

2021

# NEWMAN FUTURES



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# NEWMAN FUTURES

## 2021

As 2021 comes to close, we would like to take this opportunity to give thanks and acknowledge the passion and collective efforts of the Newman community, stakeholders, organisations and industry who work tirelessly to drive transformational change for Newman.

This year has seen stakeholders and community members connect and collaborate to identify opportunities and implement world-leading, locally led solutions. By coming together with a shared vision to create an inclusive economy and opportunities for all, we are building the foundations for a stronger and sustainable Newman.

This magazine celebrates the collective achievements in 2021.

**Thank you to all of the organisations involved in the discussions, planning, co-design and delivery of Newman Futures.**

- Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation
- Apprenticeship Support Australia
- BHP
- CADD
- Child Australia
- C-Res
- Cleanaway
- Coates
- Department of Communities
- Department of Justice
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- ESS, Kalgan's Rest Village
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- Martumili
- Mission Australia
- Mondalphous
- Newman Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Newman Neighbourhood Centre
- Newman Police Station
- Newman Primary School
- Newman Senior High School
- Newman Women's Shelter
- Newman Youth Centre
- Ngurra Kujungka
- Nyiyaparli and Martu Leaders
- North Regional TAFE
- Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service (PAMS)
- Pilbara Development Commission
- Pilbara Education Regional Office
- Pilbara Community Legal Service
- Pilbara Regiment Australian Army
- Pioneers Football and Sporting Club
- PROK
- Save the Children
- Shire of East Pilbara
- Shire of East Pilbara Newman Youth Centre
- Soap Bush Soap
- South Newman Primary School
- STEMSmart
- St John's Ambulance
- Telethon Kids Institute
- Volunteer WA
- Western Australian Council Of Social Services (WACOSS)
- WA Country Health Service
- WA Police
- West Coast Eagles
- Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC)
- Woolworths Newman
- YMCA

## About Newman Futures

**Newman Futures was launched in 2019 with the vision to build a diverse and sustainable economy that is inclusive to all.**

The project provides a platform for collaboration, bringing together stakeholders and community members to deliver long term positive change in Newman. Through collaborative planning and decision-making with Nyiyaparli Traditional Owners, Martu, industry, service providers, government and NGOs, four core areas were identified to successfully achieve the vision:



### CULTURE AND COUNTRY

Kujunkarrinjanka – Cultures working together for a better common future.

**MARTU TRANSLATION:** Kujunkarrinjanka - laltu kujupa kujupa kujungka palyarryiku yunungpa



### LIVEABILITY AND WELLBEING

Solid foundations for community and economic participation.

**MARTU TRANSLATION:** Nuntirpa ngurra kamu punutu kamu economy la ngarpilyiku



### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

People of all ages and demographics are equipped to participate in the emerging economy.

**MARTU TRANSLATION:** Laltuku nga economy parkaninpa jumarryiku



### ECONOMY AND WORK

Newman is a regional hub supporting growth in rural and remote communities.

**MARTU TRANSLATION:** Newmanpa townpa wirrilyi regional hubpa karyininpa kamu jumarryiku nga wana rural kamu communities wirrilyi wana

# 2021 SNAPSHOT

## Engagement

This year, we've connected with the community and stakeholders through:

 **19** Project Partnership Group, Steering Committee and Task Team meetings  **4** Newman Feedback Group meetings **250+** One on one stakeholder meetings

 **2400+** Community engagements through the East Newman Activation Program **80+** Community activities through the East Newman Activation Program

 **80+** Activities delivered through Education Futures **1350+** Engagements through EducationFutures

## Communications

The Newman Futures Community Board and the Newman Futures Stronger Together Facebook page provide positive stories and information about the good things happening in our community.

 **6,513** Unique page views on the Newman Futures Stronger Together Community Board  **3,861** Newman Futures Stronger Together Community Board users

 **572** Newman Futures Stronger Together Facebook Group members

Cultural Compact Signatories:

**7**

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(1st Jan - 30 Nov 2021)

## Highlights of 2021

- The Newman Futures Steering Committee launched.
- Formation of the Newman Feedback Group.
- Collaborative action on Safe and Just Newman initiatives.
- Launch of Staying at Home and Getting Back Home.
- Launch of Martu Patrol pilot project.
- Delivery of East Newman Activation Program.
- Hands-on STEM learning for the whole community with EducationFutures.
- East Newman Art and Play trails launched and activated.



▲ Bradley Hall and Melvin Farmer sign the Cultural Compact.

## THE CULTURAL COMPACT WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED!

**The Cultural Compact website has launched, providing all the information and resources you need to get started.**

This Is Our Dream Cultural Compact was initiated in June 2020 by Nyiyaparli and Martu and supported by Newman Futures. It invites commitment from local businesses and organisations to recognise the rich heritage of the Nyiyaparli and Martu laws, culture and traditions. It also encourages partners

to commit to tangible actions which promote mutual respect, collaborative decision-making and joint opportunities.

Singer, songwriter and former Chair of Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation Bradley Hall, who helped form the Cultural Compact with Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Council Chair Melvin Farmer, said it will bring opportunities for everyone in Newman.

"By signing the Declaration we are asking businesses to recognise our heritage, cultures and traditions and in return we will support organisations and businesses in their journey of cultural awareness, training and new ways of doing business that are inclusive for all," he said.

Natalie Iannaci-Mejia, BHP Principal of Community welcomed the invitation for local businesses and community members to be part of this.

"Strong relationships with Martu and Nyiyaparli are fundamental to our business, community and our future," she said.

**To find out how your organisation can be part of the Cultural Compact, head to:**

[www.culturalcompact.com.au](http://www.culturalcompact.com.au)

where you'll find a wealth of information about the Cultural Compact and the story behind it, as well as resources for signatories to help them on their journey towards adopting culturally responsive approaches within their organisations.

**The Cultural Compact was initiated through the Newman Futures project following intensive engagement and co-design.**

# DIGITAL HUBS IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES CHANGING LIVES

**The recently installed telehealth and digital hubs are having a huge impact on Western Desert communities, by enabling them to stay on Country.**

The digital hubs were rolled out this year in Kunawarritji, Punmu, Parnngurr and Jigalong as part of the Staying at Home pilot project funded by BHP.

Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service (PAMS) CEO Robby Chibawe said the impact and difference that the telehealth hubs are having is profound.

"Before, it could take six days to get from the desert to Perth for an appointment, which would involve hiring drivers and flights and possibly an escort if English is the patient's third or fourth language," he said.

"The cost and the hours associated with that is huge. So, when you look at the benefits of this, it's massive."

Registered nurse and team leader Regina Visser at the Jigalong Health Centre said the telehealth hubs are being used for a huge range of medical services, from cardiac and orthopaedic follow up appointments to mental health and advice with specialists.

"What is really great is that we are with the patients during the telehealth appointments so we can also speak up for them, especially if English is not their first language," she said.

"We have one patient who is a paraplegic who needed assistance with a significant wound, so having the telehealth instead of having to manage the logistics of moving her to see a specialist was really great."

The Staying at Home project has also seen the installation of digital hubs to enable the remote communities to access to services such as Centrelink, banking and licencing and attend judicial appointments, while staying on Country.

Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ) Executive Director Peter Johnson said the digital transactions will have a huge impact in terms of equality of services and quality of life.

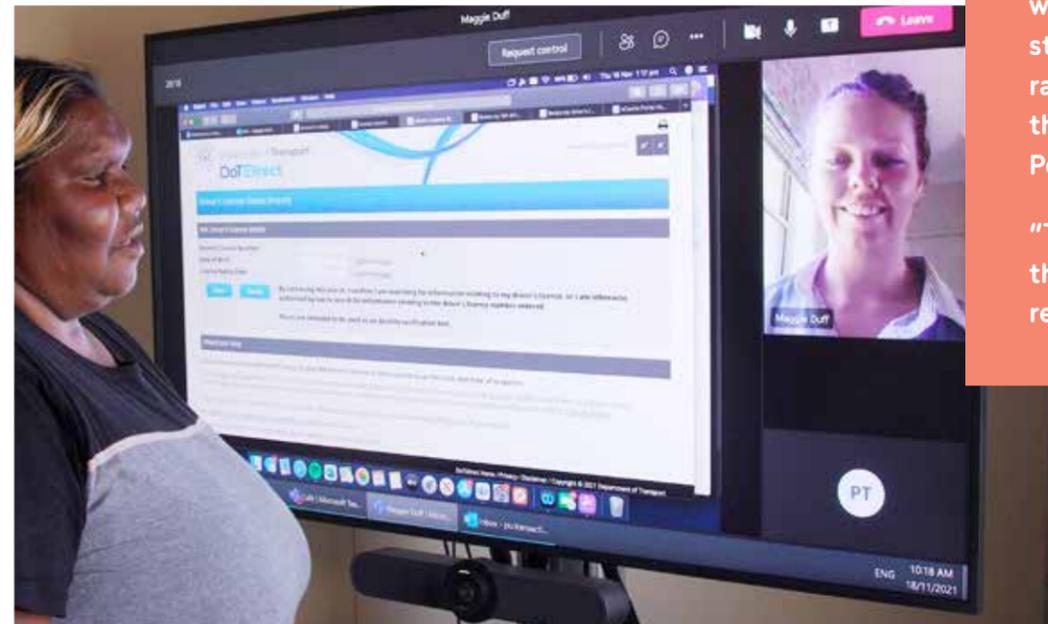
"There are profound social and cultural reasons why Martu want to live close to their country - being able to fulfil cultural obligations, being able to teach their kids about their culture," he said.

"Apart from the tangible benefits the project has, such as cost savings in having to travel into town or the dangers and difficulties of in being in town, Martu should be able to have equitable access to all of the services at the same sort of quality that anyone else in Australia has."

Newman Futures supported the engagement and design of the Staying at Home pilot project, in collaboration with KJ, PAMS, Department of Communities and BHP.

The partnership teamed up with Australian network provider Vocus late last year to replace the existing erratic internet infrastructure with first class, high speed internet using the latest satellite technologies.

Telehealth appointments mean Martu no longer have to travel long distances to Perth or Newman.



When Martu need to travel from their remote communities to Newman, the Getting Back Home project helps Martu get back on Country.

Led by Martu organisation Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ), the Getting Back Home project employs Martu drivers to immediately transport people back to their homes in remote communities.

"Without any public transport and without private transport, they become stuck in town and can be exposed to a range of dangers to themselves and for their children," KJ Executive Director Peter Johnson said.

"The program allows people to know they can safely get back home to their remote communities."

Martu can now access banking, licencing and judicial services with digital transaction hubs.

## Drive times from Newman

- Kunawarritji – 13 hours
- Punmu – 10 hours
- Parnngurr – 6 hours
- Jigalong – 3 hours



Thriving Futures participant Talecia Mills is one of eight candidates who has been placed with employment at childcare centres in Newman this year.

## CHILDCARE IN NEWMAN

**Access to quality childcare across Australia is an increasingly prevalent issue, which is magnified in regional remote towns such as Newman.**

In 2020, Child Australia partnered with BHP to specifically address this shortage in the Pilbara and formed the Thriving Futures program.

Thriving Futures focuses on increasing the number of qualified childcare professionals in the region with a program that supports participants in obtaining the necessary qualifications, training, employment and ongoing mentoring.

Since its inception, Thriving Futures has placed eight candidates with employment at early learning centres in Newman, with more to be placed next year.

Thriving Futures participant Talecia Mills is one of those candidates.

"The scholarship opportunity I have been given to study my diploma through Thriving Futures is fantastic," Talecia said.

Child Australia CEO Tina Holtom said the Thriving Futures program has enabled new childcare places for children and families in Newman.

"The Thriving Futures program in Newman has been really positive, with additional qualified early educators placed in participating early learning centres," she said.

"We understand the pressure on the region for increased childcare availability and we're working hard to make this happen."

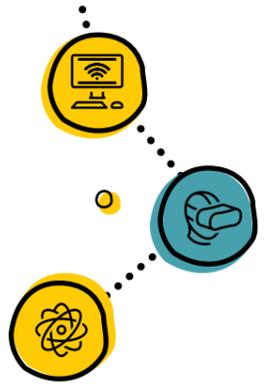
"Through regular support, consultation, mentoring and training, the program continues to enable more early educators into early learning career pathways."

Additionally, Thriving Futures held a series of Introduction To Working In Early Years workshops in Newman at the end of this year.

In June this year, Newman's childcare needs were further addressed with a childcare needs assessment, conducted by Newman Futures, in partnership with BHP and the Shire of East Pilbara. The assessment included a survey completed by 381 respondents and interviews with key stakeholders, and will help shape a childcare roadmap to deliver high quality and accessible childcare for all families in Newman.

We know that access to early childhood education and care can lead to better economic outcomes, equal opportunities and a stronger, connected community. To ensure high quality childcare for Newman, a holistic, collaborative approach with key stakeholders is needed. Over the course of next year, we will keep you updated as organisations collectively build on increasing quality childcare placements in Newman.

## THE FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT IN NEWMAN



**Newman students have been developing their tech skills this year with EducationFutures, programming their own personal assistants and even coding and constructing systems that automatically water plants!**

EducationFutures is a Newman Futures initiative formed this year, designed to equip students and the Newman community with knowledge and skills in preparation for technological developments in the future of work.

The program was and continues to be co-designed with all three Newman schools and a broad network of stakeholders to ensure a seamless delivery of STEM learning opportunities for all ages.

Leading creative technology educator, STEMsmart, is delivering the in-school and online learning tech programs, aligned with the national curriculum, as well as after school clubs, school holiday workshops and pop-ups in community spaces.

STEMsmart Managing Director Andrea Conte said the team has been really impressed by the creativity and ingenuity of Newman's students.

"EducationFutures is a fantastic initiative that is providing a unique opportunity for a regional town to experience technology that they normally wouldn't have access to," he said.

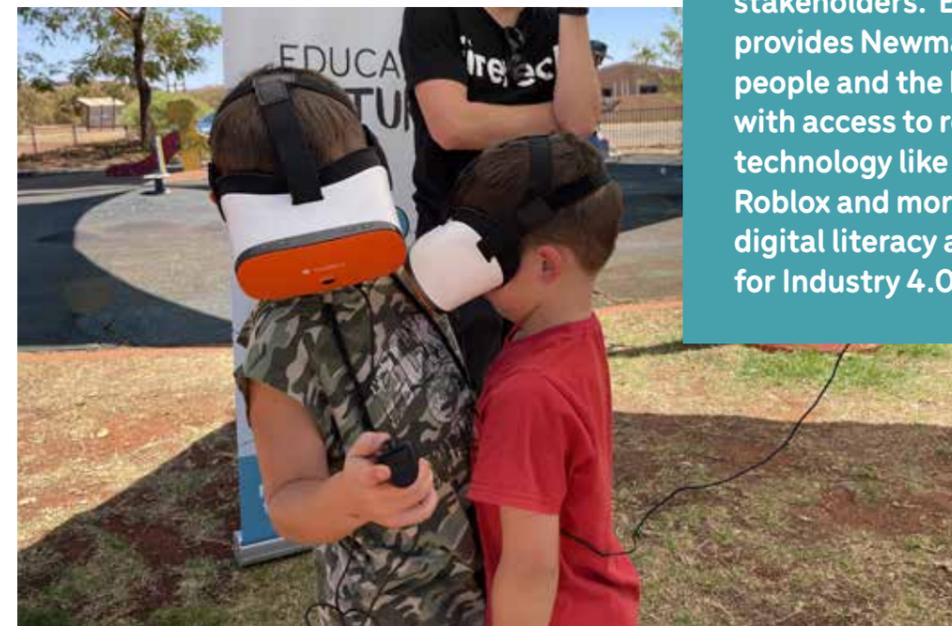
"People love coming down to the park, and seeing how cool the tech is."

"Since the start of term three we have delivered fortnightly classes as well as online engagements at all three schools in Newman, teaching students about programming and coding using the latest technology."

"The students have made some amazing things while learning about STEM and the important role it plays in our lives."

EducationFutures has also delivered a number of free courses during the school holiday, as part of the East Newman Activation Program, where the VR headsets and robotic Spheros were a huge hit.

**EducationFutures was initiated through the Newman Futures project following intensive engagement and co-design with educators and stakeholders. EducationFutures provides Newman schools, young people and the broader community with access to really cool STEM technology like Micro:bits, Spheros, Roblox and more, while increasing digital literacy and preparing them for Industry 4.0.**



VR Headsets bring a whole new world to children at the East Newman Activation Wednesday activities.

# EAST NEWMAN REVITALISATION

**In September 2020, Newman Futures initiated the Home in East Newman Project, working with stakeholders and community members to ensure East Newman is a comfortable, safe and connected place to live.**

Through this collaboration, we identified the need for a more connected and actively engaged community in East Newman.

And so, from this, the East Newman Activation Program was born! Since its launch in March this year, in partnership with local businesses, stakeholders and service providers, we have delivered over 80 activities, events and initiatives based at or around Train Park (Miner's Promise Park). This has resulted in positive change and great outcomes, as well as Train Park emerging as a vibrant community hub that brings people of all cultures and ages together.

## Wednesday afternoons at Train Park

Newman Futures has partnered with local businesses and organisations to deliver activities every Wednesday afternoon at Train Park for children and young people. From painting, nature craft and cultural programs, to robotics and STEM learning and hands on engagement with EducationFutures, footy clinics with the West Coast Eagles and free ear checks by the Earbus Foundation of WA, the Wednesday afternoon activities have brought together children and families of all cultures to learn, play and laugh together, as well as enjoying a delicious free bite to eat!



▲ Wednesday afternoon fun at Train Park.

## School holidays a blast

In April, Newman Futures partnered with local businesses and organisations to launch the first school holiday program at Train Park, which proved so successful we ran it again for the July and September/October school holidays. The free program was welcomed by both parents and children, providing a different activity each day led by local organisations.

During the evenings of the school holidays, the luring aromas of sizzling sausages and burgers made it hard to resist Train Park, with local businesses generously donating food and their time to cook up a feast at the free community barbecue events.



▲ School holiday fun at Train Park.

## East Newman Activation Partners

**Thank you to all the wonderful organisations who have helped us deliver a broad range of activities at Train Park every week and during our East Newman School Holiday Programs:**

- Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation
- BHP
- CADD
- Cleanaway
- Coates
- Department of Communities
- Earbus Foundation WA
- ESS, Kalgan's Rest
- ESS, Whaleback Village
- Empowering People in Communities (EPIC Newman)
- EducationFutures: STEMSmart
- Headspace
- Kanyirrinpa Jukurrpa
- Martumili
- Mission Australia
- Nature Play WA
- Newman Primary School
- Newman Women's Shelter
- Newman Youth Centre
- Ngurra Kujungka
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- Programmed
- PROK
- Save the Children
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## Movies under the stars

Newman residents enjoyed a series of movie nights under the stars at Train Park from July to October. Family activities and games, free delicious barbecue food and popcorn brought residents and the community together, before the movie screenings. At sunset, families settled down on picnic rugs to watch local short movies from Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, followed by the family feature films.



▲ Movie Night at Train Park.

## Blitzing East Newman Streets!

Keeping the streets of East Newman clean is important in building community pride, and so it was amazing to see hundreds of residents and volunteers come together and be part of three massive Newman Futures' Street Blitzes this year. Together we have filled 21 skip bins of

rubbish, including old mattresses and household appliances. Thousands of containers were taken to the Containers for Change depot and cashed in on behalf of the residents who had been collecting them (one resident was able to buy her own washing machine as a result). The dedicated and hard-working volunteers and residents met at Train Park for every Street Blitz, and finished with a well-earned barbecue lunch kindly donated by local organisations and businesses.

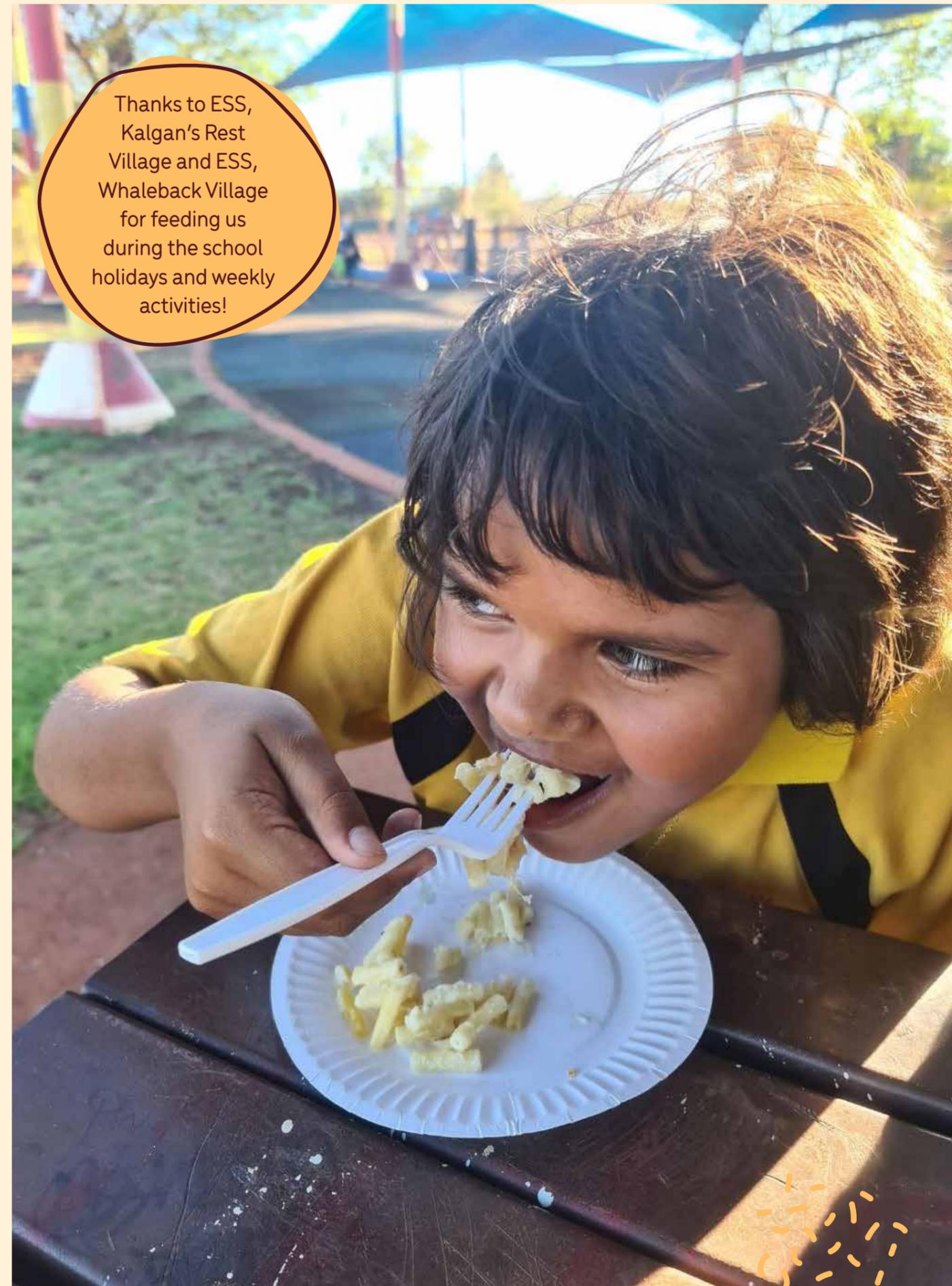
## Our cleaning partners

The following organisations have made the East Newman Street Blitz possible:

- Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation
- BHP
- Cleanaway
- Department of Communities
- Mission Australia
- Newman Women's Shelter
- Newman Woolworths
- Pilbara Community Legal Service
- Pilbara Regiment Australian Army
- Programmed
- Shire of East Pilbara
- WA Police
- West Coast Eagles



▲ East Newman Street Blitz.



Thanks to ESS, Kalgan's Rest Village and ESS, Whaleback Village for feeding us during the school holidays and weekly activities!

▲ Fueling up for more fun at the Wednesday afternoon activities.

## Hot on the trail in East Newman

East Newman has put its mark on the map with some interactive nature and art trails that are inspiring residents to explore their neighbourhood and learn more about their community.



Newman Futures partnered with Martumili to create the East Newman Art Trail which features the stunning works of 29 talented local artists, reproduced and displayed on 14 electrical substations around East Newman. A map of the art trail shows the locations of all the artworks, with each one featuring a separate QR code which, when scanned by a smartphone, brings up information about the artist and the story behind their artwork.



▲ Martumili artists in front of their artwork on electrical substations in East Newman.



Head to the Newman Futures Community Board or scan the QR code to download the East Newman Art Trail map!



▲ East Newman Art Trail.

Newman kids are also busy exploring the town on the East Newman Nature Play Trail, while also testing their memories, creating artworks, completing scavenger hunts and learning Martu Wangka words. Newman Futures worked with Nature Play WA and the local community to identify locations, Martu language and nature play to develop the trail and the interactive app. A big thank you to Newman Primary School and their fantastic Year 3 students for helping us test the challenges and make the trail as fun as possible!



Head to the Newman Futures Community Board or scan the QR code to download the East Newman Play Trail app!



▲ Kids connect with nature on the East Newman Nature Play Trail with the interactive app.

## Shades of nature

The need for shade in East Newman public spaces was identified during the community consultation co-design process for the Home in East Newman project.

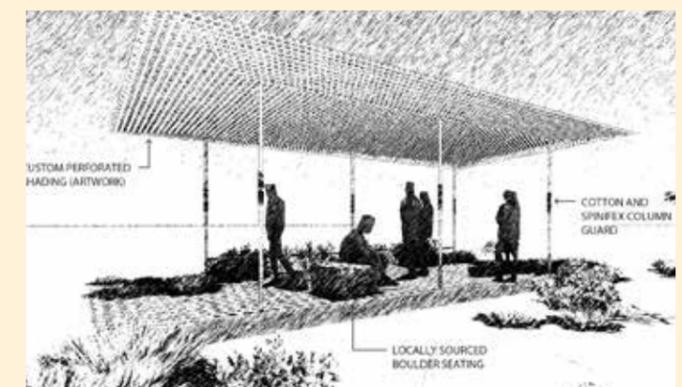
To help implement this, Newman Futures engaged architects Hames Sharley to conduct a series of consultations with Niyiyarparli and Martu in 2020 and designed five bough shelters to be placed between Nimingarra Drive and Kalgan Drive.

Funded by BHP, the bough shelters will feature metal shading with a perforated roof designed by Martumili artists, held up by steel poles, wrapped in cotton wood and spinifex columns.

Locally sourced boulders will serve as seating, while native Pilbara plants will surround and climb the

structure to create a welcoming place to gather or reflect.

The application for the shelters has been lodged with the Shire of East Pilbara with anticipation to begin construction early to mid 2022.



▲ The bough shelters will feature metal shading with a perforated roof designed by Martumili artists.

# DRIVING POSITIVE CHANGE IN NEWMAN

Newman Futures is all about collaboration. The Newman community, stakeholders, government and industry coming together to drive positive change for Newman.

As we reflect on the year, it's important to celebrate the positive activities our partners and stakeholders are doing for the better good of Newman.

## Martuku Jijuku Maya (Martu Student Hostel)

Through funding from the Pilbara Development Commission and support from BHP, the Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation (WDLAC) has taken possession of three houses in East Newman which have been transformed into the Martu Student Hostel. The hostel will open for children to stay at the start of the 2022 school year.

WDLAC has been leading the planning and advocacy for the facility, in partnership with the Martu Schools Alliance, to enable young Martu from regional and remote communities to finish high school.

This is a safe, residential campus for Martu teenagers who live in Martu communities and want to attend Newman Senior High School without the whole family having to relocate to town.

WDLAC has formed a partnership with Save the Children Australia, who will employ Martu

to work in the hostel. Martu community leaders will be directly involved in running the hostel management committee while house parents and youth workers will keep the students comfortable and connected to family.

It means families can know their children will be safe, will be getting a mainstream high school education and will be able to visit home for long weekends and holidays. Families will be able to check on their children to make sure they're safe and studying hard!

WDLAC CEO Tony McRae said Martuku Jijuku Maya will significantly support young Martu to access secondary and vocational learning opportunities while staying connected with family.

"Martu parents want their children educated with Martu language, culture and spirituality as well as in the western education system - they want Martu children to confidently walk in two worlds, being strong and managing their country, communities and businesses," he said.

Artist's impression of the Martuku Jijuku Maya Hostel to be opened for the start of the 2022 school year.



The West Coast Eagles Community and Game Development Squad at Night Fields.

## Night Fields

Night Fields brings children and young people together over a game of footy (or a splash in the pool during the hotter months) each week.

Developed and run by WA Police and supported by the Newman Neighbourhood Centre, the weekly footy sessions at Boomerang Oval have built friendships and strong relationships between the local police and young people.

"It's just great for the kids to come down and for us to really get to know the kids over fun and footy," said Senior Constable Clair Lee.

Thanks to BHP, the West Coast Eagles Community and Game Development squad have supported the WA Police to run some of the sessions this year with some of the club's past and present players, including Jamaine Jones, Isiah Winder, Kellie Gibson and former Newman resident Jarrod Cameron.

"I can tell the kids got a lot out of the sessions we ran, they were smiling and laughing and really getting involved," Jarrod said.

"I think they'll remember this when they're older, and hopefully it helps them make good lifestyle choices and try and be the best that they can be."

# MARTU PATROL EXTENDED



▲ The Martu Patrol team, ready to head out for the night, supporting young people and children with safety initiatives.

**Since its launch in June 2021, the Martu Patrol continues to offer support and deliver targeted safety initiatives for children and young people at night.**

The Martu-led patrol was developed through the Newman Futures project in collaboration with Martu leaders, Newman Women's Shelter, Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, WA Police and the Newman Feedback Group in response to increased youth crime.

The team are trained and managed by the Newman Women's Shelter, and now patrols six nights a week from 9pm-1am. Fluent in both Martu Wangka and English, the team has a deep understanding of the community and is able to liaise with family members, as well as support children and young people to safe places to stay when needed.

Newman Women's Shelter manager Arina Aoina said the program is providing employment and instilling a sense of pride in the Martu community.

"The patrol has led to employment for Martu on our team, and you can see a real pride they have in their job in helping keep kids safe or away from crime," she said.

"It provides a real presence as well, people know we're out there, patrolling the streets, kids won't commit any crimes if they know we're there," she said.

Arina said the success of the project depends on the collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders.

"It's not just about picking up kids off the street or providing them with a feed. We need to work with other agencies and educators to follow up the next day, making sure kids feel welcomed at school and included, it's all of that. We need to work together to make this happen."

The three-month pilot project has now been extended by funding partner BHP until June 2022.

## 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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