

## Teacher Celebration

Education and training is so important when it comes to working together for a future ready Newman. That's why it's one of our four key focus areas for Newman Futures.

And with that in mind, we think it's important to say thanks to our Newman teachers who have gone above and beyond to keep our kids engaged and learning throughout and beyond this pandemic.

Join us in saying thank you by uploading a short video, or submitting a note or art piece to the Newman Futures Community Board for it to be included in our celebratory video which will be shared at the end of Term 2.

**BE QUICK!**  
Submissions close  
Sunday  
26 July 2020

## Newman Police Support Follow the Dream's Monadelphous Mechanical Mob

Follow the Dreams Monadelphous Mechanical Mob is a program designed to help promote trades roles and related career avenues by allowing students to enhance their mechanical skills and gain hands-on experience in a fun and friendly environment. The after-school program saw a great level of success throughout 2019, however due to COVID-19 the 2020 program start date has been pushed back to later this year.

Upon return, Monadelphous volunteers and students who are part of the Follow the Dream program will get stuck into new and exciting projects, including the restoration of pushbikes, scooters and a small motorbike kindly donated by the Newman Police Station.

Senior Sergeant Jon Munday identified the opportunity after the unclaimed items were collecting dust at the Station over a long period of time, with the majority also in poor condition.

The Station saw the donation as a chance to support a great community project and to provide the students with alternative opportunities to learn new mechanical skills. The intent is for the bikes to be repaired and



Bikes ready for a new life.

Mechanical Mob participants Alyssa Lockyer and Jayden Lewis with Supachai Rainford.

donated back to the community going to children who don't have the opportunity to have a bike of their own.

Tim Cubitt, Monadelphous Branch Manager in Newman, collected the bikes from the Police Station and delivered them to the Follow the Dream house, where students eagerly awaited their arrival and discussed what tools they would need for the project.

As the students were wheeling the bikes into storage, two students, due to the uniqueness of one of the bikes, identified it belonged to their school friend - the bike was reunited with its original owner, who was ecstatic and appreciative for the return of his long missing treasured possession!

Students and volunteers are looking forward to the program recommencing post COVID-19, in particular now they have the chance to showcase their trade skills on the bikes and find them deserving homes.

## Keeping it Local

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, local work increased in Newman.

"BHP wanted to limit the travel of people to and from the Pilbara – so for us it was a great opportunity to step up and complete work at short notice," explained Scott Risk, Manager at RSK Contracting in Newman.

RSK's services include earthworks, plumbing/dewatering, concreting and building at all of BHP's operations in the Pilbara, with their main focus on the Jiblebar Operations. They have a team of 16 people.

"We're a small company and we live here in Newman," said Scott.

"Being a Newman local, and going through the mining downturn not so long ago was a terrible experience, with a lot of stress and uncertainty for local residents and small companies..

"To see more local spending and engagement now is great. It means local companies can expand

and support other businesses and facilities within Newman," Scott continued.

Sport is important to a lot of Newman residents, with BMX, motocross, soccer, football and netball big on the agenda after work finishes for the day and on weekends.

"We have a great sporting community here, and spending locally enables local sponsorship and more people engaging with the local sports clubs. Being so remote, we need to keep these sporting clubs active and vibrant," explained Scott.

"In the past 12 months, I know my family has seen a big increase in the local spend and engagement, and there's more activity in the town, which is fantastic," said Scott.

"It would be great to see more people move to Newman and be a part of our fantastic community here!"

Scott Risk and his son Austin.



## NEWMAN FUTURES

Stay involved with the project!

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

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### Coming Up...

The next Newman Futures workstream meetings will be held in July. If you would like to get involved with the Newman Futures network or be added to any of the workstream groups, please call 08 9284 0910 or email us at [info@newmanfutures.com.au](mailto:info@newmanfutures.com.au)



Tracy Lubin, Danielle Airton (BHP), Beverly Rogers, Marianne Burton and Judith Anya Samson at Martumili.

## Home in East Newman

Newman Futures and Hames Sharley, an architecture, urban design, and landscape practice in Perth, were fortunate to work with Martumili artists recently, to learn about what home looks like in East Newman.

The full day activity took place on Thursday 18 June with regular Martumili artists and other Martu community members invited along for a day of conversation and creativity that helped the team to understand what East Newman is like now and what it could be like in the future. Participants shared their thoughts and painted what East Newman means to them. Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC) Deputy Chairperson, Alistair Sammy also attended the day and helped to facilitate the conversation with artists in Martu language.

Twenty attendees were involved on the day, chatting, and sharing their ideas, with nine participants going on to paint pieces that depicted the area, what aspects of it make it feel like home and how it can be a stronger and more special place in the future.

Jeremy Edwards, CEO of the Shire of East Pilbara said "it was great to see so many Martumili artists involved on the day. As we, at the Shire, think about what the future of East Newman looks like, it is essential that we listen and understand what is important for Martu residents living in the area, and how together, we can plan to ensure it grows as a connected, vibrant and safe place to be".

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WDLAC CEO, Tony McCrae and BHP Specialist Corporate Affairs and Community WA in Newman, Danielle Airton also participated and attended on the day.

The event was the beginning of a bigger project called "Home in East Newman" which will deliver a range of initiatives related to housing, landscaping, community services and amenity to ensure that East Newman is a safe and comfortable place to live. The project is being planned to ensure significant engagement and co-design with Nyiyaparli and Martu along with other local residents.

Danielle Airton, BHP's Specialist for Corporate Affairs and Community in Newman, enjoyed meeting some of the artists involved in the day. "Newman Futures is all about working together to build a strong community," she explained. "It's incredibly important that when we think about planning for what East Newman could be like in the future, that we listen and understand a diverse range of needs and experiences, of those people who call the area home."

A big thank you goes out to all the artists who were involved on the day, and of course to the amazing team at Martumili for their support in making it all happen.

For updates and information about this project and more, visit the Newman Futures Community Board.

## Six Months Have Flown By

It's been over six months now since the Newman Futures Strategy was launched in late November 2019 and what a whirlwind it's been since then!

If there's one thing that the COVID-19 health pandemic has taught us, it is that there are so many technologies available to help us connect. And that's what Newman Futures is all about - harnessing these technologies and working together for a Newman that is ready to tackle all of the challenges and opportunities of the future.

So, as we just tick over the half year milestone, what a better time than ever to go back to the beginning to recap on what Newman Futures is all about.

Newman Futures is a project that brings together community groups, local businesses, government and industry together to work together on initiatives, explore concepts such as the 'future of work', and collaboratively work together to bring the community together, and support jobs and the local economy.

And although members of the four Newman Futures working parties haven't been able to meet up physically, they continued to meet using online video platforms in order to progress a number of priority initiatives.

One of the exciting projects being progressed by the Culture and Country working stream is the development of a compact which will invite signatories to participate in a new way of working together where all cultures come together as equals. Another project that the Liveability and Wellbeing workstream is progressing is a precinct plan for the revitalisation of East Newman. Over in the Education and Training workstream, a 'Get, Set, Go' plan is being co-designed that will outline what needs to happen to ensure local students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to find jobs in the emerging Industry 4.0 economy. And that's not all, there is plenty more being worked on, like the recent Stronger Business Futures event and the other work that the Economy and Work workstream group is doing to support and rebuild the economy post COVID-19.

There's a lot happening and still plenty of ways you can be involved. Whether you are part of an organisation with a focus in one of these areas, or a keen community member, you're more than welcome to join a workstream and join the conversation.

Head over to the Newman Futures website for more information.



From left to right, M.J van Vuuren (C-Res), Sean O'Hanlon (BHP), Chloe Townsend (Shire of East Pilbara), Maria Hayward (C-Res), Desmond Taylor (Respected Martu Interpreter), Gerry Parsons (Shire of East Pilbara and Newman Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Marie Bourgoin (BHP), Jeremy Edwards (Shire of East Pilbara) and Tony McCrae (Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation).

Some familiar faces at the Stronger Business Futures event!

## Support your Economy

Keeping it local may be the path to economic recovery for Newman businesses and residents.

In June, Newman Futures hosted the Stronger Business Futures event at the Parnawarri Retail Centre which covered all things local business, with presentations, information and Q&As on how together, we can work to grow a vibrant economy in Newman. "As a company, BHP is highly invested in this town, which means we are highly invested in the wellbeing of people, and the success of local businesses" Marie Bourgoin, General Manager for BHP's Newman Operations, said. "And as a matter of fact, it was local businesses and residents who filled some critical roles for our business at the peak of the pandemic."

In addition, Newman Futures has also launched a new 'Supporting Your Economy' page on the Newman Futures Community Board to support local businesses by encouraging local people to buy-local to revitalise the economy and keep jobs in the town. The Shire of East Pilbara, BHP, C-Res and the Newman Chamber of Commerce and Industry continue their work to support the local economy, and each have an array of information and support available on the Newman Futures Community Board about their programs and initiatives. To find out more, head over to the Newman Futures Community Board website at [newman.commonfutures.com.au/supporting-your-economy](http://newman.commonfutures.com.au/supporting-your-economy)

### THE SHIRE OF EAST PILBARA

The Shire of East Pilbara is contributing \$50,000 to its East Pilbara Dollars project to buy gift cards and vouchers from participating businesses to distribute to the community. The program will offer a great incentive to buy local and help local traders recover from the downturn with some immediate cashflow.

### BHP AND C-RES

BHP and C-Res support small business through the Local Buying Program. The program aims to make it easier for businesses with less than 20 full-time employees to bid for supply opportunities with BHP. It also covers recognised Aboriginal Traditional Owner enterprises.

### NEWMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Newman Chamber of Commerce and Industry is continuing its support to business through a range of workshops and one-on-one support to business.



## StreetNet is Live!

Things are better when we're together. Even if we're not always together physically, it's so important to stay connected.

Newman Futures has launched a new initiative called StreetNet and it's all about the simple ways you can connect with your neighbours. It's about building connections and networks, street by street, to build and strengthen our community.

There's plenty of reasons to get involved. Maybe you are new in town and are keen to meet some new folk, or maybe your kids need someone to play with on their street. You might be away or sick and need someone to water your plants or take the bins out, or maybe it's about organising a regular street BBQ to just come together, share some stories, drinks and watch the sun go down.

Plus, we've got some fantastic giveaways and prizes thanks to our partners at the Shire of East Pilbara with their East Pilbara Dollars project.

Get involved and keep an eye on the Newman Futures Community Board to see how you can win!

[newman.commonfutures.com.au/streetnet](http://newman.commonfutures.com.au/streetnet)

There are some great opportunities to help you kick start your StreetNet, like a \$50 boost for a BBQ supplies, a prize for your neighbourly comp, or just about anything else you can think of!



And if that's not enough, check out the interactive map to upload your favourite places around Newman - walking trails, camping spots, go to picnic places, or any other places you love!

## Holiday Fun!

During the term 1 school holidays, families were encouraged to jump on board the Newman Futures Community Board website and try their hand at one of the daily kid's holiday activities as part of the Newman Futures School Holiday Competition. The Stonham, Page, Cole, Mulholland, and Marr families were among some of the daily winners and proud new owners of some STEM activity packs.

**We know the holidays seem like a lifetime ago now, but don't worry, there'll still be some exciting competitions and creative ideas for families to get on board with soon!**



Matilda and Huey make a handprint rainbow!

The Marr family out for a ride!