

Shire of EAST Pilbara

THE HEART OF THE PILBARA

Budget Newsletter 2025/2026



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Message from the Shire President

I am delighted to present to you the Shire of East Pilbara's 2025-26 Budget Newsletter. As a result of our effective advocacy, the Shire has secured substantial grant funding to support important projects, the Shire of East Pilbara continues to be in a healthy financial position. The Shire of East Pilbara is the largest in Australia, covering an area of approximately 372,571 square kilometers, which is larger than the state of Victoria. Because of this, the district's continuous operations and upkeep are no small task.

This year's budget delivers the largest capital works program that we have ever undertaken, along with continued investment in Shire services such as roads, parks, statutory services, aquatic facilities, arts and culture, libraries, recreation and community development. Specifically in this budget we have \$34 million allocated for the new Newman Youth and Community Hub. With the Council previously funding the design, and successful grant funding from the Federal Government, the State election commitment and a Lotterywest grant, the project will move into construction this financial year.

The other major project that will commence is the upgrade to the Waste Water treatment plant. This project will be loan funded, with the plan to cover its costs over the life of the plant. This is a critical project for the Newman Town site, as the current plant was built in the 1980s and is at the end of its life.

We will also embark on improvements at the Marble Bar Cemetery site, including installation of an ablution block and undertake significant tree planting throughout the towns. These projects will take place over the next two financial years.

We will see other projects completed, including the Nullagine Swimming Pool site. This will no doubt be a game changer for community and I know many locals are eagerly awaiting the projects completion.

The Shire has been impacted by rising prices for products and services, just like households have. The Shire has made an effort to accommodate these increases while keeping up the infrastructure and services that our community depends on.

This year, the Shire will offer a \$200 cash incentive to residential owner occupiers as an incentive to live in the region.

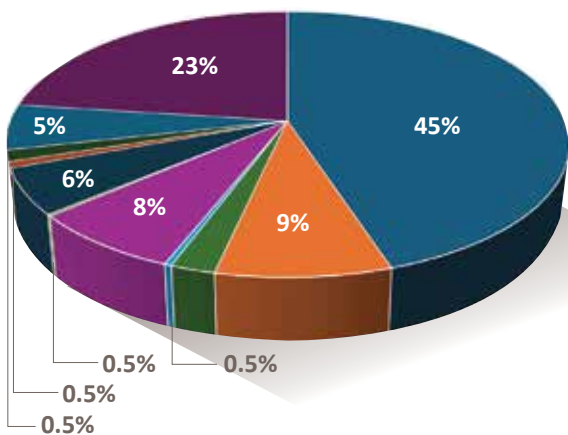
I am proud to deliver a balanced budget, which is focused on ensuring long term sustainability. Our operational program will guarantee that everyone in our community have access to amenities they require to stay active.

This financial year we will also embark on the development of our next Strategic Community Plan, and I look forward to discussing the priorities of our local ratepayers, residents and business owners for the coming decade to further shape the future of our region.

Cr Anthony Middleton
Shire President

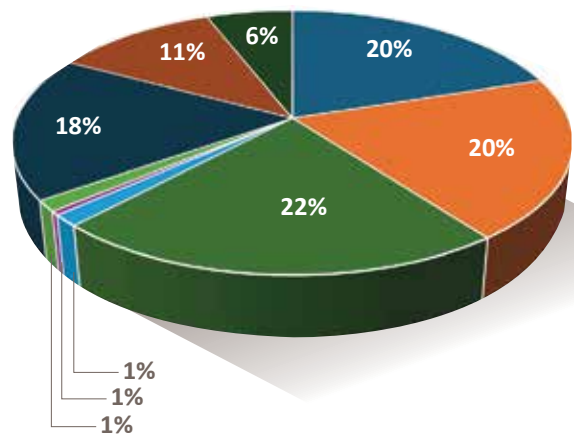


Budget Expenditure 2025-2026



EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM:

General Purpose Funding	\$746,290
Governance	\$16,250,968
Law, Order & Public Safety	\$1,627,803
Health	\$447,122
Education & Welfare	\$4,653,910
Housing	\$11,780,150
Community Amenities	\$95,799,370
Recreation & Culture	\$11,770,714
Transport	\$48,964,203
Economic Services	\$18,180,749
Other Property & Services	\$2,883,341
TOTAL	\$213,104,620

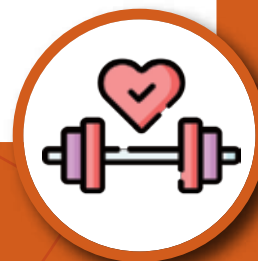


OPERATING REVENUE:

Rates	\$42,530,327
Fees and Charges	\$42,158,521
Grants and Subsidies	\$47,372,980
Interest	\$3,042,300
Other Revenue/Income	\$982,822
Service Charges	\$2,867,395
Borrowings	\$37,600,000
Funding from Council reserves	\$23,933,651
Funding for WIP Projects	\$12,616,624
TOTAL	\$213,104,620

Operational highlights:

- Parks & Gardens Expenditure **\$2,178,246**
- Community Wellbeing **\$1,468,980**
- Youth & Family Services **\$1,010,664**
- Library Services **\$588,621**
- Aquatic Services **\$2,506,785**
- Recreation & Fitness **\$1,408,726**



Capital Expenditure Project Highlights:

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE WORKS:		\$ 2,136,785
Newman Goanna Oval - Reticulation Upgrade	\$	176,785
Playgrounds Upgrade - Softfall Upgrade	\$	100,000
Reticulation Upgrade - Nimingarra Dr (Daniels Dr to Miners Promise)	\$	50,000
Reticulation Upgrade - Newman Dr opposite Nyabalee Rd	\$	50,000
Reinstate Reticulation & Plantings - Daniels Dr (Braeside Dr to McLennan Dr)	\$	90,000
Irrigation Reticulation Design Review & Consultation - Newman	\$	50,000
Playground Equipment Renewal Programme	\$	920,000
Public Parks & Garden Reticulation System Upgrade - Newman	\$	600,000
Marble Bar Cemetery Toilet	\$	100,000
STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION:		\$ 1,000,000
Newman Drive Streetscape	\$	1,000,000
ROAD RE-SHEETING WORKS:		\$ 6,099,091
RTR funded Projects	\$	1,507,555
Direct Grant Funded Road work (RRG)	\$	725,000
Gravel Resheeting - Punmu Access Track	\$	402,536
Gravel Resheeting - Jigalong Road	\$	750,000
Gravel Resheeting - Munjina-Roy Hill Road (unsealed)	\$	750,000
Gravel Resheeting - Skull Springs Road	\$	954,000
Formation and drainage improvements, gravel sheeting - Desert Road	\$	505,000
Formation and drainage improvements, gravel sheeting - Kunawarritji	\$	505,000
ROAD SEAL AND RE-SEAL WORKS:		\$ 4,279,675
Reseal Programme	\$	2,500,000
Road Rehabilitation - Munjina-Roy Hill Road (sealed)	\$	1,779,675
ROAD GRADING WORKS:		\$ 4,155,298
Maintenance Grading Programme throughout the Shire	\$	4,155,298
ROAD SIGN & LINEMARKINGWORKS:		\$ 250,000
Sign Renewal	\$	200,000
Line Marking Newman	\$	50,000
DRAINAGE UPGRADE WORKS:		\$ 779,000
Replace Drainage Lids	\$	24,000
Drainage Pit Replacements - Cnr Welsh Dr and Woodstock St	\$	20,000
Pit & Pipes Planned Renewals (as per AMP) - Newman	\$	270,000
Drainage Upgrade - Newman Dr	\$	465,000
AIRPORT UPGRADE WORKS:		\$ 9,950,000
Newman Airport - Additional Taxiway	\$	5,000,000
Newman Airport Terminal Upgrade - Detail Design	\$	2,500,000
Newman Airport Water Infrastructure New Tanks & Roof	\$	1,500,000
New Parking Equipment for Long and short term parking	\$	500,000
Marble Bar Airport works	\$	450,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS:		\$ 74,602,491
Newman WWTP - Design & Construct	\$	36,000,000
Liquid Waste Facility - Sludge Drying Bed Re-construction	\$	400,000
Nullagine Oval Design and Construction	\$	1,500,000
Newman Youth and Community Hub	\$	34,702,491
Cape K Boat Ramp	\$	2,000,000



How your rates are calculated

1

Step One - Total rates required to run the Local Government



COST
of running the
Shire of East
Pilbara



MINUS
revenue from sources
other than rates
(grants, rentals,
hire/service charges)



EQUALS
revenue
required from
rates to run
the Shire

2

Step Two - Rate in the dollar calculated



REVENUE
required
from rates



DIVIDED
by the combined
rental value of all
rateable properties
(supplied by the State
Valuer General)



EQUALS
the rate in
the dollar

3

Step Three - What you pay



THE RATE
in the dollar



MULTIPLIED
by your property's
value as set by the
State Valuer General
(either GRV or UV)



EQUALS
the year's rates
to keep your
Shire running

New Youth and Community Hub Design Completed



The Newman Youth and Community Hub construction will commence this financial year, following successful grant funding. 15 million dollars will be contributed from the Australian Government. 7.5 million from the State and 4.6 million from Lotterywest.

The Hub is an innovative initiative in developing integrated youth and community services under one roof. It will build community cohesion and connectedness, ensuring a full suite of youth, community and leisure opportunities to meet the needs of our diverse community. The Youth and Community Hub will be a youth focused, multi-purpose, interagency facility enabling a centralised approach to service delivery and co-location, increasing access and participation to promote social cohesion and enhanced community health and wellbeing.

Shire President Anthony Middleton said "The Hub promotes and facilitates youth leadership in making healthy and safe lifestyle choices. Additional opportunities for young people to access facilities,

services, and programs that provide Youth leadership, fitness, learning and inter-connection with between youth and community, The Hub focus is based on a philosophy of creating spaces for integrated youth, learning and community with support from a fully functional youth hub and a library facility.

It will bring people together in shared experience and celebration and offer resources to support the Aboriginal community's efforts to preserve their language and culture."

"This is an important project for the Newman Community and we welcome this significant announcement and the ongoing support from the State and Federal Government as well as potential industry partners to bring the project to fruition. Together we can achieve amazing things for the Pilbara Community."

The Hub will be located at the intersection of Iron Ore Parade and Newman Drive, across the road from the Boomerang Oval.



OUTBACK Fortescue FESTIVAL

**FREE
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**



CHRISTINE ANU SAN CISCO

REUBEN DE MELO ZIPPORAH PETE ROWSTHORN

BLUEY INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE LOCAL DJS

OUTBACK KARAOKE ALL STARS FIREWORKS CARNIVAL RIDES

FOODTRUCKS MARKETS CHILL ZONE ACTIVITIES INFLATABLES

16 + 17 AUGUST 2025

CAPRICORN OVAL, NEWMAN

WWW.EASTPILBARA.WA.GOV.AU/EVENTS

Nullagine Pool Works Near Completion

The Nullagine Pool is set to open ready for Summer 2025. This project is a partnership between the Shire of East Pilbara, the Australian Government and Atlas Iron.

Project includes a 4x lane 25m pool; 6m x 6m toddler pool; change rooms; kiosk and first aid; grassed areas and shade sails

Over the coming months the final works will take place including shade sail installation, the activation of the main site switchboard, finalisation of the lighting and the pool liner installation.



THE PILBARA'S FAVOURITE FESTIVAL IS BACK FOR 2025...BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

The Shire of East Pilbara and Newman Lions present two jam packed days of onstage entertainment by Australian icons and talented locals alike, free amusement rides, carnival favourites, chill zone, food trucks, craft markets, activities and so much more.

To create the festival vibes all week long, keep your eyes peeled for our series of free workshops and masterclasses in the leadup to the festival.

Checkout the Shire's website and socials for the full program.

16 AUGUST - 2PM TO 10PM
17 AUGUST - 10AM TO 8PM

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SUPPORTED BY



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North West Alliance

HANCOCK
IRON ORE

Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade



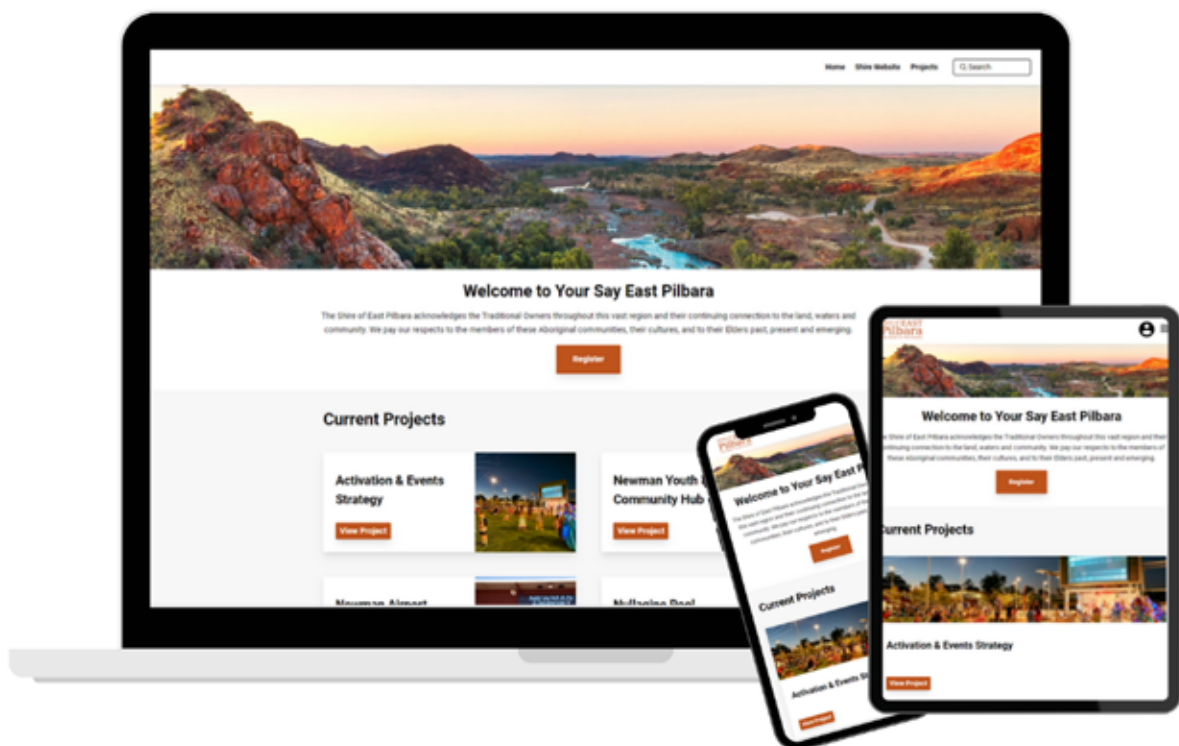
Construction is expected to commence in late 2025, subject to the award of tender.

The project will extend the facilities capacity from 1 Megalitre up to 3.6 Megaliters at peak flow.

The Shire will continue to utilise the recycled treated waste water on our ovals and in other greening projects.

YOUR SAY *East Pilbara*

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The Shire of East Pilbara's **NEW** online engagement hub where you can provide feedback on the Shire 's projects and initiatives that shape our community.

Visit Your Say East Pilbara
<https://yoursay.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au>

For more information contact 08 9175 8000 or
email engagement@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au



Sporting Ovals Lighting Upgrade

A major upgrade of sports lighting at Capricorn, Kangaroo, and Boomerang Ovals is now complete after support from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries through the Club Night Lights Program.

At Capricorn Oval, the old lights were decommissioned and replaced with new cross arms while upgrades to the other ovals were completed mid-June 2025.

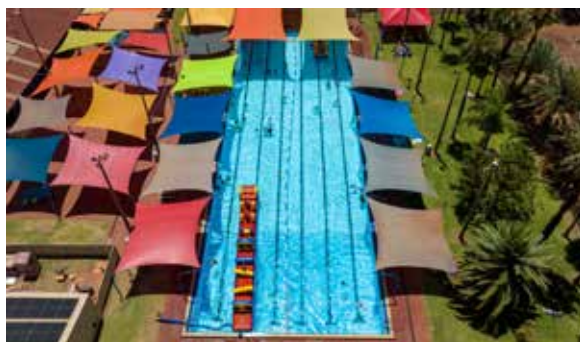
Working ahead of schedule, the contractors completed Kangaroo and Boomerang ovals, with benefits including less spill light to adjoining properties and glare for the players, spectators, and neighbours.

The upgrade is part of the Shire's Strategic Recreation Master Plan.



The works enable the facilities to be more accessible for small and large ball sports, increasing efficiency and aligning to sporting industry standards. The Shire contributed \$571,301, with the State government contributing \$410,000 enabling the project to be undertaken.

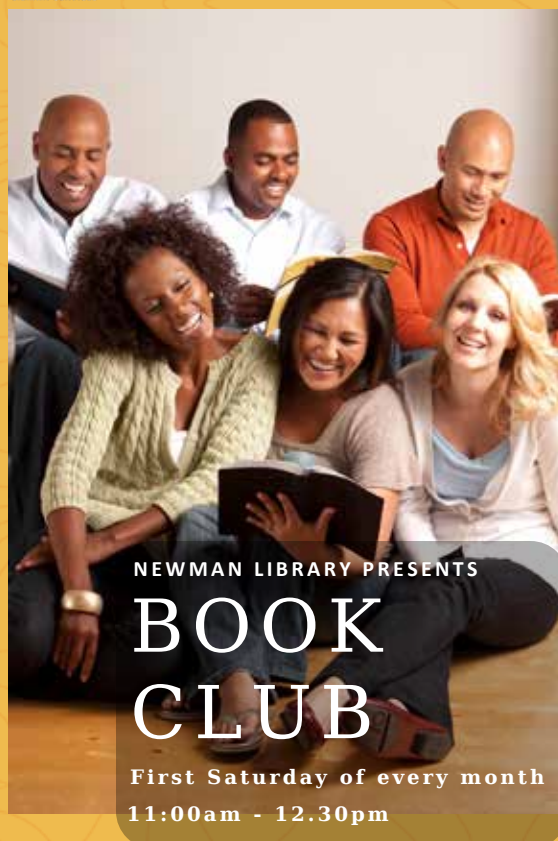
Newman Aquatic



Whether it's escaping the heat or just needing a peaceful place to relax, Newman Aquatic Centre offers more than just a swimming pool.

With a full-size beach volleyball court, 2 basketball ½ courts and table tennis there is always something to do at Newman Aquatic Centre. Equipment is available to use free of charge. The pool is also heated to 29 degrees celcius in the winter.

The Shire offers swimming classes for all ages, from adults to babies. Contact the friendly team on 9175 2145 or email nac@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au to book in today.



NEWMAN LIBRARY PRESENTS

BOOK CLUB

First Saturday of every month
11:00am - 12.30pm

All Welcome!

Contact us for more information on
08 9177 9600 OR
newlib@eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

Marble Bar Airport

Further improvements will be undertaken at the Marble Bar Airport this financial year to increase the capability of the airport and enable A320s to land at the site.

The Shire also continues to advocate for passenger flights direct from Marble Bar.

Marble Bar Cemetary

Following community engagement, the Shire will proceed with the installation of an Ablution at the Marble Bar Cemetery site and is investigating further improvements.



SAVE THE

DATE

NOVEMBER 18 | 2025

NEWMAN COMMUNITY HALL

6:30PM

THEATRE 180, IN ASSOCIATION WITH WA MUSEUM PRESENTS

TAKING LIBERTY

by Ingle Knight

Directed by Stuart Halusz
Assistant Director Craig Williams



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Shire of East Pilbara Election

An election is to be held for ward councilors of the Shire of East Pilbara. The ordinary election is scheduled for Saturday, 18 October 2025.

Election arrangements are being prepared by the WA Electoral Commission in consultation with Shire Officers. All residential electors will receive a mail-in ballot to return by post. Non-residents must register to vote by visiting www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au. Polling places and dates/hours of operation will be confirmed prior to the election and published. Early voting will take place in Kiwirrkurra, Kunawarritji, Punmu, Parngurr, Jigalong, Marble Bar, Nullagine and Newman.

You will be entitled to vote in the election if you live in or are an owner or occupier of rateable property in the Shire of East Pilbara and on the electoral roll. You can check to see if you are on the electoral roll and eligible to vote in the local government elections by visiting the WA Electoral Commission website. If you are not enrolled and a resident of the East Pilbara District, please visit www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol. For assistance please call T: 13 63 06

Develop your Club

The Shire of East Pilbara has dedicated Club Development resources to assist all local Sport & Recreation clubs with the support and development they need to become sustainable and work with the issues they face in a regional town.

Strong clubs and organisations help to build strong communities. Call 9175 8000 to discuss your clubs needs or visit eastpilbara.wa.gov.au.

**VOTE IN
YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**



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**FRIDAY NIGHT
LIGHTS**

Marble Bar

REC SHED COURTS

**EVERY FRIDAY
5:00 PM**

**EVERYBODY IS
WELCOME**

**THIS IS STRICTLY A DRUG AND
ALCOHOL FREE EVENT.**

**FOOD +
DRINKS
PROVIDED**

The poster features a dark blue background with a pattern of white line art icons representing various sports and recreational activities like basketball, tennis, soccer, and swimming. Scattered throughout are yellow and white stars. In the center, there is a large orange basketball with flames coming out of it, and a red barbecue grill with food cooking on it. The text is arranged in a clear, bold hierarchy, with the event name 'FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS' in a large yellow banner, followed by the location 'Marble Bar' and 'REC SHED COURTS' in another yellow banner. The bottom section contains details about the frequency, time, and inclusivity of the event, along with a disclaimer about being a drug and alcohol-free zone and a note that food and drinks are provided.

Cape Keraudren Boat Ramp to Progress

There will soon be a new marine gateway for those wanting to explore the coral filled waters off Cape Keraudren Coastal Reserve - part of the Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park in the East Pilbara.

Planning is underway to replace the only boat ramp in the area to provide a safer launching facility for boat owners wanting to experience the unspoiled waters surrounding the rocky cape.

The project will see the construction of a brand-new all tidal access ramp with a safer alignment to face the predominant wave conditions, surfaced with reinforced concrete panels and connected via new access.

The project also includes modifications to the road layout. Use of the existing ramp is significantly restricted because it is not accessible at low tide and exposed to waves at high tide with potential for vessels to be swamped or rolled by the strong currents and adverse sea conditions.

Construction of the new ramp will be undertaken outside of the wet season

It is anticipated the project will take approximately two years to complete with planning and approvals to be granted prior to construction commencing.





FREE CLASSES

ADULTS ARTS & CRAFTS

**INCLUSIVE ARTS-BASED ACTIVITIES
THAT FOSTER CONNECTION AND
CREATIVE SELF-EXPRESSION AMONG
PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS**

AUGUST 16TH
POLYMER CLAY
JEWELLERY

SEPTEMBER 20TH
ADULT COLOURING
IN (ON CANVAS)

OCTOBER 18TH
UGLY SHOES

NOVEMBER 15TH
WOODEN
FLOWERS

DECEMBER 13TH
CHRISTMAS BUFFET
OF CRAFTS

Future Activities

- ✓ Resin Crafts
- ✓ Still Life Painting
- ✓ Cricut Crafts
- ✓ More Mosaics!

Newman Library
26 Kalgan Drive
From 10am

Bookings Essential

9177 9600

NEWMAN YOUTH CENTRE

MONDAY - FRIDAYS

2:20 - 6:00PM

SATURDAYS

2:00 - 5:00PM

FREE
10 - 17
YEARS



HOLIDAY HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAYS 12 - 4PM



Hot food | Friendly Youth Workers | Pool Tables
Ping Pong | Outdoor Games | Gaming | Music | Art
Something on every day | Seasonal Programs
Corner Moodoorow & Hilditch Ave Newman
[f](#) NewmanYouthCentre | 9175 1963

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