



# Council News

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## Community Conversations - this Wednesday

Join us for the upcoming Community Conversations forum on Wednesday 12 February. This forum will be held in Port Hedland at the Town's Council Chambers (upper level Civic and Administration Centre, McGregor Street).

Community Conversations is an open-floor forum for community members to ask questions of the Council and organisation, and engage in conversations about the issues important to you as a resident of the Town of Port Hedland.

There will be two presentations by the Town's Executive Team, on the Landfill Relocation Project and the Town's preparations for the 2014/15 annual budget process.

RSVP your attendance to the Office of the CEO at [eaadmin@portheadland.wa.gov.au](mailto:eaadmin@portheadland.wa.gov.au) by 4pm, Tuesday 11 February.

## Over 800 attend the South Hedland Aquatic Centre Open Day

Over 800 community members took part in the fun and activities of the South Hedland Aquatic Centre Community Open Day on Sunday 9 February.

The aquatic centre was officially reopened on the day by Regional Development Minister Hon. Terry Redman MLA, BHP Billiton Iron Ore General Manager - Port Operations Michael Bailey and Town of Port Hedland Mayor Kelly Howlett.

Surfing WA coaches and ex-pro surfers Neil Thompson and Mark Clift held a series of surfing workshops leading up to and on the day, culminating in a surfing competition.

Local community radio station 101.3FM Hedland Community Radio showed their support by broadcasting the event live from 10am to 6pm, interviewing community members on their thoughts on the new aquatic centre.

The free Dive In Movie was cancelled due to a Blue Alert being called at 3pm. The movie will be rescheduled and ticket holders can still use their tickets for the next screening.

The Town of Port Hedland would like to acknowledge the event partners BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Pilbara Development Commission and YMCA - without their support, the day would not have been a success.

The \$11.3 million South Hedland Aquatic Centre Redevelopment was a partnership project with Principal Partners the State Government's Royalties for Regions Pilbara Cities initiative, delivered by the Pilbara Development Commission and BHP Billiton Iron Ore; and Supporting Partners the Town of Port Hedland, Country Local Government Fund and the Department of Sport and Recreation.

### Monday 10 February

## New workshops at the JDYz

The Term One program at the JD Hardie Youth Zone is bigger and better than ever before, with some new creative skills workshops introduced and the return of popular programs Kids Club, JDYz Junior Chef and The Jam.

New programs include:

- Poetry Crash - Monday afternoons, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. An introduction to the art of spoken word, a unique type of performance art that includes the collaboration of hip hop and theatre.
- Piano Lessons - Thursday afternoons, 2.30pm to 5pm, suitable for young people aged 6 years and over and costs \$20 per 30 minutes. Booking is essential, call the JDYz on 9158 9380.
- Step Up - Friday afternoons, 3pm to 4pm. A program for all young people in the community, where we aim to take you on a leadership development journey and includes awareness of culture(s) and acknowledgement of the Aboriginal people and history of Port Hedland.
- Become a Journalist - Saturday afternoons, 1pm to 2pm. Learn how to write and research stories with the opportunity to go meet and interview the local community. The workshop is free and is suitable for young people aged 7 years and over.

Unless stated, all workshops and programs are free of charge.

To download the entire Term One program, please visit the JDYz website at [www.jdhardie.com](http://www.jdhardie.com).

JD Hardie Youth Zone is located on Cottier Drive, South Hedland.

For more information, please call the friendly team on (08) 9158 9380 or email [jdhycc1@porthedland.wa.gov.au](mailto:jdhycc1@porthedland.wa.gov.au).

### Friday 14 February

## Community Perceptions Survey - last chance

Residents have until this Friday to complete the 2013 Community Perceptions Survey, which can be accessed via the Town's website at [www.porthedland.wa.gov.au](http://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au).

The survey provides residents the chance to rate the Council's performance in the past year and rank the importance of the Town's services, facilities and projects.

Results will be used to assist Council and the organisation to continuously improve its facilities, the delivery of its services, and the development of plans for the Town's sustainable future.

Hard copies of the survey were delivered to residential mailboxes and PO Boxes in mid-January. Completed surveys can be returned to the Town in the reply paid envelope provided in the pack.

If you did not receive a hard copy of the survey, they can be collected from the following venues:

- Town of Port Hedland Civic and Administration Centre, McGregor Street, Port Hedland
- South Hedland Library, Leake Street, South Hedland
- Port Hedland Library, Dempster Street, Cooke Point

For more information, please contact Director Community Development at [directorcd@porthedland.wa.gov.au](mailto:directorcd@porthedland.wa.gov.au) or call (08) 9158 9339.

### Monday 24 February

## Aboriginal Consultation Forum

Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to the next Aboriginal Consultation Forum on Monday 24 February, 9.30am to 1pm, and the topic of discussion for this forum is 'Services, Projects and Initiatives'.

The forums are held on a quarterly basis and all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community members are welcome to attend.

The successful forums encourages discussion between residents and local agencies about issues

### Friday 21 February

## Three Chinese Tenors

If you appreciate world music, then this is a unique experience for you.

The Three Chinese Tenors are a musical force who will take you on a journey that begins in the West, and ends in the East, encompassing classical operatic arias to traditional Neopolitan songs, popular contemporary pieces and ancient Chinese folk songs.

Tickets to the Three Chinese Tenors can be purchased online at [www.mattdann.com](http://www.mattdann.com) or by calling the Box Office on (08) 9158 9368 during

affecting our Aboriginal community.

office hours (Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm).

Agencies and groups with Aboriginal staff members are encouraged to appoint these employees to represent them at the Forum where possible, to try and ensure a majority of Aboriginal people at the forums.

Costs are \$54/adult, \$48/concession, \$44/Matt's Mates, \$24/children.

To preview a sample of their performance, check out this [YouTube clip](#).

Please RSVP your attendance to Executive Assistant - Community Development at [eacd@porthedland.wa.gov.au](mailto:eacd@porthedland.wa.gov.au) by Friday 21 February for catering purposes.

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## Community News

**If you have a community project, initiative or event you would like to promote, please email [publicityofficer@porthedland.wa.gov.au](mailto:publicityofficer@porthedland.wa.gov.au) with details to include in Council News @ Your Fingertips.**

- **Business Foundations Workshop Series:**

The local Small Business Centre will be hosting a series of workshops aimed at providing budding entrepreneurs or existing business owners with the skills and knowledge to start up and manage your own successful business. The six workshops can be completed as a series or individually depending on your needs. Cost varies per workshop. For more information please contact the team at the Small Business Centre at [admin@smallbusinesscentre.org.au](mailto:admin@smallbusinesscentre.org.au) or call 9173 2335.

- **2014 World's Greatest Shave - Get Involved:**

The Worlds Greatest Shave is the Leukaemia Foundations biggest fundraising event raising over \$158 million dollars since it began in 1998. Every year in March over 150,000 people across Australia get sponsored to shave or colour their hair to help fund blood cancer research and support. This years event is taking place between 13-16th March and registrations are now open! Head to our website [www.worldsgreatestshave.com](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com) for more information or contact Claire Smith – Community Relations Coordinator on 0409 395 597, email [csmith2@leukaemia.org.au](mailto:csmith2@leukaemia.org.au).

- **Climb Because You Care - Join the Leukaemia Foundation for the adventure of a lifetime!**

This is your chance to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest mountain, while supporting Australians facing the challenges of blood cancer. Your fundraising efforts on the Kilimanjaro 2014 Challenge will benefit the 50,000 Australians currently living with a blood cancer. Places are limited! Find out more by contacting Claire Smith for more information on 0409 395 597 or [csmith2@leukaemia.org.au](mailto:csmith2@leukaemia.org.au).

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