

# McKay Drilling Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter from McKay Drilling

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## A WORD FROM RONNIE

Things are really starting to heat up with the summer months upon us. Just remember to keep your fluids up throughout the day to avoid dehydration. Mix the Aqualyte solution with cool water to maintain a good electrolyte balance and remember to apply plenty of sunscreen to protect your skin.

## Little Things That Count

**M**ost of us have probably heard the old saying, "It's the little things that count."

We have all been trained to watch out for the big hazards that could harm us, but the little ones can sometimes cause serious injuries too.

We often intend to report a defective tool, extension cord, or stepladder to maintenance but don't take the time, or simply forget to. It is important to follow through on our good intentions, since these are just the sort of "little things" that

can result in a serious injury to ourselves or to other workers.

Minor injuries left untreated are also "little things" that can cause big trouble if ignored. "Just a scratch" can become infected; a speck of dust in the eye can scratch the cornea and cause severe eye damage if not attended to. So, be sure to report even seemingly minor injuries and get appropriate first aid treatment.

Little things do count and if we take a few minutes to pay attention to all the potential

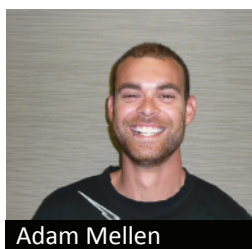
hazards around us we can prevent serious injuries from happening to ourselves and other employees.



Rig One Mobilising

## New Employees

**M**cKay Drilling would like to make welcome Adam Mellen, Bevin Hodgson, Ryan O'Brian and Aaron Poland who all join us as RC offside's.



Adam Mellen

## Christmas Break

**T**he workshop will be closed started on Thursday the 22nd of December and will be resuming operation on Tuesday the 3rd of January.

## Reminders

**Plods:** Make sure you get all your plods in before Mondays of each week. This gives the office time to process them to get your pays completed in time.

**Parts Reqs:** Just a reminder to put you parts reqs in and phone the yard to confirm with Les

**Pre-Starts:** Try to get your Pre-Starts in on a weekly to fortnightly basis and record the number on your plod

## Who's Drilling Where

**R**ig One remains north of Newman with Lee Jackson drilling. Adrian Pearse remains on Rig Two over in Lorella Springs in the NT. Rig Three has Darren Smith aboard and is drilling next Rig One and Six. Anthony Sapienza has the Track Rig out just west of Tom Price. Meekatharra remains home to Rig Five with Luke Harrington at the levers. Sidney Whanga is at the levers of Rig Six along side One and Three. South of Port Headland is where the Diamond Rig resides with Niall Breen and Ben Wilson sharing the duties. Dan O'Leary has Rig Eight right in the centre of Tennant Creek. Donald Tewhare is back from New Zealand to take over Rig Nine which remains just out of Kununarra. Rig Ten has recently moved just north of Sandstone with Clayton Dowell in charge.

## ISO 9001:2008

**T**he initial Quality Assurance audit of the workshop will be taking place in the first week of November, followed up by a secondary audit. This will not only include the Perth office but will include a site visit to Rig Ten.

McKay Drilling hopes to obtain the ISO standard to use as not only a management tool but a way to create a more efficient and effective drilling operation.



## Rig 10

**R**ig 10 has successfully finished its first job one hundred kilometres south of Port Hedland. The rig has since mobilised to its next job approximately eighty kilometres north of Sandstone.

Rhys Davies has finished his first stint aboard and has handed the levers over to Clayton Dowell accompanied by two experienced offsidiers Chad McKay and Chris Montaigne. The rig will remain drilling there until the end of the year.



Rig Ten's hard at work



Rhys Davies aboard Rig Ten

## Website

**T**he McKay Drilling website is currently in the process of being updated. The new website will be more interactive and iPhone and iPad compatible. More details to come

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