

# Newsletter

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Wiluna



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## Council News

### Marruwayura Office

The Marruwayura Office refurbishment scheduled to commence 5 January 2009 has been put on hold until Nooda, the only tenant who has indicated their interest in renting space at this time, has appointed a project officer to run the CDEP program.

### Magellan Metals

The EPA has approved Magellan Metals to transport lead carbonate concentrate from its mine site at Wiluna to Fremantle in sealed bags within locked

shipping containers.

The conditions have been significantly strengthened from those that were the subject of consultation by the former government. In particular, the conditions now explicitly require lead carbonate concentrate to be placed into sealed double laminated bags, which are water proof and sieve proof and maintained with a moisture content of not less than 7.5% at all times during transport. In addition, the conditions now require that every bag be inspected by the independent auditor to

leaving the mine site, as well as giving detailed monitoring and reporting requirements.

### Shire Office Placed on Register of Heritage Places

Wiluna District Hospital Group (former), comprising the Morgue (c.1900s), the Main Hospital Buildings (1933), Hospital Quarters (c.1900s or 1933), and Tjukurba Art Gallery (former Maternity Ward, 1936) has cultural significance to the State and has been placed on the Register of Heritage Places.

## Water Quality Improvement Program

The update from the Water Corporation on the Electro dialysis Reversal (EDR) water treatment plant is to expect another improvement in water quality.

You may have noticed

that there was already a difference in the quality of our water. The change has been due to the plant and pipe maintenance carried out a few weeks ago.





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Shire of Wiluna Staff 2009

## Shire of Wiluna

### New Staff

We welcome James Alagappan, new Works Manager, Tania Wiley the Community Development Manager, Kerry O'Brien Homemaker and Grace Browne, Receptionist to the Shire of Wiluna team.

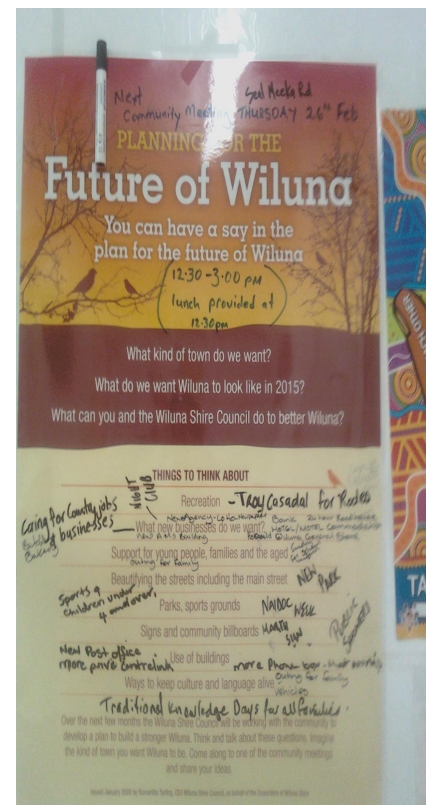
As of January 2009, we now have 18 permanent and 6 casual Shire Staff members. How can we increase our staff so dramatically in such a short time? Thanks to the State government who recognized Wiluna needed support in delivery services, due to the cost to the Shire who are not in a position to fund 5 new positions, we have been able to grow the staff numbers.

### Planning for the Future of Wiluna

An enthusiastic response from the community over the last three weeks has seen many dreams and wishes for the future come out in the six community meetings held.

Some suggestions that were put forward: Aged Care Hostel, more business infrastructure eg shops, bank, post office, more choices, improve the way that Indigenous culture is supported, promote and celebrate our multicultural heritage and diversity, Martu language classes, water playground like Cue, water slide, public showers, free gas bbq for the tourists, Bondini redevelopment, heritage and cultural centre and many more.

**Council will continue to keep you informed and up-to-date with the planning process.**



## Bondini Community - Progress update

The staff of Horizon Power visited Bondini in July 2008. Since then, the Horizon Power staff have reviewed what needs to be done and have a plan.

Horizon Power will fix up ceiling fans, lights, switches and other internal wiring so that they are safe for people.

The next step is to get the Heritage and Native Title clearances then minor works will begin.

Horizon Power will hold education days during this time

to explain worksite safety, electricity safety, pre-payment meter usage, rebates and more.

When the new pre-payment meter is activated, Horizon Power will provide each residential meter with a \$10 credit.

### How the work being done will affect you?

Please expect minor interruptions during upgrades of your house.

Power chill workers will be in

your house fixing up your house wiring.

It may take about one day to complete each home.



## Regional Partnership Agreement News

The Wiluna Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) Steering Group met on Wednesday 18/2/09 at the Shire Training rooms.

The meeting was well attended by government, industry and community representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of social and economic development projects being developed under the RPA.

The RPA is all about collaboration and partnership between community, government agencies and industry (mines within the Wiluna Shire). The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the RPA Management Committee will be held in Wiluna on Wednesday 18/3/09.

There are currently 18 projects under active development by the

RPA, and another 3 were added at the 18/2/09 meeting.

Some of the projects include:

1. Land Access and Lease Status
2. New Clinic
3. Child Protection
4. Training Facility (TAFE)
5. Driver Training
6. Meekatharra Wiluna Gold-fields Highway
7. Biofuels
8. Shire Strategic Plan
9. Marruwayura
10. CDEP Support
11. Housing
12. Telecommunications

Anyone with any questions about any of these projects or who wants more detail or to make a contribution to the project teams, please contact Alan Stewart on 9981 8014 or email [alan.stewart@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:alan.stewart@wiluna.wa.gov.au)

More information about each program will be put into future newsletters.





# MUTTACAR SORRY BUSINESS

The AMS brings Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation to Wiluna to present an Aboriginal written and performed play. The Play theme is around raising the awareness of reducing road trauma in Indigenous communities.

MUTTACAR SORRY BUSINESS addresses key road safety issues such as drink driving, speeding and overcrowding.

The play uses the power of theatre to engage and entertain

the audience. Road Safety Council statistics show that Indigenous people are three times more likely to die in a car crash than non Indigenous people.

The play will be held at the Wiluna Recreation Centre on Thursday 12th March. It is showing at 1.00pm and 7.30pm.

For more information call Renae at the NAHS on 0428817028.



## Health News: Snake-bite Management

Its that time of the Year again!!!

### What to do with a Snake bite

- Do not wash the bite
  - Do not cut the bite
  - Do not suck the bite
  - Do not elevate the bitten limb
  - Do not attempt to catch the snake for identification
  - Do not remove the bandage
1. Be calm and reassure casualty (**keep them still**).
  2. Apply pressure immobilization over the bite (the pressure must be firm, not tight. It is to compress the skin without restricting blood circulation.
  3. Bandage down the limb toward fingers or toes

leaving the nails exposed (this allows blood circulation through the limb to be monitored).

4. Continue bandaging by wrapping back up the limb (covering existing bandage) into the armpit of groin.
5. With a pen, lipstick, charcoal or any other marker, place an **X** on the bandage over the bite-site (time of bite can also be put there)
6. Without elevating the limb, splint the elbow or knee (use stick, rolled newspaper, rolled magazine).
7. If you are alone with casualty and they need to be moved to a vehicle or shelter, it is best that you organize assistance. This may not be possible due to your specific circumstances . If the

casualty needs to be actively involved in shifting, their movement must be kept to a minimum.

**Urgent medical attention is required.** All snake-bites must be treated as life threatening!!!



### Contact numbers are:

Emergency: 000

Royal Flying Doctor Service  
1800 625 800 / 9417 6389

NAHS 9981 7063

# Homemaker News



## Meeting with Tenants

On Tuesday 13th January and 24th February, a meeting was held with tenants to discuss the program for 2009.

Many issues were heard and discussed. The Homemaker Manager will follow up on these discussions. If tenants are not having problems resolved, let us know so we can follow up.

## In Home Practical Support Program (IHPS)

The IHPS program includes

visiting tenants homes. It is part of the agreement when a tenant moves into a Department of Housing home. Thank you to all tenants for their support in the program.

## Sewing Class

The sewing classes are held in the training room at the Shire. The sewing classes are on every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Currently, the class is making curtains, pants, skirts and tops. The material and sewing machines are

provided. If you are interested in learning to sew and would like to make something for the house or yourself, come along!

## Cooking Class

The cooking classes will begin from the Wednesday 18th March 5.30pm at the Recreation Centre. If you are interested in learning how to cook and eat nutritious meals then come along.



# Sport and Recreation News

## Touch Rugby competed in Geraldton recently!

The Shire of Wiluna Sports and Recreation with assistance from Ngangganawili Health Service through the Building Healthy Communities and WA Police introduced a new sport to the Wiluna Community approx 12 months ago. Since then the

sport has grown. We were invited by Geraldton Touch Rugby Club to compete against their State Representative sides on the 21st - 22nd February. Four games were played. The youth that have been playing touch rugby (through the support of the parents) have been busy training hard and earned this trip by showing

leadership, teamwork and commitment. 11 kids travelled to Geraldton. They had a great time and won a few games as well. The experience gained was invaluable. With time, the Wiluna Sports and Recreation will further develop other sports programs that already exist in Wiluna like Football, netball and basketball. Check out the timetable on page 7 to learn what is going on!



## Art Gallery News

Peter Shepherd visited the Shire early this year to provide business governance training to the artists and an insight into the growth of an art centre and the role they play in the future.

We are currently working on designs for a banner.

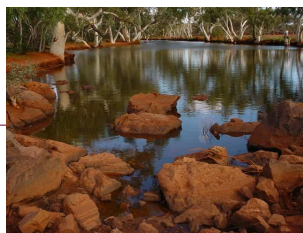
Any children/young adults are welcome.

### ARTSTART

The Children's ARTSTART Programme has begun in collaboration with the School. Children, involved in Club activities can come to the gallery each week to enjoy a painting session.



*From the top of photo, Regan, Joe, Shenice, Dakota and Meredith.*



*Wiluna- North Pool*

## Tourism News

### Meeting with Northern Goldfields Tourism Group In Laverton

Tourism Officer Debbie McNeill and Art Gallery Manager Heather Charlton visited Leonora to meet with Northern Goldfields Tourism to discuss strategies for tourism

development within the six Shires of the Northern Goldfields region.

The six Shires involved in the Tourism Northern Goldfields are: Shire of Wiluna, Shire of Laverton, Shire of Leonora, Shire of Menzies and Shire of Ngaanyajarraku.

The group are aware of moving with the times and marketing the Northern Goldfields to be truly successful. All councils agree successful tourism marketing relies heavily on good planning, well managed programs with adequate budgets and industry cooperation.

## Pool News

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for the children from the Wiluna Remote Community School have been going since Thursday 12 February. The lessons will continue until the end of the school term.

### Child Care Centre Play time

The Child Care Centre has booked the swimming pool for three days every week for play-time at the pool.

### Movie Nights

The Movie nights are still on every Thursday night 8pm at the pool.

### Pool Closed

Due to Training needed by the Pool Manager, the pool will be closed from Friday 13th - Monday 16th March. The pool will reopen on Tuesday 17th March.





# Community Activity Timetable



	2.30pm – 5pm	6.00pm-7.00pm	7.00pm – 9.00pm	<b>Swimming Pool</b> <b>Opening Times</b>  <b>Monday</b> 6am - 7am (Lap Swimmers only)  2.30pm - 7.30pm  <b>Tuesday</b> 3.00pm - 9.00pm  <b>Wednesday</b> 6am - 7am (Lap Swimmers only)  3pm - 7.30pm  <b>Thursday</b> 3pm - 9.30pm  <b>Friday</b> 6am - 7am (Lap Swimmers only)  3pm - 6.30pm  <b>Sunday</b> 1pm - 6pm  *Please note that during Public Holidays the pool opening times may change. Check with Lai.
<b>Monday</b>	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	
<b>Tuesday</b>	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	
<b>Wednesday</b>	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	
<b>Thursday</b>	Rec Centre Open  Playstation 2  Table Tennis  Pool tables  Music	Coaching basics of Volleyball  For beginners, adults and kids.	Mixed volley ball competition.	
<b>Friday</b>	Rec Centre Open  Playstation 2  Table Tennis  Pool tables  Music	Coaching basics of Softball/Netball.  For beginners, adults and kids.	Softball/Netball competition.	
<b>Saturday</b>	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.	
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed	Rec Centre Closed	Rec Centre Closed	

# Wiluna Community Calendar

## MARCH 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Public Holiday Labour Day	3 Art Show Mt Keith 3rd -6th	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Women's meeting at NAHS 10am	11	12 Muttacar Sorry Busi- ness at the Rec Centre 1pm / 7.30pm	13	14	15
16 Pool Closed from the 13th - 16th March	17	18 RPA Man- agement Committee Meeting	19 Shire of Wiluna Council Meeting	20 Artist Meeting (to be con- firmed)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					