Harmony Day
By the Shire of East Pilbara

The Shire of East Pilbara was proud to present a Harmony Day celebration in Newman on Saturday 21 March 2015.

With a Long Table of Harmony, a vast array of delicious food from Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Philippines, Fiji and Vietnam was prepared in two kitchens throughout the afternoon before being served and consumed by an appreciative community.

The feeling of unity was outstanding on the day with all Newman cultural groups already excitedly planning for next year.

The colour and light shone both in observing the food being prepared and admiring the beauty of the community groups that showed up in traditional dress. Zimbabwe even had outfits for cooking and for eating.

After the food, the crowd settled into a collection of short films by Colourfest that celebrated Australia’s cultural diversity.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their precious time throughout the day with special thanks to Mainstreet. Celebrations like this would not happen without all of your support making Newman a great community to live in.
So many activities and events have occurred already this year. Newman News would have liked to be able to show everything but have selected just a few to include in this first edition back.

Easter at YMCA
By Emma Wittek, Director of YMCA Newman E.L.C.

Easter Saturday saw Newman YMCA Early Learning Centre hold a fun day and market. This was a fantastic community event and it was so good to see so many new faces come to the YMCA.

The Easter Fun Day comprised of an Easter Egg Hunt, a Bonnet Parade, several different craft activities stations where the children painted eager eggs and made their Easter baskets for the Easter egg hunt. We had face painting, bouncy castle and several market stalls who helped join in the festivities of the day. But I think the everyone was most excited with when our special guest made their appearance, “the Easter bunny” because she handed out so many yummy chocolates.

On behalf of the YMCA Elc, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff member, Katherine Tynan, and one our parents, Stephanie Foster, for putting this event together and making this a huge success, we raised over $1,000. I would like to extend this thank you to our other staff member, our parents, our markets stall holder especially Candice Porro from Arboone Skin Care, Woolworths, Home Hardware, Tasha from Sweets for sweets NY Cupcakery, Jaye Atkins-Bell, Workpac, Retravision and Bianca from Avant Garde Studio for your kind donations who also helped making this so successful.

But most importantly Thank You to the Newman community who came, we truly could not have asked for a better turn out.

Easter Fun at the Pool
By Sonya Matheson

The Shire of East Pilbara helped celebrate the Easter weekend with a family pool party that included an Easter egg hunt, painting your own egg, a free sausage sizzle and an inflatable slide and obstacle course. It was a fun day and, while well attended, did not have as many attendees as last year possibly attributable to the great difference in weather between the years. Thanks to all the staff and organisers of this event.
Welcome back to the first edition of Newman News this year. The Newman Mainstreet Project Inc. is pleased to receive funding from BHP Billiton Iron Ore to enable us to provide this service.

RUMOUR
Yes!! We can confirm that Dome Café will be one of the flagship stores at the new retail complex of which further details appear in this edition of Newman News.

DOGGY BUSINESS
Capricorn Oval is now a dog free zone within the fenced area. This should make it much nicer for athletes to feel confident about what they are putting their bodies on, in and near.

POLICE TWEETS
To help keep the community up to speed with live issues involving policing matters and general information, Newman Police are now on Twitter! In should be noted, this initiative is not designed or intended to be a replacement in reporting crime or any matters which you think require police attendance, but moreover humanising WA Police to make them more reachable on a day-to-day basis.

https://twitter.com/NewmanPolice

VEHICLE THEFT
There were several mentions in Newman News editions last year and reminders all over the ubiquitous FaceBook of the need to protect your vehicles by the basic habit of taking your keys out of the car. Police state that reported stolen vehicles has halved since this time last year. How easy it seems! The airport was a hot spot last year. Keys are still being found inside vehicles especially in LIA.

FAMILIES WEEK
National Families Week 15-21 May, is a time to celebrate and make contact with your extended family and consider the meaning of family. The 2015 theme is ‘Stronger Families, Stronger Communities’. Newman will acknowledge this week with the launch of the Early Years Network Skoolbag app (further details in this edition) at the Newman Junior Football’s games. The Newman Neighbourhood Centre (NNC) will be holding a week of seminars and workshops on a diverse range of topics from candle making, the family pet, nutrition, through to teaching your child self protective behaviours and all topics in between.

ARTS CENTRE
The East Pilbara Arts Centre’s opening is drawing closer as we all watch on. Upon completion EPAC will house the internationally acclaimed Martumili Artists and examples of their art will be on exhibition in the gallery area. EPAC will also provide a platform for the arts in other formats. The building is intended to be contemporary ‘in its design yet complimentary to its environmental surroundings’. Be patient a little longer to see the results. This project has been funded by BHP Billiton Iron Ore, the Pilbara Development Commission through the Royalties for Regions Program, the Shire of East Pilbara and Lotterywest.

ACCURACY
“We demand rigidly defined areas of doubt and uncertainty!”  

Please feel free to email us should you notice information that requires correction.
ABOUT NEWMAN MAINSTREET PROJECT

What is Mainstreet?

Newman Mainstreet Project Inc. was established in 2001 by some community members after noting a void in the services to town. The main purpose of Mainstreet is to provide community cohesion through events and other activities and promoting volunteerism.

The committee is chaired by Renae Craigie (Smith) with Treasurer Amanda Comer, Secretary Lisa Rickert and other committee members; Natalie Martin, Jess Middleton, Sarah Stampfli and Andrea Newley.

Nicole Willis is the driving force of Mainstreet as the Coordinator and is central to organising events, hire equipment, maintaining all equipment and much more. Alison McKenzie who has recently stepped into The Beach supervisor role.

Mainstreet’s activities include:
- The Beach Indoor Play Centre
- Mainstreet Music
- Mainstreet Indoor Markets
- Events such as:
  - International Women’s Day
  - NAIDOC
  - Dogs big day out
  - Snow in the outback
- Equipment hire: event linen, cutlery, crockery, glassware, tables, chairs and centrepieces, PA systems
- And, of course, Newman News

Mainstreet, along with so many organisations in town, depend on volunteers. Events and activities require assistance in order to occur and there are a variety of capacities in which people can assist. We would love to hear from you if you have time to help.

9177 8290
Mainstreet Office, Newman Community Hall, Mindarra Drive
newmanmainst@westnet.com.au

International Women’s Day
By Nicole Willis

On Saturday 7 March, Newman’s annual International Women’s Day event was held at the Recreation Centre. This year’s theme was Masquerade and the room was transformed into a sea of golden and colourful feathers and masks.

The purpose of this event is to recognise women in the community who go above and beyond to make events, sports and other community activities possible in Newman.

This year 17 well deserving nominees were recognised for their contribution to our community. As there can only be one overall Woman of the Year, this year it was the quiet achieving Natalie Martin.

In her seven years in Newman, Natalie has been an integral part of junior sports, motorcross and the schools. She is usually the one quietly working away in the background and is an asset to any committee in town and we at Newman Mainstreet Project are very grateful that she is a part of our team.

The unfortunate death of one of our community members saw emotions running high and unfortunately our guest speaker, Tracy Bartram, was less than respectful to the town’s loss. This took its toll with some attendees choosing to leave early. Those who did stay enjoyed dancing the night away thanks to the wonderful DJ Viv mixing some great tunes!

Without the support of BHP Billiton Iron Ore and other local businesses, organisations and individuals the IWD event would not have been possible. We would like to thank each and every one who supplied equipment, prizes and helped to, serve, set up and pack away, but that would take far too long, so many thanks.

Mother’s Day Markets
Saturday 9 May
16:00 – 19:00
Newman Club

Mainstreet is excited to be holding its Mother’s Day Market in conjunction with the Newman Club. Access for the markets will be via the back gate at The Club opposite the old tennis courts. The Beach will also be open that afternoon for its grand re-opening.

Gold coin entry
nmpmarkets@westnet.com.au

Natalie Martin receiving her award from Megan Alchin, BHPBIO
Photograph by Sarah Stampfli, Serene Bedlam

The Beach Indoor Play Centre

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For all party bookings please call 9177 8290
newmanmainst@westnet.com.au
Lions Open Day
By Nicole Willis

Newman Lions Club held an open day at the Capricorn Oval on Sunday 29 March. The purpose of this event was to showcase all the hire equipment that our local Lions Club stock. All three bouncy castles were in use, along with the slushie and fairy floss machines.

Alex the Lion made an appearance, while many families joined in the free fun and sausage sizzle thanks to the nice weather on the morning.

Be sure to keep an eye out on more events like this coming from the Lions.

Newman Lions Club encourages applications from new members and volunteers. Should you wish to hire any items please contact them via email: newmanlions@yahoo.com.au

Want great things to happen in your community?

Join the NEWMAN Lions Club!

We are a group of people who are dedicated to making our community a better place to live, work and grow.

Do you want to ...
• Support your local community
• Feel a sense of self-worth and purpose
• Establish business and personal networks
• Develop lifelong friendships

If you're interested and would like to know more, please contact us NEWMAN Lions Club (Inc.)
District 201W1, Western Australia, Australia
President: Anthony Middleton (M) 0405 666 482
Secretary: Jessica Middleton (M) 0415 699 991
Email: newmanlions@yahoo.com.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/newmanlions
My Pilbara Adventure
By Sonya Matheson based on information provided by the Shire of East Pilbara

The 2015 winners of ‘My Pilbara Adventure’, Kate Jarrett and her husband Graeme were touring the Shire of East Pilbara in late March seeing the very best of our region as part of her first prize.

When asked what the highlight of her trip was there was no hesitation. “Yarrie Station has been the highlight so far. The place is just amazing. Annabelle Coppin (fifth generation Yarrie Station) was wonderful with everything she showed me and the helicopter ride topped it off.”

The Pilbara Development Commission ran the ‘My Pilbara Adventure’ competition for the second year and received online entries from all over Australia and more than thirty countries. Kate Jarrett’s entry was drawn on Australia Day.

The programme markets the region’s diverse range of attractions and services they require including accommodation, food, tours, and natural attractions and activities.

Kate and Graeme’s adventure included a visit to Newman and spent time at the internationally renowned Martumili Art Centre where they met and spoke with artist Billy Yunkurra Atkins who provided an autographed copy of the book ‘Pretty One’ which features his work.

After the Shire of East Pilbara, Kate and Graham then continued with their Pilbara Adventure visiting Karijini National Park.

Pretty One
By Sonya Matheson

Billy Yunkurra Atkins from Jigalong has work in The National Gallery of Australia’s collection. Some of his work is beautifully presented in the book ‘Pretty One’. The book includes copies of his art along with descriptions behind what inspired them.

Yunkurra is one of 14 indigenous artists to be selected for the 2015 Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards at the Art Gallery of Western Australia which opens in July.

It is available for purchase at the Martumili Art Centre where his work can be seen. It would make a lovely gift at $15.

WA Consumer Protection Awards

Financial Counsellor for Pilbara Community Legal Service Inc. Fran Manuela based in the Newman office was a finalist for the Rona Okely Award presented to her by Michael Mischin, MLC Minister for Commerce and Rona Okely at a luncheon that was held in March at UWA.

Fran is committed to upholding the rights of disadvantaged people, in particular those in remote communities. Fran played a key role in establishing a landmark enforceable undertaking by ASIC with four companies and their principals. The undertaking will better protect vulnerable groups in remote communities who were persuaded by unscrupulous door-to-door salespeople to sign overvalued contracts.

The Rona Okely Award acknowledges an individual Western Australian who has influenced and inspired the development and promotion of consumer protection and who has given their time, energy and experience for the betterment of others. There were four categories and a very high standard of winners and finalists were chosen from each category for their amazing achievements in consumer advocacy.

These awards recognise the positive contributions of individuals, local government authorities, organisations, businesses, and the media in continuing consumer advocacy and protection in WA.

Consumer Protection, a division of the Department of Commerce, is the government agency charged with creating an environment that promotes fair trading and assisting people to understand their consumer rights and responsibilities.
Beach Fun
*Photographs by Nicole Willis*

With thanks to BHP Billiton Iron Ore and Lotterywest, The Beach Indoor Play Centre has had an exciting new climbing frame, long double slide, obstacles and new features installed along with an upgrade and new toys for the 0-2 y.o. area.

The Beach opened in September 2005 and is a community run, not-for-profit centre where young children and their families can meet, play, and socialise in a clean, air conditioned, safe and friendly environment.

The Beach is ideal for children 0 to 10 years.

Children under two are also able to play in a secure pool fenced area accessible by a gate where there is ball pit and other activity toys suitable for the age group.

Parents and carers are also looked after with a kitchen kiosk where you can purchase hot and cold refreshments.

Come down for a play and join in the fun!!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY 2015

3 May – 09:30 - 11:30
Pot your own succulent and decorate the pot for Mother’s Day - $15 a pot, sausage sizzle and face painting, proceeds go to YMCA, at the Newman Visitor Centre

4-5 May – 08:00-16:00
Provide First Aid course, St John Sub-centre; 9175 1105 or newmansja@westnet.com.au

9 May – 16:00 – 19:00
Mother’s Day markets and family afternoon, Newman Club, nmpmarkets@westnet.com.au

10 May
Newman triathlon – raising funds and awareness for the Breast Cancer Foundation, volunteers will be greatly appreciated, contact the Newman Aquatic Centre

11-12 May – 08:00 – 16:00
Provide First Aid course, St John Sub-centre; 9175 1105 or newmansja@westnet.com.au

15 May
Newman Vets Celebrity game, Capricorn Oval

15-21 May
Families Week at Newman Neighbourhood Centre, a variety of workshops and seminars throughout the week, 2 Mackay Street, asked to be emailed further information neighbourhood@benet.net.au

16 May
NNFL and NPFL Interleague game, Capricorn Oval

20 May – from 19:00
Hillview speedway general meeting

22 May – 14:30 – 21:00
Skateboard Demonstrations and workshops at the Skate Park opposite the Police Station, donny@australianskateboarding.com, 0488 478 746

23 May – 18:30
Thai Night, NSHS fundraising event, traditional Thai dancing and Thai food. tickets available from K&G Thai Take-away $50 adults; $25 children

COMING LATER THIS YEAR

19 July
Newman Mainstreet Project’s markets

4 August
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander day children’s expo and teddy bears picnic

16 August
Fortescue Festival

22 August
Newman Turf Club’s Annual Race Meeting

27-28 August
Newman Campdraft

5 September
Newman Mainstreet Project’s markets

18 September
Newman Tee Ball Association host the 2015 Northwest Tee Ball Championships. nikkenmurphy@westnet.com.au

28 November
Newman Mainstreet Project’s markets

Please contact Newman Mainstreet Project to have your community event added to this calendar.
Phone/Fax 9177 8290 or via newmanmainst@westnet.com.au
**WHAT'S ON? REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Monday**
08:30  Time Out session with crèche until 11:30am, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
09:30  Newman Playgroup, Moondoorow Street, newmanplaygroup@hotmail.com
17:30  Newman Girl Guides 5-7 y.o., Newman Youth Centre, 0417 178 624, newmangirlguides@gmail.com
19:00  Jiu Jitsu, Newman Club, for other times and age groups contact Adam 0408 097 792, Dionne 0409 116 541
19:30  Anglican Church bible study, location to be advised, 0499 778 116

**Tuesday**
08:30  The Beach Indoor Play Centre open to 12.30pm, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive, opposite Police Station
08:30  Time Out session with crèche until 11:30am, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
10:00  Newman Playgroup, Moondoorow Street, newmanplaygroup@hotmail.com
17:30  Newman Girl Guides 7-18 y.o., Newman Youth Centre, 0417 178 624, newmangirlguides@gmail.com
19:00  Jiu Jitsu, Newman Club, for other times and age groups contact Adam 0408 097 792, Dionne 0409 116 541
19:30  Newman Lions Club, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, Lions Park on Corwa Drive, Jessica Mclean-Middleton on 0415 699 991

**Wednesday**
08:30  The Beach Indoor Play Centre open to 12.30pm, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive, opposite Police Station
08:30  Time Out session with crèche until 11:30am, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
08:50  Mainstreet Music for babies, $5 per family, The Beach Indoor Play Centre, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive
09:30  Newman Playgroup, Moondoorow Street, newmanplaygroup@hotmail.com
09:40  Mainstreet Music for all ages, $5 per family, The Beach Indoor Play Centre, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive
14:30  The Beach Indoor Play Centre open to 5:00pm, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive, opposite Police Station
18:30  Newman Scouts 10-14 y.o., Newman Youth Centre, 0417 178 624, gl.newman@scoutswa.com.au
19:00  Corporate bowls new players welcome, Newman Club, Nick 0419 192 691, Adelle 0418 860 364
19:00  Women's Darts, Newman Club

**Thursday**
08:20  Anglican Church Young mum's bible study, location to be advised, 0499 778 116
08:30  The Beach Indoor Play Centre open to 12.30pm, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive, opposite Police Station
08:30  Time Out session with crèche until 11:30am, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516
09:30  GMunuts story and nursery rhyme time 0-2 y.o., parent facilitated, free, Newman Library
19:00  Men's Darts, Newman Club
19:30  Music practice, Anglican Church, 11 Hilditch Avenue, 9175 1350

**Friday**
08:30  The Beach Indoor Play Centre open to 12.30pm, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive, opposite Police Station
08:30  Family fun craft until 10:30am, cost $5 for the family, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
09:30  Newman Playgroup, Moondoorow Street, newmanplaygroup@hotmail.com
10:00  Story time and craft for 3-5 y.o. during school terms, parents to supervise, free, Newman Library
11:00  Sensory Play session for 0-2 y.o. until 1pm, parent facilitated, cost $5 for the family, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
19:00  Twilight session, bring a project of your own to start or complete, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
19:00  Jiu Jitsu, Newman Club, for other times and age groups contact Adam 0408 097 792, Dionne 0409 116 541

**Saturday**
18:30  Mass / Eucharist Celebration 1st and 2nd weekend, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Warman Avenue, 9175 2344, every 5th weekend of the month by rotation
19:00  Twilight session, bring a project of your own to start or complete, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au

**Sunday**
08:30  Mass / Eucharist Celebration 1st and 2nd weekend, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Warman Avenue, 9175 2344, every 5th weekend of the month by rotation
09:00  Worship, Vibrant evangelical, holding to biblical teaching, Anglican Church, 11 Hilditch Ave, 9175 1350
13:00  The Beach Indoor Play Centre open to 4pm, 9177 8290, Mindarra Drive, opposite Police Station
13:30  Freestyle craft, art, sewing, quilting etc. session until 16:30, Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay Street, 9175 1516, neighbourhood@benet.net.au
16:00  Sunday Scroungers bowls new players welcome, $5 per player, bowls provided, Newman Club, Nick 0419 192 691, Adelle 0418 860 364

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ADF Recruitment

Extract from the Community Consultation
Group minutes February 2015

Australian Defence Force – provided by
Warrant Officer Smallacombe and Corporal
Devsley.

Discussion about local recruitment for
the Pilbara Regiment. Pilbara Joblink
facilitating ‘A Day in the Life of a Soldier’
at Jigalong and Nullagine (through the
schools) to provide Martu men and women
with an understanding of potential job
opportunities and what is involved.

This programme will also be run at Newman
High School in a classroom setting. Individuals who are interested in taking up
these opportunities would be required to
train in Karratha (expenses paid) but will be
based in the Pilbara (if they choose).

Another opportunity is a ‘Gap Year’
programme. Individuals can register their
interest from the 2 March. This opportunity
is available for men and women aged 17-24
years. This programme is to commence in
2016 and is a 12 month cadetship through
the Army. You will choose a profession to
train in and be paid a full salary. At the end of
the 12 months you can choose to stay
or leave.

Shire Bids Farewell to
Doug Stead
Shire of East Pilbara

After serving as Councillor for a combined
total of 11 years, from 2003 until 2007 and
again from 2008 to 2015, Councillor Doug
Stead is saying farewell to the Shire of East
Pilbara.

Since moving to Newman in 1976 Mr Stead
has seen some amazing changes, many of
those changes he has had direct input into
as serving Councillor.

Mr Stead was a member of a number
of committees responsible for steering
change, including the Pilbara Development
Commission and the Employment
Directions Network. He was passionate
regarding the raising of issues on behalf
of residents and community groups and
was directly involved in the Town Centre
Redevelopment, Newman Aquatic Centre
and the airport redevelopment.

“Doug is a highly regarded citizen in this
area and a well-respected Councillor. We
wish him all the best in his retirement”,
said Lynne Craigie, Shire President, Shire of
East Pilbara.

Mr Stead is opting for a retired lifestyle in
Perth after living in Newman and the Shire
of East Pilbara for 39 years.

Newman Day Care Centre

The Newman Day Care recently underwent
a two day assessment by the Regulatory
Care Board. They are extremely proud to
announce being recipients of an overall
rating of ‘Exceeding’ the National Quality
Standards.

“The rating was achieved due to the
hard work of educators, committee,
parents, families, children and the wider
community,” said the Centre Director,
Karen Hogan.

Newman Day Care Centre strives to
create a home away from home and
their relationships with children and
their families reflect this. They offer high
quality education and care due to 100%
child to educator ratios and continuity
and professional development of their
educators. Working collaboratively with
families and the community allows them to
offer a range of opportunities for them to
be involved in the service.

They also recently established a sensory
garden for children to connect with nature
and grow their own fruit and vegetables
adding to the daily experience.

National Youth Week

By Sonya Matheson

National Youth Week (NYW) is the largest
celebration of young people in Australia.
Newman joined in the fun with a fantastic
festival at Boomerang Oval on Saturday 18
April 2015.

“The Shire of East Pilbara has always been
passionate about creating a sustainable
future for the young people of the East
Pilbara so they can visualise a solid future in
their community without feeling pressure
to leave for economic and social reasons,”
said Shire of East Pilbara CEO Allen Cooper.

“We have had some great sponsorship from
Pilbara Access, the Newman Hotel and
Woolworths for this event, alongside our
partnered organisations, Mission Australia,
YMCA mobile service and Puntukurnu
Aboriginal Medical Service and I thank
them for their support,” he added.

The festival was separated into two age
groups and activities included a high and
fast slide, bucking bull, bungee run, a
photo booth, fairy floss, sausage sizzle and
delicious kebabs, sounds by DJ Viv who got
all ages dancing and more to see and do.

The Giant Slide proved to be extremely popular

Photograph: Shire of East Pilbara

There were so many volunteer organisations
and individuals it was most impressive to
see. The rain did little to mar the day and
caused only minor halts to festivities which
no-one seemed to mind.

Emma Whakaruru; Lions Club volunteer and
Shire employee, giving her all to ensure the
kids had a great day.

Photograph: Shire of East Pilbara
Newman Retail Facility and Town Square  
By Sonya Matheson

Commencing this year and due for completion in late 2016 will be Newman’s exciting new town square and retail facility. The town square will offer a central meeting point for residents and tourists alike. Development is already underway to create a modern community hub where people can shop, socialise and work.

This new area will provide shade, street furniture, community facilities and a brand new retail facility. Small business will be encouraged in the new retail facility and it’s expected to attract a broader variety of shopping and dining experiences and allow Newman to continue to develop as a vibrant and thriving community.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore is proud to invest $30 million for the development of this new facility. It will be delivered through a unique partnership with the not-for-profit organisation, St Bartholomew’s House (St Bart’s).

St Bart’s will use the funds provided by BHP Billiton to build and manage the retail facility and then use the operating profits to support the community and establish a Newman Community Trust. The trust will provide smaller grants to local community members and groups. Locals will be able to apply for grants for a range of purposes, which will assist the community.

Key roads are already open with infrastructure predominantly in place. Royalties for Regions has also contributed $40 million for this development. The through road, Lee Lane, is named for former Councillor Maurice Lee.

As development commences please keep up to date by visiting www.newmanretailfacility.com.au

Firies at the Airport  
By Sonya Matheson

A new aviation rescue fire fighting station was officially opened this March at the Newman Airport as one of several around the country and is reported to have cost $11.4 million.

Airservices’ Executive General Manager, Michelle Bennetts, said in order to meet regulatory requirements additional services were needed due to growth in passenger numbers at the airport.

“There’s been a significant increase in aircraft movements in the region and this facility demonstrates our commitment to provide a rapid aviation rescue response to air traffic operations at Newman Airport,” said Ms Bennetts. “This fire station ensures our aviation fire fighters are ready to respond to any incident on or around the airport.”

With the latest communications and monitoring technology and based on a modular, standardised design, the new fire station is staffed by 14 fire fighters and features two vehicle bays and a maintenance workshop to house and maintain three ultra-large fire vehicles pictured here. There is also a high-tech observation tower and supporting infrastructure.

The station has already responded to a number of call outs at the airport.
World Vision’s Work in the Western Desert

World Vision Australia (WVA) has been working with Martu people in the Western Desert communities since 2009. The organisation has a regional office in Newman from which staff travel out to Jigalong, Parnngurr and Punmu to stay for periods of up to a week every fortnight.

WVA’s work in the East Pilbara region consists of two key projects: the Pilbara Early Childhood Care and Development Project, and the Martu Leadership Program – which is run in partnership with local organisation Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ).

Pilbara Early Childhood Care and Development Project (ECCD)
The Pilbara ECCD project operates in Jigalong, Parnngurr and Punmu. To date, it has focused on community development through supporting local parents to run playgroups for their 0-5 year old children. The project provides information, resources and activities to support education for children, and leadership development and training in early childhood skills for adults.

The families who we work with give reports of how confident at school their young children are after having gone through playgroup. They also speak of the knowledge they as parents are gaining in supporting their children’s health and education.

Martu Leadership Program
The Martu Leadership Program has been in active operation since March 2014. KJ is the key implementing partner, with WVA providing financial assistance and technical support with the ongoing development of the program design and evaluation. WVA also provides assistance with project activities and with advocacy work aimed at demonstrating the value of this type of adult education model to potential funding bodies.

The program is focused on building the capacity of Martu (primarily in the 20-40 year old age bracket) to understand mainstream systems such as government, companies and law. This is so they can inform their communities about the wider national context beyond the Western Desert and enable Martu to protect and advance their own unique interests and aspirations from their valuable cultural perspective.

To date, the program has worked with eighteen men and this is set to expand this year to include six more. A women’s program will start this year and will run in parallel.

Explaining the Martu Leadership Program to community members, one of the participants stated: “We have a plan. We are on a journey – we are going somewhere”.

If you have any questions about World Vision’s work in the East Pilbara, please contact Nick Devereaux, Western Desert Program Manager: nick.devereaux@worldvision.com.au
ASIST Workshop

Unfortunately, the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15 to 44 is suicide. There are around seven deaths a day, which is almost twice that of road-transport related deaths.

In an initiative between the Shire of East Pilbara and Tom Price Youth Support Association, ASIST brought their workshop to Newman in March this year in a hope of raising awareness in the community of the warning signs of people at risk or inviting help.

ASIST teaches intervention skills by raising the issue of suicide and making it a subject that people are comfortable talking about. It becomes a preventative strategy. By asking people directly if they are suicidal, they often answer honestly.

The workshop further aimed to give confidence to attendees to intervene with someone at risk, provide first aid, provide support for the grieving, and gain an awareness of support services available for referral.

International Rules

March saw Newman’s International Rules 2015 game raising funds for BeyondBlue that is “working to reduce the impact of anxiety, depression and suicide in the community by raising awareness and understanding, empowering people to seek help, and supporting recovery, management and resilience.”

The game began at 5 pm with Australia taking the title over Ireland with festivities afterwards.

That Sunday, fundraising activities continued at Tigers Football Club. Congratulations to all for a successful weekend.

More photos can be seen on the last page.

Suicide Prevention

Death by suicide has reached a 10-year peak, according to Lifeline. For every death as many as thirty other people attempted.

Males account for around 60% of these deaths. The rate is significantly higher for people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. Mental health workers warn not to base attention solely on such statistics as it may impede the identification of others in need.

There are sometimes indicators that someone may be considering suicide, here a just a few to consider.

- Always talking or thinking about death and making comments about feeling hopeless, helpless or worthless or saying things like “it would be better if I wasn’t here” or “I want out”
- Changes in sleeping patterns, lack of energy, change in appetite
- Risk taking behaviour e.g. driving too fast, lack of care around water and motorised and electronic devices
- Mis-use of drugs and/or alcohol
- Self harming behaviour
- Losing interest in things one used to care about
- Putting affairs in order, tying up loose ends, changing a will, giving things away that they care about, saying goodbye to people that sounds finite
- Sudden, unexpected switch from being very sad to being very calm or appearing to be happy

Should you or someone you know need to talk with an independent person, here is a number and an online support link.

LifeLine phone:
For 24 hour crisis support call 13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au/crisischat - real-time ‘chat’ technology
Emergency: 000

Mental Health

WA Country Health Services’ (WACHS) community mental health nurse, Steve Arthur, is a finalist for the WA Nursing and Midwifery Awards 2015 for the work he does with Aboriginal people of the East Pilbara and Western Desert since 2009.

“I am so honoured to have been nominated and as many news stories about health are negative; I would like to highlight the positive stories I experience,” said Steve.

Steve’s area of service includes Newman, Paraburdoo, Tom Price, and the Aboriginal remote communities of Bellary Springs, Wakuthuni, Jigalong, Punmu, Parngurr (Cotton Creek) and Kunawarritji (Well 33).

“Roughly 14% of the population in my area are Aboriginal with English as the third language after their mother tongue and majority of the Aboriginal people I work with are from the Banyjima, Inna Wonga, Nyiyparli and Martu cultural groups,” said Steve.

He says that he is proud to work alongside remote area nurses and those in East Pilbara hospitals who deal with as wide a range of medical issues on a daily basis as would a nurse in a Perth emergency department.

Steve says that “these nurses are amazing, nursing sick babies, car crash and mine site injuries and mentally ill people all at the same time. I am very proud to work for WACHS.”

To seek assist with mental health issues, please contact Steve on 9175 8385 (Newman). Due to Steve’s extensive travelling, you may wish to alternatively try the Hedland office 9174 1240 or the 24 hour emergency number Rurallink 1800 552 002.
Newman Baseball
By Gerry Parsons

This year a sub-committee is trying to reignite baseball for the kids in Newman. Baseball has come and gone in Newman, and again the successes have been many.

Six talented Newmanites, Jarrod Cameron, Duncan Botha, Ryan Botha, Connor Martin, Braeden Ebert and McKenzie Parsons combined with Geraldton’s Batavia Braves in early 2012 to take on the rest of Australia at the Little League Championships held in Queensland.

Ricky Barr and Jarred Hutchins also experienced recent success at the Seabyst Championships in Jakarta. Grahame Murphy and Tristan Chong completed at the Dingo World Series earlier this year in Qld. Logan Dwyer and Jamayden Chong went off to South Africa and Hong Kong for the Little League International Tour in April this year.

It would be great to see more Newman kids playing baseball at such a level. For more information on baseball, or if you would like to assist, please contact Trina Hutchins on 0438 914 083.

POOL HOURS
Open throughout winter
May to August
Monday-Tuesday Closed
Wednesday-Friday 1 pm - 7 pm
Saturday-Sunday 10 am - 4:30 pm
Hot showers available this winter to warm you up afterwards.
9175 2145
pool@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

Newman Triathlon
Proudly supported by the Shire of East Pilbara

Sunday 10 May 2015

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All divisions can be done individually or as a team

Recommended ages: Juniors (7-10 y.o.) Short (11 y.o. to adults) Adult (16 y.o. to adults)

Registration forms can be collected from the Newman Recreation Centre or the Newman Aquatic Centre closing 1 May 2015.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact recreation or aquatic staff to register your interest and availability.
Ph. 9177 8075 or 9175 2145

Skoolbag App for NEYN

The Newman Early Years Network (NEYN) will be launching its Skoolbag App which is to be used as a communication tool for anyone who is connected with children in their early years including agencies, parents and carers.

This app’s launch will coincide with National Families Week and the Newman Junior Football’s games in mid-May.

This free app is available on Android and Apple devices and can be found by entering either NEYN Skoolbag or Newman Early Years Network Skoolbag. There will be no interference to those using other schools’ by the introduction of the NEYN app.

There are groups within the app you can subscribe to. If the information is specific to an age group then the information can be only sent to the managed groups.

At the discretion of the NEYN, information can be added to the app for dissemination. Should you wish to supply information for consideration, please email ccs@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au
Newman St John Ambulance recently received funding through BHP Billiton’s Community Grant Program to purchase their new 5 star rated Kit Servicing Vehicle.

The purpose-built vehicle supports public and commercial first aid training as well as the delivery of supplies through their first aid restocking service.

The funding also allows the Newman St John Ambulance team to:

• Provide a professional and reliable service for Newman, mine sites and the surrounding communities.

• Increase first aid training in remote Indigenous communities, providing essential skills and equipment to help in a medical emergency.

• Additional support to the public, businesses, sporting and community groups and mine sites.

BHP Billiton’s community grant also includes airway manikins - giving volunteer ambulance officers the ability to practice their skills in airway management on more realistic torsos. These are fitted with sim pads to feedback data on the level of effectiveness of the officer’s applied compression and ventilation rate.

BHP Billiton is committed to supporting the communities we operate in by providing financial assistance for positive community and economic development activities that help achieve long-term sustainability.

Our community grants help local organisations like St John Ambulance to expand their services, upgrade their facilities and purchase new equipment.

First aid support for the local community
Game On - Newman’s International Rules competition
Photograph by Kevin Mitchell

Ireland’s representatives in Newman’s International Rules competition
Photograph by Kevin Mitchell

The winning Australian team in Newman’s International Rules competition
Photograph by Kevin Mitchell

Ireland’s team huddle
Photograph by Kevin Mitchell

Australia’s team huddle
Photograph by Kevin Mitchell

There was no stopping the kids once the music started
Photograph: Shire of East Pilbara

Volunteers at the Youth Festival: Photograph by SoEP

Face painting was a huge hit
Photograph: Shire of East Pilbara

Harry having a fun time at the Youth Festival
Photograph: Shire of East Pilbara

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