

Marble Bar

March 2024

MIRAGE

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your handy
Calendar on
the back.**

Editorial

This last month has been particularly interesting with CRC attending some unusual activities.

On 26th January, I visited the MGMBULK site in Port Hedland and was able to see all the different sections at the complex. It was great sitting in the driver's seat of the Kenworth truck.

The CRC is assisting the Marble Bar Race Club in preparing for the races on 6th July 24. We also hope to be holding some family activities the 2 days following the races; this is dependent on receiving funding. There will be further information in the Mirage over the next couple of months.

Snowman. The CRC is going to build several snowmen to place around town over the race weekend in July. We need small tyres for the head and hat of the snowmen. MGMBULK will be dropping used tyres at the CRC and Thies is in the process of sorting through the tyres at Sanjiv. Please let us know if you have any to donate.

Craft group attendance is growing and meets every fortnight. There is a variety of craft activities being worked on by the women. Come along for just a catch up or with your craft item to work on.

What an amazing day a number of Marble Bar women had when Phenxx was here for a photo shoot. We were all interviewed, had our hair and makeup done and then dressed in beautiful night attire. The women had a ball!!

Regards,

Pam – Coordinator Marble Bar Community Resource Centre.



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Craft Group

Come along to the next craft group being held at 7pm on the 11th March in the CRC Training Room. The Mosaic blanket is now finished and raffle tickets are available at the CRC.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



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



Tengraph Training

This training is focused on basic skills for prospectors just starting out.

TENGRAPH® is an Online mapping system that displays the position of Western Australian mining tenements and petroleum titles in relation to other land information. It gives a current and accurate picture of land under mining activity providing an easy means of determining land available for mineral exploration.

It would be handy for anyone attending the training session to be registered to use Tengraph - <https://tgw.dmp.wa.gov.au/tgw/> and complete the New User Registration form .

WHERE: Marble Bar Community Resource Centre – Training room

WHEN: 10 April 2024

15 May 2024

19 June 2024

TIME: 9.30am to 11.30am

COST: \$5.00 - includes a cuppa and biscuits

Contact: Pam or Fraser on 91761375 to register.

This is the snowman we plan to make and place around Marble Bar in July.



MGM BULK

Love, hate or indifferent to them, trucks are an essential part of living in Australia. They bring us our food, clothing, furniture, cars and the list goes on. In Marble Bar, we eagerly await the weekly delivery of groceries and other necessary items for living in a remote locality.

While the MGM Group began in 2004, Mario Giacci and his family initially began their business in the 1950's. In 2004, MGM Group began its reconstituted blocks, concrete and premium quarry material arm. In 2014, it added MGMBULK - providing bulk haulage, material handling services and storage management for its mining clients. In all, MGM Group has 540 employees, a core fleet of 200 Kenworth trucks and 650 trailer configurations.

On 26th January 2024, I visited the Port Hedland office of MGMBULK. Luke McPartland, the Manager, provided me with a raft of information and a tour of the site. MGM has been in Port Hedland since 2016, and of the original staff, there is a good dozen remaining. Until 12 months ago, MGM was operating out of an old shed and it now has a purpose built building that houses administration, workshop and tyre and washing bay.

At present, MGMBULK have a fleet of 80 Kenworth trucks in Port Hedland with 150 drivers. The drivers have various rosters, although most do a four-week rolling shift and then two weeks off. Luke said at present there is 26,000 Multi Combination (MC) driver vacancies across Australia, and as such, drivers are a valuable resource. MGM aims to be a good employer and a desirable place to work. MGMBULK staff flying in to Port Hedland, are picked up at the airport and transported to their accommodation. Accommodation, meals and flights are included in the employment package for the FIFO workers.



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Luke McPartland - Manager MGM Port Hedland

Luke introduced me to a number of staff in the various administrative sections. Of great interest for me, was meeting Kris and Morgan who are both supervisors and work closely with the drivers. They described the camera system that records the drivers and how it assists with driver fatigue and distraction. When a driver hops in the truck, they log on to the Mt Data System and the DSSI camera (*Seeing Machines - a patented face and eye-tracking technology) monitors the driver's attentive state. MGMBULK works with the *Guardian Industries web platform and their staff in monitoring the camera recordings. If Guardian Industries observe a fatigue or distraction, they contact MGM. The MGM Supervisor then contacts the driver and asks if they are OK. If there is a second event, the driver is again contacted, told to pull up and take a 20-minute break. Should there be a third event, the driver is directed to pull up, and another driver will be sent out to complete the run. The driver returns to the MGMBULK office as a passenger in another truck.



Depending on the grade of iron ore, MGMBULK currently loads up from either the Sanjiv, Miralga Creek, Mt Webber or Abydos Mine sites. The iron ore is taken to the Utah Point loading facility for shipping to countries across Asia. MGMBULK aims to cart around 190 truckloads per day to Port Hedland and each truck with its ultra-quad trailer sets may carry up to 150 tonnes. It can be a round trip of over 480 kilometres from Port Hedland to Sanjiv mine and back, with drivers possibly doing two trips per shift.

The supervisor, Kris Bellette, then guided me around the rest of the complex. The large workshop has several bays and staff appeared to be very busy working on a number of trucks. In all, there are 50



Kris Bellett



MGM BULK CON'T

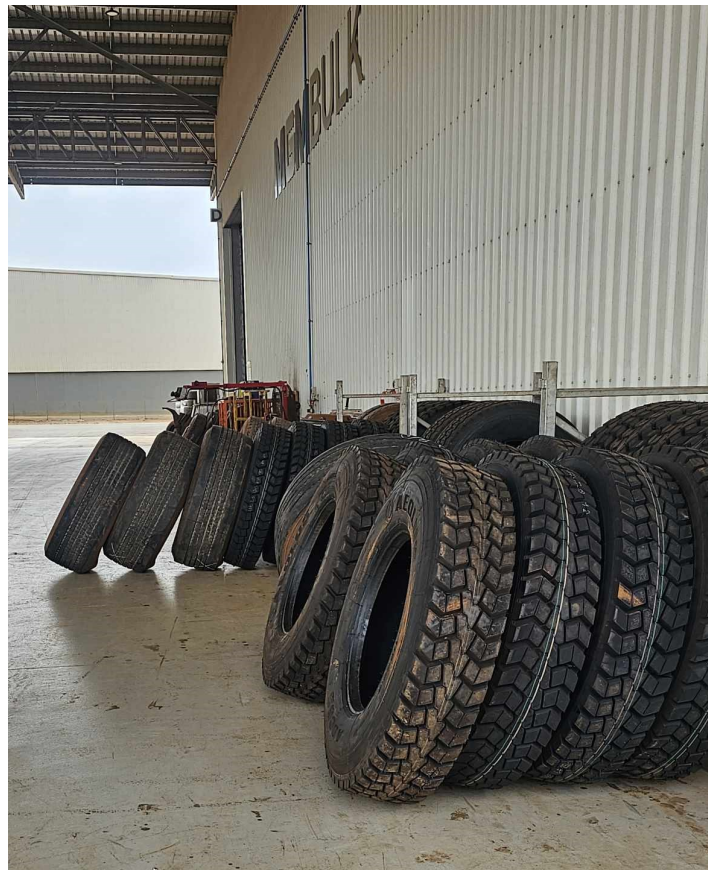
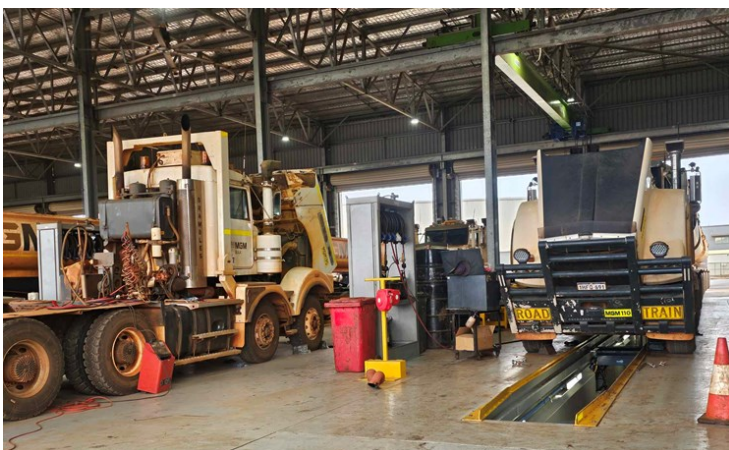
Next stop was the tyre bay. I asked cheekily if MGMBULK would like to donate some of the used tyres as the CRC is working on a project for the Race weekend in July (see the Mirage editorial). We then looked at the wash bay for the trucks and I was pleased to hear that the water is recycled. Kris also said that MGMBULK in Port Hedland has ten female truck drivers, three female bus drivers, one female tyre fitter, one female truck washer, one female safety advisor, one female supervisor and three female administrators.

Kris let me view the interior of a truck; with my short legs, what an effort it was for me to pull myself up into the cab. There is certainly a lot to look at inside with two different radios; one is the usual UHF and the other a Tetra radio. The drivers at various points at the mine sites only use the Tetra radio. There is a good sized Engle for keeping food and drinks cold, a sleeping section behind the seat, so many different gauges and a heat signature camera (the cattle cam).

I moved to Marble Bar in August 2022. Seeing the huge MGM trucks carting iron ore from Sanjiv Mine to Port Hedland and back, has fascinated me. If you are one of the MGM drivers reading this article, I am the madly waving driver of the silver Nissan Navara. Thank you to those drivers that respond - it makes my day J.

* <https://seeingmachines.com/>

* <https://guardian.seeingmachines.com/anz>



EVERYONE BELONGS

Harmony Week

6PM - 8PM

Italian
Pork & Fennel
Sausages

Aussie
Lamb Steak

Asian
Crispy
Noodle Salad

Mexican
Corn Salad

Greek
Pizza

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OUR DIVERSITY WITH GREAT FOOD

21 MARCH 2024

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**Location – Marble Bar Sporting
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Date of Races – 6th of July 2024

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Race book

Night entertainment

A spot in the crowd to watch this amazing day go by

And

🍷 😊 Let's not forget entry to join in on this year's undie run!!

This year we have an extra treat for the races with
CHRISTMAS IN JULY IN THE HOTTEST TOWN IN AUSTRALIA

On the 7th and 8th July 24 there will be markets, kids activities, snow machine, face painting, kids races and much more. These activities will be held in Marble Bar village. Stay tuned for further updates.

**To keep up to date with everything races, head over to our Facebook
page "Marble Bar Race Club"**



**For Locals ticket sales, please head down to the Marble Bar Community Resource Centre to
purchase your tickets!!**

21 MAR 2024



6 - 8 PM

COMMUNITY MEET & GREET

(incl free BBQ)

LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY
Come and meet your councillors and
the executive team

CIVIC CENTRE, MARBLE BAR

Marble Bar Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Trainings



A joint training with South Hedland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brigade.
Nick, Lisa H, Cheryl, Phil, Craig, Lisa S, Jess, Nat and



If you'd like more information about volunteering with Marble Bar VFES,
Phone: 0473543182
Email: marblebarvesu@bigpond.com



Marble Bar Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services—Flooding Information

Did you know it doesn't have to be raining in our area for a flood to occur?

There are 2 main causes for flooding in Marble Bar

- Flash Flooding— lots of rain falling in a short period of time, which can cause the water to flow very fast and without warning.
- Widespread flooding—from large amounts of rainfall falling over a wide area of land.

Floodwaters are very dangerous! Water can be deeper than you realise, fast flowing with strong currents and have sharp objects that can injure and trap you. Most flood related deaths occur when people have attempted to drive through, walk, swim or play in floodwater. There have been serious injuries and deaths in the Pilbara from debris in floodwaters or have drowned after being trapped in their vehicle or have been washed away in fast flowing water.

Never try to drive or walk through a flood.

If you choose to drive through floodwater, you are choosing to risk your life and those of in the car with you.

DFES and BoM work together to inform the community when there is a flood risk. Once Bom issue a Flood Watch or Warning, DFES will provide alerts and warnings on Emergency WA Website. There are 5 warning levels that align with the expected timing of floods.

Prepare for flooding: Review your plan and prepare your home.

Take action now for flooding: Relocate machinery and livestock

Prepare to evacuate due to flooding: Have your emergency kit ready

Evacuate now due to flooding: Go to a safer place with your emergency kits.

Cancellation of flood watch: Avoid floodwaters, be careful driving and moving around.

Be Safe and look out for people within our community.





RESULTS OF THE VIRTUAL ROTTO SWIM

A slow start in registrations proved no barrier to the final tally of laps at the end of the day. With 14 swimmers pushing themselves to go above and beyond, the collective group managed to swim 45.9km in total. That's the distance from Cottesloe - Rottnest and return, plus a few extra kilometres for good measure.

Congratulations to the following for their outstanding performances:

Swimmer	Laps	Kilometres
Brooks, Grant	40	1.0
Brown, Annika	100	2.5
Brown, Kristy	200	5.0
Bussell, Emma	72	1.8
Dhu, Kayli-arah	42	1.05
Jenkins, Jess	440	11.0
Munro, Neil	80	2.0
Nation, Kath	80	2.0
Preston, Ronice	280	7.0
Smith, Kerrie	120	3.0
Stream-Dhu, Kelliemarie	62	1.55
Townsend, Pam	30	0.75
Whitley, Colette	240	6.0
Williams, Mark	80	2.0



*Jess - champion female
(most laps by anyone,
ever!)*



*Kelliemarie - champion
junior*



Neil - champion male



*Kayli-arah - runner up
junior*



What's Cooking?

Chicken Curry

Ingredients

1 packet of Continental Cream of Chicken or Dutch Curry and Rice soup
3 cups of milk
1 large tin of Tuna or 200 grams of chicken pieces (BBQ chicken)

Total Time

Prep: 15 Minutes
Cook: 1.1/4 hrs

Makes

Approx 2

Thanks to Lee Anderson's Mum for this recipe.

Method

Bring soup and milk to a simmer, add tuna or chicken and heat through. Add more milk if the mix is too creamy. I pre-cooked 1 small carrot, a medium potato and peas then added them to the pot with the chicken and used the Cream of Chicken for this recipe.

Serve over either rice, puff pastry or a pasta of your choice. I served it with Singapore Noodles.

This is a very versatile recipe, which you can change to suit your taste buds. I add sweet chilli sauce to it a couple of days later...delicious!!



Marble Bar Airport + fires

On 20th October 2023, the upgraded Marble Bar Airport received its first aircraft on the newly extended 2 kilometre runway. The runway, while built for current aircraft, was also designed for aircraft of the future. The upgrade was a joint project between Calidus Resources, Atlas Iron and the Shire of East Pilbara.

Three months down the track, Alliance Airlines now flies Calidus Resources staff from Perth to Marble Bar and back twice a week. Every Thursday, the Royal Flying Doctor Service flies to Marble Bar to provide a GP service for the residents. Without this vital service, residents of Marble Bar would have at a minimum, a 4 hour round trip to Port Hedland to see a GP.

On Monday, 15th January 2024, I visited the airport to meet with the new, as of 13 November 23, RAMS Airport Reporting Officer, Craig Daniels. During my tour of the airport, Craig advised that his role is to ensure all activities at the airport meet the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations and that all aircraft personnel abide by the regulations.

Of particular interest for me was the Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) system. This is a solar powered system with a small generator and one orange electronic box – a simplified description. This operates the four landing lights.



Craig Daniels



These are a guide for aircraft to the glide path (3 degrees) to the runway. When there are three red lights on, the plane is too low and if there are three white lights, it is too high. When the PAPI lights are two red and two white, the aircraft is in the correct position for landing. Below is a link that provides additional information.

<https://www.boldmethod.com/>



On the weekend prior to my visit to the airport, there was a number of fires around Marble Bar. This did affect the airport as the fire crossed the Ripon Road and onto the airport grounds.

The local Brigade members, with assistance from Craig, put in a burn line to protect the PAPI system control box with a successful result. If the PAPI system had been damaged, it would have restricted larger aircraft from landing until it was repaired or replaced; this could be weeks if not months. All flights would then have to be diverted to Port Hedland.

Across the road from the airport, a tanker caught fire and exploded. Note the shredded tyres on the road to left and the large hole in the side. Thanks to Craig for the great photos!



Phenxx Photo Shoot

On 31st January 24 PhenXX Pty arrived in Marble Bar for a campaign shoot to promote its new brand of bedding. The PhenXX crew had travelled 5,000 ks from the Marble Bar in Sydney to Marble Bar, the hottest town in Australia. Phenxx has developed a bedding range for menopausal, perimenopausal and postpartum women – in other words for women who are hot in bed!

Several Pilbara women volunteered to be interviewed and model for the campaign, and what an exciting day we had!

Starting early in the morning, some of the women were interviewed and filmed at Chinaman's Pool. I nearly melted at 9am standing in 37-degree heat while being interviewed. I do not know how the film crew or Kait coped, as they are not used to the Pilbara heat.

At 4pm, all the women met to dress for the full campaign shoot, and what a hoot it was! Several women having makeup and hair done, then madly scrounging through the beautiful night attire to wear. We all felt a bit flash, and flash it did, with thunder, lightning and rain just before the shoot at Travellers Rest.

After dinner, we went to the iconic Ironclad Hotel for more photographs and couple of drinks to wind down from the day. Thank you to all those involved in this campaign, not only is it promoting a great product but it highlights what Marble Bar has to offer.



Quentin Kait Tony



Suzan



Carlie



Dilajla



Careen



Treinaya



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Kait



Jess



Pam



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AI scams – The new face of deception

Deepfake videos and voice impersonations are now a chilling reality. Scammers are weaponising artificial intelligence (AI) to create convincing video and audio of well-known people, work colleagues, family members or even someone you have fallen in love with online.

Consumer Protection's ScamNet is predicting the use of AI voice and video cons to be an emerging scam feature to watch out for this year.

Just recently, we saw Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest hit out at social media giant Meta for allowing the publication of a deepfake video of him spruiking a fake cryptocurrency scheme.

With the re-emergence of the 'Hi Mum' scam, ScamNet expects to see this evolve in Australia to using AI voice impersonations. It is already happening in the USA.

Technology is making it easier and cheaper for scammers to impersonate voices or create deepfake videos. All it takes is for them to harvest a social media account and use less than a minute of someone's voice to AI generate entire blocks of speech. A few photos are all that's needed to create a realistic deepfake video. It's a timely reminder of the value of locking down your social media accounts.

When it comes to romance online, Consumer Protection's advice was to video call the person to verify they are who they say they are.

This year we're changing that advice. Arrange to meet in person and if they can't, it's a warning sign. Video calls may be manipulated by scammers with deepfake technology.

But what should you look out for?

When it comes to video, look out for unnatural movements of the eyes and hands, or the mouth not moving in time with the speech. The face may also lack detail, such as the teeth not looking as they should.

With audio, the voice may have unusual speech patterns, or the person may not greet you how they normally would. There could also be a lack of emotion, or they won't answer any of your questions.

Be wary of unexpected phone calls, even from people you know, as caller ID numbers can be faked.

Don't share personal identifying information such as your address, birth date or middle name.

Consumer Protection continues to urge everyone to 'practice the pause.' Tell friends or family you'll call them back to directly to verify their identity. Discuss creating a 'safe word' to say over the phone to confirm a real emergency.

Consumers targeted by AI voice impersonation and deepfake video scams should report them to WA ScamNet via the website www.scamnet.wa.gov.au, or by calling 1300 30 40 54 or emailing consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au

MARBLE BAR

Visitor Centre

DAILY OPENING HOURS

April 1 st - April 30 th	8.00am - 1.00pm
May 1 st - June 30 th	8.00am - 2.00pm
July 1 st - July 31 st	8.00am - 4.00pm
August 1 st - August 31 st	8.00am - 4.00pm
September 1 st - October 31 st	8.00am - 1.00pm
November 1 st - March 31 st	8.00am - 12pm
Sat and Sun 9.00 am to 12pm	

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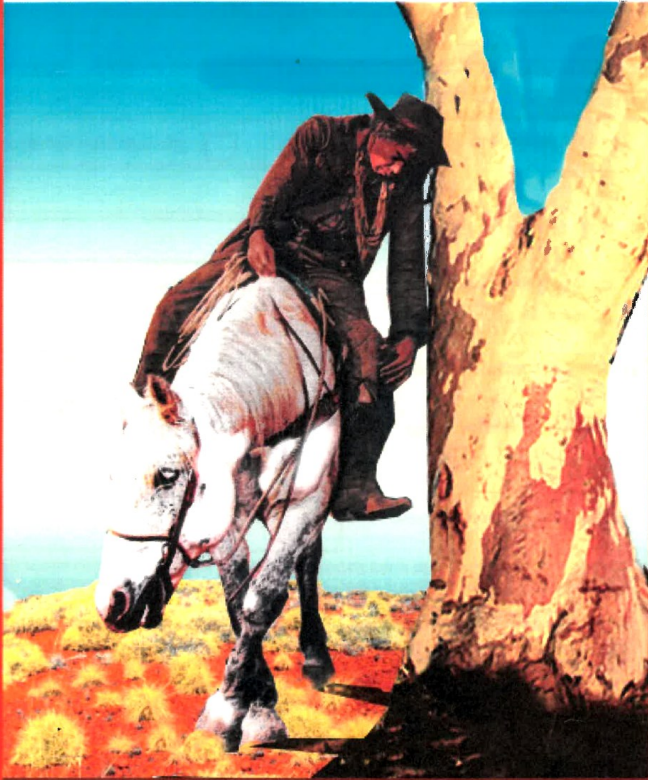
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Job's Page



Marble Bar Local Employment Page

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More info on Seek.com.au

Macmahon

Superintendent—Maintenance

More info on Seek.com.au

Marble Bar Roadhouse & Travellers Rest

Hospitality / Retail

Includes Accommodation - More info on Seek.com.au

Calidus Resources

Site Medic

- More info on Seek.com.au

Horizon Power

Mechanical Generation Technician

More info on Seek.com.au

We can help with resumes, cover letters, job applications and upskilling!

Community Noticeboard



Marble Bar
Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

Supporting the Marble Bar Community since 2001

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



Marble Bar Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services (VFES)

Volunteers Wanted!
Fire/Emergency: 000

Want the digital edition of the Mirage in your inbox every month?

Do you have a community notice you'd like included?

Would you like to advertise in the Mirage?

Call the CRC on 9176 1375
or email marblebarcrc@bigpond.com



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and hit that like button!



facebook.com/MBcommunityresourcecentre

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the traditional lands of all Aboriginal people, we respect all Elders past, present & future. We ask all people that walk, work & live on traditional Aboriginal lands, to be respectful of culture & traditions and work together as one to better Aboriginal Health.

HELP OUR COMMUNITIES TO STAY HEALTHY...

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

A Few Handy Numbers:

Report Fire, Emergency & Ambulance
000 (112 locked/out of range)
(131 444 Police Non-Emergency)

Marble Bar Police Station
9176 0500

Marble Bar Nursing Post
9176 1900

Marble Bar Shire Office
9176 1008

Shire Newman Office
9175 8000

Main Roads Fault & Enquiry
138 138

Water Corp Faults Line
13 13 75

Horizon Power Faults Line
13 23 51

Marble Bar EPIS
9176 1060 or 0407 374 812

Marble Bar Ashburton (AAC)
9176 1832



Happy Birthday for



Brandon Woods - 1st March
Quaylisha Martin - 8 March
Storm Miles - 13 March
Tait Lockyer - 15 March
Jacob Whalebone - 28 March
Harmony Swan - 22 April

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	8 BIN DAY	9
10	11 Craft CRC 7pm	12 BIN DAY	13	14 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	15 BIN DAY	16
17	18	19 BIN DAY Tourism workshop	20	21 Shire Com BBQ 6-8PM RFDS @MB Nursing Post	22 BIN DAY shire OCM	23
24	25 Craft CRC 7pm	26 BIN DAY	27	28 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	29 BIN DAY	30
31		BIN DAY			BIN DAY	

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	5 BIN DAY	6
7	8 Craft CRC 7pm	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 Craft CRC 7pm	23 BIN DAY	24	25 RFDS @MB Nursing Post	26 BIN DAY	27 Rottnest Swim
28	29	30 BIN DAY			BIN DAY	