



Newman lookout view

# Living and working in

## Newman Western Australia

### Where is Newman?

Newman is located in the heart of the East Pilbara region in Western Australia, approximately 1200 km north of Perth. It is accessible via the Great Northern Highway and regular flights service the town providing convenient access to the region.

### About Newman

Newman has a population of approximately 8000 people and is often referred to as the 'Heart of the Pilbara' or the 'Gateway to the Western Desert'. The Traditional Owners of Newman are the Nyiyarparli people but it is also home to many Martu people. It is a well-resourced and modern town built primarily to house the mining workforce at the site of Mount Whaleback, the world's largest single open-cut iron ore mine.

Newman is only a hop, skip and a jump away from many of Western Australia's greatest natural wonders. Most famously, Newman is only 186 km from Karijini National Park, a place with spectacular rugged scenery and picturesque waterholes. There are also other wonders closer to town to explore, including the Ophthalmia Range, Weeli Wolli waterhole, Kalgans Pool and Eagle Rock Falls.



### What is it like to live in Newman?

Newman is described as a very giving community with a great sense of community spirit. As a small town, it offers the opportunity to experience a simpler way of living in a safe and family friendly environment. Newman is a rather modern town through beautification that has been funded by the mining industry. Part of this has included investment in various sporting and recreational activities and facilities for the town to enjoy.

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"It is a close-knit community which makes it easy to get involved in community events, specifically sporting activities. The weather is great. Newman is close to natural sights such as Karijini and camping spots such as Weeli Wolli. Newman provides an easy-going lifestyle; there is a relaxed nature in the community."

**Tamara (Field Worker)**



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“Newman has a simple way of life that allows you to get back to the basics. I have lived here for six years and it is my home now.”

**Helen (Senior Officer – Care Services)**

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“The surrounding landscape is unbelievable and the waterholes are spectacular. You are on a direct route to Perth and can be there in a day. Most people come for six months and stay for a few years. The Western Desert has that effect on you.”

**Natasha (Pilbara Director)**

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“The best aspect of working in Newman for me are the families we get to work with. There’s a lot to learn from the strengths of the Aboriginal families and I find myself learning more from the people I work with rather than them learning from me.”

**Helen (Senior Officer – Care Services)**

## What is it like to work for the Department for Communities in Newman?

Communities’ office in Newman is located at Abydos Way. Due to its proximity to the Western Desert, working in Newman offers the unique opportunity for staff to travel out to the Western Desert to visit remote communities. This is a unique aspect of working in the Pilbara that people don’t ordinarily get exposure to.

The team in Newman is small and staff have described how this has led to the forging of strong, trustful and supportive relationships with each other.

## Relocation and housing

Subsidised housing through the Government Regional Officers’ Housing (GROH) may be provided to employees and their families. For further information refer to the contact listed in the job advertisement.

## More information

For more information about Newman, go to:

[The Shire of East Pilbara](#)

[Newman Visitor Centre](#)

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[Newman Health](#)

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