

Newsletter

Shire OF
Wiluna



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Shire of Wiluna Council News



Closing times over Easter?

Due to many community people leaving town over the Easter break and Shire staff travelling long distances to see family, the Shire office will be closed from 12 noon, Thursday 8th to Tuesday 14th April.

The depot will be open Thursday 8th and Tuesday 14th April.



Structural Reform

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon John Castrilli MLA announced on the 5th February 2009 that Western Australia had "too many Councils and too many Councillors" and that it was his intention to initiate local government freeform in this State. He has given Councils and Western Australia Local Government Association six months to self determine an optimal plan for voluntary mergers. If this does not occur, then he may take legislative action to effect amalgamations.

Council is currently in discussions with adjoining councils as required by the process. Council resolved at the March Council meeting to advise neighbouring councils that it wishes to remain the same size and does not wish to amalgamate or change the Shire boundaries

Marruwayura Office

The Marruwayura Office refurbishment has commenced. Nooda have indicated their interest in renting space in the building.

Project Coordinator Michaela Maine met with agencies in March to discuss ideas on what the offices could be used for in the future.

All agencies agreed that it is important for the community to say what they would like the Marruwayura building used for. If you have any ideas or

suggestions, you can talk to Michaela or Tania at the Shire Office.



Old playground land to be given back to DPI

In January 1971, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure approved Wiluna Lots 78 and 79, Wall Street to be used for the purpose of 'children's playground'.

Due to the change in community thinking and new facilities established in other areas of the town there is no further use for the Shire to retain the vesting of this land for a children's playground.

At the March Council meeting, council resolved to return the Management Order of Reserve 30771 to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and remove the existing child playground equipment from the block.



Environmental Health News

Germ

If we could use germ vision goggles around our house, we would most likely run out the door screaming thinking we have been invaded. You will be surprised where germs grow the most. We have listed the top ten most likely places that you will find germs in your home.

1. The kitchen sponge
2. The kitchen sink
3. Toys
4. Phone

5. Cutting boards
6. Wet laundry
7. Bathtub
8. Floors
9. Kitchen rubbish bin
10. Pets in the house

Did you know that a bath tub ring has 100,000 bacteria per square inch?

Floors through any house is bacteria heaven. Most of us aren't touching or eating off the

floors that often, but the kids might be!

By keeping your house tidy and clean will prevent children from getting sick and the whole family staying healthy.

The Shire homemaker team give demonstrations on housecleaning so if you would like a visit from the team, call them at the shire office.

Works Depot News

Road Signs

New signs have been put up at the town boundary of all entrances into Wiluna. The welcome message is in Martu.

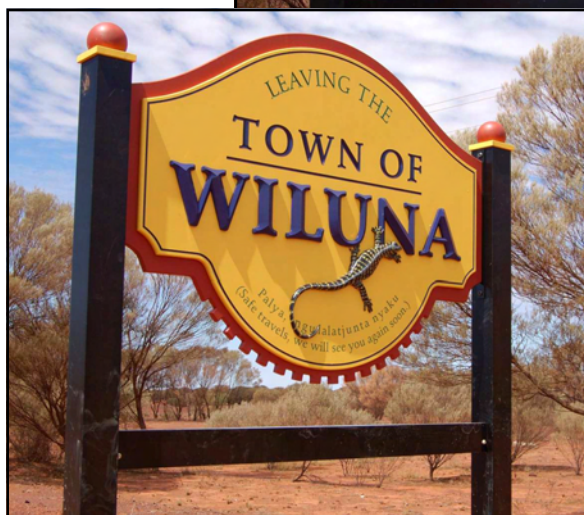
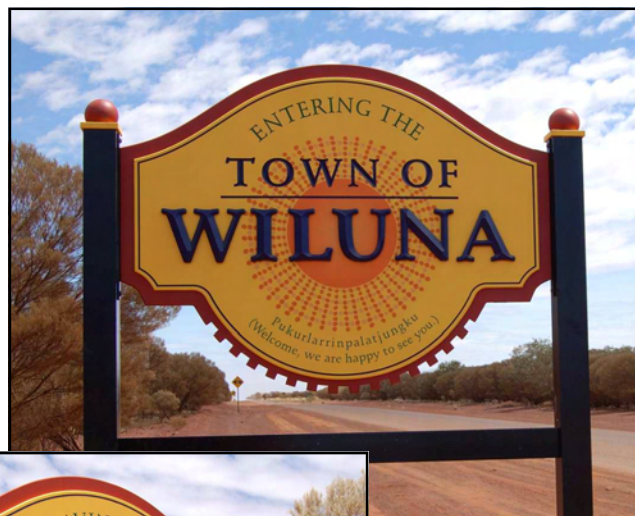
The sign reads:

Pukurlarrinpatatjunku
'Welcome, we are happy to see you'.

When leaving Wiluna the sign reads:

Palyangulalatjuntanyaku
'Safe travels, we will see you again soon'.

The signs look fantastic and gives Wiluna a unique look throughout the region.



Agreement signed for Child Protection officer to be permanently stationed in Wiluna

At the recent RPA meeting an agreement was signed by government agencies to work collaboratively for child protection in Wiluna.

The Agreement was signed between the Department of Child Protection, Ngangganawilli Aboriginal Health Service, Wiluna Remote

Community School and the Wiluna Police.



The Agreement outlines the DCP worker will contact all agencies and discuss any issues or concerns, the agencies will report

concerns to DCP and that DCP will keep a file of all notifications received.

“The Agreement together with a permanent DCP officer stationed in Wiluna is a long time coming necessity for Wiluna. The agreement is a wonderful initiative that will make sure that Wiluna is a safe environment for our children.” says NAHS, CEO Richard Whittington.



Health News

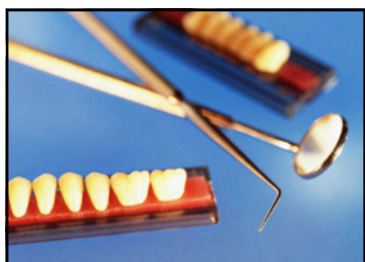
Eye Specialist

On the 11th may the eye specialist will be visiting Wiluna.



Dentist

The dentist will be in Wiluna from Wednesday 15th to Friday the 17th of April.



Free Flu Vaccinations for people 15 years and over

This is a reminder for people 15 years and older to go to NAHS to get their flu vaccinations before winter comes. It is commonly believed in medical circles that having your vaccinations will reduce the chances of you getting the flu.

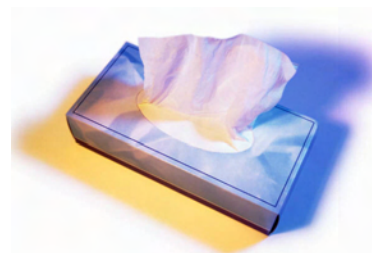
The flu vaccine is made of dead or weakened versions of the predicted strains of flu which will help your body to develop antibodies to fight off those

particular strains.

Coughing and Sneezing

Did you know that if you cough without your hand over your mouth it can spread to 20 feet, or if you sneeze it can spread to 30 feet. Make sure you cover your mouth and when you use a tissue put it straight into the bin. You will also need to wash your hands straight away.

By doing this you will stop spreading the flu to other people that you live or work with.



Regional Partnership Agreement News



The second RPA Management Committee meeting was held in the Shire Training Room on Wednesday 18th March 2009.

Over 40 people attended, which was a great representation from all sectors including State and Federal government departments, mining companies and community representatives. Considering the first meeting 3 months ago held in December 2008 attracted only 15 participants, we are doing better at drawing interest from these partners in the purpose of the RPA, which is to achieve sustainable social, economic and cultural development for the Aboriginal people of the Shire.

The first pillar of the RPA is the long term well being of Aboriginal people, but the RPA does not lose sight of the fact that non-Aboriginal people of the Shire are partners too, and

will benefit as well from the overall RPA's goal of improvement to the quality of life in the Shire. The second pillar of the RPA is its alignment with the Shire Strategic Plan, which encompasses the well being of all residents of the Shire.

The second RPA Management Committee Meeting highlighted the following areas for attention over the next 3 months. These add to the 18 projects already in hand.

- More effective and wider engagement of the Aboriginal community
- Housing provision of public housing as well as housing for essential service personnel
- Employment, education and training
- Aboriginal business development.

Alan Stewart, the Wiluna RPA Coordinator welcomes any questions, suggestions, comments or discussion about the RPA and how to make it work well for the people of the Shire of Wiluna. Alan is in Wiluna every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and you are very welcome to visit him at the Shire office, or he will gladly come to you if you prefer.

His contacts details are:

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Sports and Recreation News

Training Started for Goldfields Competition

We have the Goldfields competition starting mid May.

Wiluna, Meekatharra, Karalundi and Mount Magnet will be playing against each other. The girls will play netball and the boys will play football. The age group is between 13 to 17 years.

Training for these sports have commenced with fitness training, team drills and scratch matches. The football scratch matches are on Wednesday and the netball scratch matches are on Thursday. The scratch matches start at 6pm and finish at 9pm.

Touch Ruby team in Geraldton



Pool News

Solar Heating

For the last three weeks the water temperature has dropped due to electrical malfunction on the heating pumps. Currently only one pump is working.

We have taken one shade sail and started to cover the pool with the solar blanket. This has increased the pool temperature from 20 to 27 degrees.

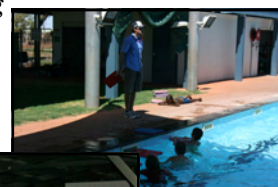
Thursday movie nights

Every Thursday nights movies will be shown at the swimming pool. Movies will start at 7.30pm but will change to 6.30pm when day light saving ends on Sunday 29th March

Swimming Classes

The swimming lesson program have been running for the last 6 weeks.

Students have learnt water safety, different swimming strokes and have shown great improvements in their swimming techniques.



Art Gallery News

ART SHOW AND SALE

BHP BILLITON MT.KEITH

The Birriliburu Artists were busy this month preparing for the Mt Keith Art Sale.

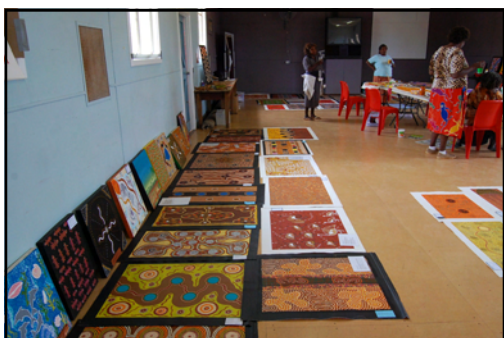
The Sale continued over three days, with four Artists, Vera Anderson, Roxanne Anderson, Beverley Wilson and Nyapurla Morgan being accommodated on site while they produced paintings during the sale.

The show was very well received

by the BHP Billiton staff, with sales reaching almost \$18,000. Thank you to BHP Billiton staff for their ongoing support.

NATSI ART AWARD

Four Birriliburu paintings have been entered for pre-selection in the NATSI Art Award. All entrants will be notified of the Pre-selection Panel's decision in May.



Homemaker News

Homemaker Office hours

The homemaker staff would like to remind everyone that the office hours to use the internet banking and emails is between 8.30am to 4.00pm daily.

For those that would like help with internet banking, help will be given between 1pm to 3.30pm .

Sewing Classes

The sewing class time has changed due to small attendance numbers and the Easter break. A poster will be placed around town to notify you of when the next class will start.

Cooking classes

Cooking classes have already started. Some recipes taught during the cooking classes will be put into the newsletter each month.

The next cooking class will be the 22nd April. The time of the cooking classes have been changed to start at 12pm to 1.30pm. The classes are taught from the sports and recreation centre kitchen. The whole community is invited to participate.

Check out the fantastic recipes made in the last cooking class!

Homemaker Office

Office opening hours

8.30am - 4.00pm

Internet banking without help

8.30am - 4.00pm

Internet banking with help

1.00pm - 3.30pm

Next Cooking class

22nd April

12.00pm to 1.30pm

At the Recreation Centre

How to make a Fruit Loaf

Ingredients

2 cups of Bran or all Bran

2 1/4 cups of Fruit Juice

1 1/2 cups of chopped dried fruit

1 1/2 cups of self raising flour



1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease a large loaf tin.
2. Combine and soak bran, fruit juice and dried fruit for 15 minutes.
3. After soaking the ingredients for 15 minutes, put in flour and mix together.
4. Put into large loaf tin and cook for 55 to 60 minutes.

How to make a plain Quiche

Ingredients

6 eggs
1 litre of milk
1 cup of powdered milk
1 cup of grated cheese
1 packet of mixed vegetables (frozen, 375g)

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease a casserole dish
2. Add the milk and powdered milk together in a bowl and mix
3. Add the eggs, grated cheese and vegetables with the other ingredients and mix together
4. Put into casserole dish and cook for 40 minutes.

You can serve this dish hot or cold.



How to make a Vegetable Quiche

Ingredients

6 eggs
1 litre of milk
1 cup of grated cheese
1 of each vegetable: carrot, onion, zucchini, potato, celery
(each vegetable is to be grated into one bowl)

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease a casserole dish
2. Grate each vegetable and put into a bowl (keep in separate bowl until asked to add vegetables)
3. Add the milk and powdered milk together in a bowl and mix
4. Add the eggs, grated cheese and grated vegetables with the other ingredients and mix together
5. Put into casserole dish and cook for 40 minutes.

What's coming up in April for Wiluna!

ANZAC DAY

SHIRE OF WILUNA

ANZAC SERVICE 25th APRIL 2009

AT THE FRONT OF THE SHIRE OF OFFICE

STARTING AT 5.00 am



Learn the ART of Printmaking **PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP**

APRIL 20—24

Basil Hall Printmaker –Darwin

Teaching Lino & Woodcuts

at the Gallery

All interested, including new artists are welcome

WARAKURNA PAINTING WORKSHOP

APRIL 27 - 9 MAY

TEN SEATS AVAILABLE FOR ARTISTS ON THE SHIRE BUS

SEE HEATHER AT THE GALLERY FOR MORE DETAILS

Community Activity Timetable

	2.30pm – 5pm	6.00pm-7.00pm	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Swimming Pool Opening Times Monday 6am - 7am (Lap Swimmers only) 3.00pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 3.00pm - 9.00pm Wednesday 6am - 7am (Lap Swimmers only) 3pm - 7.30pm Thursday 3pm - 9.30pm 7.30 - 9.30pm (Movie night) Friday 6am - 7am (Lap Swimmers only) 3pm - 6.30pm Sunday 1pm - 6pm Pool closes on 14th April for the season
Monday	Rec Centre Open Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Music	Coaching basics of Basketball For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids basketball Competition Adults Basketball Competition	
Tuesday	Rec Centre Open Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Music	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 Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Music	Coaching basics of Football. For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids scratch football games. Field available for adults football training	
Thursday	Rec Centre Open Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Music	Coaching basics of Netball For beginners, adults and kids.	Mixed Netball competition. Movies Night at the Swimming pool	
Friday	Rec Centre Open Playstation 2 Table Tennis Pool tables Music	Coaching basics of Softball For beginners, adults and kids.	Softball competition.	
Saturday	Rec Centre Closed.	Rec Centre Open from 5pm Table Tennis and pool competition.	Available for adult's football winter football competition from end of April – September.	
Sunday	Closed	Rec Centre Closed	Rec Centre Closed	

Wiluna Community Calendar

APRIL 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Shire closed from 12pm today Last day of school today	10 Good Friday School Holidays start	11	12 Easter Sunday
13 Easter Monday	14 Pool Closes for the Season today	15 Shire opens to resume normal hours	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY Service 5am at Shire	26
27 School Holidays Finish	28 Back to School today	29	30			