

SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER : WONGA

COUNCIL MATTERS

The Shire budget for 2006-07 has now been set.

- Rates have been increased by 3% for all Un-improved Value and Gross Rental Value properties, the first increase in three years.
- The Maintenance Grading and Re-sheeting contract has been awarded to Northern Goldfields Earthmoving. The road re-sheeting target is a total of 73 kms on Wongawol, Wonganoo, Millrose and North Roads.
- A Street Sweeper has been purchased and will soon be in use on Wiluna streets.
- Council has put forward a proposal with State Government funding support to establish a Homemaker Position to assist with homemaking and maintenance in old and new town housing.
- DHW has contracted out repairs to some town housing and advertised a tender for the remainder.
- Contaminated soil is being removed from the old Power Station block by Western Power contractors.
- The Shire upgrade of facilities at the Racecourse anticipates use in future years.
- The Shire is assisting another round of TAFE Art classes held at the Womens' Centre.

Below: Hundreds of people enjoyed the Rodeo



Wiluna Rodeo a Huge SUCCESS



Above : Winners of overall Best Cowboy- Justin Edwards and Best Cowgirl – Elyse Croft with guest of honor Henry Ward who presented the buckles.

It all started in January with a working bee group from town and station. The racetrack was re shaped, an area enclosed and the bar and kitchen facilities were rebuilt. Visitors and competitors turned up from the South West, Geraldton, Queensland, Perth, Kalgoorlie. All the signature events were on show including bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, bronc and steer run. Non participants were also looked after with a mechanical bull, food, bar, dancing to the live Yabu Band, the fun at Two Up and the Police Horse display. Rodeo participants said that it was a top event for them especially with the addition of Lakeway Station hospitality. The committee was very pleased with the aimed for outcome of bringing town people, mines and pastoralists together in an event that celebrated history, supported by community effort and generous sponsors :-

Shire of Wiluna, BHP Mt Keith, Agincourt Wiluna Gold, Phil Moses Contracting, Coates Hire, Magellan Mine, Golden West Resources Landmark Carnarvon, Laynes Drilling, Nova Energy, Solver Paints, Lion Ore, Newmont Jundee, Mark Smith, PK's Contracting, AMS, Club Hotel Wiluna, Elders Midland, Goodwork Holdings, Gunbarrel Groceries, Geraldton Fuel, McMahon Burnett, K&D Ovens, Colin Gordon, Albion Downs & Lakeway

- and three cheers for all Volunteers !

SHIRE WORKS

Much work was done to improve the infrastructure at the Racecourse in a great effort between townies and pastoralists. Everyone will now look after this venue for an annual Rodeo and perhaps a Gymkhana.

Pictured here is the Tug of War between 'Townies' & 'Pastoralists'. Guess who won.....?



ROADS

The maintenance grader is currently on the North Road. A new street sweeper will soon be in use around the town.

FOOTBALL: Wiluna Vs Jundee 25 of July
Wiluna won 7goals to 4 gl 5pts. Getting closer Jundee!



Above: Police Horsemen and women did a great job entertaining the kids on the Wiluna oval demonstrating how horses could play with a huge soccer ball. Many children also enjoyed a ride on a horse with Sergeant Potter who brought the Police horses and staff from Perth. They spread goodwill and helped us to celebrate and support the Rodeo event with a difference.

WILUNA POLICE are now targeting, warning and eventually charging unlicensed drivers and vehicles **driving on the footpaths and town tracks**. For fuel these cars must use the laneway at the back of the Marrawayurra office.

Happy Birthday to an ex Wiluna resident related to the O'Shaunnesy family from way back.....
80 Years on - Barry Sampey !! * !! * !! *

YOUTH SPORT & RECREATION

Four outstanding students :-

**R Anderson
B Smith
J Long
L Gilbert**



They were chosen on their merits of attendance and good

behaviour by the school principal Heath Sanderson, to represent the Western Desert Area of Wiluna alongside Jiggalong, Marble Bar, Punmu, Well 33, Newman and Port Headland. The Central Desert Tigers played against Western Desert Warriors on the 22nd at Swan Districts Oval for the ½ time game between Swan Districts and Peel Thunder. On the 23rd they played in front of a large crowd at Subiaco Oval during the ½ time game between Fremantle Dockers and Melbourne Demons. The crowd was supportive and cheered them off after the game. The end result was a draw and everyone was happy.

Rec Centre Clean Up



Wiluna kids helped the Sports & Rec. Officers cleaning up inside the function centre during the holidays by wiping the walls and re painting damaged parts of the design on the outside wall.
Well done kids.

