

Marble Bar

CHRISTMAS EDITION

MIRAGE

Including...

**End of Year
Concert**

**Christmas
Parties!**

Hair Cuts

**Horizon Power
Visit!**

**Community
Noticeboard**

**Pioneers and
Pensioners
New Short
Story!**

**Don't forget
your handy
Calendar on
the back.**





Editorial

The staff and Committee of Marble Bar CRC wishes everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

From the 18th to the 22nd December 2023, the CRC will open from 8.30am to 3pm.

The CRC will close from the 25th December 2023 and reopen again on 2nd January 2024.

The CRC held the Pioneer and Pensioners Christmas lunch on the 11th December and this year 23 people attended. Thank you to the sponsors: Assetlink, Calidus, Hanroy Iron Ore, Kevin Michel MLA, Marble Bar Roadhouse, Outback Beef and Stephen Dawson MLA. A big thank you to Ray Thomson for assisting in the kitchen.

This has been a great year for the CRC with a number of achievements. Both, the NAIDOC and Pioneers and Pensioners lunch attracted larger numbers than the previous year, and we received very positive feedback from those attending. The CRC worked closely with the Marble Bar Race Club to hold the annual races, with this resulting in a very successful day. Funding from Horizon assisted in purchasing a variety of equipment and catering for NAIDOC. Karlka Nyiyaparli AC was also a major funding provider for NAIDOC in 2023.

In April, this year Marble Bar counted itself lucky when cyclone Ilsa decided to take another track. Unfortunately, the cyclone hit the coast at Pardoo and the Roadhouse was virtually demolished. There was also significant damage to Pardoo Station and Cape Keraudren.

Once again, the Shire of East Pilbara has held a number of very successful community events. This includes Australia Day, Solar Eclipse, Anzac Day, Halloween and the Community Christmas dinner, to name but a few!!

A major success for Marble Bar was the extension to the Airport. This was a joint project between the Shire of East Pilbara, Calidus Resources and Atlas Iron. Congratulations to all parties.

The CRC has a number of interesting projects on the drawing board for 2024, so watch this space!

Thank you to all the supporters of the Marble Bar Community Resource Centre.

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MARBLE BAR.

Marble Bar, December 5.

The average daily temperature throughout last month was 107.4deg. To-day was exceedingly hot, and 112deg. were registered.

Although the usual summer exodus from this district set in some time ago, it is not yet complete. By the Bullarra, which is leaving Port Hedland on the 17th, Messrs. T. R. Byness, J. Montgomery, and J. M. Rounsevell will be passengers. The two latter are going to the Eastern colonies. Miss Hatfield, a sister of Mrs. W. H. Cooper, will also be a passenger by the Bullarra.

Marble Bar, December 6.

To-day was the hottest of the summer up to the present. This morning, at 11 o'clock the thermometer in the shade read 112deg. The highest reading was nearly 116deg. At half-past 6 this evening it was 106deg. In the shops to-day 118 deg. was registered, while in the local printing office the thermometer reached 119deg. There is no appearance of rain.

WE WANT YOUR SHORT FICTIONAL STORY

A BIG Thank you to Russell Wenzholz for the first fictional short story contribution to the Mirage. The story (pages 14 and 15) is classed as fiction but is based on a true story which originally took place in NSW.

Russel says it was easy for him to transfer it to our locale and it has been a pleasure for us at the CRC to read. Thank you Russell and remember you can email short stories to the CRC at marblebarcrc@bigpond.com



Craft Group

Marble Bar Community Resource Centre's Craft night held its last session for the year. A big thank you to everyone who made the efforts to turn up with different projects and ideas. A massive thank you to the CRC's Coordinator Pam Townsend who volunteers her own time to make sure this initiative has been an ongoing activity all year. Crocheting, clay works, macramé, embroidery, arts and crafts, colouring in and a number of other awesome projects have been completed this year. If you remembered our Solar Eclipse with the Shire, you will remember Pams lovely beanies and crocheted blanket which was raffled to raise money for the CRC. Pay close attention to the Mirage and Website as well as our Facebook page....Pam has recently started another blanket which the CRC will raffle in the new year.





Christmas In Marble Bar



With Christmas Day fast approaching, organisations and businesses in town have begun to celebrate their Christmas parties!

On the 14th of December, the Shire of East Pilbara hosted a Christmas party at the local pool. Community members and staff from organisations enjoyed an afternoon of swimming which timed perfectly with the end of school year for the Primary School. A big thank you to Shire Staff Kristy and Anika for the lovely frankfurt sausages and the hot dogs with the works. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.



On the 3rd of December the CRC hosted a small drinks for the last visit of Neil McGliip for the year. Neil, who has been an integral part of Marble Bars Tourism incentive and works with the Pilbara Tourism Association. Neils support with the Marble Bar Tourism Association has been a great motivation and source of information for the committee as well as a great sounding board for all the members. The drinks was enjoyed by all and a great chance for everyone to get a final catch up with Neil before the end of the year.



Pioneers and Pensioners

On the 11th of December the Marble Bar Community Resource Centre hosted a “Pioneers and Pensioners” Christmas Party. The day was a roaring success with 23 people attending and enjoying themselves including our local member Kevin Michel. Coordinator, Pam Townsend worked hard in the lead up to the day and with help from Ray Thomson and Wendy McWirter-Brooks. Doors opened at 11am to welcome our guests. A massive congratulations to Margaret Kiernan who won the \$500 voucher to Avair which was presented by Wendy on behalf of Desination Pilbara. After the ceremonies and thank yous a variety of drinks were available and some phenomenal roast meats, vegies and salads were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all our sponsors, Assett Link, Calidus, Outback Beef, Kevin Michel MLA, Marble Bar Roadhouse, Hanroy and Stephen Dawson MLA.



Marble Bar Library School Holiday Activities

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY

18 Dec

Xmas Crafts

Paint your own wooden
Xmas ornament
1.00pm - 3.00pm

25 Dec

**CHRISTMAS DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

TUESDAY

19 Dec

Xmas Crafts

Paint your own
3D Xmas tree
10.00am - 12.00pm

26 Dec

**BOXING DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

WEDNESDAY

20 Dec

Xmas Crafts

Make your own star
ornament
1.00pm - 3.00pm

27 Dec

LIBRARY CLOSED

THURSDAY

14 Dec

**LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL**

21 Dec

Xmas Crafts

Decorate your own
Xmas door hanger
10.00am - 12.00pm

28 Dec

LIBRARY CLOSED

FRIDAY

15 Dec

Xmas Crafts
Make your own star
ornament
10.00am - 12.00pm

22 Dec

Xmas Crafts

Paint your own wooden
Xmas bauble
1.00pm - 3.00pm

29 Dec

LIBRARY CLOSED

Merry Xmas Everyone!
Stay safe and we look forward to
seeing our patrons back in the New Year



Marble Bar Library School Holiday Activities



JANUARY 2024

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1
NEW YEAR'S DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

2
Make your own
New Year Party Horn
10.00am - 12.00pm

3
Story Time with Annika
Luna Boo has Feelings
Too by Sally Rippin
9.00am - 10.00am

4

5
New Lego
1.00pm - 3.00pm

8
Story Time with Annika
Little J & Big Cuz - Right
Under Your Nose
by Dot West
11.00am - 12.00pm

9
New Lego
10.00am - 12.00pm

10
BINGO
Bingo
1.00pm - 2.00pm

11
Story Time with Annika
The Witch in the Cherry
Tree by Margaret Mahy
11.00am - 12.00pm

12

15
New Lego
10.00am - 12.00pm

16
Chemistry
for Cool Kids
11.00am - 12.00pm

17

18
New Lego
10.00am - 12.00pm

19
Uno
10.00am - 12.00pm

22
Paint A Pet Rock
9.00am - 11.00am

23
Story Time with Brent
Blinky Bill's Adventures
10.00am - 11.00am

24
New Lego
1.00pm - 3.00pm

25

26
AUSTRALIA DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

29
Story Time with Annika
Baa Baa Black Belt
9.00am - 10.00am

30

31
School Starts
2024

31

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Horizon Power



P.C.L.S

On the 8th of November, Horizon Power visited Marble Bar and Goodabinya Community. Natasha and Su from Horizon drove out from Hedland in tandem with Marissa and Dani from Headspace and Yvette from PCLS. The joint venture, organised by the CRC and Headspace aimed to provide information and assistance to customers who otherwise are potentially overlooked due to the locality of our town. The assistance and help from Horizon was well received with many people making use of their expertise and enjoying some lovely kangaroo stew, music and games with Marissa and Dani from Headspace. Yvette from PCLS provided haircuts and information about the services PCLS provide. Between bites to eat, good music and some lovely hydrating drinks provided by Headspace, this was a great opportunity for Goodabinya and Marble Bar to broach difficult and sensitive subjects through a variety of fantastic people and organisations. A big thank you to Marissa who has helped organise so many different programs and outreaches to Marble Bar as well as Dani for coming along. Also a big thank you to Yvette for bringing much needed hair dressing skills to town as well as the Horizon Team for visiting, we look forward to the next one.



THIESS INFORMATION SESSION

On Thursday the 16th of November the Marble Bar CRC's Training Room had some great utilisation by the company THIESS. If you have not heard of THIESS they are the biggest mining provider in the world. THIESS came out to deliver a workshop and garner interest for people to complete traineeships in Dump Truck Operations. The wonderful Alison and Emma came up from Perth to deliver the information session with a focus on aboriginal and torres straight islanders having access to information the bigger localities take for granted. The session was a great success with many of the attendees entering the interview stage this month. Unfortunately we do not have many photos as to not distract the participants but we are very excited to see where this weeks recent interviews lead. Hopefully we do not lose too many locals to this excellent work opportunity. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



Marble Bar Primary School

On the 7th of December the Marble Bar Primary School held its graduation and end of year concert. It has been a very busy year for the staff and students at the school. With Ricky Grace's up4it camp, NASA visits and the Primary Schools STEM program which has won them the "Best First Nations Education Program" at the Australian Education Awards 2023. Not to mention lots more, this end of year concert was a joy to attend. Among the excellent performances by the kids were our great MCs' Laykin and Mikael who kept a great momentum all evening. Congratulations to the many award winners on the night and our new Primary School Graduate Kellie Marie. Good Job. Thank you to the teachers Miss Natalie, Miss Bri, Miss Fran and our Principal Mr Wilson. A special thanks to Miss Cheryl who put so much effort into the evening as well. After the concert and the awards, kids were allowed to finally meet Santa and open their gifts. Thank you Newcrest for catering such a lovely Christmas meal and making sure Santa found his way here with the presents. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all.



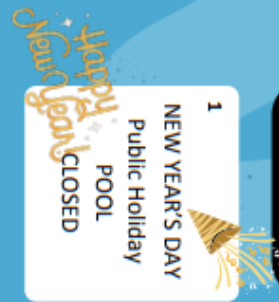
DECEMBER 2023

Marble Bar Yurtu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 Juniors Friday Night Fruit Cricket - School Oval Mixed Teams, all ages 2.00pm to 4.00pm	2 Open 12.00pm to 6.00pm Inflatables & Quots 1.00pm to 3.00pm	3 Open 12.00pm to 6.00pm Inflatables & Quots 1.00pm to 3.00pm
4 POOL CLOSED	5 Juniors 0 - 19 yo 2.15pm to 3.00pm Masters 20+ yo 3.00pm to 4.00pm AquaFit 5.00pm to 6.00pm	6 Open 12.00pm to 6.00pm Junior Lifeguard Safety Program from 2.00pm	7 Juniors 0 - 19 yo 2.15pm to 3.00pm Masters 20+ yo 3.00pm to 4.00pm AquaFit 5.00pm to 6.00pm	8 Juniors Friday Night Fruit Softball - School Oval Mixed Teams, all ages 4.00pm to 5.00pm	9 Open 12.00pm to 6.00pm Inflatables & Quots 1.00pm to 3.00pm	10 Open 12.00pm to 6.00pm Inflatables & Quots 1.00pm to 3.00pm
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Marble Bar Yurtu

JANUARY 2024



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COP'S CORNER

Marble Bar

Dear Marble Bar Community,

Did you know that, from one end to the other, Marble Bar is about 1.5 km long?

If you drive that at an average speed of 50km/hour, it will take you 108 seconds.

If, instead, you would speed at 100km/hour, you would arrive early at your destination a whopping 54 seconds!

I know that doesn't sound like much, and it isn't really, on a human timescale.

So please be considerate, take your time driving through our lovely town, we will love you for it.

By the time this message will get to you, a new "Banned Drinkers Register" will have been introduced in the Pilbara.

A person will be put on this list if they get charged with any (serious) offence while they are drunk, so for example, if a person has been drinking alcohol and they assault someone, or they damage property, or they steal something.

Anybody on the register won't be allowed to buy take-away alcohol for three months.

If they get caught drinking in that time, it's another 6 months, and if they get caught in that time, it's 12 months!

If someone supplies alcohol to a person on the register, they will be put on it as well.

Any licenced premises will ask for ID for take-away alcohol to check whether you are on the register.

If you have any questions, feel free to come and speak with us at the Police Station,

I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Tino Meinen

What's Cooking?

Carbonara

Ingredients

1 onion
1 garlic
150 grams of bacon
1 carton of cream (250ml)
1/4 cup of peas
Packet of fettuccini pasta
Romana cheese
Olive oil, salt, pepper

Total Time

Prep: 15 Minutes
Cook: 20 minutes

Makes

Approx 2-3

One of my mums favourites when I was a kid with my little sister growing up. Calorific and not exactly the healthiest food but at this time of year, I think we are all allowed too.

Method

Fry onions and garlic for a few minutes until softened,

Add chopped bacon and once bacon is slightly browned, add the peas.

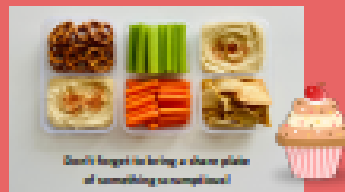
Fill the pan with a carton of cream and begin boiling the pasta.

(Fettuccini likes to stick so make sure you use plenty of oil.

Once cream is reduced and pasta is cooked, add together and finish with romano cheese, salt and pepper to serve.



THE BOOK NOOK CLUB



Don't forget to bring a share plate of something to compliment!

Next Meeting:

Venue: Marble Bar Library

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Date: Wed. 6th Dec & Wed. 27th Dec

Other bookish traditions

SWEDEN

Laslov is an official reading holiday in Sweden and it lasts a whole week. Bookstores and libraries work together; they give away free books, have writing competitions and involve museums. Each year has a different theme to keep people engaged and interested in the holiday.

ITALY

Starting in Milan, Book Fairies has been launched to encourage greater reading among the population. Once a person finishes a specially tagged book, they can leave it anywhere - park bench, bus, train, café etc. - for someone else to pick up and take away to read themselves.

Anyone up for an evening of Jolabokafloð? (Yoi-a-bok-a-flo!)

It's an Icelandic tradition, literally meaning book flood. Each Xmas Eve, Icelanders give book presents and then spend the evening reading together and drinking hot chocolate.

Well, we don't need anymore 'hot' in Marble Bar, so our book club is going to be eating chocolates instead.

If you wish to join us, bring along a wrapped book and your favourite choccies. Be prepared to have a go at 'lucky dip with a twist'.



Christmas stories to read this season

- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle - a Sherlock Holmes tale by Arthur Conan Doyle
- A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote
- The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore
- The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Anderson
- A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles M Schulz
- Tea and Sugar Christmas by Jane Jolly
- The 12 Days of Christmas Island by Teresa Lagrange

Book Review Corner

The Man Who Died Twice

The second instalment of The Thursday Murder Club series by Richard Osman, yet again proved a big hit with the book club.

Beginning with a cowardly thug-attack on Ibrahim and then Elizabeth's ex-husband contacting her out of the blue for help after he stole millions of pounds worth of diamonds from an international criminal mastermind, the storyline ticks along at a rapid rate and the body count just keeps rising.

The Book Nook Club Rating - 4.5 / 5

Our first club meeting in 2024 will be 31st January. The book we will be reviewing is *The Last Flowers of Alice Hart* by Holly Ringland. With only 400 pages, it should be a cinch to have it finished by then.





**South 32 Rottnest Channel
Swim Virtual**

Join in for a great day of
FUN & PRIZES!
(incl medallions and certificates
for all participants)



Rotto Swim Competition

Marble Bar Aquatic Centre

Date

24 February 2024



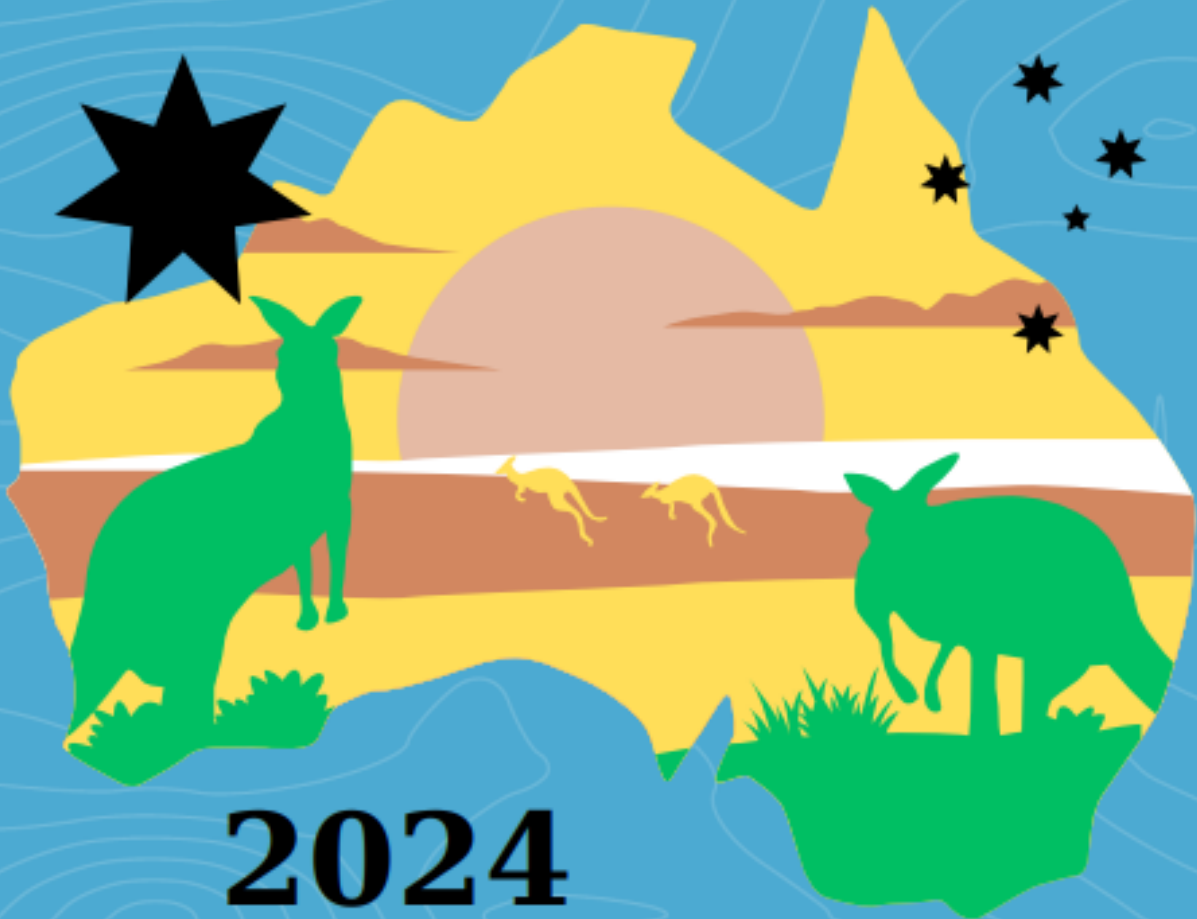
**START TRAINING &
REGISTER EARLY**

Registration forms
available from Aquatic
Centre and Shire Office



Contact Kristy for more information - 0417 777 210

AUSTRALIA DAY



2024

-
- 'SPOT THE FLAG' SPOT PRIZES
 - THONG THROWING COMPETITION
 - JUNIOR DANCE-OFF
 - BEST BOMBIE

**MARBLE BAR
AQUATIC CENTRE**

**FRI, 26TH JAN
12.00PM - 2.00PM**

FREE: BBQ KEBABS * JUICE BOXES * WATER

RPT BUS UPDATE

Shire of EAST
Pilbara
THE HEART OF THE PILBARA



BEST WISHES FOR
A SAFE AND VERY
MERRY XMAS!

The RPT Bus will NOT
be operating during the
Xmas holiday period

LAST DAY:
Friday, 15/12/2023

RETURN DAY:
Monday, 8/01/2024



NEWMAN
Carpark opposite
Dome Cafe

NULLAGINE
Park across from
Conglomerate

MARBLE BAR
Shire office
Francis Street

SOUTH HEDLAND
South Hedland
Shopping Centre Bus
Stand - in front
of ITP/Kmart entrance

For more information, please contact the Shire of East Pilbara, Marble Bar on 08 9176 1008

SHORT STORY

PARSLEY

“Well the parsley is dead again. I’ve dug it out again. I’ll replant but I don’t think it’s worth it. It’s just too damn hot.” Rosie’s disappointment showed. Husband John tried to comfort her. Not successfully.

It was hot. It was Marble Bar.

A long way from Rosie’s family home – and indulgent parents. In Cottesloe. A few blocks from the beach. Not far from the city. An idyllic childhood to a job in Dad’s firm – a receptionist – then John walked in. He was in his last year of teacher training. They married at the end of that year – married by the Priest who had christened Rosie. Honeymoon at Margaret River then the big decision: John accepted a teaching position at Marble Bar.

Rosie’s city friends were incredulous. “Marble Bar! That’s the hottest place in Australia.”

Rosie responded, “I know, I know. But it’s only for a couple of years and it will be a big step up the promotion ladder and then John will be a shoe-in to get a school in Perth.”

“So you won’t be starting a family for a couple of years?” The friends persisted.

“I don’t see why not. Port Hedland’s got all the facilities. I could even come back here when I get close,” Rosie replied – bravely.

She needed to be brave. Life in “the Bar” was tough: although - the unit was spacious – with air-conditioning. A small back yard with enough room for a veggie garden. The people were friendly and considerate. But John was soon very involved with his school. Rosie discovered there was no prospect of any part-time work for a receptionist in this town.

Then the dog arrived. Rosie found him one morning. Panting heavily in the meagre shade of a bush at her front fence. A bitch. Her ribs were clearly outlined and the pads of her feet were oozing blood. Not heavy in her current condition, Rosie picked her up, carried her to a tap. She drank water out of Rosie’s cupped hands. Rosie took her inside.

John was impressed. He looked at the dog. A Border Collie cross – maybe some terrier blood. He looked at Rosie. He looked back at the dog. “We’ve got to look after this girl. Restore her to good health.” Rosie agreed.

With Rosie’s undivided attention the dog thrived. Careful feeding and her stomach filled out. The feet pads gradually healed. Rosie and John began taking the dog for a walk around town each evening. They picnicked at local gorges and waterholes. The dog enjoyed the cool waters.

Rosie insisted, “We can’t give her a name. She’s not really our dog. I wonder who owned her?”

A neighbour knew. A cook had left his job at Split Rock station and had come through town, in his aging LandRover, on his way to Goldsworthy to find work there. No place for a dog in a mining town, he left the dog at Split Rock – or so he thought. The dog thought otherwise. She had followed her master. Covered the fifty odd miles on the trail of the LandRover to Marble Bar, but could go no further than Rosie’s front fence. No, the neighbour did not know the dog’s name.

“We’ll just call him ‘Dog,’ “ Rosie decided.

‘Dog’ travelled to Perth with Rosie and John for each school holidays. ‘Dog’ was restless at the Cottesloe family home. She did not like the beach sand. She was wary of the ocean and scared of traffic. And ‘Dog’ was excited each time they returned to the home in Marble Bar.

Rosie persevered with the veggie garden. There was some success with carrots, and tomatoes had struggled through the Marble Bar winter. But the parsley still failed.

And so John began his second year at Marble Bar public school.

Rosie was in the back yard – with ‘Dog’ when she heard a vehicle pull up. ‘Dog’ heard it too. She raced around the side of the unit and when Rosie followed she saw ‘Dog’ leaping up, yelping with joy, to the waist of an elderly man – who calmed her down. He scratched behind her ears.

“They told me at the pub my dog was up here. She certainly looks well. I realise she’s your dog now but I just wanted to check up on her. Her name is Gracie – I named her after my first wife. I’m going back to my old job at Split Rock. The Goldsworthy pay was good. But not the life. I’ll get another dog.”

But when the cook opened the door to get into his LandRover, Gracie leapt in front of him, moved across to the passenger side seat and sat up expectantly. Gracie had made the decision on who was her owner.

When John heard from Rosie what had occurred he expected the worse. But quite the reverse happened.

After tea that same evening Rosie asked him “Are you up for the walk around town?”

And a few days later Rosie greeted John with the news that she had spoken to the wife of the publican at the Ironclad. “She told me that despite my having no experience of working behind the bar she would give me a couple of training sessions and if I went OK she’d consider me for some regular shifts.”

They bought some shade cloths and early that winter they were “harvesting” parsley.

Russell Wenholz, a government land surveyor(rtd), worked in the East Pilbara-Great Sandy Desert region during 1967. He returned as a tourist in 1968 and 1970. Of all his working and touring around Australia he still rates the East Pilbara one of his favourite places.





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Your local connection

Supporting the Marble Bar Community since 2001

Phone 9176 1375 Email marblebarcrc@bigpond.com
Fax 9176 1244 Web www.marblebarcrc.net



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9176 1900

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Shire Newman Office
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138 138

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Happy Birthday for December!

Shinnika 9th

Evelyn 18th

Isaiah 21st

Jimmaya 26th
Kye 30th




Aflie 4th

Karina 30th








Jensen - 3rd

Germaine—3rd

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 BIN DAY 	29	30 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	1 BIN DAY 	2
3	4	5 BIN DAY 	6	7 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	8 BIN DAY 	9
10	11	12 BIN DAY 	13	14 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	15 BIN DAY 	16
17	18	19 BIN DAY 	20	21 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	22 BIN DAY  CRC Close	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 BIN DAY 	27	28 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	29 BIN DAY 	30

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day	2 CRC Open	3	4 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	5 BIN DAY 	6
7	8	9 BIN DAY 	10	11 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	12 BIN DAY 	13
14	15	16 BIN DAY 	17	18 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	19 BIN DAY 	20
21	22	23 BIN DAY 	24	25 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	26 BIN DAY 	27
28	29	30 BIN DAY 	31	1	2 BIN DAY 	3