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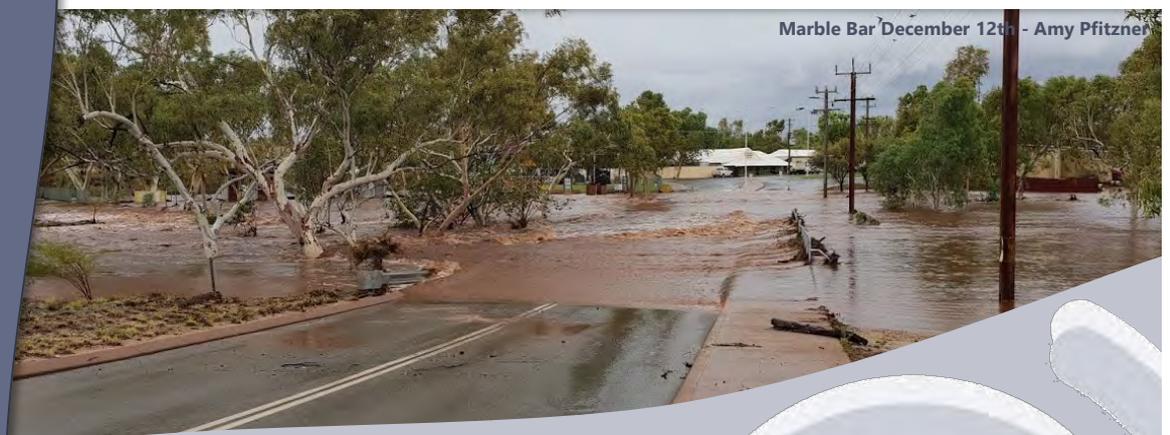


Marble Bar Pool December 12th - Charlie Mawson

## **REMINDER: DON'T DRIVE IN FLOOD WATERS!**

**Multiple rescues\* were carried out after the recent flooding in  
Marble Bar and Nullagine - if it's flooding, don't risk it!**

\*Information sourced from ABC Pilbara | [www.emergency.wa.gov.au](http://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) for road info



Marble Bar December 12th - Amy Pfitzner

# Are you Cyclone Ready Marble Bar?

*Get your cyclone ready info  
pamphlet on pages 12-13*

# Editorial

Hello again,

Well, we've had a fairly exciting start to December after a fairly quiet November - the wet season is definitely upon us now! I'll put my DFES hat on for a second and reiterate the message from the front cover; *please avoid driving when flooding is predicted and definitely don't try your luck heading through the flood waters.*

More information about December activities will be in the next edition of the Mirage - we don't usually cover events from the coming month but I thought the message was too important not to share.

For this edition we've got a few festive bits and pieces to get you ready for Christmas.

Stay safe over the coming season and have an awesome Christmas - let's hope the new year is a little brighter than this one.

Cheers,

Amy Pfitzner  
Coordinator,  
Marble Bar CRC

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

Coronavirus  
(COVID-19)

# What's Cooking?

## Slow Cooker Spice Rubbed Turkey and Crunchy Potatoes



Recipe from Taste.com

### Method

1. Combine paprika, sugar, cumin, fennel seeds, garlic powder and onion salt in a bowl. Rub mixture all over turkey. Season with pepper.
2. Place potatoes in base of slow cooker. Pour over 3/4 cup of stock. Top with turkey. Cover. Cook on LOW for six hours or until juices run clear when thickest part of turkey is pierced with a skewer.
3. Preheat oven to 240c/220c fan forced. Line a large baking tray with baking paper. Transfer turkey to a plate. Cover loosely with foil to keep warm. Set aside to rest.
4. Using a slotted spoon, transfer potatoes to prepared tray. Cut in half. Roast potatoes, turning, for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden and crisp.
5. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large frying pan. Add flour. Cook, stirring, until mixture turns golden. Gradually whisk in 1/2 cup cooking liquid until combines. Add remaining stock and thyme. Cook, whisking constantly, until mixture bubbles and thickens.
6. Slice turkey. Add parsley to potatoes. Toss to combine. Serve turkey with potatoes, gravy and buttered peas.

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. sweet paprika
- 1 tbsp. brown sugar
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. fennel seeds
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion salt
- 1.5kg turkey breast with skin
- 1kg white baby potatoes
- 2 3/4 cups Massel chicken liquid stock
- 50g butter
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 1tsp. Fresh thyme
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- Steamed buttered peas to serve

# INVITATION TO TENDER

## GARDEN & YARD MAINTENANCE

For the Marble Bar Community Resource Centre

The Marble Bar CRC is seeking tenders for the provision of garden and yard maintenance.

Duties include: Weekly mowing and clean up of the back lawn area, whippersnipping and trimming of plants and yard area as necessary, ensure daily watering of lawn area (an automatic watering system is installed)

Negotiable: Daily watering of the community garden and seedling shadehouse, seedling raising and community garden general maintenance.

Preference will be given to anyone able to supply their own equipment.

To find out more or submit an offer (in writing) please contact the Marble Bar CRC  
[marblebarcrc@bigpond.com](mailto:marblebarcrc@bigpond.com) | (08) 9176 1375



# NAIDOC WEEK IN MARBLE BAR



Do you like design,  
fashion and culture?

Shire of EAST  
Pilbara  
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

The Marble Bar Community Resource Centre has successfully received a grant and will work together with Julie from the Youth Centre to offer our community the chance to design their own NAIDOC themed shirts to wear and keep!

These shirts will be printed professionally using the Marble Bar CRC printing service and you will be left with an impressive piece of wearable art that displays your culture and creativity this NAIDOC Week!



**INTERESTED?**

Call the Marble Bar CRC  
on 9176 1375 to register!

**WHERE ARE YOU  
POSTIE?**



Thanks to COVID, post is a little slow which has pushed our plans back - this is why we can't give you any dates yet as our items haven't arrived!



# SAVE TIME GO ONLINE



Our online services continue to grow and make dealing with the WA Police Force quick, easy and convenient.

## APPLY FOR INFORMATION

- Record of Traffic Infringement Notices • National Police Certificate
- Record of Traffic Crash or Crime Incident

## REPORT AN INCIDENT

- Traffic Crash • Hoon drivers • Graffiti • Damage • Lost or stolen property

## CHECK STATUS

- Firearms Licence Application • Stealing or damage related crime reports



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# Marble Bar

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AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

## YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**JANUARY**

*open*

**Monday - Friday**

special youth programming runs from 10:30 - 4:30pm daily

Note: Children under 10 to have an adult with them

**PARENTS WELCOME**



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
				1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
4 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	5 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: NAIDOC Project Completion PM: Milk shakes	6 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Chill out zone Lunch provided	7 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: NAIDOC Project Completion PM: Smoothies	8 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Pool Competition PM: Cooking Burgers	9 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	10 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
11 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: Pancakes PM: Movies & popcorn	12 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Screen free day - games, sport and activities	13 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Chill out zone Lunch provided	14 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Arts and Craft Disco Day	15 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: Basketball Competition PM: Cooking Spaghetti	16 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	17 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
18 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: Cookies PM: Cookie decoration and games	19 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Arts and Craft PM: Milk Shakes	20 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Chill out zone Lunch provided	21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Screen free day - games, sport and activities	22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Pool Competition PM: Cooking Pizzas	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: Jelly PM: Movies & popcorn	26 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PUBLIC HOLIDAY - AUSTRALIA DAY - Breakfast Pool Party!	27 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Chill out zone Lunch provided	28 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Arts and Craft PM: Smoothies	29 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AM: Basketball Competition PM: Cooking Nachos	30 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	31 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED



# Marble Bar

Shire of **EAST Pilbara**  
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

## LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**JANUARY**

*open*

**Monday - Friday**

special library programming runs from 12:30 - 2:30pm daily

**PARENTS WELCOME**



mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
				1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
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11 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NAIL ART	12 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS READING TIME WITH RONICE	13 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS READ, COLOR, COMPUTE & PLAY	14 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KID CRAFT: HAT MAKING	15 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MAKE THEM! PAPER WATER BOMBS	16 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	17 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
18 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COLORING IN COMPETITION	19 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS READING TIME WITH RONICE	20 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS READ, COLOR, COMPUTE & PLAY	21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KID CRAFT: BRACELETS	22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MAKE THEM! SOLAR POWER MINI CAR	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED	24 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CLOSED
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# THANK A VOLUNTEER 2020

*congratulations & thank you*



Amy Pfitzner  
Coordinator Community Resource Centre and Community  
Volunteer of the Year 2020

Marble Bar came together in the shire offices to acknowledge the abundance of volunteers present here in town. It was an opportunity to acknowledge the community members who take part in committees, organizations essential services.

This year, Amy Pfitzner is awarded the Marble Bar Volunteer of the Year award in acknowledgment for her many contributions to the Marble Bar community. Amy is the captain of the local VFES often fielding phone calls of reports and concerned community members who spot smoke in the distance.

Amy takes her time with members of community and often drives initiatives with the community members at the heart of her concerns. Within her role as Community Resource Centre Coordinator, Amy is driven to exceed expectations and works daily to go above and beyond sourcing education, personal development, professional development opportunities and strategic partnerships that would complement the service of the CRC.

The morning tea was a well-attended event catered by the local travellers rest – the morning tea was an appreciated opportunity to thank those valuable volunteers for all they do.



## Banned Drinkers Register

in effect in the Pilbara region



The effects of alcohol misuse are often felt by the most vulnerable in our community, such as children and families subject to domestic violence.



Those identified as banned drinkers will be referred to appropriate community services to provide access to relevant support programs and initiatives.



Everyone must now present approved photo ID\* each time they buy takeaway alcohol in the Pilbara.



The Banned Drinkers Register identifies people who are banned from purchasing takeaway alcohol and stops their purchase at the point of sale.



The BDR is one of the tools designed to reduce alcohol-related harm to individuals, families and the wider community.



You can help with the transition by ensuring you are prepared and always carrying your ID with you when purchasing takeaway alcohol.



It aims to make communities safer by reducing access to takeaway alcohol for problem drinkers.



No personal details or information about your purchase is recorded.

### More information

Contact the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Email: [BDR@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:BDR@dlgsc.wa.gov.au)  
Phone: (08) 6551 4820 (weekdays)  
or 7 days 0448 359 758 or 0448 359 757  
web: [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/BDR](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/BDR)

\*A full list of approved ID is available online: [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/BDR](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/BDR)

Marble Bar Progress Association

# *Marble Bar Town Christmas Party*

At Marble Bar RSL Park  
5:30pm Saturday 12th December

Lots of presents,  
Father Christmas will be  
arriving at 6:00pm.

There will be a BBQ  
and drinks for everyone.

A BIG thank you to the  
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Get in touch with us at the Marble Bar CRC to book your digital literacy training - *FREE* for people over 50!

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# The Extended Story of James Leonard

## FOREWARD

*Some of you might remember the story we did on James Leonard who is buried near the road to Port Hedland not far from Pear Creek. Faye Myers did some research and has contributed the following story as a follow up with more about his life which is fascinating. Faye was able to contact relatives of James and show them the picture of his final resting spot, needless to say they were delighted to now know where their ancestor rests. Faye does lots of historical research especially into lonely graves and old cemeteries, she is a wealth of information and we really appreciate her contribution this month, thanks Faye!*

### James Leonard c. 1870-1907

The story behind the man who is buried beside the Marble Bar-Port Hedland road on the left hand side, 3 km past Pear Creek, as you head towards Port Hedland.

James Leonard was born in South Australia in 1870. His parents were Irish. Well at least his father, Patrick (Pat) Leonard (c.1832-1886) was. He emigrated from Ireland and settled in the Macclesfield/Bulls Creek area, 50kms S-E of Adelaide. It's unknown when this was. (Bulls Creek is now known as Bull Creek). His mother Mary Purtle (1840-1904) was born at sea, on the 'Mary Dugdale'. This was the first ship to sail direct from England (Bristol) and Ireland (Dublin) to Adelaide, a voyage of 4 months. Mary's parents, along with other Irish folk on the ship, were amongst the first Irish immigrants to come to South Australia. In 1846, they came to live in the Bull's Creek area.

Pat and Mary, 17, were married in 1857 at Bull's Creek and soon, along came the children. Mary had at least 16 children over 22 years. James, about the ninth child, was born at Bull's Creek in 1870. The SA Government had opened up farming land on the Yorke Peninsula and in the mid 1870's, Pat and his father in law, Patrick Purtle, moved there with their families. They became wheat and sheep farmers and Pat and Mary's family continued to grow. Mary's father died in 1877. A few years later, after a series of droughts, things weren't doing so well on the farms.

Wheat farming was doing well around the Nhill area, near Horsham, in the Wimmera, Western Victoria. In 1893 a decision was made: Pat and some of his family, plus some of Mary's family, would move to the Nhill district. They would take everything with them, overland, on a journey of about 700km. It was a huge undertaking. They

took their families, horses, sheep, cattle and bullock wagons loaded with their possessions. There were 35 people in all, 23 adults, Mary's 63 year old mother included, and 12 children, with 3 of those under 1. Slowly, slowly the wagons rumbled on each day, with the stock grazing by the roadside as they went. Each night the camp was set up, bullocks unyoked and horses unsaddled. Each morning the camp was packed up, bullocks yoked to the wagon and horses saddled. Everyone, kids and all, would be expected to help. James was 12 or 13, old enough to do the work of a man. After many, many months, they at last arrived. Once there Pat's family settled and farmed in the Warraquil district (later named Netherby), near Nhill.

In 1886, aged about 55, Pat died. His unexpected and sudden death was from choking. Mary, his widow, was left with 14 surviving children, some being adults with their own families, and the youngest only 6 years old. Young James was not quite 16 when his father died.

Leonard Bros became successful farmers in the district, but James wasn't destined to be a farmer. Stories of rich gold finds lured him to Western Australia where he was keen to try his luck. He arrived in Coolgardie in the early 1890's and followed most of the rushes. Newspapers, both local and state-wide, regularly reported gold finds and in June 1899 there was an account of a James Leonard in partnership with 3 others. This could very well be 'our' man. Their mine was "100 miles from Lawlers" (roughly 550km North-ish of Kalgoorlie), and the men had worked the claim for over 3 years, stockpiling the ore. They were well rewarded on their first crushing, when 200 tons of stone yielded 230 ounces of gold.

James moved to the Pilbara about the turn of the century and in 1903 was mining at Mosquito Creek, near Nullagine.

With the mobility of miners chasing gold and lack of communication, family and friends would often lose touch with them. To track them down, newspapers would report on 'Missing Friends'. In 1904, in the Sunday Times, someone was looking for James.

*LEONARD, James: aged 29 years, a miner or labourer, and a native of Nhill, Victoria; was mining in Cue about five years ago. Last heard of at Marble Bar about January this year.*

Tin had been discovered in the area some years previously. By 1906 it was bringing high prices, drawing in many miners who had been working on gold. James was one of those who moved to the Moolyella tin fields, about 20km to the east of Marble Bar. It wasn't all work for him though, as he joined in with social activities. He was a bowler for the Moolyella cricket team and a jockey in the local horse races. Summers are always extremely hot, but that wasn't enough to put locals off having fun over the New Year's break of 1906-7. The 'Berne's Flat Picnic Races' at Moolyella on New Years Eve brought people from near and far. The tug-of-war championship, with 10 men to a side and £10 prize money, was keenly contested. The two teams were 'Berne's Flat' against 'The World.' As the teams pulled and tugged, with sweat pouring from their bodies, the spectators became more and more excited and crowded around the contestants. After a hard won struggle, the victorious team was 'Berne's Flat'. The crowd would have erupted with loud cheers. Those poor exhausted contestants though, drenched in sweat, probably had only one thought on how to spend the prize money and maybe shouting the losers a drink as well. There were 5 horse races for the day. James' horse 'Mulga Ned' won 'The Dry Blowers Dash' and came second in the 'Berne's Flat Handicap'. The Donkey Race was a novelty event, as in this race the last horse was the winner. And the winner was... 'Slow Tom'!

James joined in the spirit of local social activities and was a popular fellow amongst his mates.

Towards the end February, 1907, a very hot time of the year, James was complaining of being affected by the sun. A fellow miner, Dave Priest, owned a wagon and bullock team. Although James hadn't been well, he had taken charge of Dave's team. It is not known where the journey started, but after travelling for a couple of days, James became very

ill with heat exhaustion, unable to travel any further. He was part way between Gorge Creek and Pier Creek (now called Pear Creek). He let his horse go, still with bridle and saddle on, and didn't have the strength to unyoke the bullocks. There they stayed overnight, still hitched to the wagon. Next morning, James' horse was found about 11km back at John Foster's camp, alerting Foster that something was wrong. He and another fellow went looking. They found James, very ill and complaining of cramps, lying under the wagon. Within a short time he became unconscious and died about midday on the 1st March, 1907. Foster continued onto Marble Bar to report the death, arriving about 8pm. Corporal Street, the police officer, after examination of James' body concluded there weren't any suspicious circumstances, that heat stroke was the cause of death, and he authorised James to be buried where he died. James' death certificate states he was buried in the bush between Gorge Creek and Pier Creek, 6 miles NW of Pier Creek. As a mark of respect, James' friends planned to place a fence around his grave. He died two months after the exciting New Years Eve Picnic Races at Berne's Flat. James Leonard, a young man in his late 30's, was dead, just one of many who have perished in the extreme heat and conditions of the Pilbara goldfields. His estate was worth £35.

James' older brother, Patrick, also decided to try his luck in the Western Australian goldfields, but he decided that the rugged lifestyle and heat wasn't for him. He settled in Northam where he stayed until his death in 1939. Their brother William, the youngest in the family, also came to the West, but it's not known whether he was interested in looking for gold.

Now there are a couple of mysteries. James Leonard's grave is regularly tended. Vegetation is cleared away and the cross metalwork and rocks around his grave freshly painted white. Thankyou to whoever does this, but who are you?? The other mystery is if James Leonard was buried between Gorge and Pier Creek as his death certificate states, why is his grave now 3km from Pier/Pear Creek?

- Faye Myers

*Faye Myers is grateful to have had access to family information from a book "Embracing New Horizons: The Family of Patrick and Margaret Purtle" by Mary Reece and Pat Baker 1981*

# ARE YOU CYCLONE READY MARBLE BAR?



2020 has been an interesting year for us all. Our town has been focused on staying healthy during these COVID times but we must also remember, cyclone season is upon us! What can you do to better prepare your house hold for the next few months?

## BEFORE

### PREPARE YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY & YOUR PROPERTY



**YOURSELF** - Water, toilet paper, food, medications, light and fuel



**FAMILY** - Activities for kids, support & responsibilities



**PROPERTY** - Remove debris, tie down loose items & repair broken assets

## DURING



Don't venture out during an extreme weather event; remember, on Red Alert, you aren't allowed by law to be out and about - nor are the police which means no one can come and assist you if you get into trouble.



Keep your devices charged to ensure you can continue to seek updates.



Seek updates from reputable sources like the BOM and DFES websites

## AFTER

**CHECK** - Check on your family, your property, your pets and your mates

**DRIVE** - Check road reports and main roads before venturing out

**LOOK** - Look down & look up for fallen power lines - report them to Horizon Power

**PROTECT** - Protect yourself before starting clean up, use gloves, boots & glasses



**TEAR ME OUT AND HANG ME ON THE FRIDGE**

**HORIZON POWER** 13 23 51

**TELSTRA** <https://outages.telstra.com.au/#/>

**BOM** <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

**DFES 13 3337 or** <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/>

**WATERCORP** <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Outages-and-works>

**SHIRE ROAD REPORTS** <http://www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au/Shire-Services/>

**MAIN ROADS** <https://travelmap.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Home/Map>

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<b>MARBLE BAR POLICE STATION</b>	<b>9176 0500</b>
<b>NURSES STATION - BRIAN</b>	<b>9174 1900</b>
<b>MARBLE BAR SHIRE OFFICE</b>	<b>9176 1008</b>
<b>MARBLE BAR CRC</b>	<b>9176 1375</b>



There are two evacuation centres in Marble Bar:

- 1) The Marble Bar Rec Shed on Station Street. Those who live on Goodabinya side of the river should go here in the event of evacuation.
- 2) The Civic Centre on Francis Street. Those who live on the Travellers' Rest side of the river should go here in the event of evacuation.

**When:**

Evacuation is voluntary. Centers can open on yellow alert when an imminent threat has been established. These facilities are run by Department of Communities.

**Bring:**

You can bring yourself, your children; your family; own bedding if possible, as supplies are limited; and some essentials like medications and basic personal care items.

**Leave:**

You will need to leave your pets, alcohol, smokes and furniture behind.

# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

## WITH MARK KEOGH AT THE CRC TRAINING CENTRE

On Sunday the 22nd we were able to organise delivery of another round of free mental health first aid training to 10 members of the community thanks to funding from Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) and the Shire of East Pilbara.

I was pretty excited to get a chance to participate in this training, which teaches strategies for providing first aid and general assistance to people who are struggling with mental illness. The course deals with some pretty challenging subjects including suicide, psychotic episodes and self harm but Mark does a fantastic job of making sure everyone is comfortable.

All up, 21 people have now completed this training, including those who participated in the September course, and we couldn't be happier. Mental illness is a tricky subject to deal with and something that a lot of people don't like to talk about, but it's a very real issue for a lot of people.

Huge thanks to FMG who awarded us the funding

through their Community Grants program way back in 2019 and have been very patient with us as we worked to get this program happening! Thanks also to Mark Keogh for both delivering the training and allowing us to tap in to the COVID-19 Community Assistance Grant funding he received from the Shire of East Pilbara for delivery of mental health first aid training in our area.

If you are struggling with mental illness, drug or alcohol dependence or other issues, please make

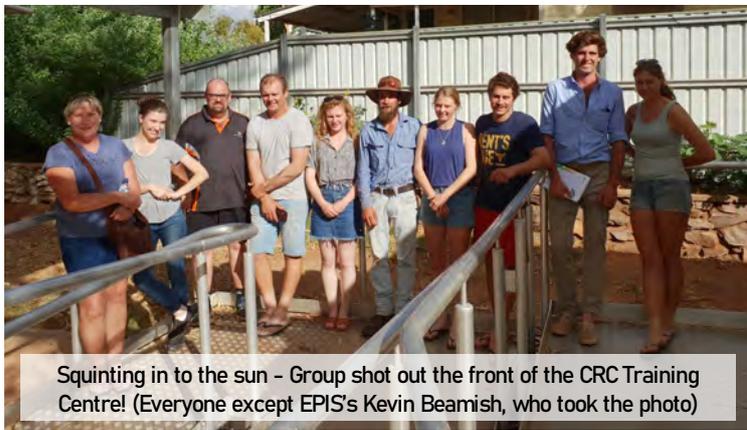


Group shot out the front of the CRC Training Centre with Mark Keogh and Marble Bar's newest Mental Health First Aiders

This training provided free to the community thanks to funding from:



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sure to get some help. 2020 has been a rough year for a lot of people so you're certainly not alone!

Your best bet is to catch up with a GP next time the RFDS are in town and have a chat to them about your options - we're lucky in Australia, we can get help pretty much anywhere in the country and (particularly if we have a referral from a GP,) it won't break the bank. If you aren't ready to see a doctor, call one of the support hotlines below. For more information about local support services (or if you just need to have a chat) feel free drop in to the CRC.

If you missed out on this round of training but are interested in completing a mental health first aid course, check out Mark Keogh's website - he regularly runs sessions in Newman and around the Pilbara.

*Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar CRC*



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## SUPPORT IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

### 24hr Support Lines:

<b>Lifeline</b>	<b>13 11 14</b>
<b>Beyond Blue</b>	<b>1300 224 363</b>
<b>Suicide Call Back Service</b>	<b>1300 659 467</b>
<b>Kids Helpline</b>	<b>1800 551 800</b>
<b>Gambling Helpline</b>	<b>1800 858 858</b>
<b>Mensline Australia</b>	<b>1300 78 99 78</b>
<b>Youth Accommodation Program</b>	<b>9140 1668</b>
<b>Youth Drug &amp; Alcohol Advice</b>	<b>1800 458 685</b>
<b>National Alcohol &amp; Drug Hotline</b>	<b>1800 250 015</b>
<b>Alcohol &amp; Drug Support WA</b>	<b>1800 198 024</b>
<b>Working Away Alcohol/Drug</b>	<b>1800 721 997</b>
<b>Parent/Family Drug Support</b>	<b>1800 653 685</b>
<b>Family Drug Support</b>	<b>1300 368 168</b>
<b>Family Drug Help</b>	<b>1300 600 068</b>

### Local Services:

<b>Headspace Pilbara</b>	<b>1800 290 626</b>
<b>Bloodwood Tree</b>	<b>1800 282 8733</b>
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<b>Relationships Australia</b>	<b>9160 2900</b>
<b>Wirraka Maya Health Service</b>	<b>9172 0444</b>
<b>Mission Australia</b>	<b>9174 4800</b>
<b>Hedland Women's Refuge</b>	<b>9173 1948</b>
<b>Wapa Maya Sober up Centre</b>	<b>9138 3040</b>
<b>Yaandina Community Services</b>	<b>9172 4490</b>
<b>Marble Bar Nursing Post</b>	<b>9174 1900</b>

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# WARRAWOONA GOLD PROJECT UPDATE

As we come into the festive season progress has continued at Warrawoona and our camp is really starting to take shape.



Calidus Warrawoona Camp

The Telstra communications tower build has been completed and we are excited about the prospect of having connectivity to the site when we return in the New Year.



Calidus Telstra Tower

The entire team at Calidus would like to thank the community of Marble Bar for their support over 2019 and we wish everyone a safe and joyous festive season.

- Article Supplied by Calidus Resources



Calidus Warrawoona Camp



Calidus Warrawoona Camp

Shire of **EAST Pilbara**  
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

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

## RPT Bus Service



**CLOSED**  
14/12/2020

**OPEN**  
04/01/2021

### COST

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

### PICK - UP

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



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# LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Thursday the 3rd of December, the Marble Bar community came together at the Marble Bar Civic Centre to celebrate the Lighting of the Tree event.

A great turn out from community meant there were lots of people to enjoy the BBQ on offer. The kids loved covering themselves in glow sticks before gathering outside to get ready to count down to the lighting of the tree.

Gathered at the front of the civic center, everyone counted down from 5 all together before the tree lit up. The cinema was set up inside the Civic Centre and the new Lion King played while the kids enjoyed movie snacks and the families caught up over a cup of tea.

This years event was a joy to put on for the community and we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did putting it on for you.



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## Marble Bar

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### A NOTE FROM THE DEPOT - DECEMBER

#### CHRISTMAS RUBBISH SCHEDULE

The team in the Marble Bar Depot will be taking a break over the holidays however it doesn't mean your rubbish won't be picked up!

Please note that the rubbish run will change to Thursday the 24th and Thursday the 31st in lieu the public holidays so be sure to have your bin ready.

The tip remains open throughout the break as well.

Have a safe Christmas holiday and a happy new year!

mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat	sun
	1 Bin Day	2	3	4 Bin Day	5	6
7	8 Bin Day	9	10	11 Bin Day	12	13
14	15 Bin Day	16	17	18 Bin Day	19	20
21	22 Bin Day	23	24 Bin Day	25	26	27
28	29 Bin Day	30	31 Bin Day			



# MARBLE BAR RACE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021  
7:00pm, Marble Bar CRC Training Centre

## NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

**127 years of tradition isn't enough.**

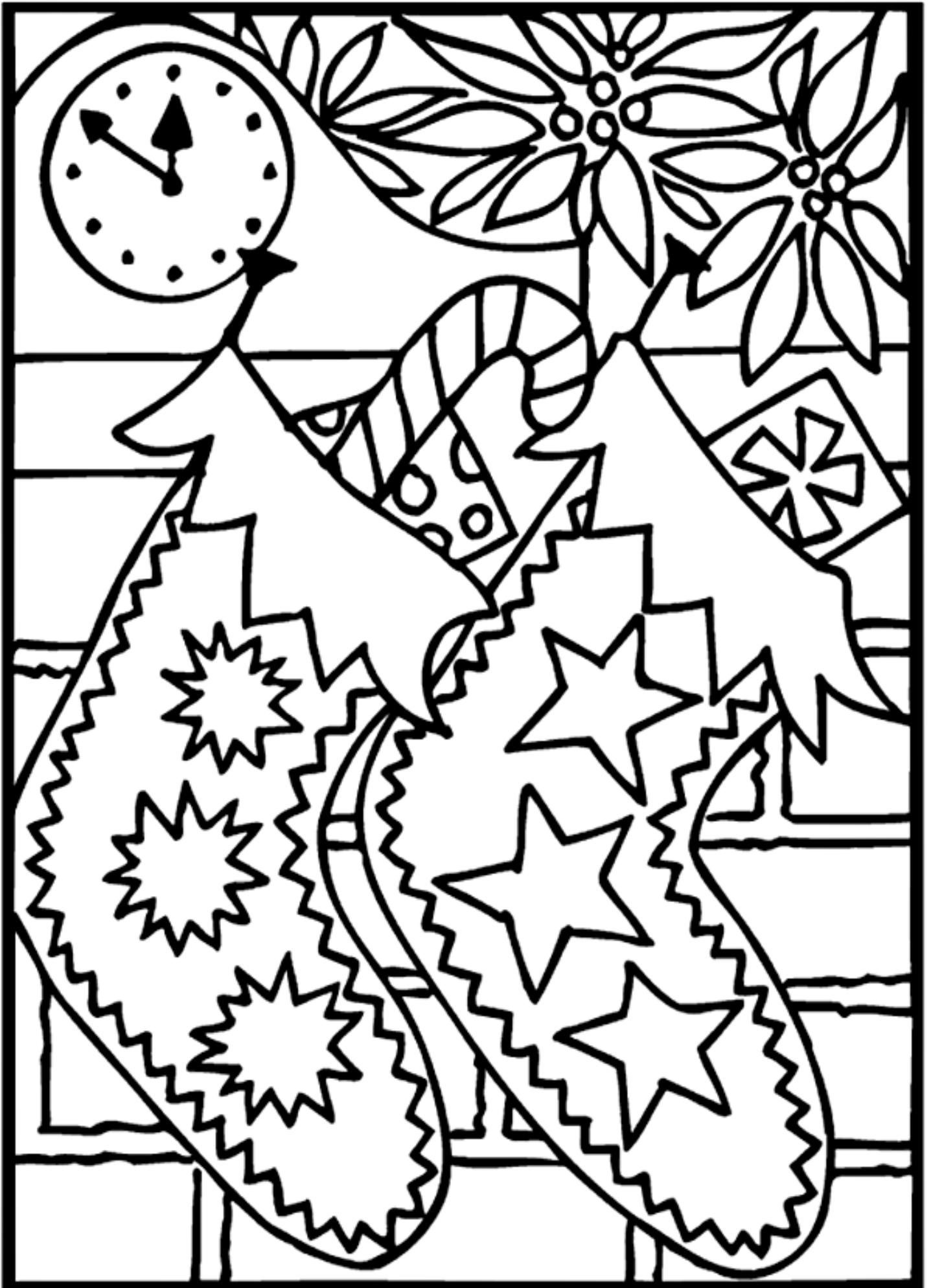
**Without new members the  
2021 Marble Bar Cup  
WILL NOT GO AHEAD**

To get involved, come along to  
the Annual General Meeting  
or contact Eugene Crawford:

0455 236 028  
marblebarraceclub@mail.com



# COLOUR ME IN FOR CHRISTMAS!



# LOCAL HISTORY

*Article kindly submitted by Sue Coppin*

When gold was first found at the Stray Shot in 1891, by Francis, Jenkins and Edmondstone, it started a gold rush to Marble Bar.

Prospectors hoping to make a fortune travelled from other areas where gold had earlier been discovered. Some came from the Kimberly and, as it was in the era of the 1890's, there was no public transport or motorised vehicles, so they made their way however they could. As it shows in the picture (below) some would of ridden pushbikes.

Around the town site they constructed very basic dwellings to shelter in, made from anything they could find. Such was gold fever that many no doubt would of suffered very badly both mentally and physically having to contend with flies, heat, blistered feet, dehydration and of disappointment at not finding any gold. On scattered rubbish piles, in close proximity to where these huts were located, many types of old bottles which contained alcoholic beverages have been found. Perhaps some to celebrate a find or otherwise to blot out where they were living

and not having any luck. Other finds from these sites include tobacco tins, matchbox tins, medicine bottles, tin pannikins and plates, picks, shovel heads, gold pans and an assortment of tin food cans. Evidence of camps can still be found in the vicinity of the Round Hole Pool, South of Marble Bar, which always had a good supply of water.

- Sue Coppin

*(Thanks Sue! - MBCRC)*



Photos show examples of early structures - pretty practical and would have been lovely and cool.

Bicycles were a common site on most goldfields in WA back in the day. What tough men!





## FREE EVENT

Come and join us for an aussie breakfast, inflatables and fun in the pool this Australia Day!

8:30am Marble Bar Aquatic Centre



Presentation of the  
Marble Bar Citizen of the  
Year Awards

# CELEBRATE Australia Day 2021 in MARBLE BAR

## Well Done Kelliemarie

Kelliemarie has been acknowledged for being an awesome citizen in the library. Kelliemarie has been attending the library daily and taking part in various activities. Ronice is very creative and sets up displays that are themed according to significant happenings for the month and in November, it was Remembrance Day.

A beautiful display of poppies, books and information was set up and caught the attention of Kelliemarie, Kelliemarie asked Ronice to explain what Remembrance Day was all about so together, they used the display to learn about why it is important for us to remember the 11th of November.

A few days later, Kelliemarie was in the library with her friends and they were just as curious about Remembrance Day so Kelliemarie took the time to explain to the kids why it is important to remember.

We were so impressed with Kelliemarie and her willingness to share her new knowledge we gave her this months library citizen award which she gratefully received.



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### Chocolate in the Snow

People in Iceland generally exchange books on Xmas Eve and spend the rest of the night reading and eating chocolate. As a result, Iceland publishes more books per capita than any other country.

### Love & Romance, Nippon-style

Christmas is considered the 'Festival of Love' in Japan. Couples usually spend a romantic evening together, whereas singles go out looking for the love of their lives.

### Foodie Heaven

The Provence region of France go all out with food - serving seven main courses and 13 desserts. Some of the favourites include pancakes, nougat with honey and pistachios, pumpkin pie and dried nuts.

### An Island Christmas

In the Marshall Islands, people start to prepare for Xmas soon after Easter, stockpiling food and gifts and dividing into teams that perform song and dance competitions on Xmas Day. They also build pinata's containing presents of matches, money and soap for God.

### New Arrivals

- Juniors
  - Santa's New Beard
  - Fireman Sam - Monster Mania
- Tweens & Teens
  - Spotify, Pandora and Streaming Music
  - School of Laughs - Jokes by Jim Dewar
  - Niam - Cooking with Kids
- Adult Fiction
  - The Bromance Book Club
  - The Clutter Corpse
- Adult Non-Fiction
  - Stalin's Wine Cellar
  - Niki Lauder: the Biography
  - The Buddhist on Death Row - How One Man Found Light in the Darkest Place



### Love Your Library Competition Winners

- 1st - \$75 Booktopia Voucher - Kelliemarie Stream Dhu
- 2nd - \$50 Booktopia Voucher - Kelliemarie Stream Dhu
- 3rd - \$30 Booktopia Voucher - Wendy Brooks

## MARBLE BAR VFES BRIGADE TRAINING

While the official training will pause over the Christmas period (resuming February) vehicle checks and other routine maintenance will still go ahead, first and third Tuesday of the month!

Contact Paul Maddern on 0409 174 042

Or speak to Amy (MBVFES Captain) at the CRC for more information

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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# Marble Bar Primary

## ROYAL LIFE SAVING CARNIVAL

On the 12th of November we ventured off to Hedland for the annual Royal Life Saving Carnival, the carnival being held at the South Hedland Aquatic Centre, providing an opportunity for our students to compete against other schools across the Hedland network.

We commenced our journey with the rising sun in the background, Jasper Manurung, Sharnee Mason, DeeJae Stream and Leonie Stream all earearly ready for the 200km first leg of the trip. Mr Dhu had the bus ready to go and Miss Kiernan and Mr Sinclair had the bus loaded with water and supplies. The hour two trip flew by, which was in-part due to some epic games of I-Spy which set the scene for a positive day at the pool.

The students arrived to compete in swimming races, novelty events and water games in an action packed day! After a quick pep talk by Miss Kiernan about "giving things a go and trying your best" the students got into the pool. For the next three hours the students were magnificent! The kids excelled both as a team and personally.

DeeJae and Jasper claimed a third place in the novelty dash, DeeJae continuing her early form by claiming a second along with Sharnee in the novelty rope pull. Leonie, Sharnee and DeeJae finishing the novelty events with another third.

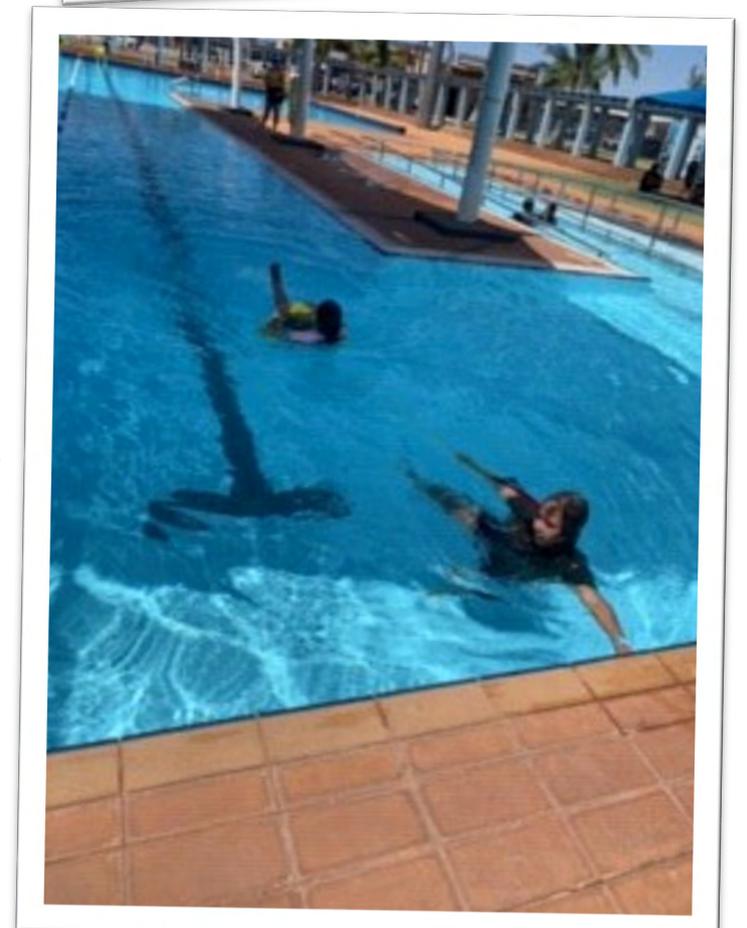
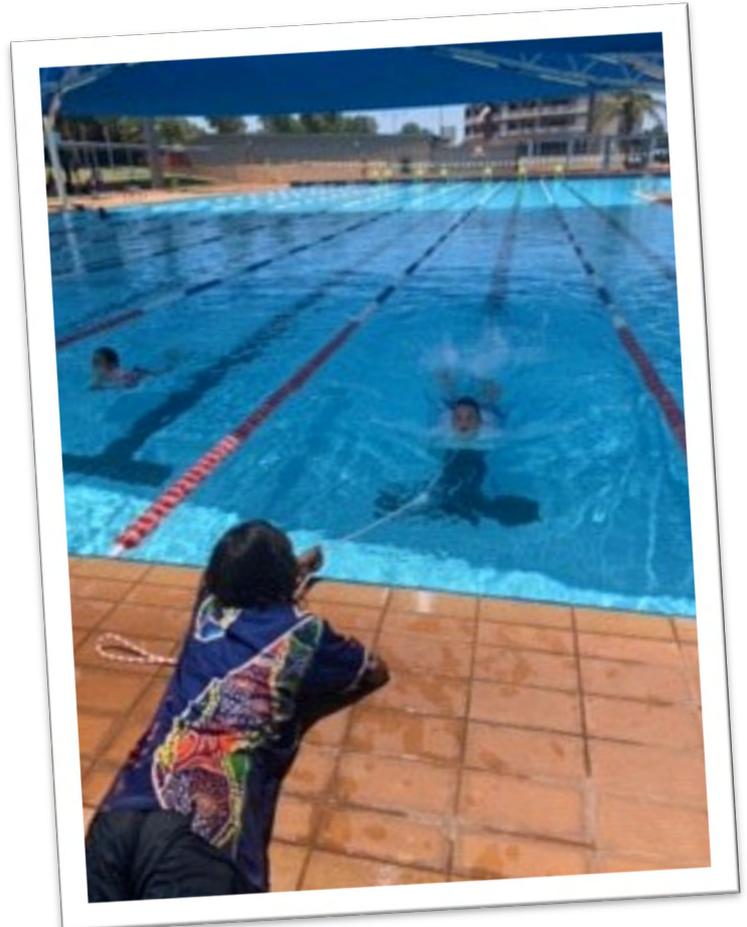
Marble Bar were up and about!

As staff we were so proud of the attitude and effort our students provided throughout the day. To see how positive and proud our students were coming out of the pool and on the bus was simply brilliant!

After a quick refuelling, a sleepy and very successful bus returned home for some well deserved sleep. Well done Marble Bar! We cannot put into words how proud we were as staff with your efforts and performance!

We look forward to 2021!

- By Miss Milly Kiernan and Mr Ryan Sinclair



# Marble Bar Primary

## END OF YEAR - REFLECTING ON 2020

As the year draws to a close, it is time to reflect.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Room 1 during the year; from the staff and parents to the various community organisations that have come through the door. Over the course of the year we had 22 students being educated in Room 1 subject to the movements and visiting students we have had over the year.

In a year that needs no introductions, the support that we provided each other made us get through the challenges and built on a successful year. Adversity and resilience is often generalised, however we have been able to achieve and navigate through a time we hope to never see again. I am proud of the students and staff who were able to adapt and be flexible with the different types of learning, interaction and disruptions we faced. From where we started on the 4th of February

to where we are now is actually hard to put into words. We have grown, and this growth will further develop if we continue to apply the correct attitude, effort and expectation.

I look forward to 2021 and continuing with the momentum we have built up in Room 1. We will always find ways to improve and adapt to challenges that are presented. I will reiterate what I said at the Christmas Concert: Improvement comes when you apply the correct attitude and effort. Try your best and learn from your mistakes!

In closing, take time to reflect on your child's report and once again thank you for your efforts in 2020. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Take care and be safe over the holidays and most of all enjoy the break with your loved ones.

I look forward to returning in 2021!

- Mr Ryan Sinclair



# ANIMAL WATCH:

## GOANNA (VARANUS PONOPTES)

The humble goanna or bungarra as we mostly call them around here deserves this month's write up I think - if for no other reason than the awesome photos Charlie Mawson took of this one!

A type of monitor, goannas are found in the northern regions of Australia and also New Guinea. These ones can grow up to 1.8 meters long. There is another species of goanna more commonly known as a Perentie that can get to 2.5 meters (hence his scientific name *Varanus Gigantus*) making them the fourth largest monitor in the world.

Our friend in the photos is an avid digger and digs large burrows or quite often will take over existing burrows. They can run like the clappers either on all four legs or standing almost upright on their hind legs. If they feel threatened they often stand on their hind legs and swell their throats up and hiss.

Their diets consist of mostly other small reptiles, mammals and sometimes birds, like the spinifex Pidgeon. They also scavenge for carrion. Actually they can be a bit partial to a feed of their own kind too!

When threatened they not only use their claws and teeth to defend themselves they can whip their strong tail around to deliver a hefty blow!

It has long been thought that a bite from a goanna will get infected because of the bacteria in their mouths but it has recently been found that these effects are actually caused by very mild envenomation. It seems all monitors are somewhat venomous.

Aside from being a prized food source for our indigenous people (Nic Nac Corbett proudly told me a story a couple of years ago of him and his family catching "A good fat one!") the goanna is so uniquely Australian, isn't it!

- Kylie James,  
Marble Bar CRC

**Let us know if you've spotted any other interesting Pilbara critters, we'd love to include it in the next edition - especially if you have photos!**

*Information sourced primarily from Wikipedia.org and Brian Bush's website - members.iinet.net.au/~bush*



Photo by Charlie Mawson



# MARBLE BAR POOL DAILY OPEN TIMES

MONDAY:	Closed
TUESDAY:	11am - 6pm
WEDNESDAY:	11am - 6pm
THURSDAY:	11am - 6pm
FRIDAY:	11am - 6pm
SATURDAY:	11am - 6pm
SUNDAY:	11am - 6pm

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# Historical Marble Bar

## ~ ARTICLES FROM DECEMBER ~

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### MARBLE BAR

- December 9 1901 -

The extremely hot weather which prevailed on Friday last continued on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the thermometer registered almost 110deg. In the shade, on Sunday 114deg. As a result of the terrible heat, several young children had to be medically attended, also an adult and two children had to be kept in wet sheets all day. There was a pleasant change today owing to a fair breeze in the morning, which grew stronger in the afternoon, when the thermometer registered 108deg. Warrawoona is now connected with Marble Bar by telephone, and Bamboo will follow shortly.

### DEATH OF MESSRS, SWETE, REILLY, AND HOWE - HEAT APOPLEXY THE CAUSE

- December 24 1902 -

Three sudden deaths have occurred here this last week from heat apoplexy. Phillip Reilly, Government Supervisor, was found dead on the morning of the 19th, and Edward Howe, a miner from Victoria, who had

been working at the Stray Shot mine, died at noon on the 22nd. Herbert Swete was found dead in his tent the same day about six o'clock. The heat has been intense during the last fortnight, the thermometer ranging from 112 to 116 in the shade.

### MARBLE BAR NEWS

- December 25 1952 -

Work is continuing on the forming and surfacing with gravel of the road from the Bar to the aerodrome which is situated about five miles from the town.

The main street is at the moment being gravelled, which activity has been causing much annoyance to the locals as great clouds of dust sweep through residences and shops. The main street will be bitumen sealed and later the road to the aerodrome will be similarly treated.

Miss Ann Dorrington arrived on Saturday's plane from Perth on holidays which will be spent with her father Mr. Harry Dorrington of the Blue Bar Gold Mine.

Young Shirlanne daughter of Mr and Mrs Geo. Mallet of Limestone Station is spending her holidays

from St Bridget's Convent, Lesmurdie, in Marble Bar.

Restrictions on the domestic use of water have had to be enforced. Owing to the draw of water from the Battery well it has apparently restricted the supply of water available in the town well. It is understood that for the time being residents will be without water for a period of each day to enable the town tanks to fill from the diminished supply.

Whilst getting around bare footed las Sunday, Harry Blackwell, who works at the Sterling Gold mine, had the misfortune to stand on some broken glass and inflict a deep cut in his foot. Apparently undaunted by the loss of blood, with the aid of needle and cotton he stitched the wound together. Saw him in Marble Bar the other day exhibiting a decided limp. Lets hope you are soon well again harry and back on the job.

The annual Christmas dinner for the Pioneers and Pensioners of the district is to be held at the Ironclad Hotel on Saturday afternoon, December 20. It is expected that about fifteen old timers will answer the rollcall and have a really good feast with plenty to eat and drink. This is

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only the second time that such a reunion dinner has been provided and we are sure it won't be the last. Last year each of the old folks received a cash order on a local store as a presentation and something of that nature will be given this time. Cheques will also be sent to those resident at Sunset and Nazareth House Geraldton. Funds for this dinner are raised by public subscription in and around the district.

Father Christmas came to Marble Bar last Friday evening December 9 when all the children of the district, numbering fifty or sixty foregathered in the local Road Board hall to welcome him, which they did in fine style. After talking with the delighted children and making himself known to them. Father Christmas presented each youngster with a present from a gaily decorated tree. The highly successful party, which had been organised by the Parents' and Citizens' Association, was then rounded off by cool drinks for the children and a dance for the adults.

### **A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AT THE "BAR"**

*-23rd December 1937-*

The festive season approaches Marble Bar accompanied by a series of thunderstorms which have reduced the temperature considerably, yesterday being only 104 degrees.

Of a population numbering approximately 300, a few will spend Christmas at the coast camping near Condon. Fish and oysters will be a welcome change of diet from spinifex steak.

The majority will remain in the "Bar," and ambrosial fodder will replace the water from well and soak.

Some few will have to work right through, but even these will have their moments, and, for the day, even Marble Bar will be a paradise, the recent rains having refilled the local swimming pool. A cool dip in the evening will bring to a close another Christmas Day.

### **Excerpts From MARBLE BAR NOTES**

*-16th December 1948-*

Mr Rex Moore's party arrived at the Bar from Ragged Hills last Wednesday and left again by road for Perth Thursday afternoon. The party will return to Ragged Hills after Christmas and commence lead mining again.

Returning by last Tuesday's aircraft from Perth was Mr. S. Stubbs. While in Perth, we believe Mr. Stubbs drew a Charities Consolation and did some valuable work for the P. & C. Association. The Lotteries Commission, as a result of Mr. Stubbs' efforts, has promised the local P. & C. Association a refrigerator which will be installed at the school. Nice work Mr. Stubbs the kiddies will appreciate the refrigerator during the summer months.

Returning by road from Broome on Friday night were the two Typewriter mechanics who passed through here a few weeks ago. After a busy morning repairing typewriters the party left again for Perth on Saturday afternoon.

[...] Last Saturday night once more proved to be the big event of the year for the children, as the P. & C. Association held the Annual Christmas Tree function. Father Christmas duly arrived and presented every child present with a gift from the gaily decorated Christmas Tree. As was expected the children delighted to "try out" the new toy or gift and after super and dancing the adults took over or the remainder of the evening. Supper was served for the adults about 10 p.m. and dancing followed until midnight. Thanks are due to P. & C. Members and all supporters for making the evening a truly Christmas festival for the kiddies.

[...] Passing through town last Sunday en route for Perth were a party of Carpenters who have just completed the new Fitzroy Post Office and have also been engaged on Government buildings at Halls Creek.

### **THUNDERSTORMS IN PILBARRA**

#### **Two Men Injured by Lightning**

*-18th December 1905-*

At Warrawoona last week a very severe storm was experienced. Two hundred and eighty-five points of rain fell in thirty minutes. During the storm several men narrowly escaped being badly injured by lightning. They were in a billiard room when a telegraph post a little distance away was struck by lightning. One of the men was hurled across the room and another had a finger severely burned.

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# WHAT IS THIS?

**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!**

**Any guesses as to what this thing is...?**

Two were found, one had corresponding holes/slots on the other side, as though they might fit together...

(No guesses have come through yet)

*Thank you to Lang Coppin who found the strange contraptions and bought photos in for us to share for our 'what is this' segment!*



## HORIZON POWER DROPS IN TO THE CRC

Horizon Power were at the Marble Bar CRC last month from the 18th to the 19th.

Retail & Community Manager Noeleen McCann was joined by Customer Services Officer Lauren Jones, Aboriginal Engagement Officer Aaron Matthews and Project Engineer Jack Parsons

The team to dropped in to catch up with the community to discuss power accounts, answer any questions and to discuss future projects including the Marble Bar Battery Energy Storage System.

We've still got quite a few Horizon Power promotional bags left over from the visit so make sure to head down to the CRC to grab yours! They're full of goodies including Bluetooth speakers, drink bottles and footballs as well as information about upcoming projects.

We're looking forward to catching up with Noeleen and the team again next year as they have more community visits planned for 2021.

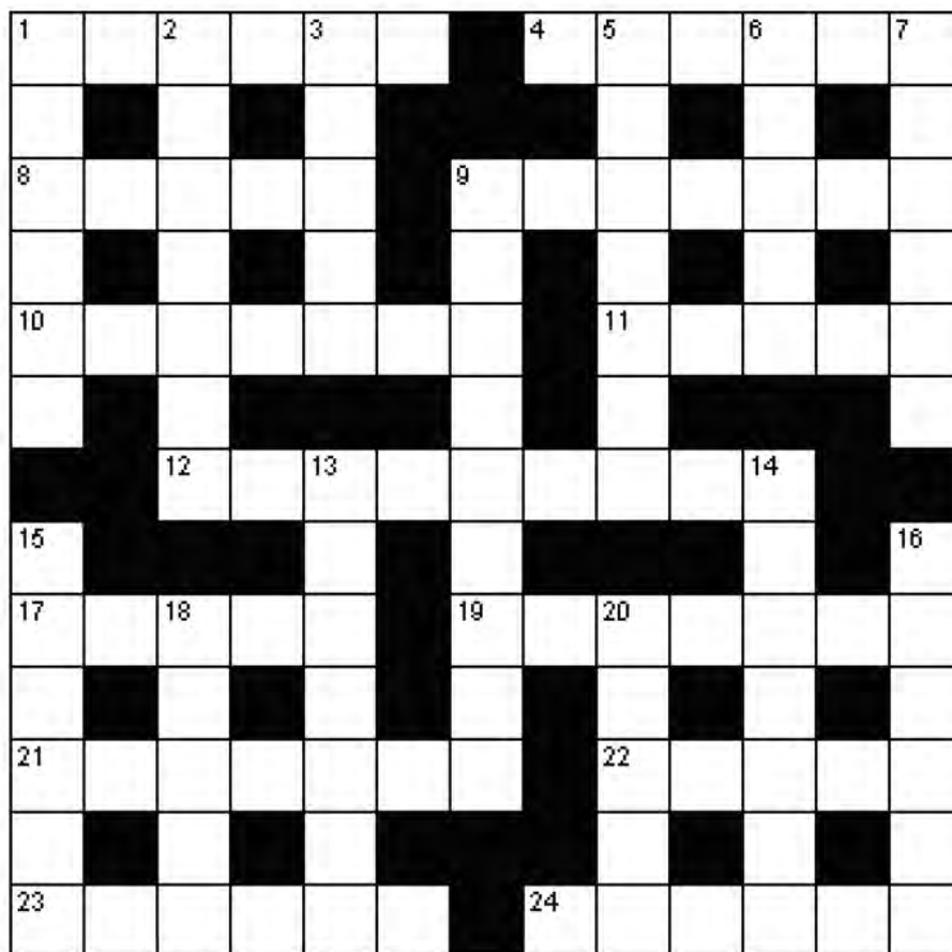
Keep an eye out for next month's edition for more information about the Marble Bar Solar Array and upcoming Marble Bar Battery Energy Storage System.

- Amy Pfitzner, MBCRC



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## Daily Quick Crossword



### Across

- 1 Formal headgear (3,3)
- 4 Go aboard (6)
- 8 Concerning (5)
- 9 Violent whirling wind-storm (7)
- 10 Popular cheese (7)
- 11 Lifeless (5)
- 12 Uncivilised person (9)
- 17 Light purple colour (5)
- 19 Collection of books (7)
- 21 Marine animal (3,4)
- 22 Shoulder-wrap (5)
- 23 Main meal (6)
- 24 Slow down (6)

### Down

- 1 Roof of straw or reeds (6)
- 2 Adage (7)
- 3 Performed (5)
- 5 Gin and vermouth cocktail (7)
- 6 Hard stone (5)
- 7 Intricate (6)
- 9 Heavy waterproof cover (9)
- 13 Lie back (7)
- 14 North American falls (7)
- 15 Shut (6)
- 16 Rode a bike (6)
- 18 Gain knowledge (5)
- 20 Moisten with hot fat (5)

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# MARBLE BAR



# TRAVELLERS REST

## MARBLE BAR TRAVELLERS REST

Open 7 days

**7am - 6pm Weekdays**

**8am - 5pm Sundays**

Accommodation

Fuel\Air Compressor

Hot Coffee

Homemade Cakes & Biscuits

Hot Food

Burgers, Fish & Chips & more...

Fresh Sandwiches made to order

Cold Drinks

Milkshakes

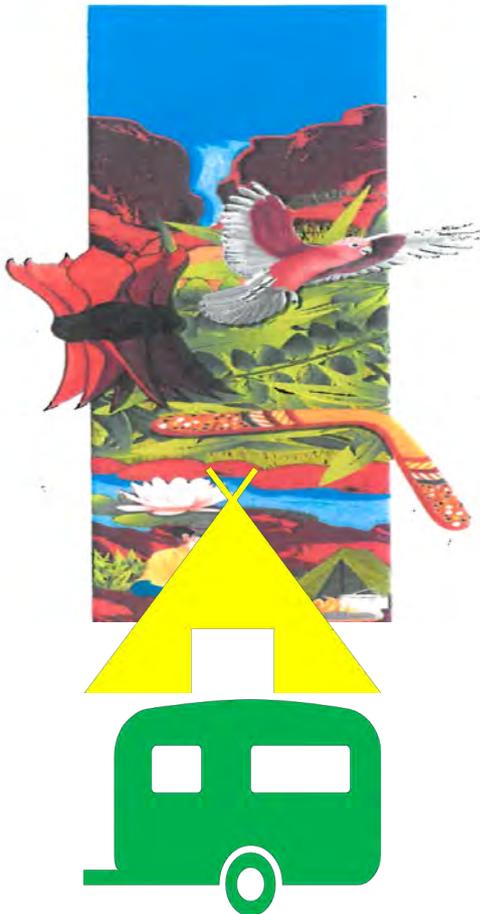
Ice Creams

Grocery Items

**Phone: 08 9176 1166**

A/Hours: 0429 956 692

Email: [t.rest@outlook.com](mailto:t.rest@outlook.com)



## MARBLE BAR HOLIDAY PARK

Situated across Sandy Creek behind the Civic Centre, the Marble Bar Holiday Park offers well maintained caravan and camping facilities.

Also available are a number of units and rooms to rent. Clean ablution blocks, a camp kitchen area, grassed and shaded areas add to the warm welcome you will receive.

**Phone: 08 9176 1569**

[marblebarcaravanpark@gmail.com](mailto:marblebarcaravanpark@gmail.com)



# THE BAR GENERAL

## Post & Bakery

**BAKERY**

**POST OFFICE**

**GROCERIES**

**TOOLS, HARDWARE & GARDEN**

**CAMPING, FISHING & TOYS ICE**

**\*WHITE GOODS & ELECTRONICS**

\*Laybuy Available

**Monday - Friday: 8am - 5pm**

**Saturday: 9am - 1pm**

Post Office: 9am - 5pm

Mail delivered Mon, Wed & Fri

**9176 1041**

Fax: 9176 1227

[marblebargeneral@outlook.com](mailto:marblebargeneral@outlook.com)

We are agents for.

**TOLL**

**REEDS**  
PROSPECTING

**AUSTRALIA POST**

# Community Noticeboard

## Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation

Marble Bar, Goodabinya and Woodstock

**AAC Appointment Day:**

9th December / 13th January

**Warralong AAC Appointment Day:**

16th December / 20th January

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

**Volunteers Wanted!**

**Training will commence in January**

Contact Amy: 9176 1375  
Paul Maddern: 0409 174 042

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

Perhaps an upcoming club or association meeting?

Let us know and we'll include it in the next edition.

**Call the CRC on 9176 1375**

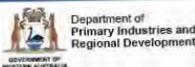


Marble Bar  
Community Resource Centre

*Your local connection*

Supporting the Marble Bar Community since 2001

Phone 9176 1375 Email [marblebarcrc@bigpond](mailto:marblebarcrc@bigpond)  
Fax 9176 1244 Web [www.marblebarcrc.net](http://www.marblebarcrc.net)



Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

## ~ Funeral Notices ~

*It is with the upmost respect to the deceased and their families that we pass on the following funeral notices. More detailed notices can be viewed at the CRC.*

### **Trixie Coffin**

Graveside Service Saturday 19th December, 9:00am at  
Marble Bar Cemetery

### **Phillip Thomas Jacobs (24/07/2001 - 27/10/2020)**

Service 12th December, 2:00pm at Roebourne Cultural Centre  
Burial: Wickham/Roebourne Cemetery

### **David Allen Lee (21/05/1942 - 11/11/2020)**

Funeral 5th December, 4:00pm at South Hedland Cemetery

### **John Phillip Perry (20/12/1971 - 10/10/2020)**

Funeral 12th December, 3:30pm at South Hedland Cemetery

### **Loreen Samson (07/03/1973 - 04/12/2020)**

Service 19th December, 3:00pm at 50 Cent Hall, Roebourne  
Service - 3:30pm Wickham/Roebourne Cemetery

## Contribute to the Mirage!

*We love getting contributions from the Community!*

*Maybe you have an interesting story about Marble Bar or perhaps you took a cool photo*

*Whatever it is, it's worth getting in touch with us here at the Marble Bar CRC to find out how you can share your story.*

# 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!

JENSEN MANURUNG - 3RD DECEMBER

DAVE LUCAS (POOL DAVE) - 8TH DECEMBER

TEAGAN CRAWFORD - 18TH DECEMBER

JIMMAYA COFFIN - 26TH DECEMBER



DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE, OR KNOW OF AN  
UPCOMING BIRTHDAY THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE INCLUDED?

JUST GIVE US A CALL, OR SEND AN EMAIL - WE'LL DO THE REST!

# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> BIN DAY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Lighting of the Christmas Tree @MB Civic Centre RFDS @MB NP	<b>4</b> BIN DAY Thank a Volunteer @MB Shire Office 10:00-11:00am	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BIN DAY	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> RFDS @MB Nursing Post	<b>11</b> BIN DAY	<b>12</b> Christmas Party 5:30pm @MB Civic Centre
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> BIN DAY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> RFDS @MB Nursing Post	<b>18</b> BIN DAY	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> BIN DAY	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> BIN DAY RFDS @MB Nursing Post	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Public Holiday	<b>26</b> Boxing Day
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (18th December - 31st January 2021)						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Public Holiday (Boxing Day Holiday)	<b>29</b> BIN DAY	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> BIN DAY RFDS @MB NP New Years Eve		
CRC HOLIDAY CLOSURE (24th December - 4th January)						
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (18th December - 31st January 2021)						

# JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b>					<b>1</b> New Years Day Public Holiday	<b>2</b>
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BIN DAY	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RFDS @MB Nursing Post	<b>8</b> BIN DAY	<b>9</b>
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