

Newsletter

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Wiluna



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NAIDOC Week

From Sunday 5 – 10 July, Wiluna will be having a NAIDOC week. NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The national theme for this year's NAIDOC week is 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'. The theme encourages communities to acknowledge the status of our Elders as leaders and role models for our youth. Wiluna's NAIDOC program will include football, softball, basketball and a range of fun activities for the kids throughout the week.



Medical Facility update

Aboriginal Medical Facility and Staff Accommodation Site

Department for Planning and Infrastructure have advised they propose to issue a Conditional Purchase Lease under section 80 of the Land Administration Act 1997 for the purpose of “Aboriginal Medical Facility and Staff Accommodation” on Lot 5001 situated on the corner of Scotia and Wells Street, Wiluna.



Marruwayura Office

The Marruwayura Office refurbishment is complete. The lease is presently with Nooda to sign and we expect them to take up residence in the near future.



Vet Program

One vet (Ian Robertson) and four final year veterinary students (Calli Goad, Luke Annetts, Rachel White and Narelle Thompson) recently travelled to Wiluna from Murdoch University, Perth to do some vet work. During the four days in Wiluna 20 operations to neuter (desex) animals were conducted, 17 dogs vaccinated and a further 20 given a vet check and treated for worms. 10 dogs were also euthanased. The success of the visit was made possible by the input of the police who provided the venue for the surgeries, the shire who coordinated the pick-up and drop-off of the dogs and provided accommodation for the workers and the AMS who

provided some equipment used during the trip. As well, some work experience students also joined in and helped. This is a great service sponsored by Dr Robertson and if you missed out on having your animal

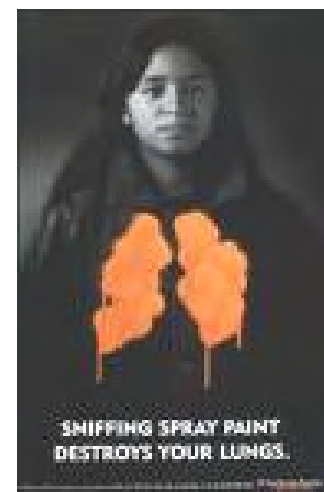
operated on or checked this year, remember there is always next year.



Substance Misuse Committee

The substance misuse committee meets every Wednesday at 3pm at NAHS. The committee meetings are open to community members who would like to be part of the planning process. Currently the committee is creating a Draft Action Plan

to address issues of substance misuse within Wiluna. The committee is chaired by Delvene Patch and David Malloy who are supported by representatives from DCP, RPA, Shire, School, NAHS and Police.



Regional Partnership Agreement News



Activities for

May/June 09

Aboriginal Community engagement:

A community meeting was arranged for Monday 15 June 2009 to ask the community to nominate 8 people (2 from each of the major groups – Windidda, Bondini, Kutkububba and Town) who are prepared to attend RPA meetings and work with Alan Stewart to prepare the Aboriginal community's position on a wide range of social, economic and cultural issues that the RPA partners might be able to help with.

Key Meetings:

Wiluna RPA Steering Group Meeting held 13 April 2009 in Wiluna. The membership of the Steering Committee was agreed (limited to 15 people) being key government and industry representatives and the 8 community reps hopefully to be nominated at the 15/6/09 community meeting.

Wiluna RPA Management Committee meeting – planned for Wednesday 24 June 2009. This is the larger meeting where project convenor will report on progress of the 24 current RPA projects. This meeting has become a reporting and information meeting, whereas the Steering Committee will be more about strategic direction an administration, including guiding the activities of the RPA Coordinator.

Aboriginal Justice Agreement – the Department of the Attorney General is keen to re-start work on a Local justice Plan for Wiluna. The agencies involved will be Police, Courts, Corrective Services, Child Protection, Drug and Alcohol Office, Office of Crime Prevention; NAHS and the Shire are important too. The meeting to re-start the work was held on 10 June 2009 in Wiluna.

The Department of the Attorney General (DOTAG) will manage the AJA from

now on, conducting community consultations about justice issues over the next month or so, with the first full Wiluna Local Justice Forum meeting to be held in early August 2009. The AJA and the RPA are complementary activities and Alan Stewart will work closely with Cheryl Soggee from DOTAG as the AJA progresses.

Paint Sniffing – There have been 5 meetings of a special Substance Misuse committee made up of community reps, teachers, police, NAHS workers and the DCP officer. This committee will work with community and the 20 or more children who are involved in high risk behaviour, sniffing paint and petrol. A planning meeting will be held at NAHS at 3.00 pm, Wednesday 17 June 2009 to which all interested community members are invited.

It will take a really strong whole of community effort to beat the sniffing problem.

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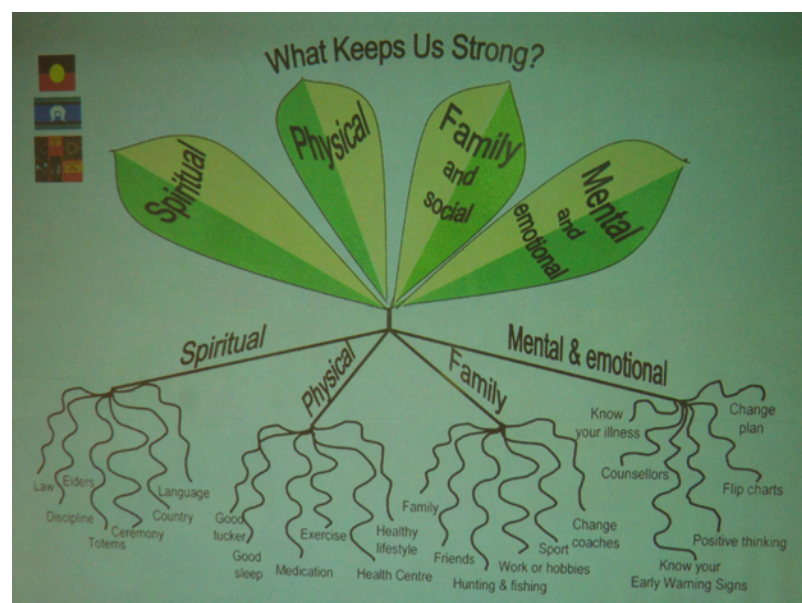
Development of the Wiluna Aboriginal Workforce – Nooda Ngulegoo (the CDEP manager) and other key parties will hold a community meeting on Friday 12 June 2009 in Wiluna to let people know what the CDEP changes will be and what Nooda's services will be from 1 July 2009. The RPA partners are very interested in working with Nooda to ensure all unemployed Aboriginal people in the Shire get the help they need to reach their personal aspirations, both mining and non-mining related.

Aboriginal Enterprise Development – Indigenous Business Australia and DEEWR met with the Small Business Centre (Geraldton) on Wednesday 10 June 2009 to join together to provide an Aboriginal enterprise development capacity in Wiluna. These agencies will assess business ideas people have, conduct feasibility studies and help people develop business plans and access finance. It is expected that a business advisor will start work in Wiluna in early July 2009 to

talk to everyone who has a business development aspiration.

Housing and Bondini – The RPA industry partners (Nickel West, Yeelirrie, Mega, Toro, Newmont, Golden West Resources and Magellan) met in Perth on 8 June 2009 and endorsed industry's further involvement in partnership with Bondini residents and government to explore how all parties can work together to redevelop Bondini community. Further meetings will be scheduled to take this project forward over the next 12 months.

Land Management/Land Care Project – the first meeting of this new project, led by the Central Desert Native Title Service was held Tuesday 9 June 2009. A project outline will be presented at the RPA Management Committee meeting 24 June 2009. This project is the best example yet of one that will return social, economic and cultural outcomes for Martu people on their own terms.



Community Manger

Shire of Wiluna Website

The Shire of Wiluna website has been updated. There are new photos, updated opening times and hours, links such as the Wiluna swimming pool page, information about the school, uploaded newsletters and council meetings and times for 2009. Council meeting minutes will be uploaded in the near future.



Enchanted Masked Ball

Community committee consisting of Kitty Ashwin, Lesley Kyanga, Catherine Carton and Rebecca Barnett are organizing an "Enchanted Mask Ball" on 29 August. The committee advised in writing, the purpose of the ball is to raise money for Princess Margaret Hospital. Ideally they would like to donate all proceeds from the ticket sales and not have to cover any associated costs. Tickets will be sold for \$25.00 each with no door sales. More news about the ball will be in the next newsletter.



Sports and Recreation News

Geraldton Sports and Recreation

Adam Murszewski from the Geraldton Sports and Recreation has been supportive in providing us with expert help and training in developing our sport and recreation staff. Adam has offered to bring sporting experts with him on his week 8 visits to the school and spend time with the sport and recreation team developing areas that have been identified. We are also in discussions on developing swimming programs for when the pool season starts again.



There are three new faces at the Sports and Recreation Centre, Cecily and Michael from Gregory, Victoria and David Murray from Narrabeen, NSW. All three are part of the Indigenous Community Volunteers program that allows them to



work within Indigenous communities by supporting and developing existing programs. Cecily and Gregory are in Wiluna for three weeks and David for eight weeks. Throughout their time in Wiluna they



will be working with the sports and recreation programs.

Recently, Adam Wiringi, our part-time Sport and Recreation Manager resigned. This creates a position that the Shire is currently recruiting an experienced person for. We thank Adam for his valuable contribution to setting up the programs we now have in place and will build upon. The fruits of his sport and

rec team's efforts in training and match play were evident in the united, fit, skilled football team that took the field last Tuesday night and left Jundee footy side scratching their heads after such a convincing win. Congratulations Wiluna!!

The sport and recreation team would also like to thank Chris and Harry for volunteering their time to bring the ambulance down for the game, Newmont for the sausage sizzle and referees and finally the Curtin volunteers for cooking up the food.

Curtin University Volunteer Program

In June, Sian White the Director of Indigenous and Remote Volunteer Programs and her team of four volunteers were in Wiluna assisting in the Sport and Recreation Centre. The group have been involved in various sporting programs. A program has been developed for their visits to continue to further enhance future sporting and recreational activities.

Tourism News

Over the last couple of weeks we have had a lot of tourist coming into Wiluna off the Canning Stock Route and going up the Gunbarrel Hwy and stopping in Wiluna to shop and stay for a couple of days. We had a big mob of tourist come in on Saturday 13th and go to the Art Gallery and buy paintings. The Tourism Officer will take up her new office at the Marruwayura Office in mid August. This is the new sign you will see in Wotton



Street when that occurs. All are welcome to come in and see Debbie and the new office. This is a temporary move until the old school site is refurbished and she will move down there along with the Art Gallery Manager.

Information sign, shelter and water tank put up at Sydney Headland

Central Desert Native Title Services, the Department of Environment and



Conservation and the Wiluna native title claimant group have been talking recently about more trips back to country to look at managing tourism, looking after country, passing down knowledge and providing



work for young people.

Recently, a new water tank and an information sign shelter was erected at Sydney Heads on the ex-pastoral lease Earheedy (Kurrara Kurrara).

The work team comprised of



five Wiluna men and three employees from Department of Environment and Conservation. The Sydney Heads area is well known to Martu from Wiluna and beyond, as it is an important camping and meeting place.

The Shed-tank was put in place to enable tourists using the road to stop and picnic and for the Wiluna community, to use when camping out and can have fresh water when going back to country.

The work team from Wiluna were Victor Ashwin, Randall Ashwin, Kelly Jackman, Damien Long and Robert Wongawol.



Art Gallery News

Birriliburu Artist's paintings were entered in the Oakajee Port & Rail Exhibition which ran for a week at the QV1 Building in Perth. The exhibition was a great success and four of the artists made sales.

WRS Students involved in the weekly Club activities have been visiting the Gallery throughout the term for painting. They have enjoyed adding their artistic talents to a large mural which is due for completion by the end of term.



Homemaker News

Cooking classes

For the month of May we ran two cooking classes. In total eleven women participated in all areas of the cooking class. The women are really proud of themselves for doing the cooking class. Not only are they proud of themselves but the feedback that they have been receiving from the people tasting the food has all been complimentary.



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

Internet banking with help

11.00 - 12.00

Internet banking without help

8.30am - 4.00pm

Daily



Winter Warm Up

NAHS and the Shire of Wiluna acquired a range of second hand clothing to prepare for winter. RPA Coordinator Alan Stewart also donated hand knitted hats, jumpers, blankets by the Freshwater Bay Rotary Club. Posters were displayed around town inviting the community to come and take what they needed.



Cheesy Tuna

Ingredients

6 medium potatoes
6 medium tomatoes, sliced
1 ½ x 425g cans water packed
tuna, drained and faked
1½ tablespoons margarine
Pepper
2 ¼ cups of low-fat milk
¾ cup low fat grated cheese

Cooking Things

Large pot
Large frying pan
Baking dish
Chopping board
Knife
Cup measure

Tablespoon
Serving spoon

Wash hands

Step 1. Peel and slice potatoes
and cook until soft.

Step 2. Lightly grease an
oven-proof dish. Place half the
sliced tomatoes in the bottom
of the dish and top with tuna.

Step 3. Add remaining toma-
toes and then potatoes.

Step 4. Prepare a cheese
sauce by melting the marga-
rine in a saucepan, stirring in

the flour to form a smooth
paste. Add pepper.

Step 5. Slowly add the milk
while continuing to stir and
cook slowly until thick and
smooth, add grated cheese.

Step 6. Pour cheese sauce
over the tomato, potato and
tuna. Bake in 180° oven for
20
minutes.



Creamy rice

Ingredients

1 cup dry rice
1 ¼ cups skim milk powder
¼ cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla essence
4 cups of water

Cooking Things

cup measure
Teaspoon
Mixing spoon
Saucepan

Wash hands.

Instructions

Step 1. Combine all
ingredients in a 2 liter
saucepan.

Step 2. Bring to the boil,
storing occasionally.

Step 3. Reduce the heat and
simmer gently for ½ an hour
stirring occasionally. Serve
hot or cold or with tinned
fruit.



Sports & Recreation Activity Timetable

	2.30pm – 5pm	6.00pm-7.00pm	7.00pm – 8.00pm
Monday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Fun Activities 	Coaching basics of Basketball For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids basketball Competition Adults Basketball Competition
Tuesday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Fun Activities 	Coaching basics of Touch Rugby For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids and female Touch Rugby Competition Adults mixed Touch Rugby Touch Rugby Competition
Wednesday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Fun Activities 	Coaching basics of Football. For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids scratch football games. Adults football training
Thursday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Fun Activities 	Coaching basics of Netball For beginners, adults and kids.	Mixed Netball Competition
Friday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Fun Activities 	Coaching basics of Softball For beginners, adults and kids.	Softball Competition
Saturday	Check times on the Rec centre door for fun activities being ran on Saturday afternoons for the month of July		
Sunday	Closed	Rec Centre Closed	Rec Centre Closed

Wiluna Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<u>NAIDOC WEEK 5-10 July</u>						
12	13	14	15 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	23	24	25 Juniors Singing Club 9.45am at the Recreation Centre
26	27	28	29 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	30	31	