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Future events...

Now until 22 Oct: Check out Martumili's In Cahoots: Artists Collaborate Across Country. This touring exhibition kicks off in Newman and is the result of 18 months of artists' residencies in remote and regional Aboriginal art centres across Australia.

24 October: Meet the Buyer session hosted by C-RES, BHP and Newman Futures at the Senior Sports Pavilion.



Filming the Youth Engagement Film.

Left to right: Nathan Mewett and Curtis Taylor.

Coming Together Through Film

This month we sat down with filmmakers Curtis Taylor and Nathan Mewett to chat about their take on Kujunkarrinjanka.

Kujunkarrinjanka is a Martu word which means coming together. Curtis' family are Martu and he was raised in Bidyadanga and Parnnggur. Nathan's family hail from Poland and he grew up in Telfer.

They first came together at Murdoch University where Nathan worked and Curtis was studying film. They both worked on Glen Stasiuks' documentary called Wadjemup: Black Prison, White Playground where they got to know each other.

Nathan says, "I remember the moment we were on set when Curtis pulled out his phone and showed me how close Parnngurr is to Telfer. We had actually grown up really close to each other in the western desert but hadn't known."

And that wasn't all they had in common. "Some time after we started working together, I saw Curtis' NITV film, Mammu, and I realized what I had initially thought: our film making styles are very similar" Nathan said.

"Our films have a big heart and focus on community" Curtis added. "It's innate. We think alike". **...Turn to page 2 to continue reading this article**

Game Time!



Scan the QR code with your phone to play this month's game

... continued from page 1... Since meeting at Murdoch the pair have gone on to collaborate on several critically acclaimed film projects including Yulubidi – Until The End and Jadai, the Broome Brawler, both of which were screened at the Sydney Film Festival. The pair were also awarded the Lexus Australia Short Film Fellowship in 2018.

"I value my working relationship with Curtis" said Nathan, "It's really rewarding".

"Our friendship was cemented through film making and life" added Curtis. "I wouldn't be sitting here now without Nathan. I wouldn't have foreseen the future we have now."

And last month Curtis and Nathan came to Newman to talk to Aboriginal youth about what they would like to see in their future. The views of these youth will be produced as a short film as part of Newman Futures. Stay tuned for the premier later this year.

What does Kujunkarrinjanka mean to you?

Curtis: In Newman there's still a divide between people. Kujunkarrinjanka starts with forgiveness. Admissions to each other, then forgiveness. After this, you can move the conversation along. Then a lot of people will be more open to engaging with each other.



A New Era in Bus Hire

Wyndcorp Apprentice Michael Rodney at the Port Hedland workshop.



We recently caught up with Mike Simms on his emerging company, Wyndcorp.

For the last 15 years, Mike has run the successful WA-wide bus hire company, Northfleet.

Seeing a gap in the market, Mike decided it was time for a different approach and set up Wyndcorp to provide bus hire services in Newman. The company is majority indigenous-owned with depots in Karratha, Kalgoorlie, Hedland and Newman.

Wyndcorp is backed by Northfleet which has provided access to its old depot at the entrance of Mt Whaleback. Wyndcorp is currently setting up its workshop, interviewing for a workshop manager and seeking to partner with local Indigenous corporations. Mike expects they would be looking for more trainees by December.

Mike says "I want this to be real training. Our apprentices will have Indigenous mentors to walk alongside them the whole way. We will have some allowances for our trainees. If they need to go on country for a while, they can work with their mentors on this and we hope to be able to accommodate them."

Wyndcorp's first apprentice, Michael Rodney, started in Newman earlier this year and says "I started as a trainee then they took me on as a heavy duty diesel fitter apprentice. There's a lot of support here. The senior mechanics are very experienced. And they keep an eye on you and look after you".

Students to Explore Jobs of the Future

On 27 and 28 November 2019, 20 students from years 8 and 9 at Newman Senior High School will attend the Resources and Technology Showcase in Perth.

This event showcases the technological breakthroughs which are transforming the resources industry. Students will get a chance to view first-hand the unique technology which is transforming the mining and oil and gas industries, and creating the jobs of tomorrow.

A New Beginning for Munday

This month we welcome Jon Munday and his family to Newman. Jon made the exciting move from Bunbury with his wife and four children and just last month took over from Mark Fleskens as the Senior Sergeant – Officer in Charge at the Newman Police Station.

Jon has been a police officer for 30 years and is excited to return to the Pilbara, having previously worked in South Hedland, Karratha, Wickam and Kununurra. He and his family love living in the region and appreciate the warmer weather Newman offers, especially compared to Bunbury! We sat down with Jon to find out a little more about him.

What is your favourite food?

Chinese and Italian

What are some of your favourite hobbies?

I love getting outdoors, going fishing and camping. I recently had the opportunity to go onto Martu country, be shown the waterholes, and meet the Martu people. I would love to give my kids this opportunity too.

How has the WA Police Approached Innovation?

In the last 10 years the WA Police has really come into the



Jon Munday

21st century. We now have instant access to information and mobility of technology. We can pull up data on people and jobs straight away and can radio the Police Control Centre from anywhere in the state at any time. Of course, these changes require big investment in critical infrastructure to support the technology.

What are you most looking forward to about Newman?

I can't wait to get down to Night Fields football on a Thursday night and I hope my kids will join in too.

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Get Involved with Newman Futures

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from interested community members and stakeholders to join the Newman Futures Network.

Newman Futures was initiated by BHP and the Shire of East Pilbara in January 2019 to explore how innovation and new technologies could be harnessed to build a sustainable and inclusive economy in Newman. Since that time a broad range of stakeholders have contributed to strategies to improve: cultural, education, quality of life and economic outcomes.

The Newman Futures project will be officially launched in November and you have the opportunity to be involved in the Newman Futures Network.

If you or your organisation would like to be involved please register your interest in one of the Newman Futures Network pathways:

- Culture and Country
- Liveability
- Education and Training
- Economy and Work

It is expected each pathway initially will have a membership of 10 with diverse representation from across demographics and sectors.

Newman Futures will hold the first meetings the week commencing 9 December and will initially meet monthly at The Edge.

If you would like more information on this opportunity, including a sense of the time commitment or projects, please contact belinda@creatingcommunities.com.au by 15 November 2019.

Newman Chamber to Boost Innovation in Town

The Newman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) recently signed a three-year Innovation Partnership agreement with BHP to connect Newman businesses with innovation.

NCCI Business Development Manager, Tania Tucker says "through the innovation partnership, we're hoping to change people's perspective on how they can work. We'll do this by giving people opportunities to come up with new business practices that they might not have come up with before".

NCCI will also share BHP's experience in this area by running innovation experience tours of Jimblebar mine, which rolled out a fully autonomous truck fleet in 2017.

A collaboration with Meshpoints is also in the wings for delivery of the Launchpad project in 2020. This project will support small business, innovators and entrepreneurs to develop their ideas and pitch proposals to a regional audience and stakeholder panel.

Innovation also means inclusion in town. The Chamber will focus on opportunities to build female and indigenous representation amongst its ranks.

For more information on NCCI visit newmanchamber.com.au

For more information on Meshpoints visit meshpoints.com



A recent business after hours function held jointly by Parnawarri, C-RES and the Newman Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

NEWMAN FUTURES

Stay involved with the project!

Visit the website to keep up to date with the latest activities, sign up to our newsletter, and see upcoming events.

NewmanFutures.com.au

