

Newsletter September 2012

Shire of Wiluna

Capital Works Initiatives for 2012-13

This financial year will see the start of some great new projects for the Shire, three significant ones are:

- ◆ The scoping of a new Interpretive Centre based on the Canning Stock Route and the Gunbarrel Highway. A business case will be prepared from funding provided by the Mid West Development Commission for a new building within Wiluna that will be dedicated to the promotion of these iconic routes. With a steady stream of visitors to Wiluna as the starting and finishing point for both routes this facility is seen as being a boost for tourism and heritage preservation. Over 50% of the funding will be provided from the Royalties for Regions Programme through the 2012/13 Country Local Government Fund. Approvals for the use of the funding for this purpose is now being sought. Further details will be provided as the project proceeds.
- ◆ A new facility to house change rooms, toilets and a kiosk is being planned for the sports oval. Our oval is first class but lacks modern amenities and this project will add those elements that are necessary for the comfort of players, supporters, officials and spectators alike.
- ◆ The upgrading of the Shire offices will be proceeding this year to both bring the facility into a more usable and contemporary state and to ensure that the building is preserved in accordance with its heritage value. The Shire has obtained approval to use the 2011/12 CLGF for part of the cost. The initial phase has been the engagement of a heritage architect which is being funded by a special grant from the Lotteries Commission.

Future newsletters will bring you accounts of the progress of these wonderful projects.



Hello and Welcome

New Staff Members



Rod Liversidge

Works Manager

Rod arrived in Wiluna after working for the Shires of Ashburton and Wyndham East Kimberley in WA. Prior to that he did a stint in NSW, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria where he originally came from.

He has been married for an amazing 41 years and his wife (Lyn) and youngest daughter (Catherine) still live

in Tasmania where they maintain their house and garden during Rods' absence.

He is a passionate Western Bulldogs supporter who has given up hope of them ever winning another premiership, and believes you can't be too greedy and one is enough!

His hobbies outside of work are golf, gardening, watching most sports and just enjoying life.

Rod has been in Wiluna for three weeks and was immediately impressed with the camaraderie and the pleasant nature of all the staff and towns people he has met and he is looking forward to retiring back in Tasmania in a few years time.



Rod McGrath

Sports & Recreation Manager

Before coming to Wiluna, Rod had previously worked as a Recreation Services Manager for the Shire of Broome and prior to that position, he held sports and event management positions in the NT, Queensland as well as overseas in Brunei Darussalam.

Rod has also taught sports management at University and technical college levels in Queensland, as well as worked in various staff positions in the offices of several members of federal parliament.

Some of his past sports experiences include organising sports trips from Broome to Perth for the Country WA Basketball championships and also taking teams overseas, such as a semi-professional men's basketball team from Darwin to play in an international

basketball tournament in Brunei Darussalam in 2006, and then co-ordinating a tour group consisting of two under 16 years boys and girls basketball teams to Indonesia in 2009 (the first time any sporting teams from Western Australia's Kimberley region had toured overseas).

Rod is very keen for members of the community to discuss with him opportunities for different types of sports and recreation activities and events to be undertaken within the shire as well as opportunities to participate in activities outside of the Shire.

Besides the after-school/weekends/school holiday's calendar of sports and recreation activities for children and youth using the sporting facilities based here in Wiluna, a varied program of sports and recreation activities is being planned for older youth and adults.

Rod's office is located within the Wiluna Recreation Centre and he can be contacted by phone via the Shire's main number 9981 8000.





Marc Bennett
Works Supervisor

Marc came to us with his wife Julie and young son Lucas and another one on the way from the Shire of Katanning where he spent three years employed as senior leading hand.

Prior to that was self employed in swimming pool construction and other ventures.

He is an avid Eagles supporter and many moons ago was a budding cricketer playing a couple of games for WA and in County League cricket in England and Scotland.

The works department now has a full complement of staff.





Bus Service

The Wiluna to Leonora six monthly trial bus service commences on Thurs 4th October for a trial period. A Toyota Hiace mini-bus which is seat belted and air conditioned has been specially licenced for this run.

On Thursday mornings our bus will link with the Goldrush Tours bus at Leonora - the Goldrush Tours bus then goes on to Laverton and our bus returns to Wiluna in the afternoon.

On Friday mornings our bus will link at Leonora with the Goldrush Tours bus that travels to Kalgoorlie and our bus returns to Wiluna in the afternoon.

Our bus will depart from the Wiluna Sport and Recreation centre (only) and travel directly to Leonora via Leinster and then return on the same route.

As the bus only holds 9 passengers, plus limited luggage, early bookings are essential - payment can be made at the Shire of Wiluna offices during office hours. BOOKINGS CAN NOW BE MADE AT THE SHIRE OFFICE

The Public Transport Authority of WA has indicated that the standard fare one way between Wiluna and Leonora will be set at \$ 57 and the concession fare is set at \$ 35. The fare between Wiluna and Leinster is set at \$ 49 and a concession fare of \$ 29 applies.

Please see opposite for a bus timetable.

Please note that unless the service receives a high level of patronage it will NOT continue.





Wiluna Bus Timetable

The contract route and fares are as follows:

Wiluna to Leonora to Wiluna weekly THURSDAY only

Depart Wiluna 8.30AM
 Arrive Leinster 10.30AM
 Depart Leinster 10.45AM
 Arrive Leonora 12.30PM
 Leonora *(Connecting Kalgoorlie/Laverton Service) 12:45PM
 Depart Leonora 1:00PM
 Arrive Leinster 2:45PM
 Depart Leinster 3:00PM
 Wiluna 5.00PM

Wiluna to Leonora to Wiluna weekly FRIDAY only

Wiluna 7:15AM
 Arrive Leinster 9:15AM
 Depart Leinster 9:30AM
 Arrive Leonora* 11.15AM
 Leonora *(Connecting Kalgoorlie/Laverton Service) 11.15AM
 Depart Leonora 11.30AM
 Arrive Leinster 1.15PM
 Depart Leinster 1.45PM
 Wiluna 3.45PM

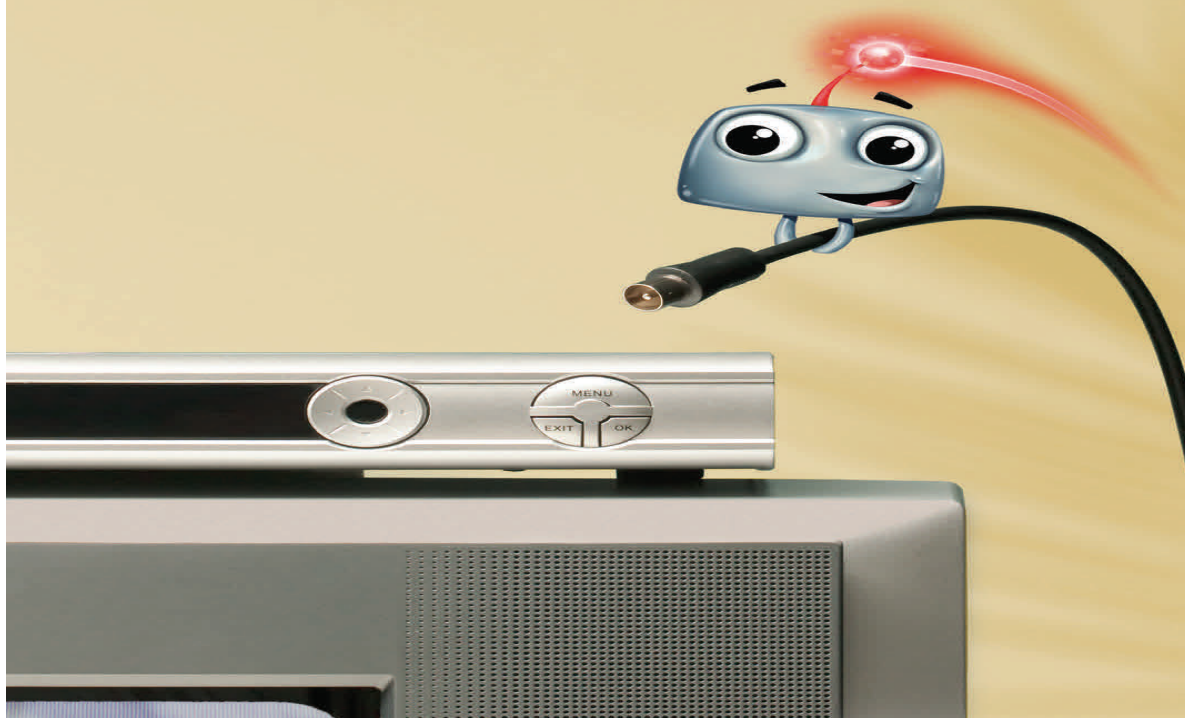
STANDARD FARE			
Wiluna	Wiluna		
Leinster	49	Leinster	
Leonora	57	38	Leonora
10% Discount for YHA Members			
CONCESSION FARE			
Wiluna	Wiluna		
Leinster	29	Leinster	
Leonora	35	23	Leonora
Concession - Pensioners, Health Care Card Holders, Children 4 - 16 years, Full-time Students			

The existing retransmission television service provided by the Shire of Wiluna will cease when the analog service is no longer available and all residents will need to prepare for the digital service.

Do you need help to get **READY** for digital TV?

Apply now for the Household Assistance Scheme.

Call **1800 556 443** to find out more.





What is the digital switchover?

Australia is switching to digital-only TV. By the end of 2013 all analog TV signals will be switched off and replaced with digital-only signals. This means that people need to make changes to their TV systems to continue to watch free-to-air TV.

To help people make the switch to digital TV, the Government has established the Household Assistance Scheme.

What is the Household Assistance Scheme?

The Household Assistance Scheme offers installation of digital TV equipment for people to switch to digital TV. It is a safety net for those who cannot convert without additional assistance.

Under the Scheme, an Australian Government-engaged contractor will come to your home and help you get ready for digital TV by installing digital equipment. This installation is free-of-charge.

What does the Scheme include?

The Household Assistance Scheme provides a package of assistance for eligible people including:

- Easy to use digital equipment
- In-home installation and demonstration
- 12 months aftercare support and equipment warranty.

Talking set-top boxes are available to eligible viewers who receive an eligible pension and are legally blind, or are the carer of a child registered as legally blind.

What if I need satellite TV?

The installer will check your reception to decide if you need satellite TV. If you do, all equipment will be installed free-of charge.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for the Household Assistance Scheme if you have a functioning TV and receive the **full rate** of one of these payments:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Veterans' Affairs Service Pension
- Veterans' Affairs Income Support Supplement

Is there any difference if I do not own my home?

Yes, there is. If you **do not own your own home**, or you **live in a unit**, the installer can supply and install the set-top box and upgrade the indoor antenna. They cannot make changes to your external antenna or cabling – you would need to talk to your landlord or body corporate about any upgrades.

If you **do own your home**, the installer can



or body corporate about any upgrades.

If you **do own your home**, the installer can carry out any work necessary to help you switch to digital TV. You will need to get approval from any heritage authority or local council before external work is done on your property.

How do I apply?

You can check your eligibility in three easy steps. It is quick and easy!

Step 1

Call the Department of Human Services (DHS) on **1800 556 443** between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

You can also apply by visiting a DHS Service Centre.

Step 2

The DHS representative will ask you a few questions to check your eligibility.

Step 3

If you are eligible, an Australian Government-engaged contractor will call you to make an appointment to come to your home to provide you with an assistance package.

The installer will not charge you for the installation. It is free-of-charge.

We do not engage door-to-door salesmen and you will only be contacted to arrange an installation once you have completed the eligibility process.

Need more information?

If you have questions about the Scheme or want to check your eligibility call **1800 556 443**.

If you are eligible, you should make sure you get in early so that your installation can be scheduled well before switchover in your area. Otherwise you may lose access to free-to-air TV if an installation cannot be arranged until after switchover.

Even if you do not think you need help, we would like to know that you are ready for switchover.

Call **1800 556 443** now.





GALLERY GOSSIP

The Tjukurba Art Gallery is again open for business, and the Birriliburu Artists returning to the studio are producing beautiful new works.

The recommencement of the children's Artstart program has again proved popular, with surging demand from talented young people, and we welcome the guidance of elders in assisting the children with their paintings.

Heather will continue to visit on a regular basis, and Siobhan is on hand to keep the gallery open and running.

We are looking forward to more artists coming in to paint, so come and visit us soon.



Above—Artstart, work in progress

Right—Bush Tomatoes by Rachel Newberry



Swimming Pool

The weather is getting warmer and with it the imminence of the pool season.

The Shire is awaiting the arrival of our new pool manager and he will promptly be preparing the pools and grounds for the spring opening in October, date to be announced pending final clearance.

The charges remain the same as last year:

Adult \$3

Child \$2

Pensioner \$2 (Concession card to be produced)



Car Removal



The Shire removes unwanted cars from the town area 3 or 4 times a year.

Anybody wanting a car removed should write to the Shire detailing the type of vehicle, its location, any registration or identification, and ownership details. When there are sufficient requests the Shire will organise a collection at no cost. The time wait maybe up to three months for the next general collection.

Any requests for immediate removals outside of the general collection will incur a fee which will be advised and collected prior to the removal being made.



WILUNA REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

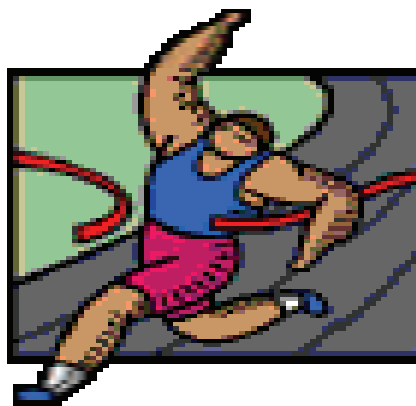
The Wiluna Remote Community School held their annual Sports Day on 12 September at the Wiluna Sports Oval.

The School invited members of the community to come down to the oval and watch as the students participated in various activities, including sprint racing and long jumping.

Students were divided into two teams being members of either the green or blue teams.

The final team's result saw the blue team narrowly winning the Sports Day, 82-80.

The Shire of Wiluna's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Tony Doust, was invited to present awards at the end of the day's activities.



Household Rubbish Collection



The charge for the twice weekly rubbish collection service to each property is based on (one) 240 MGB for each bin collected.

During the past year the Shire staff have noticed that on a number of occasions property owners have placed more bins out for collection than the property owner has been charged for.

In future the rubbish collector will only empty the number of bins that the property owner has been charged for in the annual rates notice. Any additional bins will not be emptied and it will be the responsibility of the property owner/occupier to take this to the Wiluna rubbish site.

If residents wish to have additional bins collected please register at the Shire office and agree to pay an additional annual cost of \$300 per 240 MGB.



Wiluna Sports and Recreation

PLAYERS FROM THE SOUTH FREMANTLE FOOTBALL CLUB ARE COMING TO WILUNA DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS –

Tuesday 2nd October to Friday 5th October 2012

Three South Fremantle Football Club (the “Bulldogs”) players, Sam Lowrie, Brendan Chen and Emmanuel Collard, will be coming to Wiluna during the first week of the October school holidays.

During their visit here, they will be involved in conducting football skills clinics for Wiluna’s junior and senior players. At the end of the three days of these clinics - which will be held in the afternoons -there will be football practice matches for all involved.

Thank you to Murlpirrmarra Connection and the South Fremantle Football Club for the organisation of these activities during the school holidays and thank you also to BHP Billiton and Golden West Resources for their support.

Tuesday: 2nd Oct: From 2pm to 6pm - Football Clinics for Junior and Senior Wiluna teams.

Wednesday: 3rd Oct: From 2pm to 6pm - Football Clinics for Junior and Senior Wiluna teams.

Thursday: 4th Oct: From 2pm to 7pm - Football Practice Matches for Junior and Senior teams.

Player Identification for South Fremantle Football Club (SFFC) potential Colts and Reserves teams will occur over these three days. Following the clinics and practice matches, there will be presentations of SFFC NAIDOC Jumpers to the Wiluna Football team members and participation awards.

Friday: 5th Oct: Mid-morning – Engagement with the community with the three SFFC players available to meet interested community members.



Sam Lowrie



Brendan Chen



Emmanuel Collard



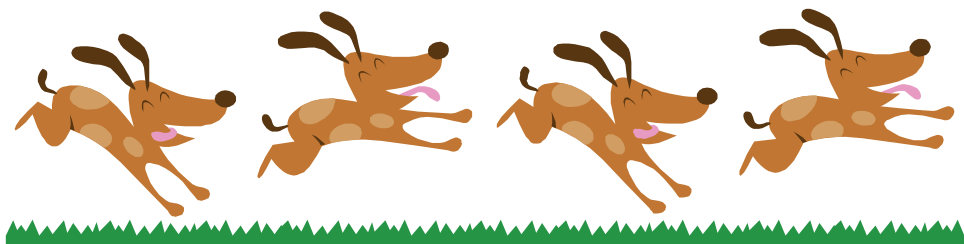
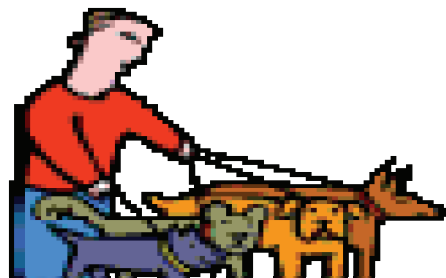
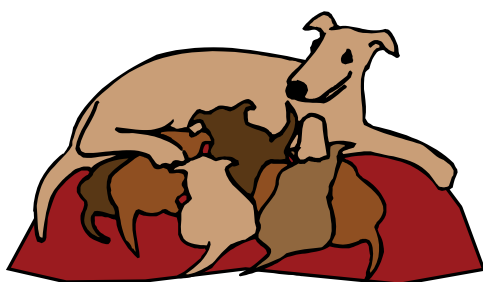
Dog Registrations

All dog owners please note that dog registrations end on the 31st October and must be renewed after that date.

We have a limited number of free dog collars available to those who come in early to renew or register their dogs.

Unsterilized Male/Female 1 year	\$30.00
Sterilized Male/Female 1 year	\$10.00
Unsterilized Male/Female 1 year pensioner concession	\$15.00
Sterilized 1 year pensioner concession	\$5.00
Unsterilized Male/Female 3 years	\$75.00
Sterilized Male/Female 3 years	\$18.00
Unsterilized Male/Female 3 years pensioner concession	\$37.50
Sterilized Male/Female 3 years pensioner concession	\$9.00

Proof of sterilization must be produced and pensioner concession cards to be shown





Wiluna Shire Library

The Library (located in the Art Gallery) holds a varied collection of fiction and non fiction books, audio books and DVDs for all ages. To become a member please come and see Katrina at Reception and she will sign you up.

To all of you who have overdue books or DVDs, please return them so others may borrow them. You will be unable to borrow any new books or DVDs until the outstanding ones have been returned. If you have lost or damaged them you will have to pay for them before you can take any others.

This is a free service for everyone so please do the right thing, if you borrow something please return it.





SPORTS AND RECREATION SNIPPETS

SUNDAY MORNING GOLF AT THE WILUNA GOLD COURSE

If you would like to play a round of golf at the six hole Wiluna Golf Course, interested players are invited to bring their set of clubs and come down to Wiluna's "unique" golf course on the following Sundays of this year, with tee-off commencing from 7.00am.

30 September

14 and 28 October

11 and 25 November

9 December

WALKOCTOBER - Walk Over October 2012

Walk Over October is a campaign that aims to raise awareness of the transport, health, recreational and environmental benefits of regular walking. The campaign is now in its twelfth consecutive year. **Walk Over October** is coordinated by the Heart Foundation in collaboration with State Government. Regular walking has wide ranging benefits and is the most popular, convenient and affordable way for people of varying ages and abilities to be active.

WILUNA FUN RUN

Preparations for the organisation of the annual Wiluna Fun Run have commenced. Watch for details to be announced soon as to a date for this year's Wiluna Fun Run.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL GAME IN WILUNA ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

An Australian football team from BHP Billiton's Nickel West Mt Keith mine site will play a team from Wiluna at the Wiluna Sports Oval on Tuesday 13 November.

The Wiluna-Mt Keith AFL game is always an annual highlight and with this game being scheduled for this November, now is a good opportunity for players from Wiluna to start preparing for this game.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL AT WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S STATE BASKETBALL CENTRE IN PERTH?

Male players aged 14 years and under are being sought to join the Wiluna Basketball Academy team in order to prepare for the state basketball championships which will be held this year on the last weekend in November or the first weekend in December.

Players interested in playing at this year's state championships need to speak with Rod McGrath, Shire of Wiluna Sports and Recreation Manager, Wiluna Recreation Centre.

