

Club Development Newsletter

Shire of East Pilbara | Term 2 | 30 June 2026

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Club Development Success Story

This year, the **Newman National Football League** partnered with the Shire of East Pilbara's Club Development Officer for the first time to explore funding opportunities and enhance the football experience for the community.

The partnership helped secure support for two major community events at the Newman football grounds, bringing families, supporters and local organisations together.

The first event, the Big Freeze Round, was an outstanding success. The day featured live music, food trucks, a dunk tank, inflatable activities, kids' entertainment and half-time games, transforming a regular football fixture into a true community celebration. Most importantly, the event raised an incredible amount **over \$38,000** for **FightMND**, demonstrating the power of community partnerships and local support.

The event was proudly supported by BHP, the Shire of East Pilbara and a range of local sponsors, with strong support from the NNFL committee, volunteers and the wider community.

This successful collaboration highlights how club development support can help local sporting clubs access funding, strengthen partnerships and deliver memorable community events.



Shire of East Pilbara Sports Awards Nominations Open 1 July

With the winter sporting season in full swing, it's fantastic to see so many local athletes, volunteers, coaches and clubs making a positive impact across our community.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about who deserves recognition for their efforts both on and off the field. Nominations for the 2026 Shire of East Pilbara Sports Awards open on 1 July, providing an opportunity to celebrate the individuals and groups who help make sport in our region thrive.

We encourage all clubs and community members to start identifying their standout performers and unsung heroes. Let's come together to recognise and celebrate the people who make sport in the East Pilbara so special.

Nominations are almost here! Keep an eye on our page—the nomination registration link will be available soon.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGISTER NOW!

Newman Family Fun Run
05 September 2026



SAVE THE DATE

Stars of the East Pilbara
07 December 2026

SAVE THE DATE - Special Guest
Club Network Meeting
30 July 2026

Newman Netball Association
Celebrates 50 Years!
24 - 26 July 2026

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Sporting Group of the Year – Outstanding club, team or sporting organisation.

Official of the Year – Excellence in officiating and leadership.

Coach of the Year – Inspiring athletes and developing talent.

Sports Volunteer of the Year – Exceptional service to local sport.

Junior Sportsperson of the Year – Outstanding young athlete.

Sportsperson of the Year – Exceptional sporting achievement and performance.

Healthway Active Living Program Continues to Thrive

The Shire of East Pilbara's Healthway Active Living Program has continued to make a positive impact on the Newman community, with an impressive **343** participants signing up since the program launched in February 2026, with **280** being non members.

As the first local government in the Pilbara to deliver this innovative program, the initiative has received outstanding community feedback and strong participation across all activities.

During Term 2, residents made the most of Newman's cooler weather through Pilates in the Park, enjoying the opportunity to exercise outdoors, connect with others and experience the benefits of staying active in local open spaces. The Shire also opened the netball and tennis courts to the community free of charge twice each week, providing accessible and welcoming spaces for people of all ages and abilities to get moving.

The program also provided **11** complimentary gym passes and **11** complimentary pool passes, helping make health and wellbeing more accessible to the community.

The success of the program has been recognised by Healthway, with Newman selected to participate in a case study showcasing the positive outcomes being achieved through the initiative.

The continued growth of the program highlights the community's commitment to living healthier, more active lifestyles while strengthening social connections across Newman.



Newman Triathlon Breaks Participation Record

The 2026 Newman Triathlon reached an exciting milestone, attracting more than **100 competitors** for the first time in the event's history.

Coordinated by the Shire of East Pilbara's Senior Sport and Recreation Officer, the event welcomed participants from across the region to compete in the full, short and junior triathlon events.

The record participation numbers reflect the growing interest in health, fitness and community sport throughout Newman and the Pilbara. The event brought together athletes, families, volunteers, sponsors and local businesses for a fantastic day of competition and community spirit.

The success of the triathlon would not have been possible without the support of volunteers, sponsors and community partners who helped deliver a safe, enjoyable and memorable event for all involved.

With **102 registrations** recorded, the 2026 Newman Triathlon has set a new benchmark and continues to strengthen Newman's reputation as a destination for regional sporting events.