



# Editorial

Hello,

We've been thrown out of whack this month with the Easter long weekend, but hopefully the wait will be worth it.

This month at the CRC has seen some exciting new equipment come in thanks to a grant from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), including new signs and computers for the front area which you'll see installed over the next couple of weeks.

We've got seedlings in the community garden which are just starting to come up (we've already had one really successful batch but we lost a few after an issue with the automatic watering!) Keep an eye out for updates on that as we've put in plenty of veggies and flowers which will be up for sale soon.

Later this month Kylie and I will be heading down to Perth to attend a DPIRD workshop discussing future plans for the CRC network - we'll let you know how it all goes in the next edition :)

Cheers,

*Amy Pfitzner*  
Coordinator,  
Marble Bar CRC

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**HELP OUR COMMUNITIES TO STAY HEALTHY...**

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

# What's Cooking?

## CHOCOLATE PUMPKIN CAKE



### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees C° and lightly grease ring tin.
2. In a medium bowl, mix the flour, cocoa powder, spice, baking powder and bicarb soda. In a large bowl, beat together 3/4 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, apple sauce and eggs. Mix in 1/2 cup thickened cream and pumpkin. Stir in the flour mixture until just blended. Spread evenly in the prepared tin
3. Bake 40 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan over a wire rack. Invert cake onto a serving plate.
4. Place the brown sugar, 125g butter and 1/3 cup thickened cream in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil while stirring to blend until smooth. Cook until sugar is dissolved. Whisk in the icing sugar and drizzle over the cake immediately.

### Ingredients

- 2 2/3 cups Plain Flour
- 2/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons mixed spice
- 1 teaspoons bicarb soda
- 170 g butter
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1/3 cup apple sauce
- 3 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup thickened cream
- 400g puree pumpkin
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 125 g butter
- 1/3 cup thickened cream
- 1 cup icing sugar

### PUMPKINS AT THE CRC!

The CRC Community Garden is positively overflowing with pumpkins at the moment!

We still have plenty to give away 😊

Come and grab a pumpkin from the CRC, donations welcome.



# ANZAC DAY



SUNDAY, 25TH APRIL

## MARBLE BAR

DAWN SERVICE | 5:30AM at RSL Park  
GUNFIRE BREAKFAST | 6:30AM at Civic Centre

## NULLAGINE

DAWN SERVICE | 5:30AM at Lynas Lookout  
GUNFIRE BREAKFAST | 6:30AM at Lynas Lookout

LEST WE FORGET

# MARBLE BAR TOURISM CONSULTATION

A public tourism meeting is being held

**Wednesday, 21st April from 12:00pm**

**at the MBCRC Training Centre, 16 Francis St. Marble Bar**

Carolyn Biar of the Pilbara Development Corporation will be in attendance and community members, business owners and other local tourism stakeholders are invited to attend to discuss local tourism topics including:

DBCA Future Parks and Meentheena Station and beyond

Geoheritage tourism opportunities,

Roads

Adventure tourism

Prospecting tourism

Aboriginal tourism opportunities

What is happening across the Pilbara and beyond

Warlu Way

Visitor servicing

If you are unable to attend in person, please be advised that Zoom facility will be available. Bookings required, contact Marble Bar CRC using the information provided below.

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25 APRIL 2021  
ANZAC DAY  
CIVIC CENTRE, MARBLE BAR

# *The Big Marble Bar Anzac Day Bake Off*

Calling all would-be, could-be, should-be bakers...make and bake to your hearts content, enter our friendly competition and maybe win a great prize

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**1ST PRIZE: \$400 VOUCHER**  
**2ND PRIZE: \$200 VOUCHER**  
**3RD PRIZE: \$100 VOUCHER**



Please contact Ronice at the Shire - 9176 1008 or  
[mbreception@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au](mailto:mbreception@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au) for further information

# Competition Guidelines

1. Participants can have multiple entries
2. All entries must be the sole work of the participant
3. Entries are to be a sweet such as cakes, biscuits, slices, scones
4. Participant is required to email a list of ingredients used in each dish to [mbreception@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au](mailto:mbreception@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au) as soon as possible. Ingredient list required to be displayed next to plate for allergy advice
5. Judging will be undertaken by three impartial judges



Please contact Kylie at the CRC - 9176 1375 or [marlebarcrc@bigpond.com](mailto:marlebarcrc@bigpond.com) for further information

# Marble Bar Rock Lands On Mars!

I'm sure we've all heard about the piece of rock from Marble Bar going to Mars, but there is also some very interesting science behind the tale.

The environment on Mars that the Perseverance Rover is currently studying is around 3.7 billion years old. The mission targets the Jezero Crater, a 50km wide crater that it is believed was once a lake in which water-borne sediments were deposited.

The area is considered to be a pretty close match to conditions on Earth around the same time (3.5 billion years ago) when microbial life was just starting to take hold here on our planet. The focus of the Perseverance Mission to Mars is to try and figure out whether or not life was also emerging on Mars around the same time!

The Perseverance Rover is carrying a bunch of super high-tech equipment including seven 'miniature laboratories' and a miniature helicopter drone called *Ingenuity*.

One of the multi-instrument laboratories is called SuperCam, a remote sensing device able to identify the chemical and mineral makeup of tiny targets up to seven meters away from the rover! SuperCam uses a powerful laser which blasts tiny samples of rock and then analyses the dust cloud to find organic compounds that could indicate past life.

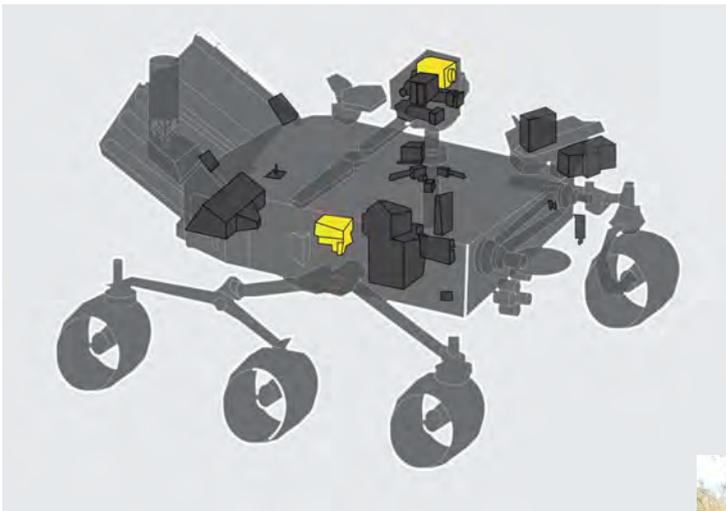
To make sure that SuperCam stays accurate and precise, the instruments need to be periodically calibrated by scanning 'known targets'. One of these known targets was collected over six years ago by Associate Professor Patrice Rey, Professor Nicolas Coltice and then PhD candidate Claire Mallard from an outcrop in Marble Bar. The sample was chert, a fine-grained sedimentary rock. It was taken from an outcrop known to geologists as the Marble Bar Chert Member and it is the oldest documented deep-sea fan on Earth.

How clever is the Perseverance Rover! In all fairness there are many other rock samples that have gone to Mars, taken from all over the world (but we know ours is the best, of course!)

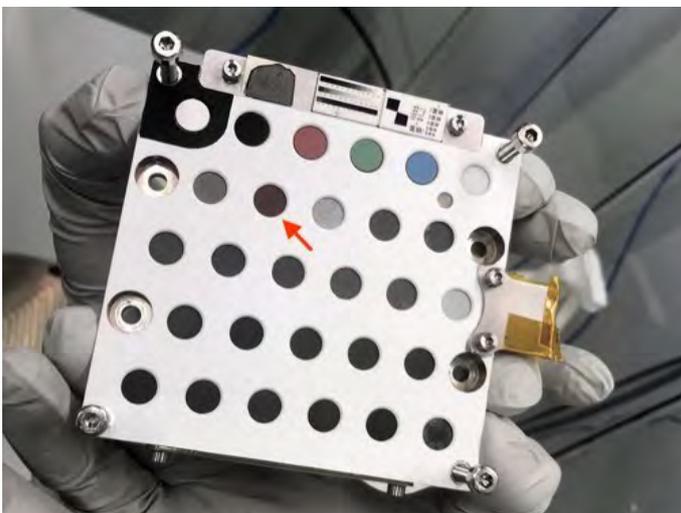
So who knows, a little piece of Marble Bar rock may unlock the secret of an ancient geological environment that was common to both Earth and Mars 3.5 billion years ago.

- Kylie James and Amy Pfitzner,  
Marble Bar CRC

Photos and information sourced from the University of Sydney website [sydney.edu.au](http://sydney.edu.au) and the NASA website [mars.nasa.gov](http://mars.nasa.gov)



SuperCam highlighted on the Mars 2020 Rover



The arrow points to the Marble Bar sample!



Dr Claire Mallard (left) and Professor Nicolas Coltice from the University of Sydney collecting the Chert sample. Photo: Patrice Rey

## There was Harmony in our library in March

As this year's theme stated, Harmony Week was about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

In an ideal world, if such sentiments were practiced each and every day by ALL of us, then this planet would surely be a wonderful place to live.

A big thank you to all those who painted or drew a hand of harmony to display on our diversity tree.



## *Easter in the land of Oz*

If you hear the thump of a long, furry foot and are lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a cute little cotton tail racing off into the distance, chances are you're getting ready to welcome easter!

The origin of the Easter Bunny dates back hundreds of years to pre-Christian Germany. However, in Australia, there have been several gentle nudges to get Aussies to embrace the Easter Bilby, one of our most endangered native marsupials. An Easter Bilby concept first came to light in 1968 when a 9 yo, Rose-Marie Dusting, wrote a story called "Billy The Aussie Easter Bilby", which she published 11 years later. In 1993, Australian children's book author Jeni Bright wrote the story of "Burra Nimu, the Easter Bilby". Apart from the wonderful story of a little bilby trying to save the land from rabbits and foxes, it includes factual information about bilbies and other endangered species.

## What's new for you?

We have an eclectic mix of new stock this month...

### Juniors

- Slinky Malinki's Christmas 123
- Ham
- Jetty Jumping

### Young Adults

- You Can Draw Manga Chibis
- Edie's Experiments - How to Make Friends
- Rise of the Mythix (graphic novel)

### Adults

- A Promise of Ankles
- Deadlock
- Mindful Embroidery
- The Ruby Princess

# Marble Bar Youth Program AT THE REC SHED

This month Christ Church and Saint Hilda's College came to Marble Bar on their annual visit to catch up with the students at the Marble Bar Primary School. The college students also participated in after school activities at the Rec Shed with the children, they played games basketball badminton, foosball and joined in with a sing along playing the guitar and enjoyed each other's company singing.

Some of the girls participated in helping the younger children build blocks and playing with the toys in the playgroup area for the smaller children.

Our Youth Program activities include cooking and the children made some cookies to share with everyone, which they enjoyed for afternoon tea.

During our April School Holiday Program there are

lots of fun things to do and enjoy at the Rec Shed!

It will be great to see you all there!! Especially making our ANZAC day arts & craft activities including:

- Scratch board Easter stained glass shapes
- Easter egg basket making – weaving baskets
- Decorating Crosses, and wooden wreaths
- Poppies
- Anzac Biscuits

*Julie Coffin,  
Marble Bar Rec Shed*



**GAMES**

**POOL TABLES**

**SCIENCE**

**COOKING  
& FOOD**

**MOVIES &  
POPCORN**

**BASKETBALL  
& FOOTBALL**

**ARTS &  
CRAFTS**

# NAIDOC 2020 PROGRAM COMPLETE!



With only three months to go until NAIDOC 2021 (July 4-11), we've finally finished delivering our NAIDOC 2020 program!

The project was a joint collaboration between the Marble Bar CRC and the Shire of East Pilbara, with help from Marble Bar Primary School and grant funding from the National Indigenous Australian's Agency through the NAIDOC local grant's program.

For anyone not in the loop, the project involved turning artwork created by community members into unique, custom t-shirts using our dye sublimation equipment here at the CRC. We had a bunch of unavoidable delays but we've finally

finished up and had a fantastic morning tea at the Rec Shed to celebrate!

I'd like to thank everyone involved, including Julie Coffin who did all the cooking and preparation for the morning tea and ran a lot of the 't-shirt design' sessions with kids and parents, and Ryan Sinclair and Marble Bar Primary who helped out with design sessions last year.

**If you remember doing a design but haven't picked up your shirt yet, make sure to head down to the CRC soon to pick it up! We've still got quite a few shirts here ready for collection.**

- Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar CRC



# Need a Lift?

- Port & South Hedland
- Marble Bar
- Nullagine
- Newman



The Shire offers a bus service between the towns of Newman, Nullagine, Marble Bar, South Hedland and Port Hedland. Simply call the Marble Bar Shire office on (08) 9176 1008 to book your seat.

Town	Bus Stop Location
Newman	Outside Retravision Entrance – towards Parnawarri Retail Centre
Nullagine	Park across from Conglomerate Hotel
Marble Bar	Shire Office – Francis Street
South Hedland	South Hedland Shopping Centre Bus Stand – In front of ITP
Port Hedland	Boulevard Shopping Centre Chicken Treat Entrance

Date/Route	Est. Time Departure	Est. Time Arrival
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Nullagine – Marble Bar	9am	10:30am
Marble Bar – South Hedland	10:45am	1:45pm
South Hedland – Port Hedland	2:00pm	2:30pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Port Hedland – South Hedland	11:15am	11:45am
South Hedland – Marble Bar	12 noon	2:15pm
Marble Bar – Nullagine	2:30pm	4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Nullagine – Marble Bar	7am	8:30am
Marble Bar – South Hedland	9:00am	11:30am
South Hedland – Port Hedland	11:45am	12:15pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
Port Hedland – South Hedland	11:15am	11:45am
South Hedland – Marble Bar	12 noon	2:15pm
Marble Bar – Nullagine	2:30pm	4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Nullagine – Newman	7am	9:30am
Newman – Nullagine	12 noon	2:30pm

Route	Price
Marble Bar – Nullagine	\$10.00
Marble Bar – Port Hedland	\$31.00
Nullagine – Port Hedland	\$41.00
Nullagine – Newman	\$31.00
Marble Bar – Newman	\$41.00
Newman – Port Hedland	\$72.00

NOTE: Pricing shown accurate to June 30, 2021. Please check pricing when you book.

# NBN COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday the 30th of March, the Marble Bar CRC hosted Ashley and Peta from the NBN (National Broadband Network) for a community engagement session at the CRC.

The duo answered questions about the NBN network, what options are available in Marble Bar and how to get connected to the network. We also heard about They also provided a lot of useful information about online safety and security and shared a bunch of really useful resources with us about some awesome

programs available for regional users.

Around 11:30, we put on a sausage sizzle for the community - the Outback Beef Sausages on fresh bread from the Marble Bar General went down a treat!

Thanks to Ashley and Peta for heading down to Marble Bar and providing us and the community with fantastic information and advice, it was great to have you.

- Amy Pfitzner,  
Marble Bar CRC

## REGIONAL TECH HUB

One of the resources Ashley and Peta shared with us was the Regional Tech Hub, an independent, free service providing advice about telecommunications services (i.e. phone and internet) in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia.

The Regional Tech Hub offers online resources to help understand connection options, troubleshoot faults and optimise phone and internet connections. It also offers one-on-one assistance via phone, email or social media.

The Regional Tech Hub is delivered by the National Farmers' Federation in partnership with the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN.)

For more information go to [www.regionaltechhub.org.au](http://www.regionaltechhub.org.au) call 1300 081 029 or visit the CRC

## Drop off your recyclables at the Marble Bar CRC

8:30am - 4:30pm  
Monday - Friday



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

The Marble Bar Community Resource Centre has signed up with the Containers for Change (CFC) scheme!

You can help out the Marble Bar CRC by dropping off your containers here.

Otherwise, you can make sure the money gets to us by quoting our scheme ID (C10311686) or showing the barcode pictured on the right when you drop the containers off at a Refund Point.



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***See you April 9th, 16th and 23rd!***



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# INTERNATIONAL Women's Day

On the 9th March we hosted a morning tea in the CRC Training room to celebrate International Women's Day.

The event was a joint effort by the CRC and the Shire of East Pilbara and we enjoyed a lovely spread prepared by the Travellers Rest.

Kylie from the CRC spent a lot of time researching biographical stories of inspirational Women, past and present.

A few of these you might have seen posted on social media in the lead up to the event in acknowledgement of Women's History month.

We had many more displayed on the day and all made for fascinating reading!

We had a very pleasant day, thank you to the ladies from the Shire who helped put the event together.

- Amy Pfitzner,  
Marble Bar CRC

**International Women's Day** has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people.



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**Did you miss our display of inspirational women for International Women’s Day last month?**

**This article was sourced from the Town Of Port Hedland website and gives a little snippet into the amazing lives of The Two Daisys! Pilbara women were (and still are) of a tough breed!**

### **Daisy Bindi**

Daisy Bindi was a Nyangumarta woman who became involved in the Pilbara cooperative movement during the 1950’s. She did not take part in the strike of 1946-49. Having worked all her life in stock work and domestic service on Pilbara stations, she was an unpaid “house girl” on Roy Hill Station, to the south of the region, when she heard McLeod and other leaders speak about the cooperative at a meeting in Marble Bar in September 1951. Although the meeting urged station workers to join the cooperative, Daisy decided against leaving Roy Hill, but when these improvements were not forthcoming the women refused to work. Although married men were offered an extra 10/- per week as wages for their wives, Daisy insisted that women would not work without direct payment.

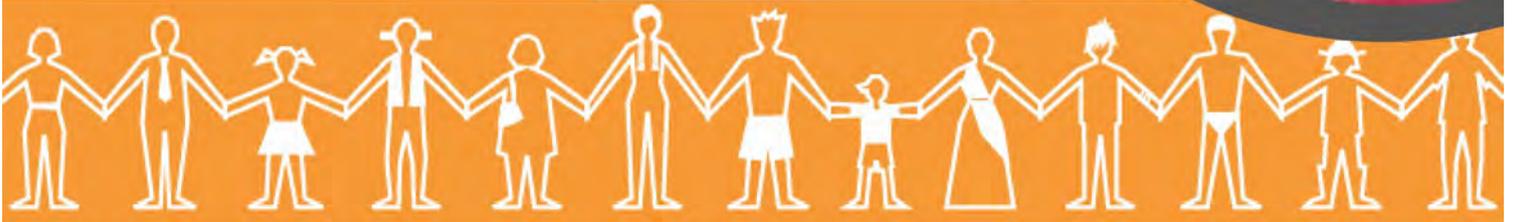


### **Daisy Kadibil**

Daisy Kadibil, an Aboriginal Australian, was about 8 years old and living in the vast, sparsely populated outback in the early 1930s when her country’s government forcibly separated her from her parents and sent her to a resettlement camp hundreds of miles away. Her removal had been ordered under an Australian assimilation policy that sought to absorb Aboriginal people into the country’s white society by taking children from their families and indoctrinating them in the ways of that dominant culture. Daisy was taken from her home in Jigalong, an indigenous community in the Pilbara region in north-western Australia, where she had grown up. A sister, Molly, and a cousin, Gracie, were also seized, and all three girls were sent to an Indigenous settlement near the Moore River, just north of Perth. The nearest city, about 800 miles to the south. There longing for home, they sought to escape. In 1931 they succeeded, embarking on foot on a treacherous nine week trek north across rough terrain and using as their guide a barbed wire fence that had been built to keep rabbits away from pastureland—an astonishing feat that inspired a book and the acclaimed 2002 Australian movie “Rabbit—Proof Fence”



# HARMONY DAY



Thank you to CALIDUS RESOURCES LIMITED for providing the Harmony Day Lunch for 2021

Harmony Day 2021 was held in Marble Bar on Wednesday, 17th of March and hosted over 60 community members with a beautiful long table lunch. The event was held in the Civic Centre and was sponsored by Calidus Resources Limited who organized for Limestone Station catering team to provide special dishes including currys, stews, damper, lasagna along with special trimmings like samosas, sauces, rice and salad.

We would like to thank Calidus for providing the Marble Bar community the amazing lunch and also acknowledge Cheryl Manurang who went to quite a lot of effort to create a colorful cake for everyone to enjoy for desert.

It was a fantastic celebration of diversity on a plate enjoyed by many.



# HARMONY DAY 2021



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# Marble Bar Primary

## Newcrest Swimming Carnival

On the 18th of March Marble Bar participated in the Newcrest Swimming Carnival. The event was hosted in Marble Bar and schools from across the region competed.

In perfect conditions MBPS got busy to work in the pool with some excellent individual and team results.

We had great success in the team events with Zekiel, DeeJae, Leonie, Jasper, Kelliemarie and Kayli-Arah all competing well. Amazing effort students!

Finally, Well Done to Kelliemarie for winning Champion Girl U/9! An absolutely fantastic

achievement.

We look forward to the next carnival.

*Ryan Sinclair,*

*Room 4 Teacher  
Marble Bar Primary School*



# Marble Bar Primary

## End of Term Reflections

As the term ends, it is the perfect time to reflect on the past nine weeks. I am very proud of the students this term and in particular our attendance and punctuality. Keep up the great efforts room 4!

It is magnificent to see room 4 positive and smiling when they come and leave school, learning can have its challenges, but the resilience and dedication shown by room 4 is amazing and I look forward to nurturing this when we return from holidays.

Since the last edition, room 4 has been busy finishing off their information report about the planets, swimming and getting involved with Christ Church and St Hilda's. We have continued to progress with our letters and sounds, top ten maths and we will continue to

build on these core areas when we return from the April holidays

I would like to thank Arnold Dhu and Miss Emilja Kiernan for their assistance. They have been a delight to work with over the term providing the students and myself wonderful help with the delivery and execution of the learning programs in room 4.

Have a safe and wonderful Easter everyone.

*Ryan Sinclair,*

*Room 4 Teacher  
Marble Bar Primary School*

*(See page over for more on the Christ Church and St. Hilda's visit!)*

# WHAT IS THIS?

**WE'VE HAD A GUESS!**

*The current theory is that it's part of a 'wilfley table', a kind of shaking table contraption used for separating gold.*

*Sounds like a pretty solid lead and we'd love to hear if you know anything more about it so we can put together a story for the next edition!*

*Thank you to Lang Coppin for sharing his photos with us.*

***Have you seen any mysterious objects or strange artefacts around?***

***Let us know so we can include it in the next edition of the Mirage!***



# Marble Bar Primary

## Christ Church & St. Hilda's: Service in Action 2021

For several years now, students from Christ Church Grammar school and more recently St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls have travelled to Marble Bar from Perth for the 'Service in Action' program. The 2021 program took place in late March, with eight students from the two colleges heading north for a taste of life in Marble Bar.

Shane Wilson (Principal, Marble Bar Primary) is a huge proponent of the program.

*"It is always a highlight of our school's yearly calendar for the staff, community and I to observe the significant and positive long-lasting academic and non-academic impacts of (the) visit to our community."*

This year the college students spent four days at MBPS, mentoring the students in a range of academic topics, leading mindfulness and meditation sessions, playing sports, swimming lessons, putting on musical performances with the MBPS students and more besides.

Outside of school hours the students didn't waste a minute. Between the Rec Shed (page 14,) tours of the Police Station, Shire office and Nursing Post they managed to get in a bit of exploring down at Marble Bar Pool and were treated to what was, by all accounts, a very competitive game of community cricket.

Thank you to Shane Wilson from Marble Bar Primary who shared with us some feedback from the students and schools who participated this year.

*"As a group we all reflected on our experiences and decided that the lessons we got out of this trip will remain with us forever. The importance of education and how lucky we all are, to go to the schools we do, was an eye opening experience for us all. We have learnt to never take our opportunities for granted and now know what we can do to help communities like this. After seeing the wide smiles of the children and building personal connections with them all, we are dreading leaving them tomorrow, but also know that we have made an impact on their lives and their impact will forever be present in ours."* - Christ Church & St. Hilda students

*"I know that our boys grow emotionally, gain invaluable learnings regarding mentoring and giving back to the community from this trip to Marble Bar... We highly value the opportunity you, your staff and community provide us" - Alan Jones, Principal Christ Church Grammar School.*

*"It has been a great privilege for the young ladies of St Hilda's to be welcomed into your community here ... our ladies will remember this experience long into their adulthood and share it with many people along the way... Marble Bar is an exceptionally beautiful place with exceptional people who care for the community and its members."* - Sharne Clayton, Head of Community Service; Teacher, St. Hilda's Anglican School for Girls.

- Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar CRC



# One drink for mum, is one drink for baby.

Women who are pregnant or planning a pregnancy should not drink alcohol.



alcoholthinkagain

# LOCAL HISTORY

On the 14th April 1940, a little girl named Judith Cluning drowned in an underground tank at the post office which was in the Old Government Building at the time. She was only three years old, it is such a sad story.

My research found little Judith was born in Marble Bar, christened in Marble Bar and then laid to rest in Marble Bar. Local folklore says she now haunts the building! I can only imagine the heart break her poor parents would have had to endure until the end of their days, to lose their beautiful little girl in such a tragic manner.

The following article was printed in The Daily Newspaper on the 15th April 1940 and the photo from the WA State Library. Given her age, it was probably taken not too long before she passed away.

*Kylie James,  
Marble Bar CRC*

## Only Child Drowned In Underground Tank

**MARBLE BAR, Monday.**

Judith Anne Cluning, 3 1/2- year old daughter of Mr and Mrs J G Cluning, of the Marble Bar post office, was drowned in an underground tank yesterday morning.



*A photo of Judith Anne Cluning taken in the backyard of the Old Government Buildings*

### LITTLE GIRL DROWNED AT MARBLE BAR

Marble Bar, April 15.  
Judith Anne Cluning (3½) was accidentally drowned yesterday morning in an underground tank at the Marble Bar post office. The child was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cluning. The father is the local postmaster.

*Article from the Kalgoorlie Miner*

She was their only child. Just before 9am, She was playing near where her father, who is the postmaster, was attending to his car. About ten minutes later her mother called her but received no answer. Mrs Cluning came down the steps of their house into the post office yard and noticed the flap on the cover of the underground tank was open. She looked in and saw the child lying in the bottom of the tank in four feet of water.

Hearing Mrs Cluning call out, A Weatherall, a linesman, who had just come through the gate, ran to the tank and jumped in. Mr Cluning rushed out of the garage and together they took the child out of the tank. The hospital was telephoned immediately and a call was put through to the flying doctor at Port Hedland.

The telegraphist on duty at the Marble Bar office called in Constable Marshall, and with the matron and sister from the hospital they endeavoured to restore life. They continued until the arrival of the flying doctor, at 11.30am. He was delayed by head winds. Their efforts proved unavailing although continued until 1.15pm when hope was abandoned.

*Information, photo and articles sourced from  
[www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)*

# FREE TICK TREATMENT

A big shout-out and thank you to those community members who have already brought their treasured pooches in for the free treatment available from the Shire Office



**Ehrlichiosis** (pronounced er-lick-e-o-sis) is a tick-borne disease that affects dogs.

Symptoms include fever, lethargy, swollen lymph nodes, bleeding and bruising - they can range in severity depending on the phase of the disease.

In Australia it is a notifiable disease and if you suspect your dog may have ehrlichiosis, please contact your vet, or the Emergency Animal Disease hotline on 1800 675 888.

Bring your dog down to the Shire Office to receive the chewy treatment that will help keep a loved pet tick-free for 4 months.



## Seeking Employment?

The Shire of East Pilbara are currently seeking Expressions of Interest for Casual Cleaners within the Community Wellbeing Team located in Marble Bar.

This position is accountable for cleaning Shire assets including but not limited to accommodation and recreational facilities within the Marble Bar town site.

To view the PD or if you have any further questions in relation to this opportunity, come in and see the ladies in the Shire Office or alternatively give us a call on 08 9176 1008. Those interested should ensure they are able to obtain a Police Clearance, along with other key selection criteria.

Please note that canvassing of Councilors will disqualify.

# ANIMAL WATCH:

## SNAKE-NECKED TURTLE

Scientific name *Chelodina steindachneri*

This species of snake-necked turtle is found in the Pilbara, Ashburton and Gascoyne regions of WA. They are an extremely hardy species as you can imagine to be able to live in our arid regions.

During dry times they dig themselves a burrow and go into a state of suspended animation until rains arrive. They can do this for months on end due to their watertight skin, so no moisture is lost. They have been found buried many kilometres from water in a burrow that has become so dry and compacted there is no way that they could dig out until the ground was soaked, yet they are still alive!

When the rain arrives and they dig out of their burrows they spend this time feeding and mating and generally living the good life before it's time to burrow down again! If their waterhole lacks in female companionship they will travel to another to find a mate.

They are the smallest of the long-necked turtle family, only growing up to about 25cm across their shell width, but their head and neck are about the same length again. Their colour



can vary depending on what region they are found in. Ours in the Pilbara tend to be darker than the cute fellow in the picture above... he is smiling for the camera! This one was found in the Wiluna region.



If you have ever come across one and picked it up then you will know that they more often than not they will empty their bladder all over you - it's not a pleasant odour or experience!

- Kylie James,  
Marble Bar CRC

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# Historical Marble Bar

## ~ ARTICLES FROM APRIL ~

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### DEATHS AT MARBLE BAR

~ *Kalgoorlie Western Argus* ~  
April 25 1910

A man, unknown, recently had his leg badly crushed, and died from the effects. He is believed to be Malcom Cheyne or James Cheyne, a recent arrival from Broome.

E.T Edwards, an old prospector, died in hospital on Saturday from lung complaint and senile decay.

E.H Hamilton, a miner at Cooglegong, committed suicide by blowing his head off.

### TIN AT PILBARRA

~ *Western Mail* ~  
Marble Bar, April 19 1899

An extraordinarily rich tin find has been made by Alfred Eley, a prospector, on the Shaw tinfields, ten miles east of Marble Bar, and one mile due north of Brockman's soak (a permanent pool in Brockman's Creek) the find is reported to be stream tin, that can be lifted in quart billyfuls from the surface along innumerable gullies for thousands of yards. Several lodes are running through very fine and soft granite country, the reefs being richly studded with pieces of tin ore. Many samples of the lode and the stream tin have been bought into the town and have caused intense excitement. The richness of the find is pronounced to be unprecedented by those who have previously been prospecting for and engaged in mining tin. The prospecting of deep ground was precluded owing to the streamlets, the result of the recent rains. Three hundred acres of ground where the ore is visible both in the lodes and the

streams have already been pegged out. Many persons are leaving tomorrow to secure ground, a considerable extent of which is showing visible ore, and has not yet been pegged. It is said that fully five square miles of country are available for this class of mining. An assay of the ore made by Mr R.G Gladstone, assayer and manager of the Klondike battery, and late inspector of mines on the Pilbarra goldfields, shows that the ore contains 68.2 percent of commercial tin. Several local syndicates are being formed to secure areas and prospect the country.

### A TRAGEDY OF THE BUSH Man's Body Found

~ *North Coolgardie Herald and Miners Daily News* ~  
Marble Bar, April 14 1904

The body of a man has been found off the road at George Creek, Marble Bar. The man was about five feet ten inches in height, and is supposed to have had red hair. "J.L.M" was engraved on a sleeve link and on a seal pendant, the latter also bearing a dog's head. Another seal pendant on one side bore the figures of a woman and child, and the inscription "Sans Toi Je Meurs" There was also a gold heart with "Cassie" engraved on it. The man had apparently been dead for twelve months.

### MARBLE BAR

~ *The West Australian* ~  
April 29 1900

At the police court today Specklemorra, alias Mick, was charged with stealing grog. He made the night hideous with blood curdling yells, and

threatened to shoot several persons with a gun. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour, and 30 lashes with the cat.

The holidays passed off very quietly, owing to the weather. Very successful sports were held on Easter Monday at the tinfields.

### MARBLE BAR NOTES

~ *Northern Times* ~  
April 22 1943

It's just about time your correspondent got down to it and reported on the district's doings. Quite a lot of things to report if I went back far enough, but an account of more recent happenings will be enough.

Once again we have a school in Marble Bar, with the largest attendance for many years, over a score of kiddies now went their way up the hill to the seat of learning, and the headmaster, Mr. J. Hutchinson has plenty to keep him busy.

That the reopening of the school was appreciated by the townspeople was made evident when a Parents' and Citizens Association was formed at the end of March, with the aim of assisting the teacher and children by raising funds for the purchase of equipment necessary for the advancement of the children's studies. The meeting was well attended and a committee was elected to carry out the work for the association. [...] The first effort of the committee was a dance on the 14th of April, and this proved to be a very successful affair, as the monthly meeting of the Road Board and the Annual Meeting of the Country Women's Association were held that afternoon, and residents of the

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district from all directions were there in force. The untiring efforts of Messrs Les Bailey and Alf Pook who supplied the music did much to make the evening the success that it was. During the evening several raffles were held, a pound of tobacco donated by Mr. A. Pozzi, a ham donated by Mr. G. Hannay, and a pound of tea donated by Mrs. W. Woddman. [...] The total including door takings amounting to over £32, which will buy quite a lot of the equipment needed.

The hot weather has continued right up to the last few days, a run of twenty-two consecutive centuries being the parting gift of old sol on his northward journey, but from now onwards we can look forward to the cooler months. [...]

After being here since August 1938, Mr. A. L. O'Brien who filled the position of Mining Registrar, recieved a transfer to Beverly and left during last month to take up his new duties. Prior to his

leaving the town a Bucks' Party was held to farewell him, just a nice quiet orderly affair as all Bucks' Parties should be. As far as I know there were no casualties. Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien should find Beverley quite a pleasant change from the Bar-climactically, at least. Mr. Chas Fisher, who relieved Mr. O'Brien for leave in 1941, now orders the staff around in the Registrar's Office.

Matron Bancroft and Sister Crothers have been having a busy time soothing fevered brows lately. Seems to be an awful lot of male patients there nowadays. Since writing the above a few days ago, we have had a nice drop of rain, causing the town creek to run strongly for a while. The populace had quite an entertainment during the morning after the rain, watching various members of the public services crossing the creek with the aid of ropes tied to the trees. Evidently the one who tied the knots was never a boy scout as four of them went for a swim fully clothed when the ropes came loose.

It is almost a year since we have seen any movies, but rumour hath it that a well known man of the town is on his way back from South, bringing with him a modern plant, which will go into action shortly.

23 oz, is estimated to contain 17 oz, of pure gold, and has been sold locally for nearly £70. Numerous other smaller pieces are being continually found in the gullies surrounding Talga Talga by various prospectors.

## A LETTER FROM MARBLE BAR

~ Western Mail ~  
April 24 1912

Dear Aunt Mary—I only received Lily's and my cards and badges. There should be 13 more cards and badges come, 13 for me and 5 for Lily. I would like you to send them as soon as you can. The weather is much cooler in Marble Bar now. The new school is opened now, and we are going to school in it. Now I must close with love to the sick children, nurse and yourself—Your loving niece  
OLIVE SNELL

My Dear Olive—I will send you the extra badges at once, and trust you will receive them safely, and Lily's too. You must all enjoy the cold weather, and the new school is opened now, and we are going to be done within it's walls. With love from us all, I remain— Yours lovingly,  
AUNT MARY

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### Pilbarra Roads Board.

£10 REWARD.

THE above reward will be paid by the Pilbarra Roads Board to any person finding a practicable track from two or three miles Shaw side of Just-in-Time to North Shaw, or from the North Shaw to Black Range. The route must, however, be approved by members of the Board, or by whosoever they may appoint.

W. D. BRACHER.

Secretary.

Marble Bar, April 12th.

### BICYCLES BICYCLES.

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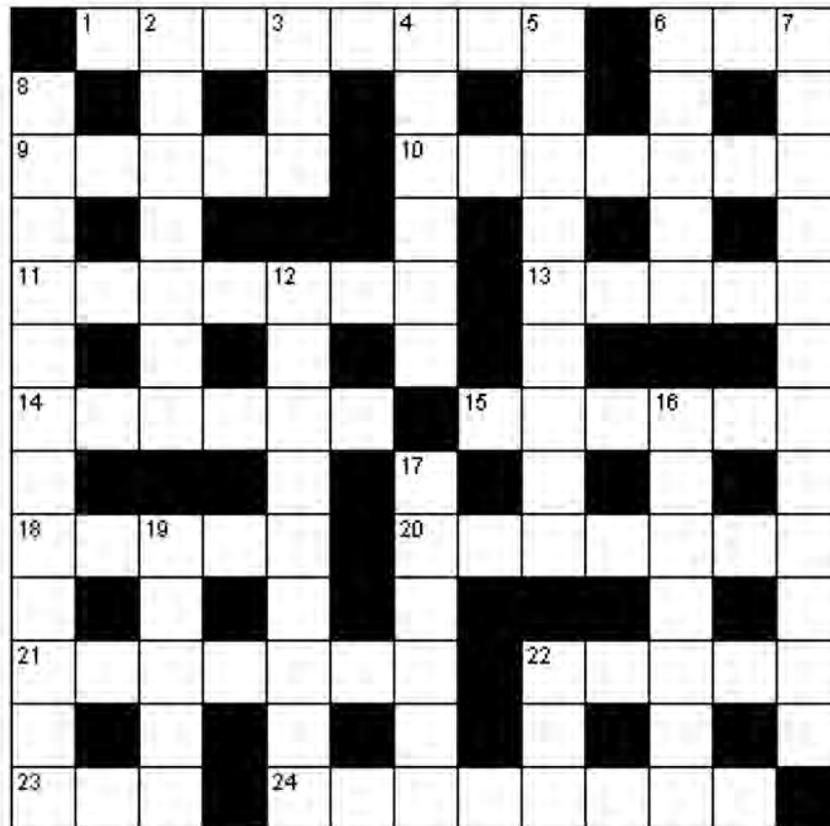
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TALGA TALGA  
YET ANOTHER SPECIMEN  
~Northern Public Opinion and  
Mining and Pastoral News~  
April 8 1894

I have seen another specimen, which has been brought into the bar. It was found at Talga Talga on Wednesday last by Ottaway and Koothane. It weighs nearly

## Daily Quick Crossword



### Across

- 1 Needed (8)
- 6 Crazy (3)
- 9 Big (5)
- 10 Furthermore (7)
- 11 Australian wilderness (7)
- 13 Annoyed (5)
- 14 Empty space (6)
- 15 Shortness of sight (6)
- 18 Injure with hot liquid (5)
- 20 Formerly, a British soldier (7)
- 21 Heighten (7)
- 22 Strap (5)
- 23 Male child (3)
- 24 Stretched (8)

### Down

- 2 Haphazard (7)
- 3 Function (3)
- 4 Reproach (6)
- 5 Wrecked (9)
- 6 Pattern (5)
- 7 Handicap (12)
- 8 Veins and arteries (5,7)
- 12 Plentiful supply (9)
- 16 Raise to a higher grade (7)
- 17 Passionate (6)
- 19 Drained of colour (5)
- 22 Heavy weight (3)

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# Community Noticeboard

## Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation

Marble Bar, Goodabinya and Woodstock

AAC Appointment Day:

7th April & 5th May

Warralong AAC Appointment Day:

14th April & 12th May

## Marble Bar Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services (VFES)

**Volunteers Wanted!**

**Training 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Contact Amy: 9176 1375

Paul Maddern: 0409 174 042

## ALLIED HEALTH 2021

Visiting Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy

Wednesdays at Marble Bar Nursing Post

5<sup>th</sup> May

9<sup>th</sup> June

2<sup>st</sup> July

18<sup>th</sup> August

13<sup>th</sup> October

WA Country Health Service:

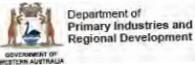
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Do you have a community notice you'd like included?

Call the CRC on 9176 1375

## ~ Funeral Notices ~

*It is with the upmost respect that we pass on the following funeral notices, more detailed notices can be viewed at the CRC.*

**Warren Sailor (02/01/1975 - 17/03/2021)**

Funeral 25th April, 8:30am at Jigalong Community.

**David Hicks (15/04/1954 - 28/02/2021)**

Funeral 17th April, Cortege leaving Main Street of Onslow at 9:15am

Graveside 9:30am Onslow Cemetery

**Jarrold Kelly**

Funeral 24th April, Cortege leaving Main Street of Marble Bar at 3:45pm

Graveside 4:00pm at Marble Bar Cemetery

**Justin Richard Mitchell (24/01/1976 - 22/03/2021)**

Funeral 17th April, 3:00pm at South Hedland Cemetery

Wake 6:00pm at Finucane Island Sports & Recreation Club

**Pastor David Moses-Martin (21/03/1958 - 31/03/2021)**

Funeral 1st May, 3:00pm at the Aboriginal Fellowship Church, Kennedy St. Sth Hedland

Cemetery Service at 4:00pm, Wake 7:00pm

# A FEW HANDY NUMBERS:

**Fire, Emergency & Ambulance**  
**000** (112 locked/out of range)

**Marble Bar Police Station:**  
9176 0500

**Marble Bar Nursing Post**  
9174 1900

**Main Roads Fault & Enquiry:**  
13 81 38

**Water Corp Faults Line:**  
13 13 75

**Horizon Power Faults Line:**  
13 23 51

**Marble Bar Race Club**  
0455 236 028

**Marble Bar Shire Office**  
9176 1008

**Marble Bar Tourist  
Association/Museum**  
0484 857 576

**Marble Bar Progress Association**  
0438 761 078

**Marble Bar EPIS:**  
9175 5179 or 0407 374 812

**Marble Bar Ashburton Office  
(AAC):** 9140 1246



# Happy Birthday!

DEXTER WALKER - 17TH APRIL

CHLOE COFFIN - 3RD APRIL

CHERYL MANURUNG - 6TH APRIL

KATHY DHU - 4TH APRIL

CAMERON WHALEBONE - 23RD APRIL



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# APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> BIN DAY <b>Easter Pool Party</b> 2:30pm @MB Pool <b>RFDS @MB NPost</b>	<b>2</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY Good Friday	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>5</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter Monday	<b>6</b> BIN DAY <b>VFES</b> 5pm @The Station	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>RFDS</b> @MB Nursing Post	<b>9</b> BIN DAY <b>Be Connected</b> 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	<b>10</b>
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>						
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<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>						
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> BIN DAY <b>VFES</b> 5pm @The Station	<b>21</b> <b>Tourism Meeting</b> 12pm @MBCRC	<b>22</b> <b>RFDS</b> @MB Nursing Post	<b>23</b> BIN DAY <b>Be Connected</b> 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> ANZAC Day Dawn Service: 5:30am - RSL Park Breakfast: 6:30am Civic Centre	<b>26</b> PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC Day	<b>27</b> BIN DAY <b>VFES</b> 5pm @The Station	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>RFDS</b> @MB Nursing Post	<b>30</b> BIN DAY	

# MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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