

Bright future after streetlight work

HALLS Creek streets will be sunnier on all sides after an upgrade to its street lighting and building of a shared community pathway.

The Federal Government gave \$100,000 to the Shire of Halls Creek for the projects.

Five local contractors were employed for the works. They includ-

ed community street lights that have been upgraded and new ones installed, while new footpath access between the town centre and community housing has been built, with wheelchair access.

This was funded through the \$1 billion Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department for Child Protection

Group Home Parents and Relief Carers Kununurra

Generous remuneration package up to \$100,000

The Department for Child Protection is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to attracting and retaining Aboriginal people as a vital part of our diverse and talented workforce.

The Department for Child Protection is looking for live-in group home carers for the Kununurra Group Home. Ideally, carers would be a couple who are able to create a family environment for children aged 0-5 years. One partner could have outside employment. Carers will be part of a team helping to nurture and keep children safe. Guidance, training and ongoing support is available.

What can I expect to receive?

A service fee of \$54,600 per annum (\$2,275 per fortnight) to the first parent and a service fee of \$35,000 per annum (\$1,458.33 per fortnight) to the second parent, based on 11 months paid service and 1 month unpaid leave. The first parent will receive additional non-taxable subsidy benefits based on number of beds and children in the group home. Both parents will be provided with fortnightly relief days and provision of a vehicle for business use.

Relief Carers

We are also looking for a pool of relief group home workers to assist at the group home as required. Relief rates are \$19.16 per hour or \$210 per day, when working more than 11 hours consecutively.

Your application should consist of 2 referees, resume and a cover letter addressing:

1. Why you want to work in this position.
2. Your experience in caring for children.
3. What skills and values you have and how you can use them in this position.
4. Your views on keeping children safe and protected.

Essential

You will be required to undertake a police clearance, have a valid Working with Children Check (WA) and a valid Driver's Licence to be considered for any position.

All applications are to be addressed to the Business Manager, Department for Child Protection, Kununurra Office, PO Box 283, Kununurra WA 6743, marked 'Private and Confidential', and referencing the position you are interested in.

For more information, please contact Emma White or Mary Jarzabek at the Department for Child Protection on (08) 9168 0333.

Applications close: Tuesday 6th April 2010.

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20th bash aids charity

NICOLA KALMAR

BROOME'S Bankwest branch celebrated its 20th birthday last week by holding a charity bash.

To mark the occasion, staff hosted a sausage sizzle for the public with proceeds going to local charity Chelonia Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release.

Business banking manager Brendon Hunter said there was a big turnout and the team was thrilled to have supported Chelonia.

"The event was a great success. We wanted to support a local organisation and everyone is fond of animals so Chelonia was the obvious choice," he said.

Chelonia wildlife carer Lesley Baird attended the party with a few feathered friends including Ocky the tawny frogmouth.

"We don't receive any funding so we rely on public donations. It is really rewarding for Bankwest to sponsor us and we're grateful to everyone who supported this cause," she said.

Bankwest raised \$500 from the sausage sizzle and matched this to offer Chelonia a total of \$1000.



Business banking manager Brendon Hunter, Chelonia wildlife carer Lesley Baird and retail manager Renae McNamara with some feathered friends.

Mr Hunter said Bankwest was proud to serve the community for the past 20 years and was looking forward to reaching another milestone.

Rural and Regional state manager Michael Kettle was in charge of feeding guests and said the event was a great way to support local charities.

War on weeds in new campaign

DERBY and Fitzroy Crossing residents are declaring war on weeds as part of a new campaign initiated by Environs Kimberley and the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley with the assistance of the Wungurr rangers.

The campaign was launched with a set of brochures in Derby and Fitzroy Crossing mailboxes last week and is encouraging locals to remove introduced plants, which can be a threat to local plants and wildlife by taking over natural bushland.

Environs Kimberley West Kimberley nature project coordinator Louise Beames said the most problematic plants in the Derby and Broome areas were the neem tree, a fast growing tree which is popular around towns.

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Information Session Open Invitation

Where | Coco's Function Room, Mangrove Hotel, Broome
When | Tuesday 13th April 2010
Time | 5.00pm