Marble Bar & Nullagine MIRAGE

November 2019
(and a little bit of December)

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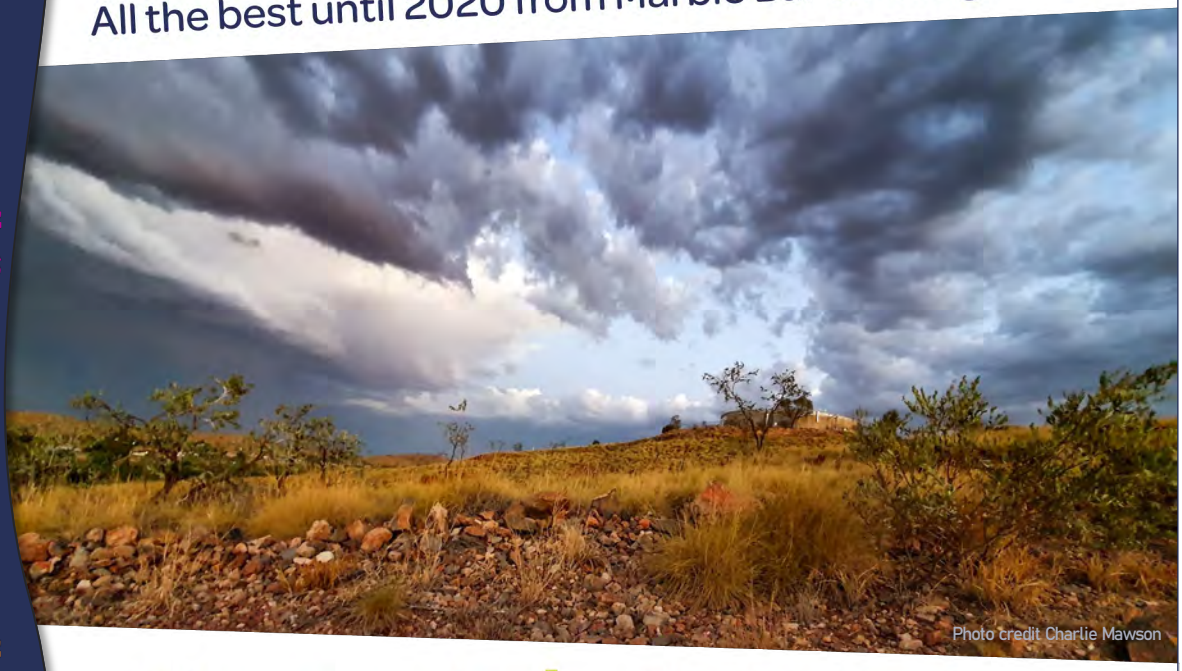
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

All the best until 2020 from Marble Bar & Nullagine CRCs



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Let's celebrate!

International Day of People with Disability

WHEN? 10:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday 3rd December
WHERE? At the Marble Bar CRC
WHAT? Games, Prizes & BBQ lunch

Football at sunset with WAPOL, Shire of East Pilbara and Ngurra Kujungka

MB CRC Training Centre Open Day
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EDITORIAL

Hello,

This edition covers a lot - all of October, November, and the early part of December. So much for slowing down at the end of the year!

Keep an eye out for the next edition in February, which will cover late December as well as January - Christmas tree lightings, Father Christmas present delivery, the works!

I'm off on annual leave for the next five weeks, heading back down to South Aus. for Christmas. At last check, it was set to be creeping up to 45° over there at the moment so it won't be much of a change! Fingers crossed I don't get flooded out coming back.

Have a happy and safe holidays everyone!

Cheers,

Amy Pfitzner
Coordinator, Marble Bar CRC

A WORD FROM FRASER, COORDINATOR AT NULLAGINE CRC:

Nullagine has been busy the last couple of month with lots of people in town.

School Holidays ended last month and now the kids are back at School, (Not before a couple of fun weeks away though!)

The CRC has also been busy which is a great pace to keep up with. Connor and myself are settling in well and beginning to look forward to the upcoming Holidays!

The CRC will be closed for two weeks over Christmas and Centrelink will be aware of these dates. The CRC also has a stockpile of Prizes from the Shire for the winners of the Halloween Colouring Competition. Good job to all the kids that took part!

Fraser Brennan,
Coordinator, Nullagine CRC

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SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PART-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE/ADMIN POSITIONS AT MARBLE BAR CRC & NULLAGINE CRC

WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD TWO POSITIONS OPEN UP - ONE AT NULLAGINE AND ONE AT MARBLE BAR. THESE ROLES HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN FILLED BY STAFF WORKING UNDER A CASUAL CONTRACT HOWEVER WE WISH TO GIVE EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY.

We are seeking candidates with previous experience in customer service, administration/office work and/or community services work, who are able to work Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm.

Applicants with prior experience with accounting/finance, community development, funding acquisition, project management and/or general management are encouraged to apply.

If you are currently looking for work in Nullagine or Marble Bar, or are willing to travel, please email your resume to us at the address provided below.

APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED IN 2020

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

BECOME A MEMBER!

SEEKING NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR MARBLE BAR & NULLAGINE CRC ASSOCIATIONS

BUT I HATE MEETINGS / I'M TOO BUSY

Becoming a member doesn't mean you have to be on the Committee! Association members are invited to general meetings once or twice a year tops! It's just an opportunity to have your say and see what we've got planned for the year.

If you'd like to join the committee and really get involved, being a member means you can vote, and nominate yourself and others for election at the AGM.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN STORE OR ON OUR WEBSITE

AGM FEBRUARY 2020

GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN NOW!

SNAKE HANDLING COURSE

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: NULLAGINE & MARBLE BAR

The Shire of East Pilbara and Marble Bar/Nullagine CRCs are looking to facilitate a one day snake handling course for Marble Bar and Nullagine local residents. The Shire will subsidise the training by covering 50% of the costs associated with your qualifications for up to 4 residents in each location bringing the cost to $220.00 per person. (Full price $440.00 per person)

PLACES ARE LIMITED

If you would like to nominate yourself to be considered, please contact Lisa George at the Marble Bar office on 9176 1008 or email cmb@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES 19/20

WISH TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS IN 2020?

Express your interest in taking part in any of these educational opportunities happening right here in Marble Bar and Nullagine

- SNAKE HANDLING (5 HOURS)
- INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL
- INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD
- FIRST AID (2 DAYS)
- FIRST AID REFRESHER (.5 DAY)
- 4WD TRAINING GENERAL (2 DAYS)

To register your interest, please enquire at the Marble Bar Shire Office (08) 9176 1008

NULLAGINE DECEMBER

WHAT'S ON?

Shire of EAST Pilbara
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

LIGHTING OF THE TREE, MOVIE & THANK A VOLUNTEER

We will be lighting the Christmas Tree and thanking all the wonderful local volunteers, having dinner and then topping it off with an out door movie.
WHERE : Christmas Tree Park
WHEN : Dinner from 6.00pm

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

NOVO RESOURCES INFO SESSION

WHEN : From 6pm at Gallop Hall

TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER

SCHOOL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Inquire with the school for more information
Phone : 9176 2023

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN

WHEN : From 2.00pm

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MARBLE BAR

DECEMBER

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WHERE : Civic Centre
WHEN : 6.00pm

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER

SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

WHERE : Civic Centre
TIME : 6.00pm

THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN

WHEN : 2.00pm

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TRAINING CENTRE OPEN DAY!

On Tuesday the 3rd of October, the Marble Bar CRC hosted an Open Day for our new Training Centre initiative.

The day started early, with ABC Breakfast Radio's Kelly Gudgeon interviewing CRC personnel and members of the community, asking questions about the Training Centre and life in Marble Bar. Later in the morning, Kelly handed the mic over to co-presenter Jordan Fritz for the morning show, with interviews including newly appointed CRC Coordinator Fraser Brennan and Eon Foundation's Share Greenwood.

Soon, our training centre was at capacity as the community and training organisation representatives arrived:

Apprenticeship Support Australia
If you're interested in doing a traineeship or apprenticeship or if you're a business looking to employ trainees/apprentices, these are the guys to talk to. They've got all the tools to get you setup, and will help you throughout the process!

North Regional TAFE
We all know who these guys are - we'll be running courses through NR TAFE in the new year so keep an eye out. If you're interested in getting a certification or diploma through TAFE, drop into the CRC and we'll help you get setup!

Pilbara University Commission
These guys are really doing some amazing things. Would you like to study at university, but maybe aren't ready - and don't want to leave the Pilbara? These guys can help you out. They're working with universities across Australia to bring uni to us - and right now, they offer bridging courses to get you uni-ready!

Bloodwood Tree
You've probably heard of Bloodwood Tree, they've been around a while - did you know that also offer employment training and support?

Tambinah
Locals Pat and Stephen Mason are looking to setup heavy machinery training and certification right here in Marble Bar!

Pilbara Community Legal Services
These guys offer advice and training to help you navigate the tricky world of law. Some of their services include financial counselling and community education for housing tenancy.

As the day proceeded more people arrived to see what we've been up to, including MLA Kevin Michel and Shire of East Pilbara President Lynne Craigie and CEO Jeremy Edwards. These guys are fantastic with supporting our initiatives and we really appreciate them making the trip! Unfortunately, many community members and representatives were unable to attend due to timing with sorry business in Nullagine. For those who couldn't make it, all information collected on the day is available at the CRC, and we've got plenty of opportunities to check out the training facility coming up in 2020!

We were really happy with how the day went, and excited to keep momentum going in the future. One of the major positive outcomes of the day came from the training organisation representatives who attended - we've had a lot of wonderful feedback from these guys, many of whom hadn't realised that there were other organisations with similar goals operating in the same area!

"It was a wonderful event that succeeded in bringing together the local RTO's and residents of Marble Bar to discuss training and education options, one that we benefitted from immensely"

Pilbara University Commission (PUC)

What's Next? Training Centre 2020

North Regional TAFE courses (Shire and CRC joint initiative)
Snake Handling | First Aid & First Aid Refresher | 4WD General Training
Intro to Microsoft Excel | Intro to Microsoft Word

Mental Health First Aid (Funded by FMG)
FMG have awarded us with a grant to provide a fully subsidised Mental Health First Aid training course! Keep an eye out for more info in 2020.

Be Connected - Digital Literacy
Through Be Connected, we can provide online digital literacy training, right here in Marble Bar! Be Connected offer basic computer training including using the internet, shopping online and setting up social media!

ABC Radio interviewed people throughout the day. Here presenter Jordan Fritz speaks to Nullagine CRC's Fraser Brennan and Eon Foundation's Share Greenwood

(Left > Right) Connor Stanley (NGCRC), Share Greenwood (EON Foundation), Fraser Brennan (NGCRC), Dean Hatwell (CRC Chairman), Amy Pfitzner, Sharna Coffin, Kylie James (MBCRC), Pip Nolan (MB Prospector's Association), Pat Mason (Tambinah) and Sharnee Mason

ABC Radio presenters Kelly Gudgeon and Jordan Fritz chat to Shire of East Pilbara President Lynne Craigie.

There was plenty of opportunity for group discussion

MP Kevin Michel chats with CRC staff

Bloodwood Tree offer support in the Pilbara

ABC Radio's Kelly Gudgeon

Apprenticeship Support Australia's Tarin Colwill is the lady to talk to about traineeships and apprenticeships in the Pilbara!

BBQ Lunch went down a treat!

A successful day all round!

The ladies from North Regional TAFE are always happy to help new students

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Progress on the Community Garden has continued, thanks to the Shire of East Pilbara and the boys and girls from Ashburton.

We managed to get a few plants in the ground, unfortunately (to no one's surprise) the little guys didn't survive the heat! With cyclone season coming underway, the rest of the seedlings have been transplanted to other areas.

Despite the challenges of this year, we're happy with how things have gone. Though there's still plenty to be done, we've made a serious dent in the work - so we'll be ready to get on top of the growing season early next year!

Amy Pfitzner,
Marble Bar CRC

HUGE THANKS TO THE SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA

We've recently received the fantastic news that the Marble Bar CRC Community Garden project has been successful in applying to the Shire of East Pilbara Community Assistance Grants (CAG) programme!

The CAG grant includes $6,000 funding from the Shire to put towards this project and we couldn't be happier.

We are using the money provided to help cover the cost of our shipping container, which we are using to store tools and equipment for the garden project.

The CRC are extremely grateful to the Shire for this support, and look forward to continuing to work together into the future.

Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar CRC

Shire of EAST Pilbara
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

What's Cooking?

Christmas Special

Christmas Cake

Prep Time: 0:35 **Cook Time: 2:55**

Ingredients

- 375 g sultanas
- 250 g raisins chopped
- 250 g currants
- 125 g mixed peel
- 125 g glace cherries halved
- 60 g glace pineapple chopped
- 250 g butter
- 1 cup brown sugar firmly packed
- 1/2 cup brandy (rum or whiskey work fine too!)
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tsp orange rind grated
- 1 tsp lemon rind grated
- 1 tbs treacle (or golden syrup)
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 3/4 cups plain flour
- 1/3 cup self-raising flour
- 1 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Method

1. Line a deep 23 cm or 20 cm square cake tin with three sheets-thick of baking paper, bringing paper 5 cm above the edge of tin.
2. Combine fruit, butter, sugar, brandy and water in a pan, stir over heat until butter is melted and the sugar has completely dissolved.
3. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer covered for 10 minutes.
4. Remove from heat, cool to room temperature.
5. Stir in orange and lemon rind, treacle and eggs.
6. Sift dry ingredients, stir until combined with no lumps (that aren't fruit!) spread mixture evenly into tin.
7. Bake at 140C for 2-2½ hours. Cover hot cake with foil, cool in tin.

Marble Bar CRC Celebrates International Day of People with Disability

Tuesday December 3rd was International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD), and thanks to Department of Communities, we were able to put on a fantastic event!

CELEBRATING DISABILITY

Disability comes in all shapes and sizes, but for our IDPwD event we chose to focus on physical disability, and how it impacts members of our community.

PROMOTING COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING

Our guests of honour for the day were Susan Potter and Ryan Sinclair, members of our community who demonstrate extraordinary resilience and adaptability every single day.

For those who don't know, Susan has been in a wheelchair since she was 19, when her leg became cancerous and doctors were forced to amputate. Susan says that despite having lost her leg many years ago, she still hasn't grown totally used to it. "I can feel my leg, my feet, my toes - sometimes I forget it's gone, and try to stand up and walk away."

Ryan Sinclair, a teacher at Marble Bar Primary, was born without his left arm below the elbow. "Having only one hand has had its challenges however you find a way to adapt and do things your way. There isn't too many things I haven't tried and I enjoy the challenge." said Ryan. Ryan rarely wears his prosthesis, finding it more natural to perform tasks using his elbow to support his right hand.

We worked with Ryan and Susan in the lead up to the event to come up with fun games and activities to try to emulate some of the difficulties they face in their day-to-day life.

FOUR STAGE COMPETITION

The day kicked off at 10:30am with the arrival of staff and students from Marble Bar Primary School, along well as members of the Community.

The competition was broken up into four stages. We had 5 teams who completed the stages in a relay so everyone had a go at each activity. Each stage was timed, with the winning team being the team at the end with the lowest time overall. The teams were divided up into colours - Black, Red, Blue stripes. Dark Stripes and Green (colours were chosen based on the choices available for shirts at K-Mart!)

Best & Fairest:
Rhineakkah Toby

Winning Team:
Tanziannal Whalebone
Deejae Stream
Jacobie Stream

Stage One was the 'Chuppa-Chupp Challenge' which involved unwrapping a chuppa-chupp lollipop - with one hand! After consulting with Ryan, our resident expert, we decided you could use your other elbow/arm to pin it down, but no teeth allowed!

Stage Two was the 'Shirt-Button Challenge.' This was a tricky one! Team members had to take turns buttoning, and then unbuttoning, four buttons on the team shirt - again, only one hand allowed! (the kids were all pretty frustrated by the end of it - I don't know how Ryan does it!)

Stage Three was probably the most successful event - the kids had a great time. For this challenge, each team had a bucket full of water, a plastic screw-top container and a 1L jug in their team-colours. Each team-member had to unscrew the lid on the container (one hand only, of course!) fill the container, run to the jug and pour in the water (without spilling too much on the way!) and keep going back and forward until the jug was full - at which the jug was tipped out, and they had to put the screw-top lid back on, and pass it over to the next person! Lots of water was spilled and the kids had a great time getting soaked (not a problem in Marble Bar!)

The Fourth and final stage was a three-legged obstacle course! This was again run in relay, each team ran twice In pairs. We strapped the kids together at the ankle, they then had to work together to quickly navigate their way through a series of cones. This challenge was to do with understanding how difficult it is to get from point A to B when you can only control one leg!

It was a close call - down to seconds on the clock - but in the end, the winners were the 'dark stripes' with an overall time of 25min 52seconds! (second place was team 'black' at 26m 10s, third to team 'red' with 27m 07s)

The dark stripes (. Deejae Stream and) all received prizes. X got a mini-drone and the girls got wireless 'air-bud' style headphones!

We also selected a best and fairest for the day, which went to x. X was a clear winner for best and fairest, she was always polite and spent most of her time helping and encouraging her teammates and the younger children. X received a nice set of over-ear headphones.

As they left, each student also received a gift bag filled with lollies, water pistols and noisemakers (I'm sure the staff and teachers at the school were very excited about this!)

Thank you to the Department of Communities for their generous funding, we had a great day. Further thanks to RetraVision South Hedland, who (after hearing about what we had planned) generously donated two sets of brand-new headphones to the

prize pool!

Endless gratitude to the staff and students of Marble Bar Primary School, without you guys it wouldn't have been much of an event! In particular I'd like to thank Ryan Sinclair - who not only organised the logistics of getting the students down for the day, but played a huge role in coming up with the games and activities!

Marble Bar WAPOL's Ellie and John - you guys were champs. Called in at the last second and you ended up as referees, judges and scorekeepers! Couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks to Lisa and Lou from the Shire for helping with planning and running the BBQ. Last but not least, thanks to my wonderful staff Kylie and Sharna, and to Susan for taking time out of work to come along to our event!

- Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar Community Resource Centre

And they're off! The Chuppa Chupp challenge begins.

Ellie supervising the Chuppa-Chupp Challenge! .

The Chuppa-Chupp Challenge is very serious business.

The shirt button challenge was tricky! It took a while to get the four buttons.

Mr. Sinclair explains the rules

The screw top challenge was a lot of fun - even if everyone got wet!

More photos next page >

Three-legged races require teamwork!

Ellie ties up the children, ready for the race.

Susan chats with Principal Wilson

Scores are being added up – who's ready for lunch?

Checking out the goody bag!

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

Shire of EAST Pilbara
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION!

DECORATE YOUR HOME FROM NOV 10 - DEC 3 FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN CASH PRIZES. REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY 29 NOV 2019. JUDGING TAKES PLACE DURING THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE EVENTS IN BOTH LOCATIONS.

NULLAGINE JUDGING: 4/12/2019 **MARBLE BAR JUDGING : 6/12/2019**

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MARBLE BAR SHIRE OFFICE OR THE NULLAGINE LIBRARY

FREE ADMISSION

1ST PRIZE: $500.00

PEOPLE CHOICE: $500.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EVENTS@EASTPILBARA.WA.GOV.AU

A Bank Needed in Marble Bar

"A bank is badly needed, and an agitation is on foot that direction. A large amount of gold leaves here weekly."

Western Mail - Marble Bar, November 29, 1899

For a long time past it has been recognised that an alteration in the method of sending gold away from Pilbarra was absolutely necessary, both on account of the very heavy charges made by the bank and the insecurity attaching to the mode of transit. (*The West Australian, Marble Bar Correspondent, 1900)*

A committee has been appointed here by an influential public meeting, representing the business interests of the district, to draw up a memorial the general manager of the Union Bank, Perth, asking for the establishment of a branch of that bank at Marble Bar. It is claimed that a branch bank here would be a profitable concern, as at no other period in the history of the Pilbarra goldfields has so much gold been won, or the prospects of the goldfield been so bright, or the like amount of trade been carried off. (*The Western Mail – Fri 18 Nov 1898)*

Concerning the Proposed Railway

The West Australian
Tue 4 Nov 1902

On Saturday last Mr. William Porritt, a mining engineer, visited Marble Bar, after having travelled from Carnarvon.

Mr. Porritt states that in none of the places that he has travelled in has he seen such inducements for prospectors as those that are offering from Nullagine right through to Marble Bar. It was a great surprise to him that the Government had not seen its way clear to push the construction of the proposed Port Hedland-Marble Bar Railway forward. He was quite satisfied that the people living in the southern portion of the State know absolutely nothing of the prospects, difficulties, and hardships that exist in the North-West, which, to his mind, would be a great field for labour and capital if a railway were constructed.

He was not a prophet, but he was prepared to say that before very long there will be neither prospector nor mining-man to be found in this part of the country. It cannot possibly be, he said, that the Government has been seized of the true facts regarding the prospects that exist here for a railway: otherwise, it would carry the work out with the greatest possible speed.

Diamonds at Nullagine

The Express and Telegraph
Perth - November 1898

Mr. A. Krakouer has returned from a trip to Nullagine in search of diamonds. He was accompanied by some South African diamond miners, who pronounced the country similar to that met with in South Africa, and are highly pleased with the prospects.

The locality is 200 miles inland from Port Hedland, and the party was a fortnight on the field, during shich time several diamonds were secured, for one of which £25 has been refused. It is stated that the country is splendid for agricultural purposes, and there is an abundance of water.

The Pilbarra Goldfield News

MARBLE BAR - NOVEMBER 1918

Mining The Prophecy (Bert Watson), at Bamboo, crushed 140 tons for 294 oz.

Accident. Mr. A. Shanley was recently badly knocked about through a waggon running over him. He is progressing in the local hospital under the treatment of Dr. Browne.

Seventh War Loan. Total subscriptions to this loan, £3020, from 26 subscribers. The following wire was received from the Central Committee :—" Congratulations your figures; you secure honor flag with three stars and bar."

Weather. Old residents say it is the driest season for 20 years. Rain is badly needed, only 5 points having been registered since last March. The heat has been very trying during the past few days, the mercury keeping near the 110 mark.

Asbestos. The asbestos show is in full swing at Hales' Grave. Mr. LeSouef has sent away 5 tons. The asbestos is of the chrysotile variety, some of the fibre measuring 5in, and the show looks distinctly promising.

Wedding. The marriage of Mr. Vic. Gallop and Miss G. Barnes duly came off last week, the Rev. G. Stubbs officiating. The happy couple received many useful presents, and the many guests at the breakfast wished them all sorts of good luck. Mr. and Mrs. Gallop have taken up their residence at Cooglegong, where the former conducts a general store and a wayside house.

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TROVE - online library database

Marble Bar & Nullagine
HISTORICAL NEWS: DECEMBER

Father Christmas Comes to Town

The Pilbarra Goldfield News
Marble Bar - December 1918

Father Christmas, as usual, came along to the local hall on Xmas Eve and distributed presents among his little friends. A most enjoyable time was spent, and the little ones thoroughly enjoyed the evening. […] Messrs. Codingley, Hunter, McGovern, Grayson and Dixon came down from Nullagine to the 'Capital' to spend the Xmas holidays. They were given the customary "Bar" welcome, and all returned thoroughly satisfied that they had a good time. Tennis was the only contentious item; and it is not all together clear which was the superior side.

Nullagine Christmas Tree

Northern Times
Nullagine - December 1954

On Saturday afternoon, December 18, the C.W.A., with the hall freshly decorated, took charge of festivities and the 30 children gathered there and a nice spread was placed before them. By the time the children were all full up to the heads, Father Christmas arrived with his big bag of gifts, which he distributed to the little ones outside the hall and then moved on surrounded by the children to the Xmas tree and distributed all the many fine presents around it to some of his eager flock of children. Some of the expressions on the faces were a treasure.

Marble Bar Christmas

Northern Times
Marble Bar - December 1954

Big event on the evening of Saturday, December 18, was the annual pioneer's dinner sponsored by the Marble Bar and district Pioneers' Christmas Cheer Fund.

Seventeen old people from Marble bar sat down to the traditional Christmas fare of poultry and plum pudding, with plenty of liquid refreshment to follow. Chairman Les Miller saw that everything went with a swing, while Messrs. Witty, Green and Mallett show latent ability as drink waiters. After the dinner party adjuourned to the hotel beer garden, where the gaiety was enlivened by items rendered by some of the guests. All present were handed a Christmas present in the form of a cheque by the Chariman. Old-timers who have left the district were not forgotten in this regard and were forwarded a greeting and presentation by mail.

Great credit was bestowed by the organisers on the staff of the "Ironclad" who had laboured all day to provide the excellent fare.

Marble Bar Road

Northern Times
Marble Bar - December 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 the residences and shops. The main street will be bitumen sealed and later the road to the aerodrome will be similarly treated.

Nullagine (By Telegraph)

The Pilbarra Goldfield News
Nullagine - December 1898

Leaseholders in this locality unanimously availed themselves of the Christmas exemptions, and, having taken part in the festivities, are returning once more to their pick and shovel.

December Weather

MARBLE BAR & NULLAGINE

Marble Bar - December 1901
The West Australian

On Christmas afternoon a terrific rain and hail storm passed over Marble Bar, but only did a small amount of damage. One house was unroofed and several outhouses were blown over. The storm was the most severe of its kind yet known here. The hailstones were as large as pigeon eggs, and some larger. The wind blew with terrific force, but the storm lasted only about twenty minutes.

Nullagine - December 1907
The Pilbarra Goldfield News

On Tuesday evening last a severe thunderstorm passed over the town, unroofing several buildings and doing minor damage to others. Twenty-nine points of rain were registered. […] The rain should be the means of pushing on work at the battery, which has been practically hung up lately on account of a shortage of water. Lack of the latter has been handicapping the district for the past three months, but given a few more storms about the district, prospecting would soon be in full swing, as several parties are waiting to go out.

References:

TROVE - online library database

Activities in Nullagine

During the two weeks of the November school holidays we had an extended visit from the Holiday Program. We had awesome days on the slip and slide, doing art work (Make sure to check out our mural at the Police Station!) and even joining in on playing music and singing. There are some pretty great voices to be heard in Nullagine!

We also received a visit from our lovely Share with EON Foundation who made a welcome appearance with Ngurra Kujungka. *(pages 18-19)*

With the help of the Shire and Nullagine Police we had also a Movie Night. *(page 21)* Kids and Parents were invited to grab a burger and watch some movies on WAPOL's blow-up Cinema!

A big thank you to Linda, Laurie, John and all involved with extending the Holiday program, and a special thanks to Ngurra Kujungka.

Now that December is here, Nullagine is sensing the Holidays on the horizon.

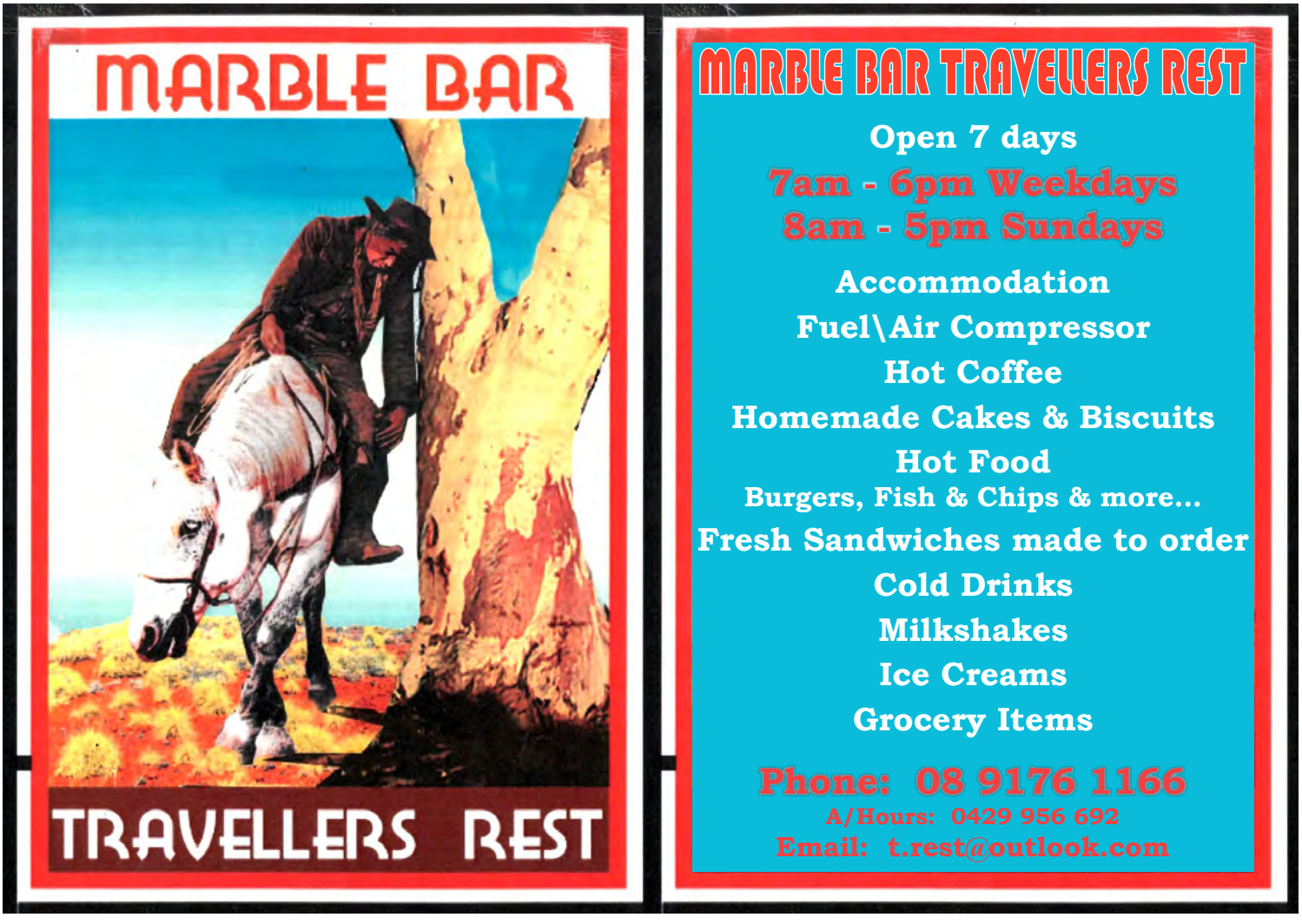
This hasn't slowed anything down because there's been lots happening at the start of this Month.

NOVO is holding an information session at Gallop Hall on the 4th of December which is the same day as our annual lighting of the Christmas tree.

MPC Kinetics and FMG are also visiting at the start of this month, with FMG unveiling something big and exciting for the winner of "Paint your Pilbara" Art Competition.

Make sure you come down and enjoy a sausage sizzle as well as a slip and slide with our friendly Police Officers in the sun.

Fraser Brennan,
Nullagine CRC



Shire, WAPOL & Ngurra Kujungka

School Holiday Program

October started out very busy for our youth teams in both Nullagine and Marble Bar with the school holidays kicking off on the 1st of the month.

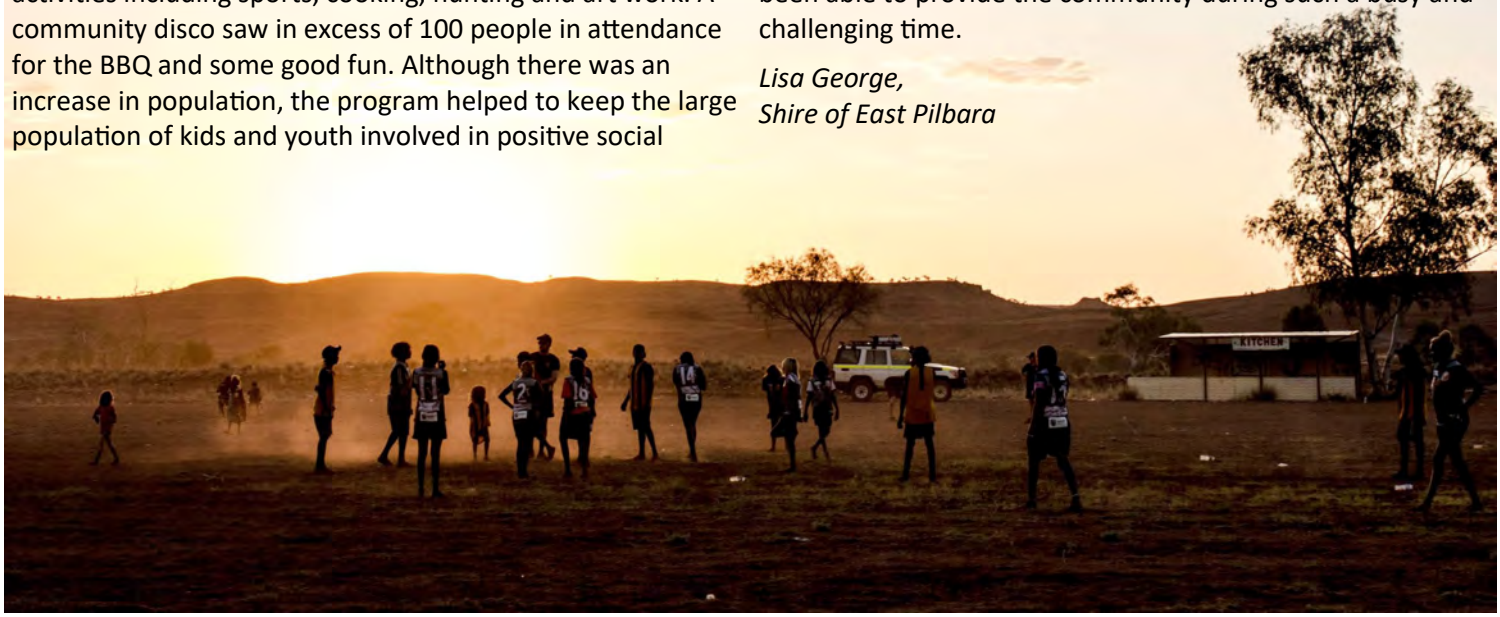
Nullagine had an increased population during this time due to some very sad community sorry business. We had many new families in town who bought more and more kids in to the holiday program. Fortunately, Ngurra Kujungka were in town running their Martu School Holiday Program and were able to partner with WAPOL and the Shire of East Pilbara to extend their services for a second week!

With up to 60 kids attending our daily youth activities, Senior Indigenous Sports Development Officer Adam Norton was able to pull resources to extend the busy schedule. Adam's team were working form morning to night on various activities including sports, cooking, hunting and art work. A community disco saw in excess of 100 people in attendance for the BBQ and some good fun. Although there was an increase in population, the program helped to keep the large population of kids and youth involved in positive social opportunities.

The Ngurra Kujungka team did an amazing job to provide such a diverse program at short notice, to be working in that heat and with such a high energy group is worth a high 5 indeed. We wish to thank the Nullagine CRC team for their support, our very own Linda Cooper who was busy in the kitchen and on clean up as well as Coordinator of Youth Services, Kaitlyn Berry and Adelane Hawkins. The ladies came out to offer respite to our exhausted staff after two weeks of flat out activity, a great opportunity to become familiar with the special kids in Nullagine and look for opportunities of team work in future.

This was a successful partnership between WAPOL, Shire of East Pilbara and Ngurra Kujungka. One we are proud to have been able to provide the community during such a busy and challenging time.

Lisa George,
Shire of East Pilbara



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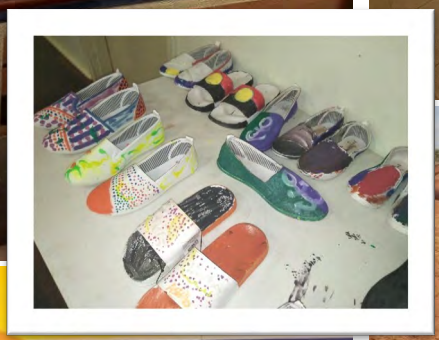

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PILBARA SPIRIT MBPS SWIM CARNIVAL

The Year 5 and Year 6 students travelled to the South Hedland Aquatic Centre to participate in the Pilbara Spirit Swimming Carnival on the 13th and 14th of November 2019. The travelling party of nine, six students and three staff embarked on the two day trip. Mrs Potter in the driver's seat, Mrs Todd kept the students well fed and Mr Sinclair had the hydration levels pumping. It was time to hit the road.

Marble Bar Primary School were accommodated by the Lodge in South Hedland and after some brief R and R, it was dinner time. We were met with a buffet dinner and dessert (featuring Mr Sinclair's Ice-cream cone creations) and then lights out, day one was complete.

Following a delightful breakfast the students were excited and ready for the promising day ahead. The carnival included competitive races as well as novelty races and team building challenges such as rope throw, save your partner, boat races, water polo and obstacle course.

We had some magnificent individual performances from Zekiel Dhu and Kayleen Coffin who both won individual events. Zekiel Dhu and Jacobie Dhu also taking out the partner team event. The six students Jensen Manurung, Deejae Stream, Jimmaya Coffin, Kayleen Coffin, Zekiel and Jacobie Dhu can be very proud of their attitude, effort and how they held themselves throughout the two day trip. Well Done!!

There was some very tired boys and girls on the journey back into Marble Bar.We look forward to the 2020 carnival.

Mr Ryan Sinclair.
ECE Teacher Marble Bar P.S

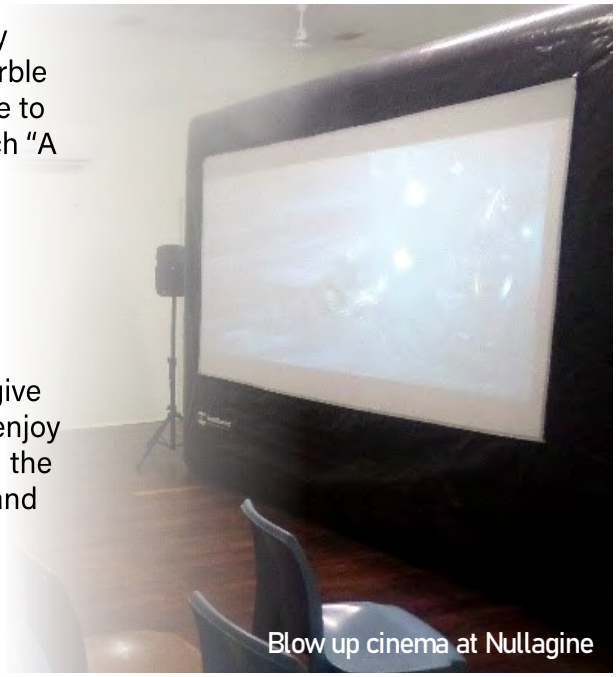
Movie Night!

At Marble Bar & Nullagine

As part of the school holiday program, our families in Marble Bar and Nullagine were able to enjoy a movie night to watch "A Dog's Way Home".

We thank WAPOL for their strong support in bringing these events to both communities. With local support, we were able to give our community a BBQ to enjoy before settling in to watch the movie on cushions, rugs and in good company.

Lisa George,
Shire of East Pilbara


Blow up cinema at Nullagine

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Tidy Towns 2019: NULLAGINE'S A WINNER!

NULLAGINE WINS AWARD FOR APPEARANCE
Shire Media Release 30/10/2019

The beautiful town of Nullagine in the Shire of East Pilbara has won the Keep Australia Beautiful's Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards for General Appearance.

"Winning this award is excellent news for Nullagine and a wonderful way to share its great qualities with the rest of the country," said Shire President Lynne Craigie OAM.

"My sincere congratulations to our parks and garden team, who have worked so hard for this recognition as well as the Nullagine community who have such great pride in their town," she added.

Nullagine was one of six regions in the State recognised in the "General Appearance" category which looks for the following criteria:

- A tidy and well-maintained town, including public parks and gardens, industry and business, streets, footpaths verges and median strips.
- Projects that have enhanced a streetscape
- Restoration of prominent buildings
- Water wise road side planting

Shire of East Pilbara's Sardie, Sheree Quigley and Owen Quigley receiving their award

Judges described the unique characteristics of Nullagine and acknowledged the community efforts which helped secure the recognition:

"The attractive appearance of the 4WD 'entry and exit' Pilbara community situated between Marble Bar and Newman, is due to a committed community effort despite the hardship of isolation and small population size of about 200."

The Shire of East Pilbara 's Martu Farm was also recognised at the awards receiving an Highly Commended Leadership award for Environmental Education category.

Nullagine Primary School student Karrem Barker with teacher and Shire of East Pilbara Councillor Stacey Smith and the Shire of East Pilbara's Owen Quigley

NOVO RESOURCES CORP

INFO SESSION & BBQ

6PM - FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

@ GALLOP HALL - FREE ENTRY

Novo Resources has been exploring the Beatons Creek Gold Project, North of Nullagine Town, for close to 10 years.

During 2019, a gold resource of 903,000 ounces was identified and environmental approvals to mine the first stage of the project was granted.

Please come and join us on the night to chat about the project and the path forward for development.

NOVO RESOURCES CORP

Nullagine Community Resource Centre
Your local connection

HALLOWEEN

Halloween rolled around this year on November 31st, as it so often does.

While there were no official festivities on in town, there were still a few costumes to be seen at the Iron Clad, and Cheryl did a wonderful job decorating the pub for the night!

v top left, bottom middle
Matthew lining up a shot - I think it must be considered cheating to use to force to win a game of pool.

v right, top and bottom
Cheryl flits about in a butterfly costume as she serves behind the bar!

^above
Dennis got into the spirit of things, he painted his face with a rattle can! (Don't try this at home, kids!)

Halloween Colouring Competition

We are pleased to announce that entries for the Halloween Colouring in competition have closed and the winners have been announced! We received an abundance of entries from a wide range of age groups – we are happy to announce our winners:

Marble Bar Winner 1: Jimmaya Coffin

Marble Bar Winner 2: Andrew Yabarllar

Nullagine Winner 1: Karim

Nullagine Winner 2: Rosie (Blondie)

The competition ran for the entire month of October with the winners taking home a box full of exciting prizes including slime, Halloween face pants, books and of course some Halloween treats!

We love that so many of our kids in both of our communities entered this competition and look forward to February when the next library competition occurs for Library Lovers Week!

See you in the library soon with new arrivals each month!

Lisa George,
Shire of East Pilbara

< Jammaya looking through her awesome box of prizes!

v Nullagine competitors show off their artistic handiwork!

Marble Bar Winner - Jimmaya

Marble Bar Winner - Andrew

Nullagine Winner: Rosie

Nullagine Winner: Karim

Shire of EAST Pilbara
AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

FREE ADMISSION

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019 | 6PM

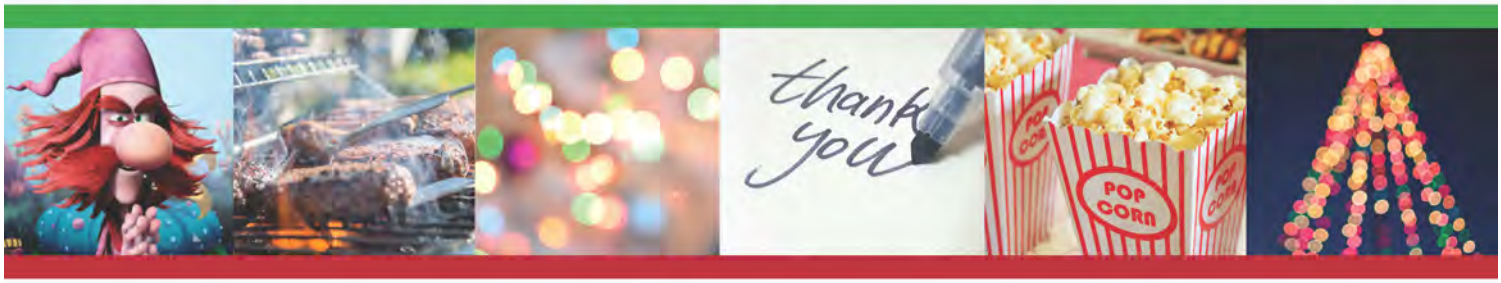
LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

CHRISTMAS TREE PARK

NULLAGINE

| COMMUNITY BBQ | "HERE COMES THE GRUMP" MOVIE |
| THANK A VOLUNTEER PRESENTATION |
| CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED |

Bring the family along to a beautiful night



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AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019 | 6PM

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

MARBLE BAR CIVIC CENTRE

MARBLE BAR

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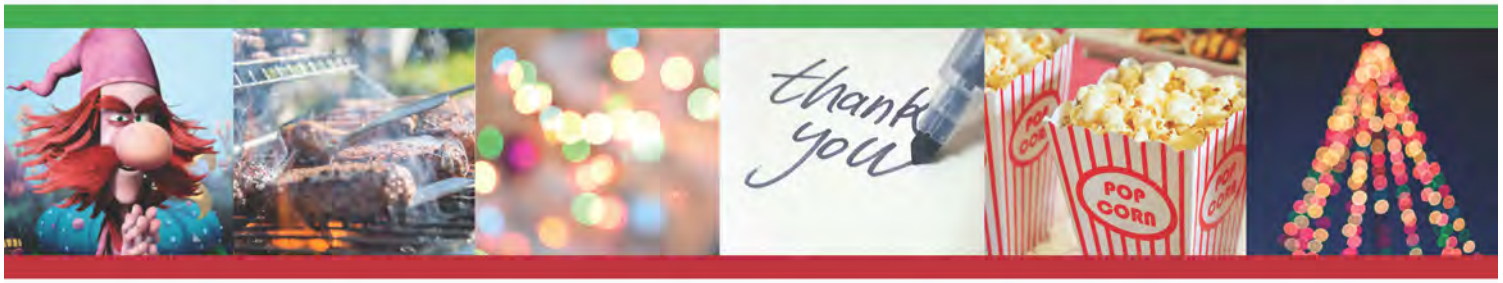

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Monday the 11th of November was Remembrance Day.

The Marble Bar Community acknowledged the day with a ceremony at the Marble Bar Primary School.

Principal Shane Wilson officiated, speaking about the significance of Remembrance Day, before asking Dave from Meentheena Veteran's Retreat up to speak.

Dave Guthria, a Vietnam veteran who served with 9 RAR (9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment,) spoke about the tragedy of war and the importance of Remembering those who have fallen for our country.

Next, Marble Bar Primary's Arnold Dhu spoke on behalf of the Indigenous Australian's who were enlisted to war. He spoke of the sacrifices that were made by Indigenous people, remembering the Lockyer Brothers family who never came home, and of the challenges and lack of respect and appreciation faced by those who did return.

After the speeches, a minute's silence was held in Remembrance, and the national anthem played while we sang along. There were touching songs played, such as 'field of poppies' and 'children of war', the children led one of the songs and showed off the poppy badges they had made from craft paper.

After the ceremony, we all got together for a BBQ lunch before heading home - reminded once again.

Amy Pfitzner,
Marble Bar CRC

Remembrance Day

Lockyer Brothers in WWII

Arnold and Edgar Lockyer joined the Royal Australian Air Force. Elbert, Elliot and Eric joined the Australian Army.
RAAF Flight Sergeant Arnold A Lockyer and 24th Battalion Private Eric Lockyer never returned. Eric was 21, Arnold was 30.
There is a memorial for the Lockyer brothers at Whim Creek.

"9 RAR" - 9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment

The 9th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (9 RAR) was a Regular light infantry battalion of the Australian Army. The battalion was raised in November 1967 and deployed to South Vietnam in November 1968, where they served a year long tour of duty.

Arnold Dhu speaks about the Lockyer brothers

Mr. Sinclair plays moving footage and music for the group

The students did a great job with their poppy badges!

Veteran Dave Guthria, from Meentheena, speaks to the group

COP'S CORNER
Marble Bar

175 Houses, what are they?

This is just a reminder to some and information of others.

175 houses mean that they are alcohol free zones. Either the Department of Communities and or the occupants of the house choose to make the house alcohol free.

Police can and do assist with this process but our main task is to enforce the rules that surround them.

There are many reasons why this may happen.

For the safety of children that reside at the house, for the safety of the occupants of the house or for the keeping of the peace so that friends, family and neighbours can go about their lives in peace.

Once a house has been declared a 175 house it is very hard to have it changed.

You will find that 175 houses have a sign at the front of the house which clearly defines it as alcohol free.

Should persons be caught at the house with alcohol the alcohol can be seized and tipped out there and then, further to that everyone drinking at the house can receive infringements as well.

The occupier of the house can be reported to the department of communities, once three reported matters have been filed that person can be asked to leave the house and may not be offered other accommodation.

So my suggestion is find somewhere else to drink and respect the occupier and don't put yourself and any persons in danger of being evicted or being fined.

Basketball

Thursday night basketball is still going along.

The Shire provide the food, the Police provide the competition... with John and Ellie's height being their strongest asset.

Our next aim is to improve theirs. (Yes Ellie the ball *is* smaller than the ring!)

Mr Sinclair also comes along.

Big thank you to Julie Whalebone for rounding up a team or two for the nights.

Parents and other community members are welcome to join in.

No skill set required not many rules are enforced and nobody keeps score unless my team wins.

The more the merrier to date no persons have received any medical treatment but Brian is not that far away.

The worst outcome is you may enjoy yourself and get some exercise as well.

Pool

I have heard that the pool will be opening soon so we will look at doing some events down there in the near future.

So if you have an idea or no ideas come and see us we can either take it or get involved.

Sergeant Nick Hamer,
Marble Bar Police Station

Marble Bar Nursing Post: RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY

Renovations at the Marble Bar Nursing Post are now officially underway (finally!) Though progress is running a little behind, things look fairly well on track to be done early in the new year.

The renovations will be done in three stages, so as to disrupt Nursing Post operations as little as possible.

Stages One and Two are currently underway (there is some overlap) though works are currently nearly two weeks behind schedule at the time of writing.

Stage One: First stage of demolition

The first stage involves preparing the old building for demolition, including diverting and shutting off services and removal of asbestos. Only part of the old building will be demolished in this first stage - the clinic rooms, pharmacy and nurses office will remain operational until the new building is installed.

Demolition was due to begin in late November, but has not yet begun at the time of writing, and the asbestos is still in place.

Stage Two: Building and Installation

The second stage, (which has some overlap with the first stage) includes the installation of temporary access to the old section while works are underway, clearing the old site after demolition and preparing the footings for the new building.

The new building is due to arrive from Nickol Bay in early January 2020. After the building has been re-assembled and installed, construction will begin on a new ambulance shelter, installation of a refurbished generator and new paving. Once the building has been cleared as compliant, transfer of equipment etc. to the new facility can begin.

Stage Three: Final stage of Demolition & Clean up

The third and final stage is scheduled to begin January 31st 2020, scheduled for completion 21st February 2020. This stage involves asbestos removal and demolition of the remainder of the old nursing post, final cleanup, including earthworks to level off the old site, and final inspection.

If you have any questions about what's happening at the nursing post, chat to Hannah or Brian at the nursing Post.

Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar CRC

^ New ramp provides access to the remaining part of the old building while the renovations are underway

The old nursing post building will be demolished in two stages

VOLUNTEER FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Marble Bar VFES

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Contact Paul Maddern on 0409 174 042 or speak to Amy at the CRC

Join us for training - ALL WELCOME - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month

5pm at the Shed - Corner of Bohemia & Station St

It's been a relatively busy month for the Marble Bar Brigade, with fires out near Goodabinya and large areas burned out at Corunna Downs, to name a few.

In late November we had a fairly significant fire on the Marble Bar road, which led to Regional District Officer Mark Dorrington and units from the Port and South Hedland Brigades being deployed out due to concerns over the road becoming impassable or fire potentially impacting on the outside of town.

With the additional help, we were able to get the situation under control fairly quickly - thanks Hedland!

Additional, smaller fires caused by lightning have also popped up close to town, including a recent fire out near the rifle range (close to Marble Bar Pool) which was quickly handled by Alex, Eugene, Kylie and Lou. Great work guys!

With the holiday season coming up, please make sure you're travelling safe on the roads - including the back roads!

The brigade will resume training in February 2020. If you're interested in joining, let us know! New members are always welcome and you don't have to have any previous experience to qualify for the role! All training is included for free!

Until next year,

Amy Pfitzner, Captain Marble Bar VFES

Lt. Alex Dorrington, Apparatus officer Eugene Crawford and Captain Amy Pfitzner at the Marble Bar road fire

Shire of East Pilbara
LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Adrienne Louise MORTIMER is elected as Councillor for the North West Ward (Warralong and Cape Keraudren) and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Adrienne has spent 15 years living and working in remote Aboriginal Communities, including Warralong.

Adrienne has said that she is "passionate about making a difference to the lives of our Aboriginal people." and that she believes "all people deserve the same level of respect and understanding in order to effectively build strong relationships and restore fractured connections."

Stacey SMITH is elected as Councillor for the Lower Central Ward (Nullagine) and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Stacey, who was originally from USA, has worked for 19 years as a teacher in Australia, China and the USA.

Stacey has said that she'd like to "help local industry and education stakeholders by boosting growth and tourism to ensure opportunities for our youth and residents far into the future, as well as being the voice of the whole community in local council meetings."

Karen Louise LOCKYER Elected as Councillor for the South Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Lynette Suzanne CRAIGIE Elected as Councillor for the South Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Holly PLEMING Elected as Councillor for the South Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2023.

Lynette Suzanne CRAIGIE Elected Shire President for the Shire of East Pilbara until 26 October 2021.

Geraldine PARSONS Elected Deputy President for the Shire of East Pilbara until 26 October 2021.

Congratulations to the successful candidates!

ELECTION A SUCCESS DESPITE CHALLENGES

EXCERPT from Shire Media Release: 24/10/2019

Following several weeks of postal service delays in the towns and communities across the East Pilbara region, there were significant concerns about the delivery of voting packages and the arrival of completed ballots to the Shire in time for the election.

In light of these difficulties, voter participation was strong. The Lower Central Ward had a response rate of 34% which is above the state of average of 27%. North West Ward had a response rate of 15%; the highest rate in 16 years. The South Ward's rate of 21% is also considered a success despite the postal delay which most likely lowered this result.

"We are thrilled with the results of our voter turnout, considering our community had to endure some difficulties receiving their ballot papers and making sure their vote was delivered on time," said Shire President Lynne Craigie.

"When you live in a remote location such as the Shire of East Pilbara, sometimes these things happen. But the voter turnout indicates that our community values the importance of Local Government Elections and made use of the opportunities available to them to make their vote count," she added.

The newly elected Councillors were sworn in at a Special Council Meeting (on October 24th).

Local Council Elections - What does it mean?

Local Government elections are held every two years, with a Councillor's term of office being four years. Councillors are members of the local community who are elected to office by the residents and rate payers of the respective wards that they represent. The Council in this Shire is made up of 11 Councillors representing six wards. The Council are led by a President who is elected by the Councillors. Council meetings are held normally between Newman and Marble Bar usually on the 4th Friday of each month.

A Councillor's role is to: Represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents; provide leadership and guidance to the community; facilitate communication between the community and the council and vice versa; and participate in decision-making processes at meetings.

The role of Council is to: Direct and control the local government's affairs; be responsible for the performance of the local government's functions; oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and determine the local government's policies.

MORE INFORMATION

www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

Have you checked out the Shire of East Pilbara's website?

There's heaps of information, including Council Meeting minutes and agendas.

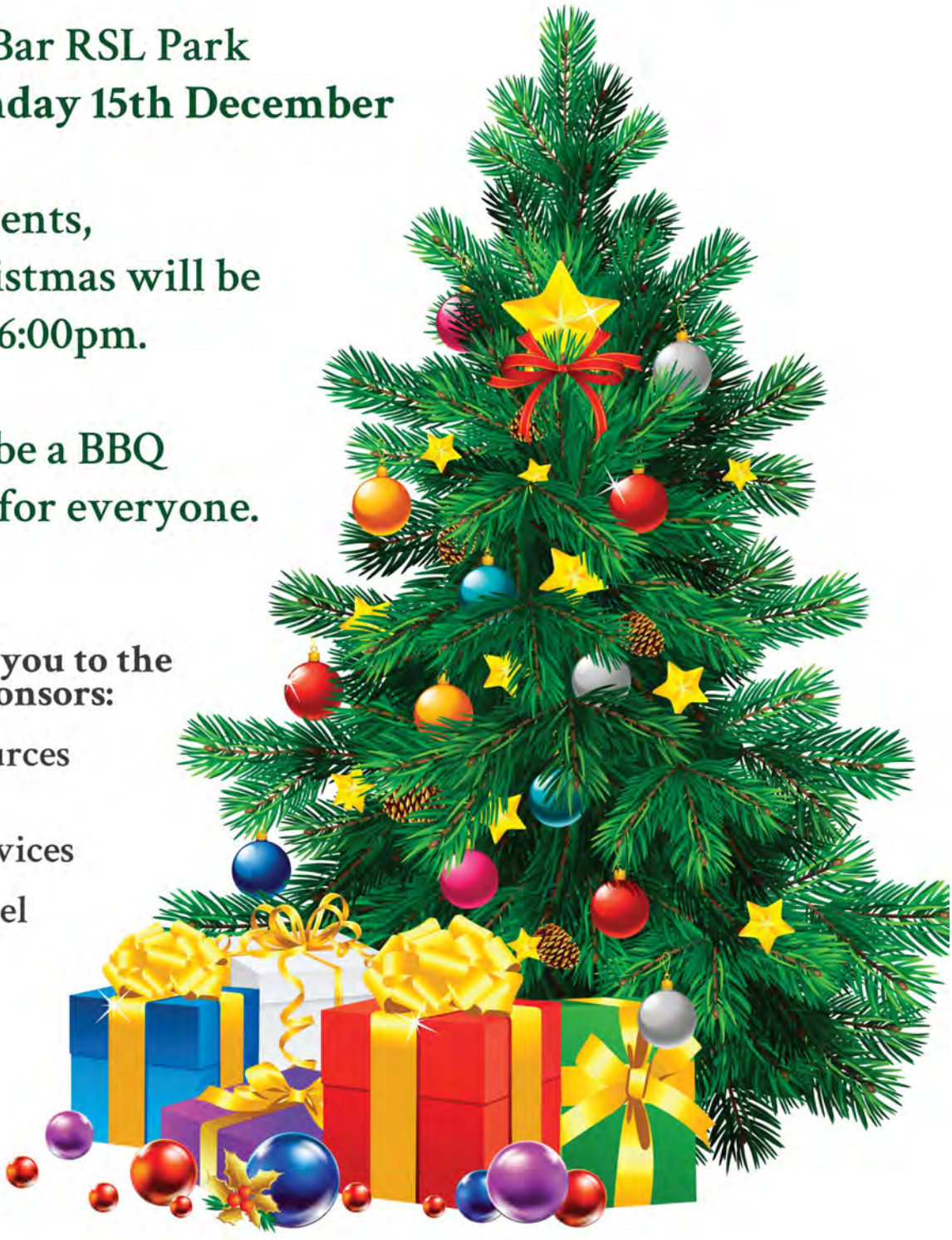
Marble Bar Progress Association

Marble Bar Town Christmas Party

At Marble Bar RSL Park
5:30pm Sunday 15th December

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

There will be a BBQ
and drinks for everyone.



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Christmas Tree Contest

VOTE

NULLAGINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Voting process will commence on Saturday, 16th November. Download the free National Treasures App on your phone and vote for your school to win $5,000.

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Shire of East Pilbara AQUATIC CENTRE

Shire of EAST Pilbara AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SHIRE

MARBLE BAR SWIMMING POOL
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOURS

23/12/2019	CLOSED
24/12/2019	12:00pm to 6:00pm
Christmas Day (25/12/2019)	CLOSED
26/12/2019 - 27/12/2019	12:00noon to 6:00pm
28/12/2019 – 29/12/2019	12:00noon to 5:00pm
30/12/2019	CLOSED
New Year's Eve (31/12/2019)	12:00noon to 6:00pm
New Year's Day (01/01/2020)	12:00noon to 6:00pm

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UP4IT? Marble Bar students rewarded for hard work

This year, six students from Marble Bar Primary School received an invitation to attend the annual 'Up4It' Camp, an initiative of non-profit group Role Models and Leaders in Australia.

Led by international basketball star Ricky Grace, CEO of Role Models and Leaders, the Up4It camp is delivered by a team of Indigenous and non-Indigenous role models, athletes and professionals. Invitees are treated to an all-expenses paid trip to Perth, including meals, accommodation, activities and transport. The students are hosted at the Department of Sport and Recreation's Point Walter Recreation Camp, overlooking the Swan River in Bicton.

Up4It is an incentive-based programme intended to promote physical activity, self-esteem, motivation and school attendance for Indigenous and remotely based students in the Pilbara. To qualify, students must demonstrate over the course of the year; a high average school attendance, demonstrated positive attitudes and behaviours at school, and a high level of school and class work.

Congratulations to students Jensen Manurung, Zekiel Dhu, Cameron Whalebone, Jasper Manurung, Leonie Stream and Kayleen Coffin, who were invited to attend this year's camp!

The students from Marble Bar set off on Thursday the 28th of November,

(Above L > R) Students Zekiel Dhu, Cameron Whalebone, Jasper Manurung, Jensen Manurung, Kayleen Coffin and Leonie Stream - ready for a day of fun at Adventure World waterpark!

Cheryl Manurung grabs a photo with Ricky Grace at the Point Walter Recreation Camp, which overlooks the Swan River.

accompanied by parent and School Officer Cheryl Manurung and Principal Shane Wilson. The group spent Thursday night in Port Hedland before flying to Perth Friday Morning.

The first day included introductions, activities and presentations at the Port Walter facility, as well as an educational visit to the Perth Fortescue (FMG) facility. (FMG are a major sponsor of Ricky Grace and Up4It.)

Saturday was a busy day, with guest speakers and a trip to SciTech, all before lunch! Lunch was spent at Adventure World Bibra Lake water and amusement park, where students spent the remainder of the afternoon. After dinner, Michelle Harding spoke to students about 'grooming and deportment.' The fun continued until 9pm with a disco featuring 'DJ Kylie.'

The Sunday morning was spent exploring the activities on offer at Camp Walter, before making their way down to RAC arena for the trip highlight; tickets to see the Perth Wildcats take on the Adelaide 36'ers! After the game, students had an awesome meet-and-greet opportunity with the Wildcats players. After dinner, the jam-packed day was topped off with a trip to Rosemount Bowling.

Sports are a big part of the camp

Up4It - Remote Pilbara students on a trip to Perth

Monday was the return flight home. As the students checked in to the airport however, they encountered one last surprise to cap-off an already fantastic trip - a chance run in with the Adelaide 36'ers who were checking in behind them!

Over the course of the camp, students participated in a wide range of team building activities and sports, arts & crafts workshops, excursions, and mentoring sessions from guest speakers. Principal Shane Wilson summed up the trip;

"For me personally, my observations of the interactions amongst the whole group and with mentors was a clear highlight for me. We sure did pack in a lot, culminating in a chance meeting with the Adelaide 36'ers at the airport who checked in behind us. Seeing the Wildcats game was just wonderful."

The Camp has been a highlight of the Marble Bar school calendar since 2009. This was the third year for Mr. Wilson, who is a strong advocate of the initiative.

"On behalf of Marble Bar PS staff, students and community, I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your tireless efforts and financial support in providing our students with another very successful Up4It Camp. Your support of this outstanding initiative provides our most deserving students with so much across the domains of sport, music, the arts, self-confidence and esteem, leisure, school attendance and positive engagement at school" said Mr. Wilson. "The six students were beaming in their recounts and reports to our school community . . . and were full of smiles as they safely reconnected with their families."

It sounds like everyone involved had a fantastic time, and I'm sure there are plenty of students who will be working hard in the hopes they'll get to come along next year!

Amy Pfitzner, Marble Bar CRC

Rope climbing at Point Walter Recreation Camp

Looking good girls! Camp mentor Michelle Harding helps Cheryl and Leonie get dolled-up for the disco.

Art workshops at Point Walter

Wildcats at the RAC

Rosemount Bowling

Rope climbing at Point Walter Recreation Camp

Wildcats at the RAC was a definite highlight

Up4It - Remote Pilbara students Perth excursion

FREEMANTLE DOCKERS VISIT MARBLE BAR

Marble Bar Primary teacher Ryan Sinclair and Julie Coffin stand with the Docker's Regional Development Manager Vicki Agnew

The kids of Marble Bar were excited to welcome some special visitors to town on a Tuesday in late October, with an afternoon visit from the Fremantle Dockers.

The kids headed down to the Rec Shed with Marble Bar Primary School teacher Ryan Sinclair.

Ryan and a group of local kids from Marble Bar and Goodabinya took part in a football clinic including skills development, technique and a lot of fun.

Regional Development Manager, Vicki Agnew said "We try to visit all our communities as much as possible and bring football into them – unfortunately the tyranny of time and distance coupled with logistics at times make it hard to get to all the communities every year."

"However, this week we have had the opportunity to not only bring the Fremantle Dockers staff to do clinics with the schools but to also showcase the Pilbara and Marble Bar to them. This allows us to give the football community outside of the Pilbara a bit more of an understanding of our communities, our conditions and what football is like in our communities, while bringing also holding clinics for the school kids. All those that attending appeared to have a great time."

Local teacher Ryan said "We may be a small school but we have huge enthusiasm and the kids really enjoyed the opportunity" he went on to say "We thank the Fremantle Dockers for coming to Marble Bar and holding a football clinic for the students. The opportunity these programs bring the children have clear benefits that we hope we can continue in 2020 and beyond".

It was fantastic to have some excitement come to town with a few new supporters moving to the Dockers camp after this special visit!

The kids enjoyed snacks afterwards and compared what they received from their new friends Graham Mills and Mitch Harvey with some leaving with their very own Dockers hats and football.

Thank you to the West Australian Football Commission for managing to coordinate the activities with Ryan and allowing the Shire of East Pilbara the opportunity to facilitate this activity for the local kids.

Lisa George, Shire of East Pilbara

Students practice their footy skills with the Freemantle Dockers

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SEEYA LATER BAR-MATT!

In July 2018, my partner Charlie and I hopped on a plane at Adelaide airport with our good friend Matthew Guttilla, and headed off on a grand adventure to Marble Bar.

If you've bought a drink at the Iron Clad at any point in the past 12 months, you've probably met Matt. A month or two after arriving in town, he started working behind the bar, earning him the name 'Bar Matt' (to differentiate him from the other Matt's in town.)

I asked Matt what he'd like me to include in this article, he said "Just that I'll miss all the locals. I'm missing the heat, it's like 18 degrees here. Also, thanks to Foxy and Cheryl for giving me a job at the IronClad."

Matt left for South Australia at the beginning of November. He's hoping to get some work at one of the (far less iconic) pubs somewhere back home on the Fleurieu Peninsula, and he promises he'll be coming back to Marble Bar sometime next year for a visit.

Charlie and I have been stoked to have Matt along with us for this adventure, and I don't think we'll be alone in missing him now that he's left!

Amy Pfitzner,
Marble Bar CRC

Christmas Day 2018, Charlie & Matt chill out in Cheryl's paddling-pool

One of the advantages of editing the Mirage is that when one of your good friends (who happens to be the bar tender) leaves town, you can include really excellent photos like this.

Keep rockin' the socks and sandals mate!

Standing out the front of the Iron Clad with Cheryl

GOODBYE KATE FOWLER

This week the Shire said goodbye to Kate Fowler who has worked with the Shire for just over 6 years.

Kate has assisted many in town with their work enquiries as well as gone above and beyond in various other areas of the community including assisting our older population with their technical challenges. Kate has assisted and offered advice to many throughout her time here making many lives easier.

Kate leaves with a head full of valuable local knowledge but also a lot of memories and life time friends. We wish Kate the best of luck on her journey to start her new life in Perth and also look forward to seeing updates about her tour of Tasmania where she admits to aiming to eat her way around the state!

Lisa George,
Shire of East Pilbara

On Tuesday the 29th of October, a group of us gathered at the Shire chambers to say goodbye to Kate Fowler. Dean Hatwell spoke on behalf of the Shire Councillors, and also as Chairperson of the CRC, to thank Kate for her contributions. Olga Potter also said some words and presented a gift on behalf of the Marble Bar Primary School, followed by a few final words from Lisa George.

I had a quick chat with Kate about her impressions upon leaving. “I came (to Marble Bar) for two weeks and I’ve been here for six-and-a-bit years! I’m looking forward to spending time with family in Perth”

Amy Pfitzner,
Marble Bar CRC

Farewell Kate - Morning tea at the Shire Chambers

DOROTHY THE CAMEL

The Shire Rangers can often find a wide variety of animals and challenges while out and about on the road. Our Ranger "Ranger Dave" (as he is more commonly known), can deal with rolled vehicles, fires, unfriendly snakes, puppies, kittens, medical emergencies as well as many lost dogs – but this week was something new! A baby female camel who was in desperate need of care was handed to Ranger Dave; it is estimated that the little girl was approximately two weeks old due to signs of her infancy being present. She was a very weak little girl who needed hydration, milk, cuddles and care – these were all delivered by the bucket load by Dave and the family.

An abundance of support for the new addition meant suitable food was sent from Port Hedland and plans were made to give her the best chance of survival. She is now in the care of her new family who have reported that she is feeding on more milk frequently which is great news! She still loves company and even has two sausage dogs as companions while she tries to learn how to operate her fragile Bambi legs. The one thing all of those who cared for this little girl cannot decide on is her name – Is she called Caramello, Dorothy or Carmella?

It doesn't really matter (Dorothy), what we do know is she is incredibly affectionate, loves kisses and is super photogenic. It's nice to have a good news story once in a while! Thank you to Dave, Kathryn and Mini Ranger Sophie for bringing her love to town!

Lisa George,
Shire of East Pilbara

(above) Sophie gives Dorothy a much deserved bottle of electrolytes.

(right) I think Dave has made a new friend!

Community Wellbeing held community consultation during the month of October to gather valuable insight into local perspective regarding the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

On behalf of the Community Wellbeing team, we would like to express our sincere thanks to those who attended these conversations held in Nullagine and Marble Bar. The contributions were immense, diverse and incredibly valuable – it is always appreciated when the community lend us their voices during such important discussions.

Once again, thank you. Community Wellbeing, Shire of East Pilbara.

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MARBLE BAR PRIMARY SCHOOL:
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REVIEW

All Western Australian public schools are reviewed every three years by the Department of Education's Public School Accountability Directorate. A review gives assurance to the local community, the Minister for Education and Training and the Director General, that a school is operating effectively and delivering high quality education to its students. The review acknowledges the achievements of the school and gives feedback to support the principal and staff with their improvement planning.

The school thanks all community members, parents, staff and students who participated in our review. We have received significant feedback in making our school even better.

The key findings from the report include:

- The school seeks to develop and maintain engaging and productive relationships and partnerships within and beyond the local community. A number of mutually beneficial associations have been established to broaden student experiences.
- A genuinely caring approach to student needs and experiences is provided in a safe, happy and orderly environment.
- The current leadership has embarked upon a journey of school improvement. Staff, parents and the School Council are encouraged by, and supportive of, the approach to school reform.
- Decision-making, planning, management and monitoring processes for resource usage have improved significantly in actioning the recommendations of the financial management plan.
- There is a unified understanding of the need to enhance student achievement through whole-school approaches to underpin the school's improvement journey. A strong foundation for this commitment has been provided by targeted curriculum planning.
- Long-term National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy student performance data are generally below like schools. Due to small student numbers, care needs to be taken in interpreting these data. As a consequence, leaders are embedding processes to analyse a range of school-based data to inform plans for improvement.

The full report can be accessed on Schools Online WA or at the school.

- Shane Wilson, Principal Marble Bar Primary School

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Marble Bar Race Club

Next Meeting:
2020 TBA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Help make the largest event hosted annually in Marble Bar possible!

Eugene Crawford
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Marble Bar Progress Association

Next Meeting: TBA

Contact Susan Potter:
0438 761 078

Marble Bar Prospector's Association

Next Meeting: 2020 TBA

Contact Pip Nowland
0487 169 685

Marble Bar Tourist Association

Next Meeting:
TBA

The MBTA strives to keep Marble Bar on the map & assists with the access of current local tourism information.

Contact Olga Potter:
0438 917 610

Nullagine Nursing Post

Royal Flying Doctor
Every Tuesday 8:30am - 1:00pm

Clinic Hours*
Monday – Friday 8:00 - 12 Noon
Closed for lunch. 1pm – 5pm

*EMERGENCIES only (once triaged) will be seen after these hours

Flu vaccines for those who haven't yet received them available during clinic hours.

Nurse on duty: Mary-Anne

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Nurses on Duty:
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~ Funeral Notices ~

Ray Thomas
30.4.1953 - 14.11.2019

Loved Son Tommy Witi Witi Thomas and Janyayu.

Loved Brother of Murray(Dec) Steve (Dec) Judy (Dec) Debra

Loved Father of Marjorie Nanudie, Gavin Nanudie Michelle Thomas and Cassandra Nanudie

Loved Partner of Gundai Nanudie

Funeral: 21st December

9am South Hedland Cemetery

Contact: Pastor John and Angela, Newman Funeral Services 0411 068 372 / 0422 681 075

Family contact: Sister Anne Ali 0487 624 804

Lindsay Arnold Lockyer
11.11.1947 - 23.11.2019

In Loving Memory

Cremation Service:

20th December 10:30am - 11:30am

Pinnaroo Crematorium Whitfords Ave & Gibson Ave, Padbury, Perth.

Dress: Traditional Black & White

The family kindly request that there is to be no flowers, Thank you.

Contact: Pilbara Funeral Services Gavin Ness: 0487 263 488

Terry Rastus
22.09.1961 - 01.12.2019

In loving Memory
Son of Syd and Lucy Rastus (dec)
Son-in-Law of Billy and Biddy Thomas (dec)

Brother of Margaret, Irene, Bruce, Michael & Tony Rastus (dec) John & Colin Worrditja (dec) Roy, Elizabeth and Peter Toby
Brother-in-Law to Kenny, Jeanie, Chrissie and Don Thomas

Uncle of Lorraine Tom, Kevin, Junior (dec) Leslie & Julie Nelson, Robina, Sharlene, Kelly-Anne, Lucy, Michael Jnr., Sydonie Rastus & Sharon Everett.

Funeral: 20th December

3pm Memorial Service Marble Bar Civic Centre

4pm Burial Ceremony Marble Bar Cemetery

6pm Wake MB Civic Centre

Strictly NO alcohol
Dress: Maroon Shirts (Men)
Purple Tops (women)

Contact: Robina Rastus 0499 280 230 or Ayla Stewart 0448 428 208

Keith Lubin & Felix Lubin

Loved Sons of Judy Kelly and Jack Lubin

Loved Brother of Kay, Tracey, Chirstopher and Linton

Late Felix Lubin: Loved father of Cameron Kelly Larry Machias Samson and Feliciah Kelly

30.04.1967 - 19.10.2019 | 11.11.1985 - 27.11.2019

Funeral: 4th January 9:00am

Jigalong Community Followed by Graveside service at Jigalong Cemetary

Contact : Pastor John and Angela Newman Funeral Services 0411068372 / 0422681075

Family contact: Rodney Wumi / Bruce Booth: 0475 247 445 / 0427 437 343

Happy Birthday!

Daisy Pearl Fox Coppin - Born 8th November 2019
Alex Dorrington - 26th November
Jensen Manurung - 3rd December
Jimmaya Coffin - 26th December
Olga Potter - 8th January
Jaynicka Long - 9th January

Do you have a special birthday message, or know of an upcoming Birthday that you think should be included?
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27	28	29 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	30	31 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	1 BIN DAY	2
3	4	5 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	6	7 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	8 BIN DAY	9
10	11	12 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	13	14 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	15 BIN DAY	16
17	18	19 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	20	21 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	22 BIN DAY	23
24	25	26 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	27	28 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	29 BIN DAY	30

DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 BIN DAY International Day of People with Disability @MBCRC RFDS@ NGNP	4 NG Lighting Christmas Tree	5 MB Lighting Christmas Tree RFDS@ MBNP	6 BIN DAY Novo Info Session Nullagine	7
8	9	10 BIN DAY Presentation @ NG Primary RFDS@ NGNP	11	12 Awards @ MB Primary RFDS@ MBNP	13 BIN DAY	14
15 Marble Bar Christmas Party	16	17 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	18	19 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	20 BIN DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	21
22	23	24 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! (public holiday)	26 Boxing Day (public holiday) RFDS @MBNP	27 BIN DAY	28
CRC HOLIDAY CLOSURE & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						
29	30	31 BIN DAY RFDS @ Nullagine NP	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! (public holiday)	2 RFDS @ Marble Bar NP	3 BIN DAY	4
CRC HOLIDAY CLOSURE & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS						