Marble Bar has had a record breaking wet January since records have been kept, receiving 330.0mm of rain this month. The previous record was 181.2mm in 2012. This is in the 13 years since the Bureau of Meteorology weather station was moved to the area behind the Travel Stop. The previous record (at the old recording station) was 309.8mm in 1917, so we have broken both records even though the old station was a few hundred metres west of where it is now.

Marble Bar Pool in flood on 21 January 2014.

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Recipes of the month

MEXICAN LAYERED DIP
Note: This is very moreish, quick and simple. Great for parties. Your friends will be coming back for more! 
1 can Old El Paso re-fried beans
1 packet Old El Paso taco seasoning mix
2 large tomatoes, seeded, chopped
1 cup of guacamole (see recipe below)
1 cup sour cream
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
½ cup sliced spring onion
500g Bag of Mission Deli Style Tortilla rounds or corn chips

1. Layer 1: Mix re-fried beans and taco seasoning mix in a bowl. Spread this mixture out evenly on a shallow platter or dish.
2. Layer 2: Sprinkle the chopped seeded tomato over the bean mixture.
3. Layer 3: Spread guacamole over tomato layer.
4. Layer 4: Spread sour cream over guacamole.
5. Layer 5: Sprinkle grated cheddar cheese over sour cream layer.
6. Layer 6: Finish with the sliced spring onion or chopped olives.
7. Chill until ready to serve.

GUACAMOLE
(2 mashed avocados, finely chopped red onion, salt and pepper to taste, chopped coriander, juice of a lime, clove of crushed garlic and a dash of tabasco sauce. Mix together)

LEMON MERINGUE PIE
(My all time favourite!)
1 Tin Condensed Milk
3 Large Eggs
½ Cup Lemon Juice
½ Cup Castor Sugar
1 x As Easy As Pie Crust

METHOD:
1. Heat oven to 160 degrees
2. Separate egg whites and yolks into 2 different bowls
3. Whisk egg whites until stiff - (Must be able to turn bowl upside down without it falling out!)
4. Add castor sugar slowly and continue whisking - set aside
5. Mix egg yolks and then add tin of Condensed Milk
6. Measure half a cup of lemon juice and add to yolk mixture
7. Beat for about a minute - mixture will start setting
8. Add egg mixture to READY MADE PIE BASE
9. Top with Meringue and spread evenly on top
10. Bake at 160 for 25 minutes
11. Cool pie on oven rack
12. Refrigerate Pie and ENJOY!
It has been another wet month here in Marble Bar with the town receiving 330.0mm of rain which has broken the old record of 309.8mm set in January 1917. This is only since records have been kept and by the looks of the geology at 'The Bar' at Marble Bar Pool it has been immensely higher at times in the distant past.

We still have a few months of the cyclone season to go, so stay prepared as we will probably get more cyclones and rain. Lop those trees that need it, clean away rubbish, especially corrugated iron and slash that long grass even though it's only going to grow again..think..Snakes. Get your stores stocked up in case we are cut off again for a while and perhaps fill up a few jerry cans to keep aside in case of a shortage.

School has begun again so watch out for children on the roads…and a message for children on bikes…wear your helmets, ride on the correct side of the road and look out for cars.
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Nullagine Community Resource Centre
SHIRE NEWS

• **Shire of East Pilbara Website**
  Our Shire website has been undergoing changes and provides greater access to information for Residents, Businesses and Tourists.
  Please visit the website at [www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au](http://www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au). Also on the Home page in the **Contact Us** Section is a link to lodge any enquiries and maintenance requests. This feature allows your queries or requests to be lodged with the Shire.

• **Australia Day Celebrations**
  The Australia Day Celebrations were held at the Marble Bar Swimming Pool with a breakfast BBQ with a thankful break in the weather. The Shire of East Pilbara would like to congratulate the following: Marble CRC, Marble Bar Tourist Association, Clarrie Robinson, Robert Claydon, Marble Bar Police.
  A big thank you also goes out to the Marble Bar community for actively nominating recipients. A big thank you also to our volunteers on the day. These include: Brian, Samuel, Kim, Rod, Sue V, Dean (MC), Bob. The Marble Bar CRC, Iron Clad Hotel, Marble Bar HACC and Marble Bar Mini Mart. Also our thanks and appreciation go to David Clarke for making sure our pool was in great condition due to the extreme weather in recent times. Apologies to any one we may have missed.

• **Marble Bar Swimming Pool**
  The Community may not be aware that our current Aquatic Officer, David Clarke works in town on a FIFO basis (3/1) to ensure our pool is available for access. At time of writing, David was due to leave for R&R on the 27th of January, but due to road closures this was not possible. David is now on standby in readiness for him to have his week off. Any queries, please contact the Marble Bar Shire Office directly on 08 9176 1008.

Thanks
Debbie & Kate

A. R. Cooper
Chief Executive Officer
30th January 2014
Tickets available at the Iron Clad Hotel and the CRC.

MARBLE BAR
Volunteer Emergency Service Unit

January/February

RAFFLE
$5.00 a Ticket
$400 CASH

Raffle limited to 100 Tickets ONLY
To be drawn on the sale of the last ticket
Or 28 February 2014

Winner of December 2013
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OR COME DOWN TO THE SHED ON WEDNESDAYS

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Marble Bar Jerk-Off & Marble Bar Billy Cart Race

Mark your calendar for Saturday 19 April 2014 for the Inaugural Marble Bar Jerk-Off & Marble Bar Billy Cart Race. Brush up on your jerky making skills and design yourself an air drying rack or purchase a small electric dehydrator.

The jerky categories are Beef, Camel and Unique (which can be anything else such as Kangaroo, Lamb, Goat or Fish).

Remember your youth and polish up on your Billy Cart construction skills as you only have until Easter to get ready.

All the rules and conditions for both events will be published in the March issue of the Mirage.

Search Google or You Tube for construction designs for your drying racks/dehydrators and for your Billy Carts.

GOOD LUCK!
COME IN FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

LARGE RANGE OF JEWELLERY, CUT & POLISHED STONE, T-SHIRTS, STUBBY HOLDERS, MASSAGE WANDS, SPHERES & WIND CHIMES

Most common key blanks in stock.

Call 0439 568 118 for more info.
The Martu Trust School Holiday Program operates for two weeks every school holidays throughout the year including the summer holidays.

All of the Martu Communities in the Western Desert participate in the fun filled activities lead by Martu facilitators and students studying sport and recreation from universities all over Australia.

Groups from Irrungadji in Nullagine and Karntimarta (Warralong) enjoyed a day at Marble Bar Town Swimming Pool on a hot January day along with the Marble Bar local kids.
Marble Bar residents were treated to a scrumptious breakfast at the Marble Bar Swimming Pool on Australia Day Morning. The Shire of East Pilbara Councillor Dean Hatwell presented the Premier’s Active Citizenship Award to Robert Claydon of the Volunteer Emergency Service Unit and Clarrie Robinson of Karntimarta (Warralong) Community, Marble Bar Tourist Association and Marble Bar Community Resource Centre. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Marble Bar Police which was accepted by Sergeant Danial Strachan. The water was cool and inviting with residents enjoying a cool dip.
Marble Bar Progress Association
New members welcome
Contact Cheryl Manurung
On 0439 929 668

Do you want to be a member of the Marble Bar Amateur Race Club? Contact Cheryl 91761550

Marble Bar Tourist Association
meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm at the Public Library.
If you would like to get involved you are most welcome to come along to our meetings.

To place a community notice please contact the CRC on 9176 1375

MARBLE BAR FESA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!
Meetings: Wednesday nights 5pm at the FESA shed.
Training is provided.
Contact Bob on 0488 082 223

Congratulations to Sharon O’Connor from the Nullagine CRC for completing her Certificate III in Business.
Well Done!

Marble Bar Best Start
Starts again 03 Feb 2014
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
8:30am to 11:30am

Happy 1st Birthday
Hayden Hicks
9th February 2014

Marble Bar Nursing Post
Child Health Nurse- Wednesday 05 Feb 2014
Contact Brian for an Appointment
Chiropodist- Dr Scott Westover
Tuesday 08 April 2014
Diabetics please book an appointment
Even if there is nothing wrong with your feet.
0437229755

Happy 1st Birthday Hayden Hicks 9th February 2014

Dekota Whalebone 20 February

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On Saturday 18 January on a bright Pilbara morning, a group of community minded Marble Barites drove out to the Corunna Airbase to erect an informative sign indicating the whereabouts of significant landmarks on the Old Secret Wartime Airbase which has remained a secret for 70 years. A big ‘Thank You’ to the Shire of East Pilbara for the grant that financed the commissioning of the sign by Marble Bar Tourist Association.

The much awaited sign gleaned from Google Maps will be well received by visitors and locals alike who are keen to investigate and learn more about the old base. Many hands make light work and it didn’t take long to auger out the holes, put the sign together and concrete it in. So next time you want to visit the site or direct visitors to the old air base, keep your eyes open for the magnificent new sign and you can use it explore your heart out.
Nullagine has been experiencing a lot of flooding in the last week or so. Roads have been closed to Marble Bar and Newman regularly, which is making life a challenge here. Nevertheless, we are making do, as the inclement weather doesn’t appear to be settling down for a while yet. However, the children are having loads of fun, playing in the flooded Nullagine river. Two cars have been washed into the raging water but the drivers are safe, thankfully. Temperatures have been in the low to mid 30’s but very humid and the country is looking very green, as the flora is loving the humidity and rain. Cate Clancy, Nullagine Community Resource Centre.
Term One of the 2014 school year began on 03 February at Marble Bar Primary School without some of its teachers and students due to slowly receding floodwaters, especially the Shaw River.

As of Tuesday 04 January all of the teachers are back at the helm and ready to go, for a fantastic teaching year.

At the end of last year the school participated in one of the CRC’s competitions for school children which was called ‘What Does Christmas Mean to You?’.

There were many colourful submissions and the winners were hard to choose, the winners being: Jimmaya Coffin (6), Ruthy Kickett (9) & Sieanne Kiernan (12).

We would like you to think about the best thing or things you did or saw during your summer holidays. Did you go away and enjoy an exciting adventure somewhere else? Or did you stay around here for the electrifying thunderstorms and Cyclone Christine which brought us rain and floodwaters?

Write a story about the most exciting thing you did or saw during the holidays and we encourage you to draw a colourful picture as well.

Submit them to the CRC by Tuesday 25 February.
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