



# Inside Ashburton

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## Pannawonica's Junior Volunteer Fire & Rescue team

Mentored by a dedicated team of Volunteer Fire Rescue Service leaders, Pannawonica's Junior Volunteer Fire and Rescue team is made up of 15 youth between the ages of 11 and 17 years including the boarding school students who return for school holidays.

Established in January through the DFES Junior Cadet program, the Junior members have not only learned a range of fire and rescue skills such as urban search and rescue, breathing apparatus, hose drills, communication, map reading and first aid, but have also taken part in community service activities.

The Juniors have manned the first aid and water stations for the Mother's Day Classic,

served coffee and tea at the Panna Perk café during the community markets, and assisted with setup and pack down for numerous community events.

This has led to the Junior Fire & Rescue Volunteers integrating with other community groups, such as the Pannawonica Junior Sports to help with coaching, as well as assisting the Pannawonica Youth Club to plan for a revitalisation of the Centre.

Working closely with the Shire's school holiday program, the Junior Volunteers have committed to the planning and execution of at least one activity for the younger children.

It has not been 'all work and no play' for the youth, who have also enjoyed the

opportunity to attend the Shire's recent Youth Art program and You're the Voice workshop. Some of the Monday night training sessions have been mixed in with a game night, bowling, geocaching, wood fired pizza's and movie night.

Future plans for the Junior Fire & Rescue Volunteer program include outdoor recreation activities such as paddle boarding, kayaking and abseiling, bush survival skills, cultural events and aquatic rescue courses.

It is great to see a dedicated group of young volunteers who are enthusiastic to help their community as well as learn new skills. For anyone interested in being involved in the program please contact [pannawonicavfrscadets@hotmail.com](mailto:pannawonicavfrscadets@hotmail.com)



*Giving a helping hand*



*Learning new skills*

# Rio Tinto Picnic Days a hit with local communities

Last month the Rio Tinto Picnic Days once again wowed residents with a great line-up of entertainment, activities, food and all round family fun.

This annual event for the communities of Tom Price and Paraburdoo brings everyone together for an exciting evening out.

Entertainment highlights this year included children's entertainers Ben and Holly, SPLAT the comedy troupe, Queen Tribute Band and local community rock heroes Paraphernalia.

The community danced the night away to their own rhythm too, with the Silent Disco proving a real hit with people of all ages.

General manager Tom Price and Marandoo Greg Bacon attended his first Picnic Day and was very impressed, particularly the army of volunteers who brought it all together.

"It's hard to go past the spectacular fireworks display as the highlight however the event is more impressive when you understand how it comes together. I would particularly like to thank the Nameless Festival Committee and all the community

organisations and businesses that dedicated their time to make it a great event for both towns."

"It's a great feeling returning to work from a weekend where people feel re-energized because they have been able to enjoy time with their families, colleagues and friends over good food and entertainment." Mr Bacon said.

For more photos from the night and information on events and activities in Tom Price and Paraburdoo don't forget to follow the Rio Tinto Facebook pages.



Enjoying the fun of the Rio Tinto Picnic Day



## Passion of the Pilbara returns to Onslow

Get out your diary and highlight 8 - 10 September! The Shire of Ashburton have once again partnered with Chevron Australia to bring the much-loved Passion of the Pilbara Festival to Onslow in 2017.

Shaping up to be a weekend of fun, food and entertainment, the biennial festival will deliver something for everyone with an endless stream of fantastic activities.

The Passion of the Pilbara brings residents and visitors together in a

celebration of the Pilbara lifestyle and community values, and will again host some iconic talent.

With the entertainment line-up and program of activities soon to be announced, make sure you follow the POP event on the Shire's Facebook page.

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





# Council reviews the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan

The Shire of Ashburton's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) provides information on the Shire's financial sustainability in the context of the delivery of projects and services contained within the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council in June Councillors adopted the Long Term Financial Plan following a workshop evaluation on how the plan interacts with both the Corporate Business Plan Review and the 2017/18 Annual Budget.

The LTFP indicates a local government's long term financial sustainability, allows early identification of financial issues and their longer term impacts, shows the linkages between specific plans and strategies, and enhances the transparency and accountability of the Council to the community.

The plan enables Council to model the financial impacts of various activities, initiatives, service levels and programs as well as perform risk analysis to measure the impacts of changing assumptions such as growth, inflation, grants and

subsidies. The LTFP will identify whether or not those priorities are sustainable given current resourcing, and will evidence any gap between projected expenditures and projected income.

Shire President Kerry White says the LTFP provides the Council and the community with a picture of the Shire's long term financial circumstances and assists us to meet our strategic outcomes and objectives.

"The Shire is planning for a positive and sustainable future, with the provision of appropriate facilities and services, strong economies and vibrant communities," said Cr White. "Our strong partnerships with industry and neighbouring local governments continues to deliver a productive collaboration of resources and outcomes, and we will continue to foster these relationships."

The Long Term Financial Plan is available on the Shire's website.

This activity met Goal 5 of the Strategic Community Plan, Inspiring Governance – Effective planning for the future.



# Pilbara hosts annual Rodeo and Campdraft circuit

It's that time of the year when we see the Rodeo and Campdraft circuit visit our region. The Shire of Ashburton is proud to have two of the biggest events on the rodeo calendar hosted by Onslow and Pannawonica, as well as the Tom Price & Pannawonica Campdraft.

Mark the dates on your calendar and have a fun weekend watching all the action.

## Pilbara Campdraft

Newman 24 - 25 August  
Tom Price 27 - 28 August  
Pannawonica 31 August - 1 September

## Pilbara Rodeo

Onslow – 19 August  
Robe River (Pannawonica) – 2 September

For more information follow the events on Facebook

- Robe River Campdraft & Rodeo
- Tom Price Campdraft Association
- Onslow Rodeo Association
- Newman Campdraft & Rodeo Association



# Roadworks to provide better access

Stadium Road in Tom Price is one of the main roads in the commercial and retail area in the town centre, and provides access to nearby playing fields, the public swimming pool and accommodation facilities.

The road has had a problematic history with drainage, particularly impacting some of the commercial sites, as well as issues with on street parking and intersection layouts.

The Shire has recently embarked on an overhaul of Stadium Road to provide upgraded drainage and an improved road network.

## Project works include;

- Drainage pipes and pits
- Asphaltting
- Kerb and channel
- Parking bays
- Footpaths
- Street lighting
- Landscaping

Roadworks are expected to be complete by the end of July and we thank all residents and business owners for their patience during this much needed upgrade.

This activity met Goal 4 of the Strategic Community Plan, Quality services and infrastructure, accessible and safe towns.



# Pilbara Kimberley Forum

The Pilbara Kimberley Local Government Forum is a regular forum at which senior local government leadership, including council members and executive management, from across the region convene to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

This year, the forum was held in Kununurra across two days in May, with guest speakers including Senator Patrick Dodson and Melissa Price MP.

The two day event focused on raising the voice of northern Australia in state, territory and commonwealth politics as well as the opportunities for further developing our regions.

Hosted by the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley, attendees took part in various tours of local agricultural operations including the Ord River Irrigation project and the Wyndham port.

Shire of Ashburton representatives included Shire President Cr Kerry White, Deputy Shire President Cr Linton Rumble, Cr Peter Foster and Cr Doug Diver, who raised our concerns for better roads, better connectivity for trade and fairer flight prices.

Shire President Kerry White extended an invitation for Senator Patrick Dodson to visit the Shire of Ashburton to gain a greater understanding of the constraints and opportunities that exist within the Shire.

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



Shire Councillors with Senator Patrick Dodson

## Great memories of Tom Price

The Tom Price Visitor Centre had a recent visit from Bev and Mick Regan, who called Tom Price home nearly 50 years ago.

Bev and Mick, along with their good friends Claire and Lenny, moved to Tom Price from Bendigo Victoria in 1969. Mick worked at the Tom Price Mine as a Truck and Dozer operator while Bev was employed as the Receptionist at the Tom Price Hotel.

Once the Tom Price Chemist was established, Bev and Claire were the first staff members employed and assisted in opening the new shop to eager residents.

Bev and Mick moved back to Victoria a few years later, while Lenny and Claire stayed on a little longer.

Now retired and travelling throughout the region, Bev and Mick couldn't resist the lure of a visit to Tom Price and enjoyed the walk down memory lane.



Bev and Mick Regan



# Stories from Old Onslow

Stories from the Old Onslow Townsite have come back to life, thanks to new interpretative signage installed on site in May. The signs provide context to the newly transformed coastal settlement, preserving important stories from the region's history.

The \$1 million conservation project is funded by the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project as part of its \$250 million social and critical infrastructure commitment for Onslow. Conservation works are being managed by the Pilbara Regional Council (PRC) in conjunction with Chevron Australia, the Shire of Ashburton and Department of State Development.

Established more than 120 years ago, Old Onslow was an important Pilbara port which serviced the local wool industry at the mouth of the Ashburton River. Cyclone damage in 1925 saw the original town abandoned and its inhabitants moved to the current location of Onslow, 20 kilometres away at Beadon Creek.

PRC CEO Tony Friday said that the new

interpretative signage was a vital addition to the re-activation of the tourism site.

"The new signs are both informative and visually striking on the landscape. More importantly, they allow visitors to understand and engage with local stories from this historic site," Mr Friday said.

"The PRC is working with the Department of State Development, Chevron Australia and the Shire of Ashburton to deliver conservation works and develop supporting tourism opportunities as part of the Old Onslow Conservation and Tourism Development Project."

In January 2016, the Pilbara Regional Council completed initial stabilisation works, ensuring visitor safety without impacting the heritage value of the site. This month has seen the next milestone for the project progress, with the installation of directional signs to guide tourists to the site, as well as 21 interpretative panels at key locations across the Townsite.

The next phase of the project at the Old Onslow Townsite site will commence over the coming weeks with heritage works to conserve two of the remaining structures on site; the Police Station and Old Gaol Complex.

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



New interpretive signs welcome visitors to Old Onslow

## Free listings in the 2017 Shire Directory



The 2017 Shire of Ashburton Directory is currently being compiled and will include FREE listings for all businesses and community groups within our Shire.

The directory is a great resource for residents and visiting tourists and will be available via an online portal as well as printed copies.

To make sure your business contact details are available for residents and tourists, or to encourage more community members to join your group, club or association, make sure you submit your listing. All listings are free!

Simply head to [ashburton.wa.gov.au](http://ashburton.wa.gov.au) to register your contact details.

# Jimeoin entertains Ashburton

**A highly anticipated event on the social calendar saw hundreds of residents head out for a night with Jimeoin, and they were not disappointed.**

Proudly presented by the Shire of Ashburton in partnership with Rio Tinto Iron Ore and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project, Jimeoin toured Ashburton performing to large crowds in Pannawonica, Onslow, Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

Acclaimed as one of the hottest stand-up comics of this generation, Jimeoin is known and loved for his brilliantly funny wit and charming observations on the absurdities of every-day life. His performances in each town were a welcomed event from all corners of the community. Local groups were given the opportunity to benefit, running the bar facilities and raising much needed funds

for their clubs. Babysitters were also in high demand and took the chance to earn extra pocket money, with Mums and Dads enjoying a rare adults only night out.

Shire President Kerry White said being able to present such a high calibre act was a positive boost for community spirit and social engagement.

"Having Jimeoin perform and interact with our residents made for a great night out," said Cr White. "With tremendous support from our partners, the Shire is proud to have hosted such a highly acclaimed and entertaining show across all four towns."

Rio Tinto general manager Paraburdoo Operations Gabe Iwanow said the Jimeoin tour was an exciting event for the community.

"We are proud to work with the Shire of Ashburton through our Community Infrastructure and Services Partnership to support the delivery of events like this

that brings everyone together for a night of laughter and fun. It's a great way to foster a sense of place for locals and build community vibrancy," Ms Iwanow said.

Chevron Australia Community Engagement Supervisor Erin Glancy said it is fantastic to see acts like Jimeoin make their way to Onslow as part of our Working Together for Onslow partnership with the Shire of Ashburton.

"Events and activities like these help to bring people together and foster community spirit," Erin said.

This activity met Goal 1 of the Strategic Community Plan, Vibrant and Active Communities – connected, caring and engaged communities



*Jimeoin and Janelle put on a great show*





## Coaching Scholarship awarded to Tom Price teacher



*Sara Mohamed with her budding tennis stars*

**Tom Price Primary School teacher Sara Mohamed was recently announced as one of three successful WA applicants to receive a 2017 Tennis Australia Women's Coaching Scholarship to support her in the completion of a Junior Development Coaching Course.**

The scholarship is part of Tennis Australia's commitment to increase the number and quality of female tennis coaches in Australia, and was introduced to provide an opportunity for female coaches to access funding to support their completion of a Tennis Australia qualification.

Ms Mohamed, who has always loved tennis, said that coaching was not something she had considered in the short term until realising that her town's tennis club was close to closing.

"The club had no organised social play, no junior programs and memberships were low. So I joined with a few people at the tennis club to bring a Tennis Australia representative up to the region to run some coaching courses for teachers and community members so we could get the school's sports program and the club's ANZ Tennis Hot Shots program running at the same time" Ms Mohamed said.

This initial coaching program, and the interest it ignited at the club and school, encouraged Sara Mohamed to continue her education and undertake a Junior Development Course, which has now been funded as part of the scholarship.

Ms Mohamed, as one of only a small number of female tennis coaches in WA, is

excited at the prospect of becoming a role model to other tennis players, particularly young girls.

"When you are young, I feel it is so important to have role models that you can see yourself growing up to be. So I hope that by completing this course, I will be an effective coach that young girls and boys will look up to."

Ms Mohamed's work as a teacher at Tom Price Primary School is also allowing her to engage the local students in tennis programs.

"I am currently getting primary aged students out on the court having fun, whilst developing those who wish to progress further through the local club. I'm looking forward to utilizing the skills I develop as a coach to produce highly effective tennis programs at my school" Ms Mohamed said.

WA Coach Development Manager, Christina Ladyman said the scholarship will allow Sara to further her knowledge and skills in the coaching industry.

"The Women's Coaching Scholarship is a fantastic initiative from Tennis Australia. It gives female Coaches the opportunity to further their development by completing a Tennis Australia Coaching course and also by having the opportunity to be mentored by a highly skilled and qualified Tennis Australia employee."

"Sara is a very worthy recipient who is doing fantastic things out in her community, and as a result tennis will continue to flourish" Ms Ladyman said.

## Onslow Oral Histories project

**Working Together for Onslow is collaborating with the Onslow Keepers and Black Swan State Theatre Company to record the town's history.**

The Oral Histories project is a unique opportunity for the community of Onslow to hear about the connections of their seniors to the history of Onslow, and for the seniors to collaborate with professional artists to create audio recordings.

Once completed, the oral histories will be available to listen to as individual podcasts and it is anticipated we will have 100 individual stories to share. This valuable project provides an exciting opportunity for the Onslow Keepers to ensure their memories and life tales are saved, to be passed down through future generations.

In May two members from the Black Swan State Theatre Company, Education and Community Access Manager Alena Tomkins and Teaching Artist Caitlin Beresford-Ord, enjoyed morning tea at the Onslow Beach Club and were introduced to some of the local seniors to discuss the project in more detail.

Black Swan returned to Onslow in June to record the many wonderful stories and post production is now currently being completed in their Perth studio.

We look forward to hearing the final product and sharing this amazing project with the community.

# Working Together for Onslow

For the past two years, the Shire of Ashburton and the Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project have joined forces to promote initiatives and events that encourage participation and create a sense of involvement among the Onslow community. Since its inception, the 'Working Together for Onslow' (WTO) partnership has been a huge success, and is set to continue.

Working Together for Onslow supports key community programs and events such as Onslow Living, Anzac Day commemorations, Onslow's over 55's group - the Onslow Keepers, School Holiday activities and specialist training and development initiatives.

Shire President Kerry White said the Shire is pleased to continue the partnership with the Wheatstone Project, delivering important social initiatives to the community.

"Through the WTO partnership we are bringing people together through recreation, entertainment and learning," said Cr White.

"These programs are vital in enhancing our sense of place and in fostering positive community engagement."

Chevron Australia Community Engagement Supervisor Erin Glancy said the success of the WTO partnership is in its diversity of programs and events that cater for all ages and community groups.

"One of our most successful programs is the Onslow Keepers, a group of over 55's who get together for morning teas

and activities, to socialise and share experiences," Erin said.

"The Onslow Living events are another great initiative where new residents can learn about all the activities Onslow has to offer, and get involved in volunteer opportunities."

Planning is underway for an exciting program of events including the July School Holiday Program and the much-anticipated Onslow Annual Gala.

This activity met Goal 2 of the Strategic Community Plan, Economic Prosperity - Enduring partnerships with industry and government.



## Looking at Onslow's Islands

Did you know that lying just off our coastline are 13 islands within 20 nm of Onslow? While the islands are mostly small (Thevenard Island is the largest), they provide important habitat for threatened flora and fauna including four species of marine turtles.

Parks and Wildlife have been surveying some of the islands to determine which are popular with visitors, whether they correspond with threatened and migratory species habitat, and what types of threats are present.

A combination of aerial monitoring, remote cameras, acoustic recordings, fauna trapping and opportunistic observations, flora surveying and social surveys have been used to gather information.

Flatback turtles were recorded nesting safely on Locker Island, and were later tracked as far north as Broome. In contrast on Tent Island a Flatback nest was found dug up, and the hatchlings killed by a fox. Bird surveys have found that around 1 million wedge-tailed shearwaters migrate to the islands each year from July onwards to lay an egg in their burrows in November, these Islands include Serrurier, Bessieres, and Locker near Onslow. During the day they are out feeding and return to their burrows every evening.

Throughout the survey process partnerships were formed with external organisations to provide expertise in specialist fields.



Geologists from Curtin University measured the Island profiles and are looking at how the islands are formed. Archaeologists from UWA and the WA Museum are providing guidance in documenting the cultural history of the Islands.

After three years of survey work, the findings are being used to draft a management plan for the Pilbara Inshore Islands and will be available for comment by the end of the year.

Keep an eye out on the Parks and Wildlife



website for information on quarantine and visitor guidelines for the Pilbara Inshore Islands in the coming months. Once released for comment the draft management plan will be located at: [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au).

A social survey will be conducted in 2018 to improve our knowledge on user groups of the Islands. Please contact Carolyn Williams, Pilbara Islands Reserves Officer on (08) 9947 8000 to register your interest in this information when it becomes available.





## Calling all community groups, vendors and stallholders

The Passion of the Pilbara festival is seeking expressions of interest to participate in this unique and fun event. Whether you are a local community group, a travelling food truck or a market stallholder, we want to hear from you!

For further information,  
visit [ashburton.wa.gov.au](http://ashburton.wa.gov.au) or email [pop@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:pop@ashburton.wa.gov.au)

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# Partnership set to continue

**The Shire of Ashburton and Rio Tinto have committed to another five year partnership which will continue to deliver projects that improve and sustain the liveability of Tom Price, Paraburdoo and Pannawonica.**

Originating in 2012, the Community and Services Infrastructure Partnership (CISP) has proven to be a successful and effective model in providing a clear and sustainable platform for the revitalization of civic, sporting and community facilities, as well as social engagement programs, providing positive outcomes for these three Pilbara towns.

Shire President Kerry White said Council was pleased to endorse the new Memorandum of Understanding at the May Ordinary Meeting of Council, and 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."

Rio Tinto general manager Communities and Communications, Linda Dawson is excited to see how the next phase of our partnership will deliver on community priorities for towns of Pannawonica, Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

"Our partnership with the Shire of Ashburton demonstrates that a shared vision and approach to community development achieves stronger and more

sustainable outcomes for these towns," Ms Dawson said.

"Rio Tinto is proud of the foundation that's been developed through the current partnership approach and we look forward to the renewed commitment for 2017 – 2022, continuing to deliver benefits to these communities now and into the future."

Over the term of the last agreement, the partnership has successfully constructed the new Clem Thompson Memorial Sports Pavilion, the Paraburdoo Childcare Centre and the Paraburdoo and Tom Price Skate Parks. Together, the Shire and Rio Tinto have recently commenced the design of the Paraburdoo Community Hub, which will begin construction later this year.

In addition to the large scale projects, the partnership has delivered a range of community based ventures such as the revitalisation of the Paraburdoo Town Centre, interpretive signage at the iconic Resilience sculpture, tidy town's initiatives and supported numerous local programs.

A key component of the Community and Services Infrastructure Partnership has been, and will continue to be, hosting a diverse range of events and festivals as well as driving initiatives that encourage capacity development and sustainability of our local clubs, group and organisations.

This activity met Goal 2 of the Strategic Community Plan, Economic Prosperity – Enduring partnerships with industry and government.



# Apply now for Community Support funding

The first round of grants for the 2017/18 annual financial year are currently open for:

## Community Support and Emergency Services:

- Incorporated community and sporting groups within Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Onslow and Pannawonica.
- Emergency Services within Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Onslow and Pannawonica. (Incorporated and Unincorporated)

The Shire invites all interested groups to submit their applications for a cash or in-kind donation up to the value of \$2500.

## Community Lease/Licence Funding to meet Lease/Licence Compliance:

- Community Groups holding a Lease Agreement with the Shire of Ashburton.
- To assist with the expense of Waste Removal, Building Works and Electrical Works as per Implementation Plans.

The Shire invites all interested groups to submit their applications for a cash or in-kind donation to assist with "making safe" their relevant structures with respect to the structural integrity of all structures, electrical compliance and minimum health necessities.

All applications close 4.30pm 31 August, 2017.

For more information please contact [community.grants@ashburton.wa.gov.au](mailto:community.grants@ashburton.wa.gov.au)

Application forms can be downloaded from the Shire's website.



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# Upcoming Events



Date	Event	Location
<b>JULY</b>		
Sun 2 – Sun 9 July	NAIDOC Week	All towns
Wednesday 5 July	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Mon 3 – Fri 14 July	School Holiday Program	All towns
Saturday 15 July	Quiz Night	Onslow
Tuesday 18 July	Council Meeting	Clem Thompson Sports Pavilion, Tom Price
Saturday 22 July	Night on the Green	Onslow
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Saturday 5 August	Rewind Ball	Tom Price
Fri 11 & Sat 12 August	Nameless Jarndunmunha Festival	Tom Price
Tuesday 15 August	Council Meeting	Onslow Shire Complex
Saturday 19 August	Onslow Rodeo	Onslow
Sun 27 – Mon 28 August	Tom Price Campdraft	Tom Price
Thurs 31 Aug – Fri 1 Sept	Robe River Campdraft	Pannawonica
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Saturday 2 September	Robe River Rodeo	Pannawonica
Wednesday 6 September	Onslow Keepers	Onslow
Fri 8 – Sat 9 September	Passion of the Pilbara	Onslow
Thursday 21 September	Council Meeting	Mayu Maya Centre, Pannawonica
Tues 26 Sept – Fri 6 October	School Holiday Program	All towns

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