity met Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities For more information about any of these events, or the Onslow Keepers, please contact Nano on 9181 3305

Onslow Keepers is made possible through the Shire of Ashburton's 'Working Together for Onslow' partnership with the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project. Through supporting community events and key programs, the partnership encourages community involvement and creates a sense of belonging in Onslow.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



March	Bingo, morning tea and guest speaker from EPIS	
April	Lunch and museum tour at the Onslow Visitor Centre Goods Shed	
May	Independent Living Brunch, Black Swan Theatre Company and Oral History	
June	Bring a plate to share with friends	

Proud new citizen

Mr Lip Jin Tong recently became an Australian Citizen during a beachfront ceremony in Onslow, officiated by Cr Kerry White.

Born in Kuala Lumpur, Mr Tong commenced his studies at Adelaide University in 2000 and has lived in Australia ever since.

Mr Tong has been working on the Chevron-operated Wheatstone project for the past five years and chose the town as the destination to mark an important life milestone.

"Life is good here! It's a nice feeling to have such great work and personal memories in Onslow," said Mr Tong.





Karijini Experience set to impress



Immerse vourself in culture, connection and country

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Karijini Experience, which the Shire of Ashburton is once again proud to sponsor. Timed to coincide with the school holidays, the 2018 Karijini Experience program extends across six days, from Tuesday April 17 until Sunday April 22, and has lots of opportunity for the whole family to get involved.

Now in its sixth year, Karijini Experience has cemented a reputation for delivering intimate, authentic, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Held on the traditional lands of the Banjima people, the Karijini Experience is a celebration of culture, connection and country.

Respecting the capacity of the national park to handle additional visitors, means that tickets to the Karijini Experience are strictly limited. This is an exclusive event that allows people to experience this magnificent location in unexpected ways, immersing themselves in the landscape, the culture and the many sensual joys of the region.

Visit karijiniexperience.com for details about the six-day program and to purchase tickets. Stay in touch by following Karijini Experience on Facebook and make sure you mark 17 April to 22 April in your diaries.



This activity met Goal 2 of the Strategic Community Plan, Economic Prosperity as well as Goal 3, Unique Heritage and Environment

Exploring our beautiful region

We live in a unique part of Western Australia, and when friends and family come to visit we are keen to get out and about, showing them the sights and letting them experience our great Pilbara lifestyle. So when you're looking for ideas on daytrips for visitors, or even places to explore yourself, make sure you drop into your local Visitor Centre.

The Tom Price Visitor Centre is open all year round and provides free maps of our four towns, as well as Karijini and Millstream Chichester National Parks. There are also plenty of brochures, maps and ideas for day trips, weekenders or holidays. Staff can assist you with bookings for the local Rio Tinto Mine tour, Karijini National Park tours, or a helicopter ride across the beautiful Pilbara landscape.

You can get your pass for the national parks and your permit for the Rio Tinto Rail Access Road.

The Onslow Visitor Centre is open from Easter until end of October each year, and can assist residents and tourists with information about local fishing and swimming spots, visiting the Mackerel Islands or learning about the town's fascinating history out at Old Onslow. There is also the Goods Shed Museum to spend time wandering through.

Both Visitor Centre's have a large variety of souvenirs and special gift ideas that are unique to the Pilbara region, as well as every day necessities such as insect repellents!

Make the most of living in the heart of the Pilbara and drop into the Visitor Centre – whatever your need may be, staff are there to help you!



Upcoming Events



Date	Event	Location
MARCH		
Sunday 4 March	Clean Up Onslow Day	Back Beach / Boat Ramp, Onslow
Wednesday 7 March	Onslow Keepers	Onslow Beach Club
Fri 9 – Sat 10 March	International Women's Day	Paraburdoo
Saturday 10 March	Skill Share – Life Painting	Onslow Beach Club
Tuesday 13 March	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Onslow Shire Complex
Saturday 17 March	World's Greatest Shave	Pannawonica Tavern
Wednesday 21 March	Harmony Day	Onslow Oval
Wednesday 21 March	Guest Speaker Rosie Batty	Karingal, Paraburdoo
Sunday 25 March	Harmony Day	Karingal, Paraburdoo
Friday 30 Mar – Sunday 1 April	Easter	All Towns
APRIL		
Mon 16 – Fri 27 April	School Holiday Program	All Towns
Tue 17 April – Sun 22 April	Karijini Experience	Tom Price
Monday 23 April	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson, Tom Price
Wednesday 25 April	ANZAC Day	All Towns
MAY		
Friday 11 May	Rio Tinto Picnic Day	Tom Price
Saturday 12 May	Rio Tinto Picnic Day	Paraburdoo
Saturday 12 May	Reflections of Robe Valley	Pannawonica
Tuesday 22 May	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Onslow Shire Complex

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