

Welcome to Newman Pilbara Regional Council updates

KELLEE Garrett (pictured) is one of our first new residents to receive the upgraded Welcome to Newman information pack.



The Newman Neighbourhood Centre has given out information packs to the town's new residents for the past five years. With BHP funding the NNC has been able to improve the pack which now contains glossy flyers from local community groups and service providers, a road map from the Information Centre, Recreation Centre timetables, rubbish removal and emergency contacts magnets and a notepad.

If you are new to Newman please come and collect your pack from the Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Mackay St. (opp Chicken Treat on the corner of Newman

Drive and Mackay Street) or contact the centre on 9175 1516.

Jenyce Lynn, NNC coordinator

Pilbara Regional Council updates

AT THE PRC's January meeting Cr Lynne Craigie (East Pilbara) was elected as chair and Cr Arnold Carter (Port Hedland) deputy chair. Cr Craigie will also represent the Pilbara Country Zone on the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council.

Waste Management: The PRC has been informally advised by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) as to what is required to a Towards Zero Waste plan. Once done, this will be the first such plan in WA.

Zone Allowance: During the Commonwealth elections last year PRC sought a commitment by both major parties to increase the zone allowance. Notwithstanding community support and a strong local media campaign there was no interest from either party to take up this issue. The council decided to leave this issue for the time being, however the WA Pastoralists and Graziers Association are now considering pursuing it. The various Pilbara Chambers of Commerce and Industry also support it.

Private Hospital Facilities: The PRC has written to the Commonwealth Minister for Health, Minister Roxon, requesting that the Commonwealth Government, in consultation with the PRC, undertake a review of private health facilities in the Pilbara, with the view to encouraging more private health service providers to set up in the Pilbara.

Tourism: The PRC draft Regional Tourism Plan achieved a wider than intended circulation and has generated a lot of good discussion and comments. A workshop to review the draft RTP will be held in Karratha on February 27.

Aquatic Centres: The PRC is exploring the viability of centralised management for Pilbara aquatic centres. The next steps are to finalise a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis and a regional requirement statement. The executive officer is visiting DHW as part of the process to discuss DHW's management model for operating pools with remote indigenous communities.



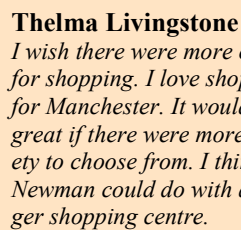
Brydie-Lee Sheen has been out and about again; this week gathering locals' thoughts on Newman's services and facilities. Here's what they had to say...

Talisha Simpson

I would like to see lots of changes. It upsets me when I see people drinking too much and drinking on the streets. It's not good for my people. I'm worried about the children, people need to change and look out for the kids.



Jason Icton *A cinema in Newman would be really good. Outlets to provide for entertainment is what people need in Newman.*



Thelma Livingstone *I wish there were more outlets for shopping. I love shopping for Manchester. It would be great if there were more variety to choose from. I think Newman could do with a bigger shopping centre.*



Derek Hancock *There's heaps, where do I start? More amusement outlets would be great. I think we need more takeaway shops. The shops should be open a bit later to suit the rosters of people who work odd shifts.*

Howard Learoyd

I like Newman the way it used to be but we could do with a bigger shopping centre. Access to better health facilities across the North-West in General. People have to leave town to get medical care in many cases.



Lucy Gilbert *Competition for local shopping would be great. There should be more seating at Boomerang Oval and better facilities for the tourists.*

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Feb 26** Line Dancing at The Beach, 7-8pm. Gold coin donation. Contact Melissa on 9175 2972.
- Feb 27** Terrific Toddlers Community Workshop, 9:00am-12:00pm at Newman Neighbourhood Centre, cost \$5. For further information call on 9175 3361 or email wpcnew@benet.net.au
- Feb 27** Clothing Exchange at The Beach, bring up to five good garments you want to exchange, 2-5pm. For more information phone 0437 788 678.
- Mar 2** Clean Up Australia Day.
- Mar 5** Red Dirt Quilters meet at the Newman Neighbourhood Centre, 9am-12pm, cost \$3 (crèche available at \$3 per child).
- Mar 8** International Women's Day. Newman Mainstreet Project and BHP BIO present Jean Kittson at the Recreation Centre, 7pm onwards, tickets \$40 available from Boulevard Pharmacy. For details contact Newman Mainstreet Project on 9177 8290.
- Mar 11 & 13** Appliqué and Quilting Workshop, 7-10pm at Newman Neighbourhood Centre, cost \$60 plus materials. For bookings and more information phone Jenyce at the Newman Neighbourhood Centre on 9175 1516.
- Mar 14** Newman Campdraft and Rodeo Association St Patty's Day Rodeo, with events including bull ride, saddle bronc, steer ride, horse vs motorbike barrels as well as a live band on the night. Enquiries to Joel Blake on 0412 625 632 or email joelblake@gmail.com
- Mar 15** Newman Lions Club Annual Quiz Night, at the Newman Club, tickets \$8.

If you have any updates for our Events Calendar, call 9177 8127 or email editor@newmanmail.com.au

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Indigenous projects funded

INCORPORATED Aboriginal associations are being urged to apply for State Government grants from \$10,000 to \$500,000 for innovative capital works projects that which would create jobs or boost services and amenities in regional WA.

The grants are offered through the Indigenous Regional Development Program (IRDP), which is part of WA's \$80million Regional Investment Fund and aim to strengthen the capacity

of indigenous communities to stimulate economic development.

"Projects such as new cultural, arts or tourism facilities, infrastructure to support new enterprises, community buildings, or amenities which promote better health or education outcomes, are particularly encouraged," Regional Development Minister Jon Ford said.

Non-indigenous community groups, not-for-profit organisations, businesses, educational institutions and local

governments are also eligible to apply on behalf of, or in partnership with, incorporated Aboriginal associations.

Applicants have until 5pm, March 28, to lodge their submissions with the Department of Local Government and Regional Development. For further information phone 9217 1468 or freecall 1800 620 511. IRDP guidelines and application forms are available from www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/FinancialAssist/RIF.asp#IRDP

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