

Paraburdoo

Paraburdoo was named after the Aboriginal name Pirupardo which literally means “Meat Feathers”, so named because of the proliferation of Correllas which frequent the area.

Paraburdoo is located 24 kilometres north of the Tropic of Capricorn and some 80 kilometres south of Tom Price in the Shire of Ashburton.

What is the weather like?

Weather in the area can be extreme, ranging from zero degrees on a winter's night to 45 degrees on a summer's day. During the summer, hot clear days are experienced with an average temperature of 35 degrees. Winter months are very pleasant, with day time temperatures varying from the low to mid 20s.



Haul Pack at the entrance to Paraburdoo

What facilities does Paraburdoo offer?

Paraburdoo was a purpose built town constructed in 1970. Its population today is around 1,600. The town has a hospital, primary school, library and an office for the Shire of Ashburton.

The Paraburdoo airport is located 15 minutes from town and services both the populations of Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

Paraburdoo also has a variety of sporting facilities including a sporting oval, basketball, netball and tennis courts, air conditioned squash courts and an Olympic size swimming pool.

Paraburdoo has many community facilities that assist the families living in this small mining community. The Karingal Neighbourhood Centre provides support to families and children through the provision of services and facilities. It also an op shop, runs the 3+ Programme and is an agent for Centrelink.

The Shire of Ashburton also has a well equipped library which is used extensively by the town's population.

IGA operates a supermarket within the shopping centre where there is also a pharmacy, news agency, cafe and hairdresser.

What accommodation is available in Paraburdoo?

Paraburdoo has two accommodation complexes for visitors to the town.

Paraburdoo Inn is located in the centre of town and has approximately 34 air-conditioned motel rooms, licensed restaurant and bar. Facilities include landscaped gardens and barbecue facilities.

Rocklea Palms is a Rio Tinto owned accommodation and catering facility located in the centre of Paraburdoo. The accommodation village offers executive, standard and budget rooms. Rates can be based on room only or include two meals per day.



Paraburdoo pool

What tourist opportunities are there in and around Paraburdoo?

Paraburdoo is located on the doorstep of the world renowned Karijini National Park. Known for its spectacular gorges and scenery, Karijini is a popular tourist destination. Being on the edge of the desert and in the Hamersley ranges the area is noted for its beautiful scenery and its rich variety of wildlife.

Other local landmarks include Radio Hill Lookout, The Ranges, Kelly's Pool, and Palm Springs, which is located on the road to Tom Price.



Hancock Gorge, Karijini National Park

Is there a fee to visit Karijini National Park?

Visitor fees apply to all National Parks in Western Australia. The fees are based on vehicle entry into the park.

Passes are available from the Tom Price Visitors Centre, DEC offices or from the Karijini Visitors Centre.

Can we camp at Karijini?

Camping is available at Karijini National Park at three separate camp sites. These sites are: Weano Gorge, Joffre Falls and Circular Pool Campsites.

All camp sites have picnic tables, toilets and free gas barbeques. Open fires are not permitted in the National Park.

A generator site is provided at Circular Pool campsite. All camping fees are payable at the camping registration sites. Money is to be placed in the envelopes provided.



I want to know more about Karijini National Park?

Karijini is the homeland of the Banjima, Kurrama and Innawonga Aboriginal people, many of whom now live in the Wakathuni Aboriginal Community close to Tom Price.

Karijini National Park (formerly known as the Hamersley Ranges) is located around one hour from Tom Price.

Within the National Park, walk trails are marked into the heart of the gorges, winding past waterfalls and permanent rock pools, to areas surrounded by lush greenery, that contrast with the most amazing rich red rock faces of the gorge walls. Oxers and Junction Pool lookout are where four gorges merge into one and is probably one of the most breathtaking views in the Karijini National Park. Throughout the park there are many pools and waterfalls that are safe to swim and bathe in. However some pools are permanently shaded and become extremely cold in the winter months, so care must be taken.

The Karijini Visitor's Centre opened in May 2001. The design of the building represents a goanna moving through the landscape. Information on the National Park's unique natural and cultural history is available at the Centre. Features within the centre include, interactive and static displays, models of some of the parks interesting and unique flora and fauna as well as a shop and theatre.

Lestok and Design-A-Tour offer full day tours out to the Karijini National Park from Tom Price. For the more adventurous, Red Rock Abseiling Adventures offer half day abseils or full day tours combining abseiling, guided walk and swim. Lunch is provided with all full day tours. Bookings for these tours can be made at the Tom Price Visitors Centre.

Where can I find more tourist information?

The Tom Price Visitor's Centre is part of the Western Australian Networked Visitors Centre program and provides bookings, tour and travel information locally and also for towns throughout the state. It also offers a large range of souvenir lines including exclusive Tom Price and Karijini items as well as Australiana products.

Tom Price Visitors Centre: 9188 1112

Karijini Visitors Centre: 9189 8121

Where can I obtain information about road conditions in the National Park?

Road conditions in the area and the National Park can change very quickly, especially during the wet season. Prior to departing on your visit to the National Park it is best to check on the road conditions in the Park.

These are posted on the notice board outside the Tom Price Visitor's Centre or you can contact either the Tom Price or Karijini Visitor's Centre by phone.

Tom Price Visitor's Centre

Central Road, Tom Price

Phone: 9188 1112

Fax: 9189 1441

Email: visitorscentre@ashburton.wa.gov.au

Important community information

Ambulance

Emergencies 000
PO Box 114, Paraburdo

Army Reserve

B Troop
The Pilbara Regiment
Lot 37 Boonderoo Rd, Tom Price
Phone..... 9189 1058
Fax9188 1449

Cyclone information

Bureau of Meteorology cyclone service...1300 659 210
Rio Tinto Employee Cyclone Hotline 1800 992 777

Doctor

Medical Centre Paraburdo
Paraburdo Hospital
Rocklea Road, Paraburdo
Phone..... 9189 5069
Fax 9189 5842
After hours 9159 8222

Emergency services

State Emergency Services
492 Coolibah St, Tom Price
PO Box 477, Tom Price
Phone..... 9189 1712
Fax9189 1022

Fire Brigade

PO Box 114, Paraburdo
Phone:..... 000 –Emergencies
Phone:.....9143 4163

Hospital

Paraburdo Hospital
Rocklea Rd, Paraburdo 9159 8222

Poisons information 24 hours13 11 26

Police

Paraburdo Police Station
PO Box 87, Paraburdo
Contact9159 8600

Road Reports

Main Roads Department 1800 013 314
Pilbara Roads..... 1800 800 009
Shire of Ashburton 9188 4444
Karijini Visitor Centre 9189 8121
Karijini National Park
Contact DEC9189 8147

Public Service

Location of public telephones

Post Office
McRae Shopping Centre
Service Station

Location of public toilets

Shopping Centre
McRae Shopping Centre
Service Station
Peter Sutherland Oval
Meeka "Train" Park

Location of postal services

Post Office, Paraburdoo Shopping Centre
Phone: 9189 5050
Fax: 9189 5804
Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Post points

Post Office
Paraburdoo Rocklea Palms
Paraburdoo Inn

Licensed stamp vendors

Post Office

Religious organisations

Anglican Church

Ashburton Avenue, Paraburdoo
Phone: 9189 5359
Email paraanglican@bigpond.com

Paraburdoo Catholic Church

Meharry Road, Paraburdoo
Convent: 1018 Gungarri Circuit, Tom Price
Phone: 9189 5515
..... 9189 1251

Education

Primary School

Paraburdoo Primary School
PO Box 223, Paraburdoo
Phone: 9189 5353
Fax: 9189 5030

Parents and Citizens Association

Phone: 9189 5353

Pilbara Institute

Phone: 9143 8800
Fax: 9143 8888
Web www.pilbara.wa.edu.au

Playgroups

Sunshine Playgroup

1 Ashburton Ave, Paraburdoo
Phone: 9189 5579
Web: sunshineplaygroup@live.com

Paraburdoo Toy Library

Web: paraburdootoylibrary@live.com

Community services

Counselling Service

Karjini Counseling

C/- PO Box 76, Tom Price
Phone: 9188 1441

Early Learning Centre

Paraburdoo Early Learning Centre

282 Ashburton Ave, Paraburdoo
Phone: 9189 5243
Fax: 9189 6408

Family Help

Department for Community Development

Poinciana Street, Tom Price
Phone: 9189 1592
Fax: 9189 2311

Pilbara HomeCare

Phone: 9189 2260
Fax 9189 2284

Government Agencies

Legal Aid Commission of WA

28 Throssell Road, South Hedland

Phone:9172 3733

Neighbourhood Centre

Karingal Neighbourhood Centre

PO Box 62, Paraburdoo

Phone:9189 5579

Fax: 9189 5571

Email: karingalcentre@bigpond.com

Youth Services

Paraburdoo Youth Centre

Phone: 9189 5589

**Please visit the Shire of Ashburton web site
for more information at
www.roebourne.wa.gov.au**

Rubbish tip hours and collection days

Tom Price

Rubbish tip

Monday.....Closed

Tuesday – Saturday 7.30am to 3.30pm

Sunday.....7.30am to 12.30pm

Public HolidaysClosed

Rubbish collection

Town..... Every Wednesday

North RoadEvery Thursday

Area W.....Every Thursday

Paraburdoo

Rubbish tip

Monday.....Closed

Tuesday - Saturday : 7.30am to 3.30pm

Sunday.....7.30am to 12.30pm

Public HolidaysClosed

Rubbish Collection

All houses, every Tuesday

Leisure

Library

Where is the library located?

The library is in the Paraburdoo Shopping Complex, at the rear of the Ashburton Hall.

Phone:9189 5335

Fax:9189 6240

What facilities does the library offer?

The facilities at the Paraburdoo library are extensive, catering for all ages. They include a collection of approximately 5000 items. These include:

- Adult fiction and nonfiction books
- Junior fiction and non-fiction books
- Audio cassettes
- Video cassettes
- Jigsaws
- Internet access
- DVDs

What special programmes does the library have?

The Paraburdoo library runs a story time session every Thursday at 10am for the kids. They sing songs, read a story and do a craft activity.

A book club for adults is held once a month on a Thursday night. Please contact the library for more information. Any book you cannot find in the library, can be ordered in from another WA state library as part of an intra-library loan system.

When is the library open?

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
10.00am -1.00pm, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Wednesday and Sunday:
Closed

Thursday:
10.00am -1.00pm, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
10.00am – 11.00am (story time)

Saturday:
9.00am – 12 noon

Swimming pool

The public swimming pool in Paraburdoo is located in De Grey Road, next to the Paraburdoo Primary School. It is a very popular facility during the summer months, particularly with the families and youth of Paraburdoo.

What facilities are provided at the swimming pool?

The Paraburdoo swimming pool is a six lane 50 metre pool ranging from 1.07m deep at the shallow end to 3.4 m at the deep end.

The centre also has a substantial babies pool which is covered by a sunshade.



Attractive grassed areas are provided with numerous shady trees as well as barbeques for pool patron use by arrangement with pool staff. Some tables and chairs are also provided as well as male and female toilet, shower and changing facilities.

What services does the swimming pool provide?

The swimming pool is used for a variety of activities. These include:

- General use by the public
- School and vacation swimming classes
- Learn to swim classes
- Amateur swimming club training and competition
- Scuba dive courses
- Water polo training and competition
- Aqua aerobics
- Adult Life Saving classes
- Functions and party hire
- Resuscitation classes
- Water orientation for infants up to four years old (conducted between November and March)

Are the instructors qualified?

Yes, all activities are conducted by fully qualified instructors and offer a high level of service to users.

Austswim instructors with First Aid qualifications are used for private swimming classes and water orientation classes. Activities such as aqua aerobics and mother and infant swimming classes are conducted when instructors are available.

Anyone who is interested in being trained or are currently trained in these areas should contact the pool manager on 9189 5296.

Can I hold a function at the pool?

The pool is for hire outside of public hours and interested parties are urged to discuss their requirements with the pool manager.

The pool is a great place for a Christmas function or even a birthday party. The pool inflatables are also available for hire.

No alcohol is allowed within the pool premises, except for approved functions. Conditions apply, prior bookings and payment is essential.

When is the swimming pool open?

The pool is open from the September/October school holidays to the end of the April school holidays. It is closed in May, June, July and August.

For further information, please call 9189 5296.

All Shire halls are air conditioned and chairs and tables are available. All bookings are to be made through the customer service officer at the Shire during office hours. Please note the Shire of Ashburton no longer offers the hire of tables and chairs outside of Shire property. Fees and charges that apply are included in the schedule of fees and charges.

Basketball, netball and tennis courts

The Paraburdoo basketball and netball courts are located next to the Sports Pavilion. Located next to these courts are also three tennis courts. The lights are on a timer system and will only be turned on for bookings made through the Shire office. Bookings need to be made before 4.00pm on the day that you would like to use the facility.

Ashburton Hall

The Ashburton Hall can fit a capacity of 402 people. It has a stage area and an outdoor area with barbecue facilities and toilets. Inside the hall there are also kitchen facilities that are available for use. The hall can also be hired out for functions.

Lesser Hall

This is situated inside the Ashburton Hall and has its own separate entrance and air conditioning. The room can hold 77 people and is used for smaller functions such as meetings and conferences.

Sports Pavilion

The Sports Pavilion can hold 240 people and is located adjacent to the Paraburdoo Oval.

Ovals

Peter Sutherland Oval

The Peter Sutherland Oval is the larger of the two ovals situated in Paraburdoo. The oval has lighting which is on a timer system and will only be turned on for bookings made through the customer service officer at the Shire office.

Top Oval

The top oval is not a full size oval and is only used during the day as there is no lighting available. Bookings for the use of this oval must be booked through the Shire office.

Sport and leisure

The Paraburdoo community enjoys a wide range of clubs and sporting activities. These include bowls, football (Saints), junior football, scouts, golf, motor cross, netball, softball (ladies and mens), squash, swimming, tee ball, tennis and touch football.

Please contact the Shire office who can put you in contact with the relevant club.

Further information

Some information has been kindly provided by the Shire of Ashburton. For more information, please visit the Shire website: www.ashburton.com.au