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May 2021

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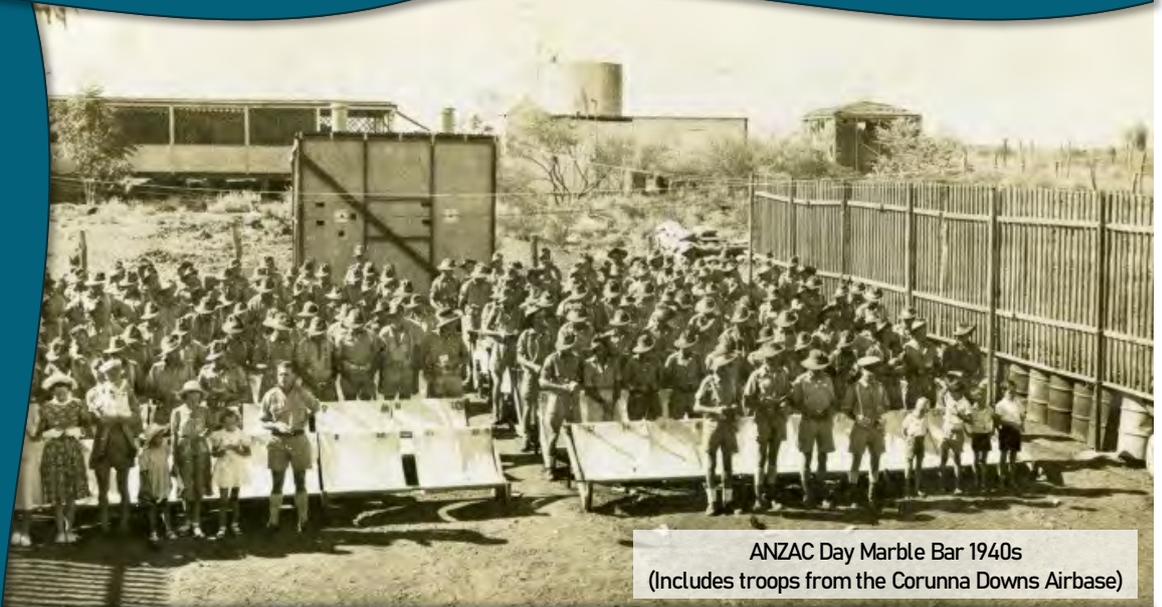
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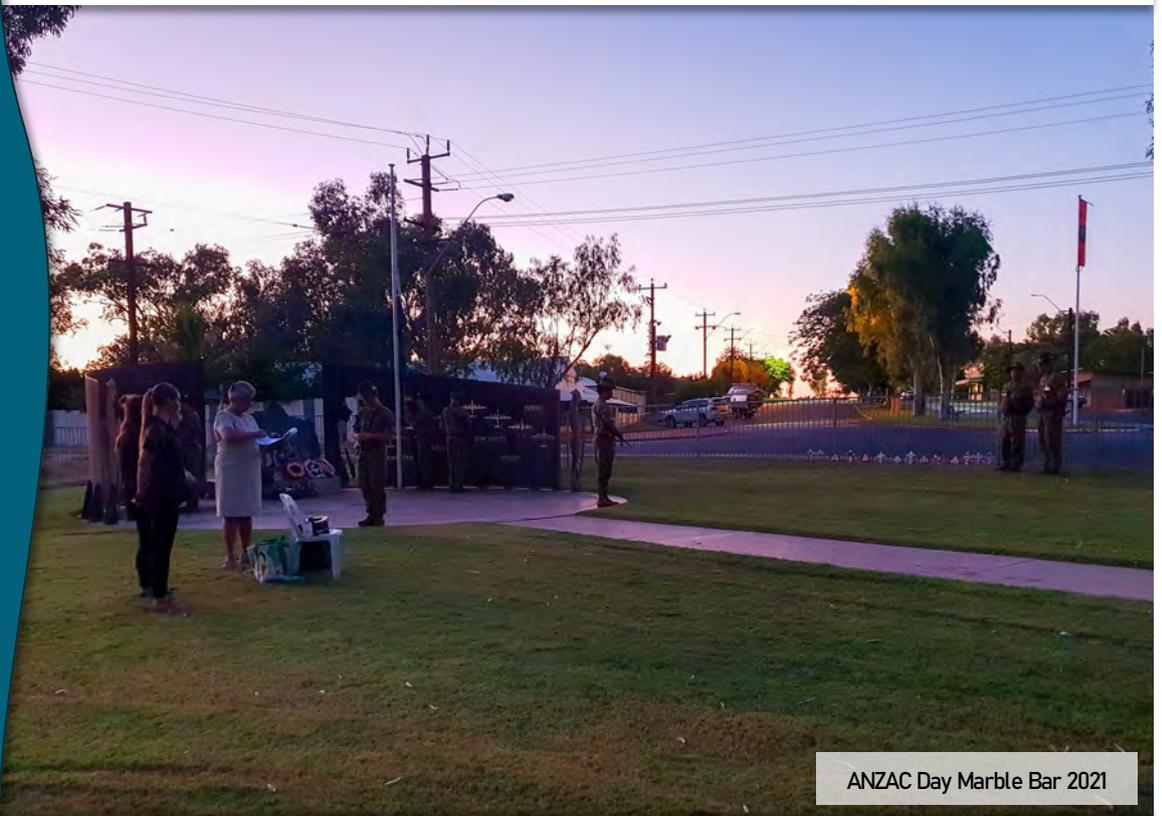
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ANZAC Day Marble Bar 1940s
(Includes troops from the Corunna Downs Airbase)

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Editorial

Hello,

As per usual we've been busy over the past few weeks, and it doesn't look like slowing down soon!

Kylie and I will be heading to Perth this week, as our conference was postponed due to the COVID scare. Lucky for us, Sharna is now back at work and will be keeping the doors open from 9am - 12pm Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th, ordinary hours resuming Monday 17th. You'll have to wait until the June edition to hear how we go!

Cheers,

Amy Pfitzner
Coordinator,
Marble Bar CRC

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What's Cooking?

Bacon Spinach and Tomato Frittata



Method

1. Preheat grill to high. Melt butter in a 20cm(base) heavy based flameproof frying pan over medium heat.
2. Cook sliced brown onion and chopped shortcut bacon rashers for five minutes or until browned. Add sliced cup mushrooms. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened.
3. Add baby spinach, chopped basil and halved cherry tomatoes. Reduce heat to low.
4. Whisk 8 eggs and finely grated parmesan together. Season. Pour over vegetable mixture in pan. Lift and tilt pan to spread egg mixture evenly. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until frittata is almost set.
5. Place pan under grill. Grill for 5 minutes or until just set and light golden. Stand for 2 minutes before sliding onto a plate. Cut into wedges. Cool. Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Ingredients

- 20 grams butter
- 1 brown onion sliced
- 3 short-cut bacon rashers chopped
- 200g cup chopped mushrooms
- 80g baby spinach
- 1/4 cup chopped basil
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup finely grated parmesan

MARBLE BAR TOURISM CONSULTATION

On Wednesday the 21st of April, the Marble Bar CRC hosted Senior Regional Development Officer from the Pilbara Development Commission (PDC) Carolyn Biar for a tourism consultation.

The meeting, which provided an opportunity to discuss upcoming plans and opportunities for tourism in Marble Bar, was fairly well attended by local stakeholders and tourism industry stakeholders who participated via phone conference (despite a few technical difficulties!)

Topics included a **proposed national park development around Meentheena**, with the intention to protect the unique and fragile stromatolite formations that exist in the area. The national park development will likely take place over the next 5 or so years and will drive tourism to the area.

Also discussed was the **Warlu Way** drive trail, with plans being considered to undertake a major overhaul of the route. The PDC has funded the Pilbara Tourism Association to develop a new mobile App, which will include a geo-heritage trail focused on the Marble Bar area.

Some of the challenges currently facing the community identified at the meeting include lack of housing to support business and enterprise, limited services and poor road infrastructure, lack of signage and inaccurate maps of the region. Among Marble Bar's biggest selling points are its rich history and heritage, colourful local flavour, beautiful rugged scenery and the 'bucket list' factor of travelling to Australia's Hottest Town.

It's clear that Marble Bar is well situated to capitalise on new tourism development occurring in the region, with potential for proactive individuals to

tap into more lucrative markets such as adventure tourism, capitalising on travellers willing to pay big for a 'genuine experience'. With the exception of annual events such as the races, local tourism is currently centred around self-sufficient tourists who need little infrastructure but do require space, services and activities. These are the areas to tap to provide localised economic gain.

Concerns are raised in regards to the impact of a major tourist industry on small-town community culture, the potential for damage to sites significant to locals and Aboriginal people, and impact to pastoralists. This will need to be managed, which in itself provides great opportunities for employment and the creation of locally run tourism businesses.

Despite these challenges, the trend towards self-supporting FIFO workforces is unlikely to change any time soon. The tried and true drivers of economic development in the Pilbara are changing, and proactive efforts to expand the local tourism industry may become essential to attracting investment into critical areas such as housing and liveability.

- Amy Pfitzner,
Marble Bar CRC

Get in touch with the Pilbara Tourism Association at destinationpilbara@gmail.com to discuss the Warlu Way and listing your business on the app. For more info head to www.destinationpilbara.com.au.

If you're looking for more opportunities to help develop tourism strategies for the Pilbara, help get the word out to tourists and travellers about the 'My Pilbara Time' survey currently being run by the Pilbara Development Commission:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MyPilbaraTime>



Shire of EAST Pilbara



Rubbish collection will return to one day a week from May

TUESDAY

- ✓ Pop your bins out Monday night so you don't miss out
- ✓ Make sure you place your bin with the wheels nearest to your house
- ✓ Remember to leave enough space for the driver to manouvre the grip around the bin and to lift



RECYCLING NEWS

Have you come in to the Shire office and picked up your green bags yet?

Each resident gets two free and you can start collecting your recyclable containers immediately.

Come into the Marble Bar Office to claim yours.



FREE
BBQ

MARBLE BAR

MEET THE CEO & COMMUNITY BBQ

MARBLE BAR CIVIC CENTER
THURSDAY, MAY 27 | 5:30PM



Please come along to the Civic Centre on Thursday the 27th of May to enjoy a community BBQ for dinner.



Newly Appointed CEO, Steven Harding will be present and looks forward to the opportunity to meet the Marble Bar residents ahead of Fridays Council meeting.

For further information, please contact the Shire of East Pilbara, Newman on 08 9175 8000

One drink for mum, is one drink for baby.

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



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Shire of EAST
Pilbara
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE



CELEBRATE WA DAY MARBLE BAR

Come along to the Marble Bar Basketball Courts to enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun!

JUNE 7 @ 3PM

Get your bat and ball ready and leave your ducks at home to take part in the **COMMUNITY CRICKET GAME**, enjoy a delicious **BBQ** with the family afterwards and snuggle up for a **MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**



FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE MARBLE BAR
SHIRE OFFICE ON 08 9176 1008

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Thank you Atlas!

A few days ago, the CRC received an email from Mine Superintendent Rubei Ma, on behalf of the at the Atlas Iron team at Mt Webber.

In acknowledgement of the ongoing difficulties we've all had to contend with over the past year, Atlas Iron wished to show their support with some small gifts to the community.

Later that afternoon, we received a visit from Tom Frizzell, a sparky working for Atlas. Tom was there to deliver over 60 sustainable bags filled with goodies for the community!

Make sure to head down to the CRC soon to collect a bag (or two, or three!)

We've got plenty to give away... thanks Atlas!



Geoff, Trevor and Felicity scored some freebies when they visited the Marble Bar CRC!

WARRAWOONA GOLD PROJECT UPDATE



Calidus Warrawoona plant site underway (above, right)

Activities have really stepped up at Warrawoona, with our first concrete pour on the plant site occurring at the beginning of April with the team from GR Engineering Services and Flanco preparing the mill floor and tank area for the arrival of our tank installation team in May.

The camp construction has now been completed with a just a little bit of finishing

off to be done before it will be ready to accommodate 240 people at any one time.

We have scheduled a community update evening for Tuesday 8th of June where our Managing Director, Dave Reeves and other members of the Calidus team will provide an update and make themselves available to answer any of your questions.

- Article Supplied by Calidus Resources



Calidus Warrawoona camp now complete

CALIDUS UPDATE INFO SESSION & BBQ

FREE ENTRY

BBQ Dinner & Refreshments

5:30pm – Tuesday 8th June

Marble Bar Civic Centre

Marble Bar CRC are hosting a Calidus information session in June. Come along for an opportunity to hear the latest update followed by a BBQ and informal Q&A with members of the Calidus team.

Calidus Managing Director Dave Reeves will present an update and answer questions as the company progress with the construction of the Warrawoona Gold Project located South-East of Marble Bar.

The 240 room village at Warrawoona is almost complete whilst construction of the gold plant has commenced and is on schedule to achieve first gold pour in the first half of 2022.



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Training Cancelled: May 14th

See you May 7th, 21st and 28th!



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This Month
Marble Bar Library
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MAY 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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02	03	Mum Makes Bracelets 2pm	Gumala Playgroup 9am	Mum Makes Bracelets 2pm	07	08
09	10	Straw Rockets 2pm		Solar System Models 2pm	14	15
16	17	Solar System Models 2pm	Gumala Playgroup 9am	Reading with Ronice 2pm	21	22
23	24	"Lego" to Space 2pm		"Lego" to Space 2pm	28	29



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

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.





During the month of May the Marble Bar Library will be turned into an astronaut's cockpit and showcase a planetarium vibe as we prepare to launch into National Simultaneous Storytime from Space!

"Give me some Space!" is a book written by Australian author, Philip Bunting.

On Wednesday 19 May at 11am AEST, NSS will take place from the International Space Station and the book will be read by astronaut, Dr Shannon Walker. The aim is to try and get 1 million kids reading simultaneously across Australia and New Zealand.

There will be space-themed STEAM activities for everyone to get involved in.

These include making straw rockets and moon sand, colouring-in competitions with fabulous prizes, learning about the planets in our solar system and creating your very own 3D model of the same.

Space-themed books & DVDs

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| • The Sun is Kind of A Big Deal | • Discover Stars & Planets |
| • Your Alien | • Solis (DVD) |
| • Samsam (DVD) | • Moon Landing: The Lost Tapes (DVD) |
| • Brick by Brick Space - 20 Lego projects | • The Farthest: The Story of Voyager |
| • The Solar System | |

Calling all budding artists!

Shaun Tan, award-winning and popular children's author and Australian artist.

The City of Subiaco is sponsoring the Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists - open to all Perth school students from ages 5 - 17,



Entries open from Friday 30 April and close Monday 24 May.

Google the following to find more details and competition criteria.

www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward

And just in case you have not heard of Shaun Tan, check out his books like Dog, The Lost Thing and Cicada (my personal favourite).



The annual event designed to encourage young writers to read, write and fall in love with books and the written word.

The 2021 Golden Feather Hunt has officially begun and will continue until 28 May. Hidden in a special book in the young readers section of the Marble Bar Library is a sapphire feather. Find it and you will win a fabulous book prize...or find a white feather to colour in and keep as your very own book mark.

MARBLE BAR VFES BRIGADE SAVE HOUSE & VEHICLE

Just after 7pm on Wednesday the 28th of April, the Marble Bar Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Brigade (VFES) were called out to a fire behind the Iron Clad hotel.

Our volunteers turned out in record time to assist, arriving on scene within minutes of receiving the callout to find a parked vehicle engulfed in flames.

It was immediately apparent that the house directly adjacent to the burning car was smouldering and moments from catching alight, with a second vehicle parked within arms reach of the ute also at immediate risk of becoming fuel for the fire.

Working with our local police, we confirmed the area was clear of people and no one was in immediate danger. Our training paid off as we shortly had our two trucks set up with pumps running and hoses out, working to quench the smoking building and cool the flames. We were eventually able to pull the vehicle clear of the house so we could confirm the fire was totally out and restoring access to the driveway.

Thanks to the quick actions of the Marble Bar brigade, both the house and the second vehicle were left with only minor cosmetic damage - a really fantastic outcome.

Thanks to Ryan Sinclair, Kylie James, Eugene Crawford, Rod Bruce and Amy Pfitzner who responded to the call, and thanks also to local WAPOL officers Morgan Proctor and Mark Foley for their invaluable assistance on the night.

- Amy Pfitzner,
Marble Bar VFES



Minor damage to the house and second vehicle

**FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY:
CALL 000**



The vehicle shown here after being pulled clear of the house



VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

MARBLE BAR VFES BRIGADE TRAINING

Every first and third Tuesday of the month - May 4th & 18th

If you're interested in joining the brigade or would like to find out more, speak to Amy (MBVFES Captain) at the CRC during business hours - 9176 1375

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Get involved and help keep Marble Bar safe.

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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.



C10311686



Marble Bar Primary

Hello all, a quick summary of the term so far from Room 4. The Room 4 students have started poetry this term, one lesson included students learning a poem about trolls then creating their own troll and poem about their troll.

In science, Room 4 wrote information reports about Turtles, where the students had to research facts and key information about turtles.

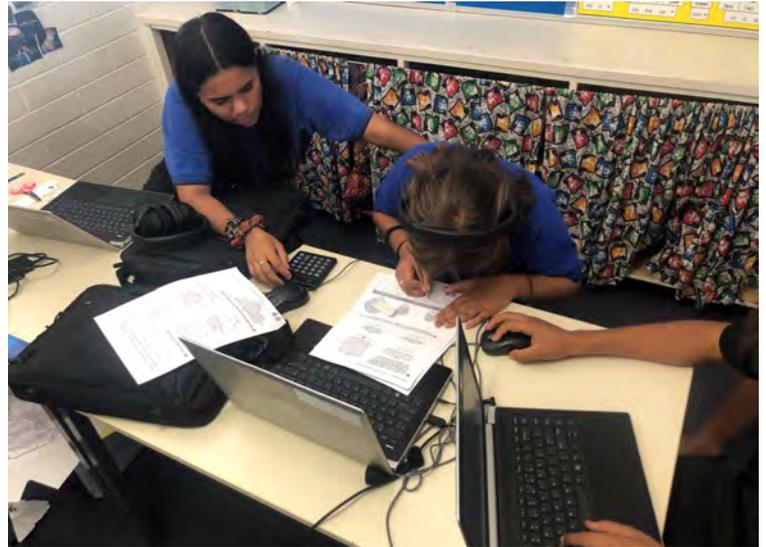
In mathematics, students have been learning directions and mapping. Students were asked to map the school then provide directions to move each other from one building to another.

Room 4 have also done cooking with EON and completed art and craft activities with Bloodwood.

A busy term ahead. Be the best you can be!

Regards,

- Mr Ryan Sinclair



Marble Bar Primary

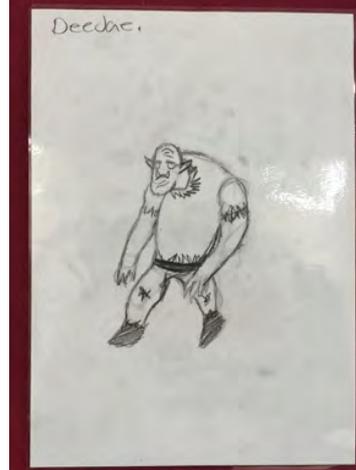
Check out the **terrifying trolls** and **marvelous maps** the students have been creating!



Certificates of Merit

Congratulations to the students (pictured left) who have recently been awarded Certificates of Merit:

- Leonie, for doing well with spelling
- DeeJae, for doing well in her SIDE studies
- Sharnee, for her excellent turtle report
- Kelliemarie for great attendance



Marble Bar Primary

ANZAC SERVICE

On Friday April 23, Marble Bar Primary School held an early ANZAC Day service to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

In a moving ceremony students and staff spoke of the sacrifice made by the men and women in World War I.

The occasion provided staff and students the opportunity to reflect and remember those

service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving our country.

Mr George Pantazis led the coordination of the ceremony and we thank him for his outstanding contribution.

Lest we forget.

- Mr. Ryan Sinclair,
Marble Bar Primary School



ANZAC DAY



Marble Bar

Marble Bar held a Dawn Service at the Marble Bar RSL park on Monday, the 26th of April.

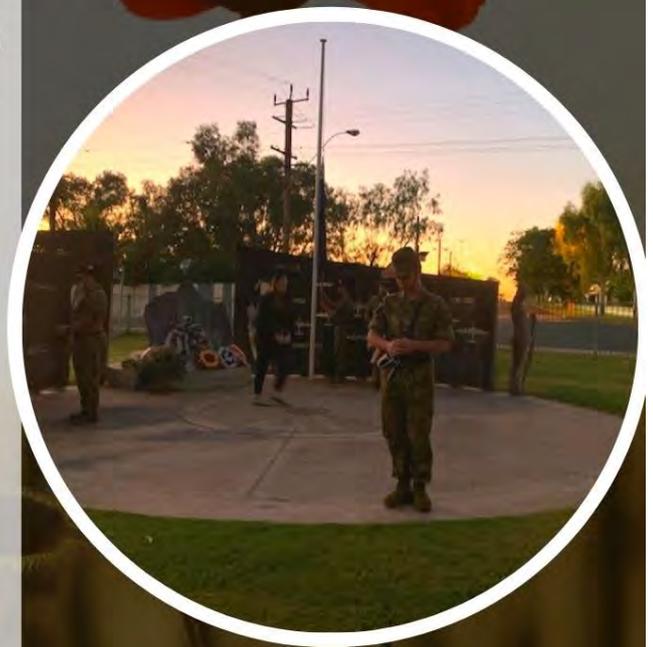
The event was officiated by Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks who welcomed just over 60 guests to the event which included our special guest from Meentheena Veterans retreat, Russ who did us all the honor of reading A Tribute for Anzac Day by Ken Bunker.

Atlas were very generous this year by providing staff assistance and the catering which was a BBQ breakfast held at the Civic Centre. Locals went back to enjoy a cup of coffee and to watch the judging of the Bake Off.

Congratulations to Olga Potter who came in a strong first with a vegan chocolate and banana muffin! Judging was tough so thank you to WAPOL for making the final decision as judging went to a tie breaker.

A special mention needs to go to CAPT (AAC) Colin Ballantyne from Port Hedland Army Cadets who, every year, brings his amazing Cadets. He and his team are so generous with their guidance and support each and every year and we thank them for their contribution.

It was fantastic for the Marble Bar community to be able to acknowledge ANZAC Day once again.



Marble Bar & East Pilbara's SERVICE PERSONNEL

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The 2021 ANZAC day marked the 106th service since the day was first commemorated in 1916.

With subsequent war and conflict, the ANZAC day tradition has evolved from it's WWI roots, now serving to more broadly commemorate all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations, as well as the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.

This evolution includes the all-too-recent

acknowledgement of the contribution of the indigenous people who have served in every conflict since colonisation. In the early 1900s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were not legally able to join the Army, so many hid their identity in order to sign up, those who fought faced unchanged racism and prejudice on return.

The following are a few service personnel with a connection to the Marble Bar area who's information is available online - it is not an exhaustive list!

Can you think of any stories I've missed?
Let me know!

- Amy Pfitzner, MBCRC

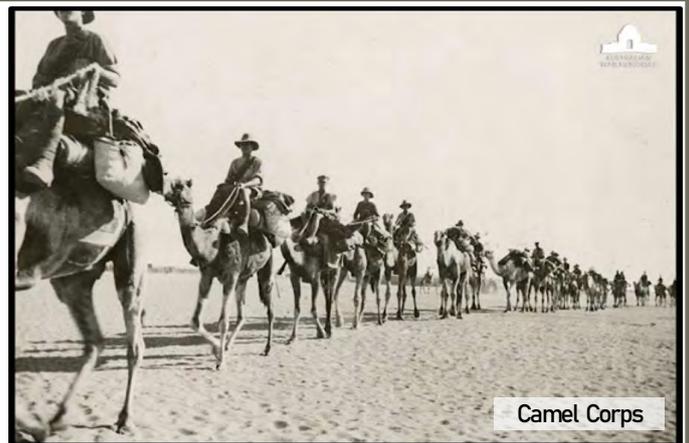
McCracken, Robert Valentine William (Pte) Service No 1559

Born 31st July 1892 in Broken Hill NSW, Robert McCracken worked as a Stockman-Station Overseer & Manager in the Marble Bar area prior to enlisting in November of 1915.

McCracken initially served with the Camel Corps, 3rd Camel Regiment and later transferred to 4th Light Horse Training Regiment in February of 1917.

McCracken returned to Australia in June of 1919, wasting no time to marry his sweetheart Gwendoline

Taylor in Port Hedland in November of the same year. He worked as Town Clerk for the Town of Carnarvon before enlisting again in the army-9 Oct 1939, WWII. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant and was discharged 5th March, 1943. Robert McCracken died March 1st 1951 in Nedlands.



The Lockyer Brothers: Edgar, Arnold, Albert, Elliott and Eric Lockyer Service No's - A5439, 80471, WX32707, WX34529, WX40624

The five Lockyer brothers Edgar, Arnold, Albert, Elliott and Eric Lockyer were among thousands of Indigenous Australian's who enlisted in WWII. Their living descendants remain in the area today.

Albert, Elliott and Eric enlisted in the army while the eldest brothers Arnold and Edgar joined the Royal Australian Air Force.

Arnold was shot down and captured by the Japanese in Indonesia on July 27, 1945 where he was killed as a POW. Eric was killed as he stormed a beach in Borneo on May 16, 1945.

The Lockyer brothers are memorialised at Whim Creek.



SGT. G. LOCKYER
One of three brothers of the front.



LTC. COL. C. A. LOCKYER
Wounded in France.



CPT. LOCKYER
Son of Mrs. E. A. Lockyer, was in
OTHER SERVICE.

William Allan Thompson
Service No. 2955

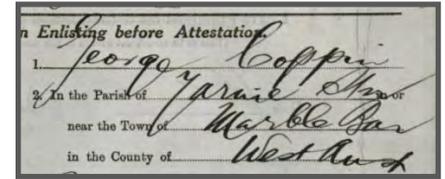


William Thompson was working as a teamster at his home town of Marble Bar when he enlisted in April 1916. He served with the 10th Light Horse Regiment before transferring to the 1st Signal Squadron.

George Coppin
Service No. 5693

George Coppin was born at Yarric Station, Marble Bar.

He was working as a station hand when he enlisted in March of 1916 with the 16th Australian Infantry Battalion.



Sandy Jackson
Service No. 51833

Sandy Jackson's attempted enlistment in January of 1917 was rejected due to his aboriginal heritage. Sandy's plight is referenced in a publication by Philippa Scarlett entitled 'Aboriginal service in the First World War: Identity, recognition and the problem of mateship.'

John Laurence
Montgomerie
Service No 406865

John Montgomerie was born in Marble Bar in 1915.

In April 1941 Montgomerie enlisted with the Royal Australian Air Force, No. 2 Squadron.

In May 1942, Montgomerie's plane was shot down over Ambon, Indonesia. Two of the crew were killed immediately and two were captured by the Japanese, including then Sergeant John Montgomerie, where they were held as POWs until they were executed in November 1942. Both are buried in Ambon War Cemetery.

The Snell Brothers: Edward, Samuel and Thomas
Service No's - 3266, 3267, 56402

In 1905 the Snell family moved to Marble Bar. In 1916 Edward (Ned) aged 21 and Samuel aged 19 enlisted in the 28th Battalion and went to the Western front via Egypt. Thomas followed them in 1918. Sam suffered gunshot wounds to the chest and Thomas contracted Spanish influenza and had to be repatriated for two years in England. All three returned to Marble Bar after the War but never married. Snell St in Newman is named after them

During the Second World War Ned led the Volunteer Defence Force in Marble Bar. Thomas enlisted in Darwin November 1939 but died of pneumonia February 1940 aged 41. Following the War, Thomas was reinterred at Adelaide River War Cemetery. Andrew and Edward are buried in the Marble Bar Pioneer Cemetery. Edward and Samuel are listed on the Marble Bar ANZAC memorial.

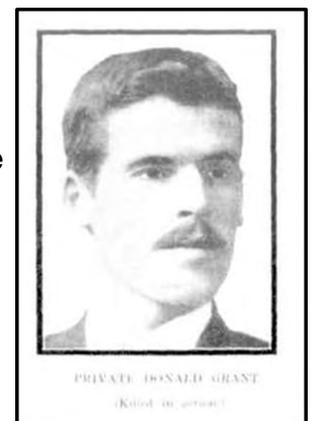
Donald Robinson Grant (Pte)
Service No. 1769

Grant Robinson was born Donald Linton Grant in Victoria, 1882. Prior to his enlistment in January of 1915, Grant worked as a miner at Bamboo Creek, Marble Bar. He served with the 11th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade

Donald Grant was killed in action at Gallipoli in June of 1915.

He was initially buried in Shell Green near ANZAC Cove but was then exhumed and reburied in Lone Pine Cemetery due to erosion of the gravesite.

He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.



LOCAL HISTORY



Donald McLeod.

DEAR "Non-Com."—Many nor-westerns, and a good few returned men, will remember the late Captain Donald McLeod, who before the war was busy chasing gold at Marble Bar.

What a fine specimen of a man he was! In those days he worked hard, but never neglected to jog a few miles, have a bath and a rub down, besides dumbbell exercises, etc.

His long suit was wrestling, at which he was a snag for anything in the Commonwealth.

Some of the Barites will remember the night the Indian expert decided to try this "white feller." He kept annoying Donald in the billiard room of the only hotel, until at last Donald gathered him up, carried him over to the middle of the street, stood him on his head, and let him drop, at the same time warning him that, if he came back in the billiard room, he would hurt him.

The Indian took the gentle hint, and left for the skyline.

The loss of an arm during the war was a great tragedy for Donald. "Quantum mutatus at illo." (How changed from what he was!)

P4, Roebourne.

Western Mail, 10th November 1938

Donald McLeod

War Hero - 12th Battalion World War I

Born Scotland 1887 - Died Marble Bar 1928

Donald McLeod's connections to Marble Bar were as a miner, both prior to the war and again when he returned. McLeod Street is named after him and he is resting in the pioneer cemetery.

Donald's battalion (The 12th) was part of the landing at Gallipoli and were among the hundreds that fought their way up the ridges from the beach. By all accounts Donald stood out amongst the men as a leader, he could do the work of two men and had not been with the forces for long before he was promoted to Lieutenant. However only a few days later during August 1915 his hand was blown off during the Battle of Lone Pine. His right arm was subsequently amputated and he was sent to London to recover.

Don't think that was end of his service however! Less than twelve months later he was back fighting with his unit, artificial arm attached, now in France. Over the next two years of fighting he was promoted to Captain, wounded, gassed and awarded the Military Cross.

In 1920 he returned to Western Australia and Marble Bar. The West Australian newspaper reported him "literally single handed and without the aid of any artificial appliances he had raised 61 tons of ore, which yielded 64 ounces of gold." The gold strike became known as "McLeod's Reward" he later sold the claim and moved to Perth where he engaged in several business pursuits for some years.

In July 1927 whilst driving he ran into and killed a 20 year old woman as she alighted from a tram in Leederville. The prosecution found the woman died due to the careless manner in which the car was being driven and McLeod was sentenced to three months jail without hard labour.

When released from jail he returned to Marble Bar to take up mining again. A few short months later he fell down a 75ft mine shaft near Soansville and was killed.

- Kylie James,
Marble Bar CRC

Information sourced from www.trove.nla.gov.au, the West Australian (Newspaper) and the West Australian Virtual Miners Memorial.

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!

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.



The Big Marble Bar Anzac Day Bake Off



The Big Marble Bar ANZAC Day Bake Off was a joint initiative of the Marble Bar CRC and the Shire of East Pilbara

First Place: Olga Potter
Vegan Banana & Chocolate Muffins

Second Place: Port Hedland Cadets
ANZAC Biscuits

Third Place: Charlie Mawson
Baked New York Cheesecake



ANIMAL WATCH:

PYGMY PYTHON

The Pilbara is home to the worlds smallest python, the Pygmy Python, closely related to a Stimson's Python. This little cutie mostly likes to live in termite mounds but can also be found in amongst the spinifex and under rocks. They are widespread throughout the Pilbara and into the Gascoyne region. The Pygmy python is quite common and is not currently under threat in the wild.



The Pigmy Python is the smallest python in the world.

When the pythons hatch they are about 17cm long and will be about 60cm long when fully grown. Interestingly they actually live longer in the wild than they do in captivity, making it to an extraordinary 25 years in the wild and only about 15 years in captivity. They like to eat skinks, geckos, small mammals and frogs. Pygmy Pythons are nocturnal hunters, killing their prey by constriction just like all other pythons.

Pygmy Pythons tend to stay solo unless it is mating time and then you may see several together in the same place. They lay a clutch of up to 10 eggs which the female wraps herself

around to incubate. The eggs hatch after about two months and the little ones are then pretty much on their own to face the big wide world!

The Pygmy python is a very docile snake and they are therefore quite sought after as pets. Unfortunately this has also seen an increase in attempts to smuggle them out of the country. For now the little snake is still prolific throughout the Pilbara, so lets hope it stays that way!

- 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
www.animaldiversity.org
Photos sourced from the Perth Zoo website.*



Pythons, including the pygmy python, use constriction to kill their prey.

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Historical Marble Bar

~ ARTICLES FROM MAY ~

Historical newspaper articles sourced from www.trove.nla.gov.au give us a glimpse into the recent history of the Pilbara, with stories of triumph and hardship from the past 200 years.

MARBLE BAR NEWS

~Northern Public Opinion and Mining and Pastoral News~
May 16 1894

On Saturday last a man named Charles Norling, the hero of a perish adventure so graphically portrayed in a Perth paper some time back, again fell into trouble, but this time emerged therefrom without the glamour of public laudation. He had come into the Bar from the Just-in-Time, where he was working, and like a party mentioned in Holy Writ fell among undesirable characters with the result that he succumbed to the seduction of the Ominous one. Not only this, but he became disorderly and made himself such a nuisance that remonstrance was tried, without avail, and he persisted in his courses ejaculating "It never happened." Alas! It did, for next morning the erstwhile hero appeared before the RM who fined him 20s or in default seven days.

Mr A.B Roes of Roebourne arrived here on Saturday evening last and after visiting Bamboo Creek left again homeward bound via the Western Shaw route early on Saturday morning following.

Great progress considering the many disadvantages laboured under, has been made by Mr Charles Darley with the local public buildings. Portions of this enormous edifice totally unsuited as it is to this tropical clime, will, I understand, be ready for occupation in about six weeks. When this work is completed Marble Bar may hug to its bosom this white elephant, this gigantic emblem of official

stupidity and extravagance which will remain, long after we all are in our graves and forgotten, to mark at least one epoch in the history of the Bar. One reason I have heard given for the construction of such buildings is that one set of plans is drawn up and then to have the draughtsman the trouble of adapting the building to the locality and climate as he should the remaining towns which may so acquire such are ornamented with edifices erected according to the original design.

Owing to the boisterous weather the last Roebourne via Condon mail arrived here some ten days late, the consequence being that the mail contractor missed a trip, be leaving again as he should on Wednesday last. The hurricane season now being over we may look for regularity in our mail arrangements and may expect to receive our Public Opinions in rotation, not as has occasionally happened, the earliest date turning up about eight days after we had perused the following week's issue.

At the last meeting of the local court before the Resident Magistrate, Dr Nix, William Ellery and William Dunsford for £70 10s wages due. After the best part of the day had been spent in listening to the plaintiffs case, and Mr Lacey, solicitor for the defendant, having no evidence whatever to put before the court in defence, had intimated that he would apply for an adjournment in order that he might obtain the appearance of Messrs Elliott and Dunsford. By mutual agreement between he, as defendants counsel, and Mr Ellery, it was decided to refer the matter in dispute to arbitration, Messrs J Crawford and W P Francis being

chosen, with Mr Walter Kingsmill as umpire to act. These gentlemen have now come to a decision and have awarded Mr Ellery £50 1s of the amount claimed.

MARBLE BAR NEWS

~Northern Public Opinion and Mining and Pastoral News~
May 24 1901

Quite a stir has been caused here by the reported discovery of silver ore about 25 miles from Braeside. Particulars to hand are very meagre, and at present there is not sufficient information to say definitely there is silver there or justify a rush. However, up to the present nearly 200 acres have been taken up. Should the find prove to be silver it will mean a great thing for the Nor-West.

The Marble Bar Racing Club has decided to hold a two days meeting here on July 3 and 4. £150 will be given in prizes, of which £80 is set aside for grass fed horses, and the balance for all comers. Everything so far promises for a more successful meeting than last year. The principal races are the Marble Bar Handicap of £20, and Flying Handicap of £20.

An agitation is on foot to get a mail service from Marble Bar to Tambourrah via Cooglegong. Nearly two hundred men would benefit by such a service.

Great satisfaction is expressed here at the possibility of Mr Kingsmill becoming Minister for mines. It is thought he is well suited to the position, as he is so well acquainted with matters pertaining to mining.

Historical Marble Bar

~ ARTICLES FROM MAY ~

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A public meeting held here decided to ask the District Engineer to use the influence of his department to get a new road from Marble Bar to Port Hedland, the present road being in a very bad state. Teamsters promise to cart from Port Hedland if the new road is made. of a man has been found off the road at George Creek, Marble Bar.

great body, but there are millions of tons. No work whatever has been done on the property, but Mr Marsh is confident that it is a wonderful discovery. He says it is one of the biggest things in the world. If good, and if worked, it will employ hundreds of men.

BURIED IN A BOX

~ An Extraordinary Case ~
May 28 1910

TWO MEN BADLY INJURED

~ Western Mail ~
May 26 1906

Two men named O'Connor and Parkinson were badly injured yesterday at Moolyella. They were sinking a water shaft, and shifts were being worked. One shift charged three holes with dynamite, and one charge failed to explode. O'Connor and Parkinson then went on and put in another shot, thinking that the others had all exploded. They struck an unexploded cap, and the shot went off. O'Connor had one of his legs smashed, and Parkinson sustained injuries to one of his hands.

On the 1st Inst. A man named Samuel Jones came from Cooglegong suffering from a disease in a virulent form. He was refused admittance to the hospital, and on the 5th inst. Dr Hope telegraphed to Dr Trisdo that the case was one for the hospital. It is reported, however, that the man did not receive medical attention until the 13th inst. He lingered until Saturday night or Sunday morning, when he was found dead in the humpy in which he had been located. He had evidently died in pain, as his body was doubled up. The undertaker, not caring to handle the body, the unfortunate man was buried in a box instead of a coffin. There was no one to nurse him.

PILBARRA ASBESTOS

~ Marble Bar ~
May 9 1908

The latest asbestos find is causing the greatest interest. A resident who visited the find on Saturday states that the deposit is of immense size, being a mile and a half long and up to 300ft wide. It is on top of high hills, which can be followed down to the bottom and up the next hill, 200ft high, and so on from end to end. The asbestos is of chrysolite variety, and is in the serpentine rock. It is impossible to estimate the extinct of the

THE MARBLE BAR CASE HUT DESTROYED BY FIRE

~ West Australian ~
25 May 1910

The bush hut in which Samuel Jones, who was suffering from a disease in a virulent form, dies on Saturday night or Sunday morning, was destroyed by fire last night. There is no theory as to the origin of the fire. The hut was the property of the Government.

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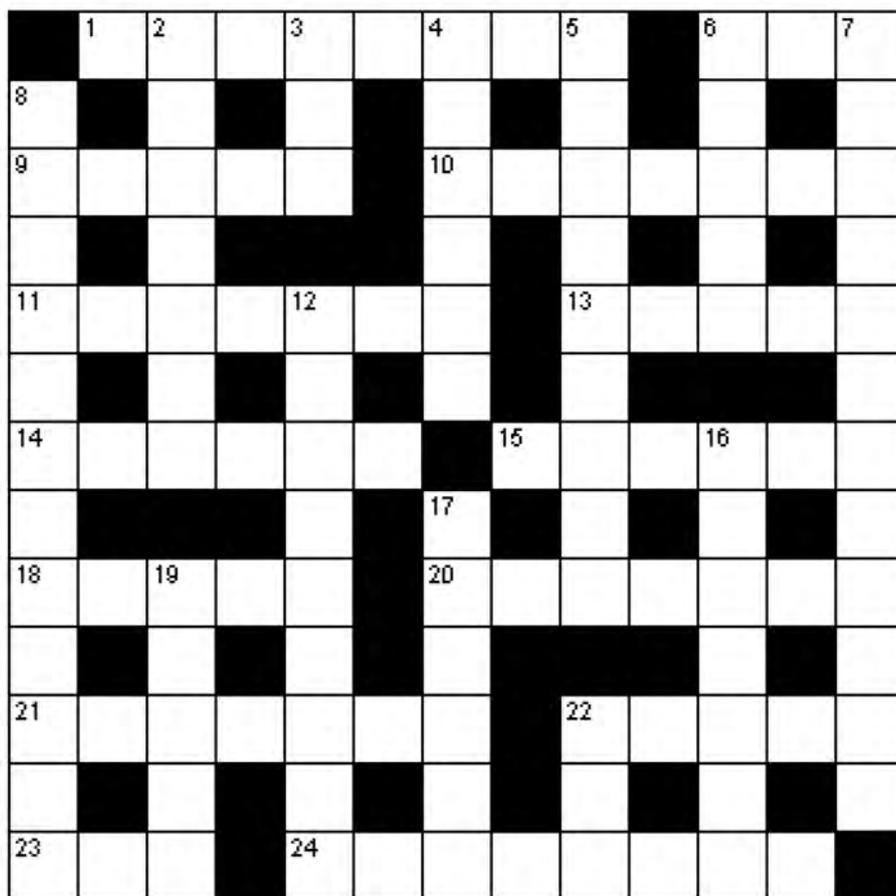
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- 1 Secret (4-4)
- 6 Public transport vehicle (3)
- 9 Brink (5)
- 10 Acrobat (7)
- 11 Nullified (7)
- 13 Gloss (5)
- 14 Aromatic spice (6)
- 15 Tightly clinging shellfish (6)
- 18 Travel by car (5)
- 20 Mean, medium (7)
- 21 Soon (7)
- 22 By oneself (5)
- 23 The sun (3)
- 24 Late afternoon church service (8)

Down

- 2 Vertical (7)
- 3 Gardening tool (3)
- 4 Messy (6)
- 5 English county (9)
- 6 Beautiful girl (5)
- 7 Fortified (12)
- 8 Formal wear (7,5)
- 12 As a result (9)
- 16 Group of soldiers (7)
- 17 Hang loosely (6)
- 19 Perfect (5)
- 22 Dolt (3)

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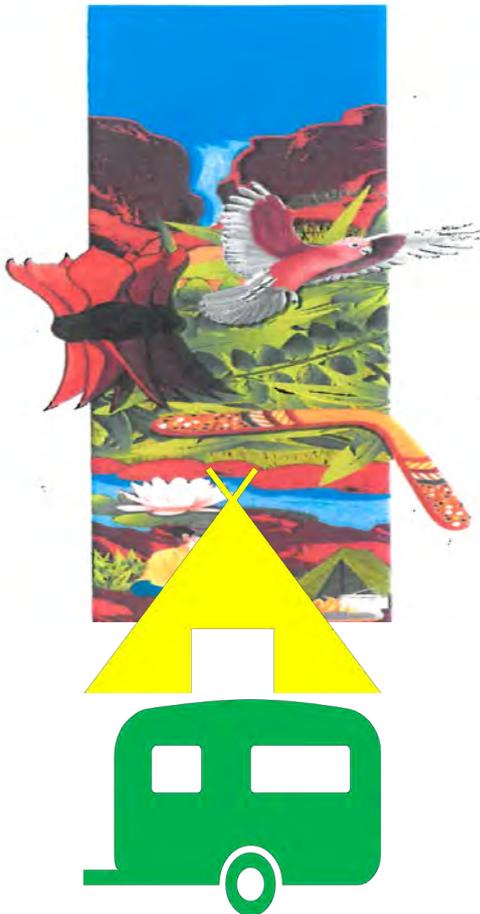
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12th May

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Training 4th & 18th May

Contact Amy: 9176 1375
Paul Maddern: 0409 174 042

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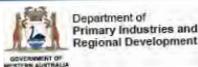
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Call the CRC on 9176 1375

~ 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 Marble BarCRC.*

Christopher Wilson (21/04/1989 - 29/04/2021)

Funeral 29th May, Service 3:00pm at the Marble Bar Civic Centre
Graveside 4:00pm at Marble Bar Cemetery - Dress Code Brisbane Lion Shirt or Black & White

Trevor Wayne Ball

Funeral 15th May, Graveside Service 9:30am at the South Hedland Cemetery, Wallwork Rd.

Christopher Lubin (12/11/1972 - 25/03/2021)

Funeral Sunday 16th May, 9:00am at Jigalong

Margo Danielle Nundi (04/07/1974 - 28/03/2021)

Funeral 20th May, 9:00am at Bidyadanga Church - Dress Code Black & White

Peter Rowlands (01/01/1948 - 21/03/2021)

Funeral Saturday 15th May, 9:00am at Jigalong

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9174 1900

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13 13 75

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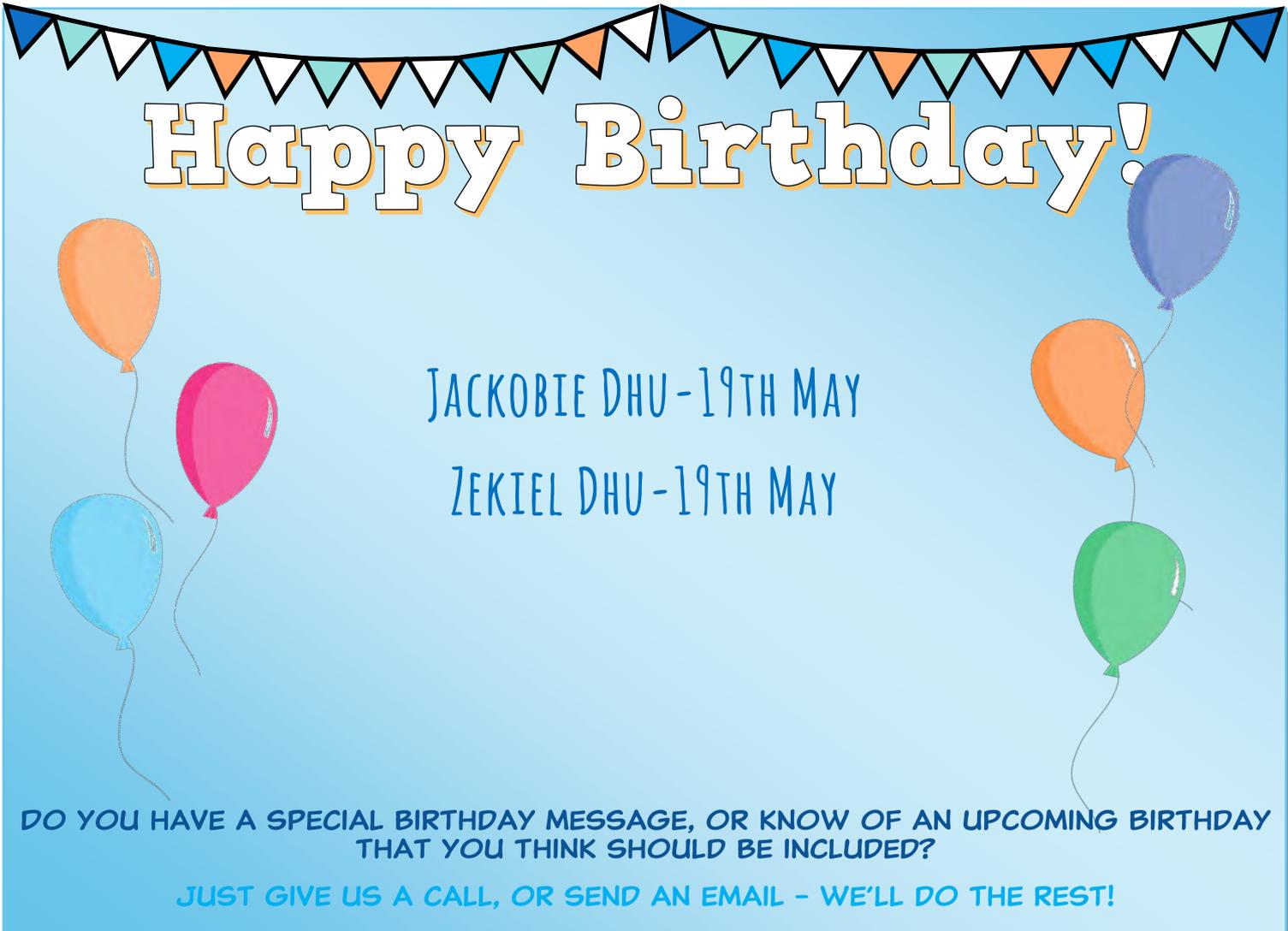
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MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 BIN DAY 	5	6	7	8
		MARBLE BAR VFES 5pm @The Station		RFDS @MB Nursing Post	Be Connected 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	
9	10	11 BIN DAY 	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day				RFDS @MB Nursing Post		
16	17	18 BIN DAY 	19	20	21	22
		MARBLE BAR VFES 5pm @The Station		RFDS @MB Nursing Post	Be Connected 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	
23	24	25 BIN DAY 	26	27	28	29
				Shire BBQ 5:30pm @MB Civic Centre	Be Connected 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	
				RFDS @MB NP		

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15 BIN DAY 	16	17	18	19
		MARBLE BAR VFES 5pm @The Station		RFDS @MB Nursing Post	Be Connected 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	
20	21	22 BIN DAY 	23	24	25	26
				RFDS @MB Nursing Post	Be Connected 3:00-4:30pm @CRC	
27	28	29 BIN DAY 	30			