



Shire President Lynne Craigie holds two Australia Day issues of the *Newman Mail*; which is now officially one year old. "Happy birthday and congratulations on keeping everyone up-to-date with what's going on" Lynne said. "Communities need their own newspaper and the *Newman Mail* is doing a great job. I look forward to it each Friday."



Jimmy, Kiwi, Peter, Rich and Andrew; Newman's smooth operators so to speak. Peter Bolin, centre, came all the way from Lennox Head in NSW to join the team; a radical change from living by the beach. Photos Brydie-Lee Sheen

Happy Birthday to a special one-year-old

A YEAR ago (February 9, 2007) the first edition of the *Newman Mail* was welcomed into the community. After nine months of planning this special creation has gone from strength to strength thanks to a loyal readership, supportive advertisers and seriously good input from a

range of talented local writers and photographers. In coming months we anticipate precociousness but, given equanimity to date, tantrums appear unlikely and full maturity is imminent. Thanks Newman, we're your newspaper!
Photo: Brydie-Lee Sheen

Real smooth

IF YOU'RE wondering just what is going on given all the road works in the town centre, here's a breakdown of activities...

As part of the East Pilbara Sustainability Partnership between BHP BIO and Shire of East Pilbara funding has allowed for the following projects: resurfacing the shopping centre car park; bitumising of cycle paths; and resurfacing work on Radio Hill. The shire is also funding general road maintenance on Welsh, Kalgan, and Newman Drives, as well as line marking. It's been warm work for these men involved in making Newman a better looking town.



Masters of the smooth look! Fortunately the rain came to cool down their hot task.



It's back to school time, so Newman Mail's Brydie-Lee Sheen took to the streets to find out what local residents think about education in an isolated community...



"The best thing about going to school in Newman is my teachers and my friends. I'm looking forward to going back to school because everyone is so friendly." **Oakleigh Alice Wilson**

"We are more than pleased with the schooling in Newman. My children attend South Newman Primary School; my eldest is approaching her fifth year and we have had an exceptional experience all round. The only change I would like to see is teachers specialising in a particular area. The kids had a science teacher once which was terrific." **Charlotte Wilson**



"The best thing about going to school in Newman is the teacher-student relationships. It's a great community and there is always lots of support. It's very easy to get to know one another; you see the teachers on the streets, at sport and they are always very friendly." **Jessica Hampton**

"Small town schools have their advantages but my general opinion about education is that kids these days don't get the discipline that they used to. Respecting one's elders isn't there anymore; too many kids have tattoos, unsightly piercing and hair dos. The emo trends are most worrying. I'd like to see a return to the modest days." **Josh Cuzz-Ford**



"I'm from South Africa and I have only been in Newman for a few months. So far we have had a very warm and friendly reception from the principal at South Newman Primary. It's my daughter's first year and I feel very much at ease." **Lara Shirley**



"I have moved to Newman from a city school in Melbourne. It has been different attending a smaller school but getting to know people has been very easy. I've made some fantastic friends and school is great." **Ragan Macumber**

Soaking up some fun!

WHEN Newman was suddenly bucketed with about 25mm of rain over about an hour and a half last week the resultant mud and water meant irresistible fun for people of all ages in town including brothers Michael Calder (3) and Luke Reynolds (10) and mum Carrie Calder who was also left to deal with the subsequent laundry.



In fact around Newman there were two storms during the week which saw some the town's nearby waterholes fill and creeks start to flow so local photographer Brydie-Lee Sheen sought to capture the effects of the wet weather on the local landscape (left).

