

Thriving Futures in Focus

The Thriving Futures program is achieving steady wins in the East Pilbara, with seven candidates filling crucial vacancies at participating Newman early learning centres, enabling the centres to increase their capacities so additional children can attend childcare.

Thriving Futures was established by Child Australia in partnership with BHP in July 2020 in response to the shortage of childcare availability throughout Newman and Port Hedland.

Workforce development in the sector is a complex issue, particularly in the regions, and the program is working to improve outcomes for children by training, recruiting and retaining a quality, sustainable early learning workforce and strengthening professional practices so that children have access to high quality early learning opportunities.

Thriving Futures provides opportunities for both qualified and unqualified candidates to join the early childhood education and care sector.

Those employed through Thriving Futures receive ongoing mentoring from our highly qualified professional mentors with the opportunity to immerse themselves in meaningful employment while gaining confidence and work experience to develop their skill sets.

Thriving Futures is also able to support candidates with a Certificate III to obtain their Diploma through funded scholarships.

Since inception, Thriving Futures has placed 12 candidates with either part time or full-time employment at early learning centres in Port Hedland

THRIVING FUTURES PROGRAM IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE EARLY LEARNING WORKFORCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEWMAN.

and Newman. For those without any previous experience of qualifications, Thriving Futures established The Academy, a supportive 12-week immersion program that introduces candidates to a career in childhood education.

Successful completion of The Academy allows candidates to gain funded scholarships to complete a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and receive ongoing mentoring and meaningful employment. Thriving Futures currently has four candidates who have commenced The Academy program.

The program has formed strong relationships with key local community and government stakeholders to address childcare shortages and achieve long-term change.

It has had a positive impact on the Newman community and hopes to continue recruiting, training and retaining a quality, sustainable early learning workforce. Anyone interested in a career in the early childhood learning is encouraged to contact them via

www.thrivingfutures.org.au.

Newman Childcare Survey: What's Next?

Access to quality childcare across Australia is an increasingly prevalent issue and this is magnified in remote and regional towns like Newman.

We know that providing childcare options for Newman's growing population is essential to the liveability of the town.

Throughout May and June, we facilitated a survey to help Newman Futures, BHP and Shire of East Pilbara understand Newman's childcare needs.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Newman Childcare Survey.



Education Futures Program

Creative technology educators Fire Tech recently teamed up with Newman Futures to launch Education Futures in Newman.

It commenced with series of courses during the July school holidays with training in Augmented Reality, Making Games with ROBLOX and LEGO Stop-Motion Animation.

Fire Tech Head of Learning Stephen Baker said Education Futures Program is an initiative which looks at emerging and current technologies and innovation and to bring

NEWMAN KIDS ARE BUILDING THEIR TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SKILLS.

opportunities to the kids of Newman to develop skillsets.

"I would encourage everyone in the community, and the kids to get down here, and come and be a part of what we're doing," Stephen said.

"It's fun, it's exciting and the kids will learn a whole bunch of skills they can take home and teach mum and dad."

You can register for Education Futures courses here or get in touch with **Fire Tech on 1300 347 383** or email info@firetech.wa.edu.au to find out more.

GOT SOMETHING INTERESTING GOING ON?

Let us help you spread the word!

Is your community group putting on a fun community event or fundraiser? Do you need a little extra help to promote it to spread the word and raise some extra funds?

Maybe your local business is hosting a workshop or perhaps you found an interesting opportunity that you thought others might be interested in. Or maybe it's just a good local story that warmed your heart.

Whatever it is, let us know so we can help you spread the word!

SHARE YOUR STORY

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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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THE MARTU-LED TEAM PREPARES FOR ITS NIGHT PATROL.

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Coming Up...

Our fun weekly Wednesday activities are at Miners Promise Park from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Martu Patrol Keeping Newman Young People Safe At Night

A Martu-led team is now patrolling Newman Streets from 9pm-1am, four nights a week as part of a pilot program to keep young people and children safe at night.

Managed and trained by the Newman Women's Shelter, the Martu-patrol team is fluent in Martu Wangka and English and is building relationships with young people to provide support, liaise with family members and provide safe places if needed.

Newman Women's Shelter manager Arina Aoina said the three-month pilot program, which launched at the end of June is going really well.

"We can't do this without working together," she said.

"And we couldn't do this without it being led by Martu because they understand how to respond to the kids."

The project was developed through Newman Futures in collaboration with Martu leaders, Newman Women's Shelter, Kanyirrinpa Jukurra, WA Police, BHP and the Newman Feedback Group. Similar initiatives in Perth, Port Hedland, Tennant Creek and Halls Creek have reported significant improvements in community safety, wellbeing and education outcomes of young people.

Based on the success and support for the initial pilot program, the operational hours could be extended with a dedicated vehicle and staff employed from October for a further 12 months.

East Newman Residents Shaping the Future

Since its launch in September 2020, the Home in East Newman project has facilitated a number of workshops with East Newman residents through a co-design process to blueprint the future of housing, landscaping, services and amenities.

Community members shared their ideas on what East Newman could look like in the future, what makes it feel like home and how East Newman can better reflect the needs and aspirations of the local community. The workshops informed a Social Plan that is now being implemented through the East Newman Activation Program.

The East Newman Activation Program launched in early April this year with the aim of engaging and connecting the community through a series of activities in a central hub. Community and service providers are invited to join the program and provide education and learning opportunities,

build cultural awareness and deliver opportunities for children and young people to play, learn or spend time together in East Newman.

Commencing with some regular small-scale initiatives, the activation program will continue to collaborate with key partners to grow a comprehensive activity schedule for the East Newman community at Miners Promise Park (Train Park).

Thank you to everyone who has supported the East Newman Activation Program by providing educational activities and the opportunities for children and families to come together.

We are so excited for the upcoming initiatives in East Newman.

You can get involved or find out more about us at newmanfutures.com.au or by emailing info@newmanfutures.com.au.



THE STREET BLITZ VOLUNTEERS AND RESIDENTS

Blitzing It!

Six skip bins were filled during East Newman's first Street Blitz in June thanks to the hard work and community spirit of local volunteers.

More than 80 volunteers and residents cleaned up public spaces, front and back yards, filling the bins with general household and green waste, mattresses, washing machines and furniture.

Community members and volunteers helped clear out rubbish and green waste for an unwell resident, while Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation took the cans and bottles that residents had been collecting to the Containers for Change Scheme, enabling them to receive the funds. One resident had been saving the cans and bottles to purchase a new washing machine and could finally do so.

Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation generously catered a BBQ lunch on both days, and the Earbus Foundation

kindly volunteered its time at the lunch on Thursday, offering free ear checks for children and adults.

Additional empty bottles and cans were collected for the Containers for Change Scheme, with the proceeds donated to the Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation for making the Street Blitz such a success.

This initiative was coordinated by Newman Futures as part of the Home in East Newman Activation Program, with support from Newman Women's Shelter, Department of Communities, WA Police, Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation, Shire of East Pilbara and the Pilbara Regiment - Australian Army. It was also supported by local businesses Cleanaway and Woolworths.

The East Newman Street Blitz is a great example of what is possible when community members and volunteers come together in support of a shared vision.

Follow the trails

Scavenger hunts, nature based challenges and local artworks are part of a series of interactive trails happening around East Newman.

Newman Futures partnered with Martumili to create an interactive East Newman Art Trail featuring the works of 30 local artists on BHP substations. You can start your journey anywhere on the Art Trail, and learn more about the artists, their stories and concepts behind these breathtaking pieces by scanning in the QR code found on each artwork.

The Art Trail map can be downloaded from the Community

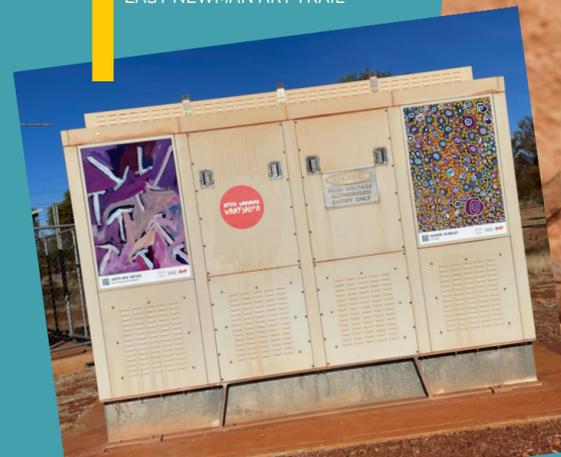
Board on the Newman Futures website: newmanfutures.com.au/news-and-updates.

And if you want to set yourself a real challenge, join the East Newman Play Trail with your friends and family and see who can top the leader board.

Test your memory, create artworks, complete scavenger hunts and learn something new along the way!

A big thank you to Newman Primary School and their fantastic Year 3 students for helping us test the challenges and making the trail as fun as possible.

EAST NEWMAN ART TRAIL



EAST NEWMAN NATURE TRAIL

All you need is a phone to get started, so scan the QR code below, or head to natureplaywa.org.au/playtrails to download the app and enter the code NEWMAN today!



Cultural Compact Grows

NEWMAN ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES ARE SIGNING THE CULTURAL COMPACT

Last year Nyiyaparli and Martu wrote the Cultural Compact, which maps a shared vision for upholding Aboriginal culture and traditions in Newman. The Compact seeks to catalyse collaboration and unity, nurture understanding and respect for Aboriginal values, and encourage local business, services and institutions to commit to culturally responsive approaches.

The Cultural Compact invites local organisations, government and community to sign a statement recognising the land, culture, language and law of the Nyiyaparli Traditional Owners of the Country on which Newman stands and the Martu People as the Custodians of Jigalong which sits in Nyiyaparli Country, and committing to work toward a shared future.

Crisis Accommodation, Transitional Housing and Newman Women's Shelter are the latest Newman organisations to sign up to the Cultural Compact.

NWS Manager Arina Aoina said the Cultural Compact was important because it forged a new understanding and enabled a new way for the community to work together with the Nyiyaparli and Martu people.

"I think for Newman Women's Shelter that's been around for such a long time, signing this Compact is about acknowledging the Traditional Owners and the Custodians of this land," Ms Aoina said. "It acknowledges their skills, their experience, their interpretations, how they go about their lives in the past, in the present and in the future. It's us saying 'we want to help build your dream' and 'your dream will become our dream', she said."

Ms Aoina said as part of the Cultural Compact, NWS would embark on ensuring its staff received ongoing cultural awareness training, with a broad representation of Martu and Nyiyaparli people, and would apply the Cultural Compact's objectives in their practices, policies, procedures, and strategic plan.

"We signed the Cultural Compact because we think it's really important that we show this commitment," Ms Aoina said.

To sign the Cultural Compact or find out more, email info@newmanfutures.com.au or head to newmanfutures.com.au.