

Newsletter

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Public Information Forum on Uranium

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA (CME) are planning to hold public forums in the Goldfields to enable improved public knowledge of the uranium mining industry. There are a number of potential uranium projects in the Shire and the Shire and Industry see value in holding a public forum in Wiluna.



The CME is to hold the public forum to coincide with Council's Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM), 17 September 2009. They will have mining representatives from each company to do a short presentation to councilors, staff and the

public at the OCM with a brief overview of the uranium industry and related issues.

At the conclusion of the council meeting, (approximately 5.30pm) a community presentation will be given in the Shire Training Room, with static displays staffed from the various uranium mining companies. The static display will be open from 3.30pm onwards for anybody who wishes to come early and speak to individual company representatives. A community sausage sizzle will follow at approximately 6.30pm outside the Art Gallery with tables and seating set up in the grassed area outside the training room.

All invited to the community public meeting and sausage sizzle.

Council News

Amalgamation Checklist Assessment Outcome from the Minister for Local Government

As you may be aware the Minister of Local Government has been taking councils from around the state through a Structural Reform process to see which ones are viable and which ones should amalgamate to have savings for the ratepayer and better services to all residents. The Shire recently completed the mandatory Assessment Checklist and received an answer from the Minister's office. It rated the Shire and places it in one of three categories. On the basis of the checklist's assessment, the Shire of Wiluna was placed in Category Three (3): "significant structural reform including amalgamation and formalisation of regional groupings is required to ensure long term community and organisational benefit in order that the needs of the current and future generations are met."

Many councils around the State received this rating.

What does this mean for

Wiluna Shire? It means the Minister would like Council to seriously consider amalgamating with a neighbouring shire. A report is due to be submitted to the Minister by 31 September and in that, it will send the clear message that residents have been sending to council as spoken recently by a ratepayer at a Ordinary Council Meeting "If we are not viable we would rather have our rates raised than amalgamate with another Shire."



BHP Billiton Yeelirrie Uranium Project

Shire President, John Kyanga and Cr Harris recently attended the first Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting held in Leonora on Wednesday 12 August 2009 for the BHP Billiton Yeelirrie Uranium Project.

The role of the CRG is to maintain "A community that is informed and engaged on relevant issues related to

the Yeelirrie project".

If you have any issues you wish to have raised at these meetings please see Cr Kyanga or Harris and they will record and table your feedback to the Community Reference Group.

Cultural Training

The Shire continue its human resources best practice strategy, recently demonstrated when Staff attended a two day cultural training workshop held and ran by Jundee recently. The training has been well received by staff and it forms part of our commitment to EEO and diversity awareness in the workplace to ensure understanding and awareness of legislation, individual rights and responsibility and council's commitment to being an equal opportunity employer.



Council News

DPI to release unallocated Crown land in Wiluna

DPI have advised that they propose to release unallocated Crown land lots 792-794 in Woodley Street and Lots 1006-1011, 1063-1068, 1074, 1079 and 1089 Paterson and Thompson St in Wiluna for Commercial and Light Industrial Leases.

Who should you contact to discuss further: Kirstian Dwyer, DPI on 9347 5109



Rubbish Tip

The Department of Environment and Conservation recently carried out an audit at the Wiluna rubbish tip and presented a report that saw a number of areas that the Shire was non-compliant in.

Over the coming months you will see some changes at the tip site and your cooperation would be appreciated.

These will include:

Harder access to the tipping face to stop fires at the tip

Fencing off areas so as to contain the rubbish at this facility



Removal of large feral herbivores (camels, donkeys, etc) – Lake Carnegie area

Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) have written to council advising that they are currently in the process of tendering for the removal of large herbivores, through a competitive tender in the Lake Carnegie area. Federal funding, provide by a Caring for our Country

grant has been allocated to undertake the project, titled 'A Market-Based Instrument for Feral Camel Control'.

DAFWA are hoping to conduct information session in Wiluna in early September to allow community engagement and to inform landholders, prospective bidders and other interested parties of the process.

Oval Restoration

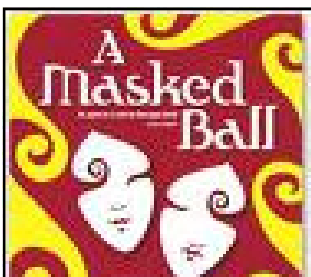
John Forrest, from Curtin University recently visited Wiluna to analyse the condition of the Wiluna Footy Oval and has submitted a report with various recommendations. The oval is in urgent need of an upgrade to make the surface safe for all to play on.

A grant application has been prepared seeking a 50% contribution from Dept Sport and Recreation. It is anticipated that this project will be commenced in early December.

Council News

Enchanted Masked Ball

The Adult Enchanted Masked Ball will be held at the tennis courts on September 12, 2009. The committee have been busy seeking sponsors and are steadily obtaining funding for the event. This event is partly sponsored by the Shire under the Community Events Sponsorship Program. This is a program under the strategy of supporting community generated initiatives as outlined in the soon to be released 2009-2014 Strategic Plan.



New Sport and Recreation Program

In conjunction with NAHS and the Martu community a new Sport and Recreation program has been developed. The program began on August 10. There are the variety of sports that have been played in the past, however the focus will be on an increase in recreation programs for the children. Sport and Recreation staff will be running activities for children during drop in time at the centre and at night time.



Community Development Manager in the Old Marrawayurra Office

The Community Development Manager (CDM) moved into the refurbished Marrawayurra Office, Wednesday 5, August 2009.

You can come and visit anytime during office hours.



Grant Approval for ADSL2 (Broadband)

Approval for our grant application for the ASDL2 Exchange Update project has been received through the Royalties for Regions—Midwest Regional Grants Scheme. The grant is for one quarter of the cost (\$25,000), Telstra will sponsor half the cost (\$50,000) and council will contribute one quarter (\$25,000).



Staff have been working together with Telstra to bring this project to fruition by December 2009. Further to the superior internet connection that will be achieved by businesses and residents in town, there are also opportunities to create employment. Next month, Telstra will come to Wiluna to launch their product and to educate the community on the processes of installing/using ADSL2. Telstra will create a position for a local person to start a business to provide support to users of ADSL2. They will provide training, tools and equipment for this local person. The position will be advertised soon.

Council Elections

Local Government Ordinary Elections will be held Saturday, 17 October 2009. Nominations will open Thursday 3 September, 2009 and close 10 September, 2009 at 4.00pm.

Three seats are up for nomination this election. Cr

Anne Geary, Cr Catherine Carton and the seat left vacant by the resignation of Cr Leeann Pech will be vacated and open for nomination.

If you wish to nominate, please enquire at the Shire office or submit a 150 word profile with a photo of your nominee and lodge it before

4pm on Thursday 10 September together with a \$80.00 deposit.



New House Numbers to Replace Lot Numbers

The 2009-2014 Strategic Plan lists the updating of residential lot numbers to house numbers as a project the community desired. This has recently been achieved under our Property Street Addressing Project. The data will be entered into Landgate's system and a map will be released to the Shire and other government agencies advising them of this update.

A public notice has been placed around town advising residents of the following;

1. This project came to fruition in response to the request from residents during the 2008 Annual Electors Meetings and was included in the 2009-2014 Strategic plan.
2. New street numbering system will come into effect on the 1 October 2009.
3. The logical numbering system will enable emergency service providers to easily locate residents within the townsite.
4. The Shire will be looking at stencilling the street numbers on the kerbside

as part of the Street Beautification Program.

5. Residents are invited to submit comments on this issue to CEO by Friday, 18 September 2009.
6. Landgate will notify Australia Post, Bureau of Statistics, WA Electoral Commission, Australia Electoral Commission, Fire and Emergency Services, Police Services, Horizon Power, Water Corporation and St John Ambulance.
7. The change of street address will only affect those residents who are using a street address as a postal address. If a post office box is being used for postal services, there will be no change to postal services unless the residents begin to use the new street address for postal deliveries.
8. Residents will need to notify their financial and/or insurance institution of the address changes if necessary. Although Landgate will advise the Police Department of the new addresses, each resident will be responsible for notifying the relevant licensing authority of address detail changes, for example drivers licence or firearm licence.



National Binge Drinking Strategy Funding

In March 2008, the Prime Minister announced a National Binge Drinking Strategy which provides \$53.5 million to address binge drinking among young people, including \$14.4 million for community level initiatives to confront the culture of binge drinking, particularly in sporting organisations.



The Department are now seeking applications from Local Government and incorporated community groups for project proposals that aim to prevent and reduce binge drinking by

young people.

Funding is available for organisations to provide programs in the city, urban, regional, rural and remote Australia.

An upper limit of \$150,000 per grant for up to two years will apply for individual proposals. For organisations wishing to collaborate and submit a joint proposal, an upper limit of \$250,000 per grant for up to two years will apply. Applications close September 21, 2009.



NAHS, Wiluna Police, Shire and the Department of Child Protection are currently discussing a range of programs that can be implemented in Wiluna. Prior to applying for the funding, it is vital that the agencies have community support and input into the program.

Should anyone in the Wiluna community be interested in being part of this program, talk to Renae at NAHS or Tania at the old Marrawayurra Office.

Road Works News

Roads

The **Ululla road** has been graded up to the border with the Shire of Sandstone and Meekatharra, covering Yuno Downs station.

Yeelerrie road has been spot graded.

Lakeway access road has been graded as per schedule of grading all access roads once a year.

Footpath to the school

The extension to school has been completed. Principle Dave Hurle has indicated that a new gate will be erected at the nearest

entrance with a footpath leading to the gate at the schools cost. When the gate has been erected, the remaining part of the footpath will be completed by the Shire.



New Laws—Smoke Alarms in Existing Homes

New regulations under the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960* that take effect on 1 October 2009 require mains powered smoke alarms to be fitted to homes that are subject to sale, lease or hire.



In the case of Rental Properties, landlords must ensure that hard-wired smoke alarms are installed prior to the commencement of a new lease and also ensure that the smoke

alarms are maintained and in working order. Dwellings being made available for hire must also have hard-wired smoke alarms installed. All rental properties must be fitted with hard-wired smoke alarms before 1 October 2011.



Health News

Dentist Visit



The next dentist visit is Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 September. All are welcome to visit the qualified dentist who is assisted by a student dentist and a NAHS Health Worker. All children receive dental treatment free of charge and there are

various fee structures for adults including concessions for those with a health care card and pension cards.

Paediatrician & Gynaecologist Visit

The Kid's Doctor (Paediatrician) will be visiting on Thursday 24 to lunchtime Friday 25

September. The Women's Doctor (Gynaecologist) will be visiting on Thursday 8 to lunchtime Friday 9 October. Please phone Andi on 9981 7063 at NAHS reception if you would like to make an appointment for yourself or your child.



Regional Partnership Agreement News



Community Engagement

No meetings held due to community dealing with sorry business. RPA Coordinator met with Gen. John Sanderson, Chair Indigenous Implementation Committee and the Director General DIA on 14 August 2009 about securing independent support for the development of the Aboriginal Partners Group. Another meeting is planned for 4 September 2009.

Horticulture Project Development

Negotiations with Department of Employment Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) was finalised on 21 August, 2009. Centrefarm have been contracted by DEEWR to provide horticulture business development services to those who have expressed interest in acquiring leases to portions of Lot 17 ("Desert Gold"). Centrefarm is now planning dates to visit Wiluna to commence their work.



Other Business Development

IBA is completing its preparation to provide similar business development assistance to Aboriginal parties with business development ideas other than horticulture. Outcome expected on 31 August, 2009.



Pathways to Employment

Industry Partners (8 mining companies active in the Shire of Wiluna) have met with the 3 newly appointed Job Service Providers servicing the Shire of Wiluna on Monday 24 August 2009. The JSPs are Nooda Ngulegoo, Skill Hire and Max Employment. All 3 will be responsible for looking after unemployed Aboriginal people in Wiluna who are seeking mining and non-mining related employment. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the JSPs are aware of mining companies' entry level and recruiting requirements, so that they can design their services to

Aboriginal people appropriately and effectively.

Land Management Project

Central Desert Native Title Service (Lindsey Langford) are preparing a draft for a staged strategy to get Martu people engaged with employment and business development opportunities related to their land. This project will have a strong cultural maintenance element and builds on work already being done by CDNTS, State Department of Environment and Conservation and Australian Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Senior Government and Industry Support

Representations have begun with State government and industry to secure senior level support for the Wiluna RPA.

Next RPA Meeting

The next RPA meeting is on Tuesday 22 September at the Shire Training Room commencing at 9.30am.

Kunurrukarra Sports Carnival

Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community is holding a Kunurrukarra Sports Carnival from October 7-11, 2009. The event is a Drug and Alcohol free event where the Bidyadanga Community is raising awareness on keeping language and culture alive and strong.

The community wants to prevent the use of Drugs and Alcohol, "if we want to have changes in our lives we as Indigenous people, it has to come from ourselves, our families and our communities and then our Nation. We want our people to keep out of Alcohol and Drugs and bring our people back into our culture because it is the back bone of our people and our country".

The Bidyadanga Community is committed to continuously promoting programmes for the well-being of their community members, guests as well as neighbouring communities.

The local Police, Department of Child Protection, Clinic and the Remote School are involved in supporting the carnival with promoting health and

safety well-being.

Each Department will be showcasing fliers, posters and promotional bags to educate people about Drugs and Alcohol and Domestic Violence. It is time to STOP hurting each other.

The rules for the Kunurrukarra Sports Carnival are;

There is a \$150.00 fee per football and softball team and the \$50.00 is a bond that will be given back to the teams at presentation night. All players must take a breathalyser test before each game. If anyone is tested positive for Drugs and Alcohol, they will not be able to play for the whole day.

Each Coach and Captain are responsible for their own Football and Softball club members in regards to any alcohol and drug related issues. There will be a three strike warning for any individual football and softball players or teams if there are any misbehaviour or humbug during the carnival event.

Volunteers will be needed. The community are looking for two wardens from each community, they must be

strong and reliable, they will be able to help out with the Bidyadanga Wardens in Crowds control and also night patrolling and watching the children. The wardens will be expected to meet up with the local and Broome police each day for a brief meeting and daily work timetable.

Accommodation areas have been made available at the flats in and around Bidyadanga Community. Each community will be placed in areas that have a shady tree and are near a community members house for power. The campsite will have a bow shed so all that will be needed is camping gear, cooking utensils, spoons, pots and tents.

The campsite will be given three rubbish bins and rubbish bags for garbage collection. Wood will be provided at the fireplace and the outdoor kitchen.

If you are interested in attending the Kunurrukarra Sports Carnival, contact;

Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community by phoning: 08 9192 4009 or Fax: 08 9192 4662 or Email: ceo@bidyadanga.com

Art Gallery News

Port Hedland Art Awards

Three paintings have been submitted to the Port Hedland Courthouse Gallery for inclusion in the inaugural Hedland Art Award. The number of entries is fewer than anticipated due to the low level of production in the Gallery in recent weeks.

to network with other Art Centres and gauge the standing of Wiluna artists in an open marketplace. They will be attending Art talks and exhibitions and visiting Yuendumu and Papunya Art Centres.



Bush Painting Day

A bush painting day was conducted on 29 July, 2009 combining with the Homemaker Programme to provide painting and cooking activities for the artists.

Tourist Season

The tourist season is in full swing with 212 noted Gallery visits for July. Our selection of prints has proved very popular with tourists, being sold at a lower cost and that they are a transportable item.

DESART Mob

The Art Gallery Manager and Community Development Manager will visit Alice Springs to participate in the DESART Mob event which will provide a good opportunity



Homemaker News

Lamb Shanks

Homemaker Office

Office opening hours

8.30am - 4.00pm

*Phoning the Bank or
Department of Housing
hours*

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday

11.00 - 12.00

1.00 - 3.00

*Internet banking without
help*

8.30am - 4.00pm

Internet banking with help

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Daily

Cooking Classes

Four cooking classes were conducted by the Homemaker Officer during the month of July. A total of twenty seven people were in attendance (six males and twenty one women).

Training Room

A total number of 62 people have used the training room throughout the month of July.

Ingredients

4 lamb shanks

6 cup of water

1 cup of barley or soup mix

4 medium potatoes, diced

1 large onion, chopped

1 small turnip, peeled and diced

2 sticks of celery, finely sliced

1 carrot, peeled and finely sliced

Pepper

Step 1

Place lamb shanks in the pot with water and simmer for 2 hours.

Step 2

Take the shanks out strain stock and refrigerate until set, about 4 hours or overnight.

Step 3

Take the fat off the top.

Step 4

Take the meat off the bones and chop up save to add later.

Step 5

Put the water that the meat was boiled in, into a large saucepan and add more water to make up 12 cups in the pot.

Step 6

Add barley or soup mix, bring to the boil, cover and set aside without cooking for an hour, Remove any scum that has come to the top.

Step 7

Cook for ½ hour and then add chopped potatoes, onion, turnip, celery and carrot.

Step 8

Cook for another ½ hour or until vegies are soft. Add pepper and cooked diced meat. Serve with bread or bread rolls.

cooking things

Soup pot

Large knife

Chopping board

Peeler

Cup measure

Strainer

Ladle or serving spoon

Photo's from Sporting Activities

Sporting events coming up—Wiluna v Jundee

There is an adults football game being played on Tuesday 15 September at 6.30pm, Wiluna v Jundee at the Wiluna oval. If you are interested in playing, register your name at the sport and recreation centre or during the regular football game on Wednesday nights.



Sports & Recreation Activity Timetable

	Day events	2.30pm 5pm Drop in Times	5.45pm	6pm – 7pm Sports	7pm	7.15pm – 8.15pm Sports	7pm – 8pm Recreation
Monday		Drop in Centre	15 mins training warm up	Kids Bas-ketball Kids Netball	15 mins training warm up	Adults Basketball Adults Netball	Recreation centre opened for youth <i>If adults play sporting activities</i>
Tuesday		Drop in Centre Cooking	15 mins training warm up	Kids Touch Ruby Kids Activities on the oval	15 mins training warm up	Adults Touch Rugby Adults Indoor Cricket	Recreation centre opened for youth <i>If adults play sporting activities</i>
Wednesday		Drop in Centre	15 mins training warm up	Kids Football Kids Softball	15 mins training warm up	Adults Football Adults Softball	Recreation centre opened for youth <i>If adults play sporting activities</i>
Thursday		Drop in Centre	15 mins training warm up	Kids Volleyball Kids Tennis	15 mins training warm up	Adults Volleyball Adults Tennis	Recreation centre opened for youth <i>If adults play sporting activities</i>
Friday		Drop in Centre					
Saturday	To be finalised						
Sunday	Kids play Football with other towns	2.00pm Adults Golf					

Wiluna Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	3	4	5	Kids Football and Netball Game in Meekatharra Scotland V Australia Cricket at Bondini
7 Child Protection Week 6- to 13	8	9 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	10	11	12 Adult Enchanted Masked	13 Kids Football and Netball Finals in Scotland V Australia Cricket at Bondini
14	15 Adult Football Wiluna V Jundee At Oval 6.30pm	16 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	17	18	19	20
21	22 Mt Keith Event	23 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	24	25	26	27 School Holidays 26 September to 11 October
28	29	30 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday				