



SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER : WONGA

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council met on April 12 with the head of WA Water Corporation Jim Gill to discuss the serious problems associated with the sewerage system in Wiluna. They are considering a fast track process by creating one large pond away from the town for all waste while the main plan is implemented.

A New Gazebo has been constructed at the Wiluna Cemetery for rest and contemplation. The next stage is to begin listing and displaying all the names from the Burial Register with corresponding grave numbers.

The Tjukurba Art Gallery has been very busy. More artists are coming forward to sell their work and some take the opportunity to work quietly at the Gallery. The Shire has purchased over \$12,000 worth of paintings and has sold on approx \$8,000 to visitors through a revolving fund. The idea of this venture is to offer an outlet for local artists in a not for profit structure. Sold paintings include a 10% commission which is returned to the artist in materials when they sell through the Gallery. Through the provision of stimulus in the gallery environment artists can improve their work and feel confident to deal with other buyers. At the end of May paintings from the Gallery will be on sale at the Newmont Jundee mine as a way of acknowledging reconciliation day. Some artists will attend to explain the work.

At the same time, more residents are visiting the Gallery to make use of the Shire lending library.

Council held discussions with DHW regarding house plan design to suit the Wiluna climate. The need to include a 'breezeway' in the design was emphasized by Wiluna residents.

Lion Ore representatives briefed council regarding their Honeymoon Well mine plans.



Above: CEO and Councilors meet with Water Corp boss Jim Gill and staff



Gazebo at the Wiluna cemetery



Painters at the Tjukurba Gallery

An Anzac Day dawn service organized by staff and presented by Shire President Kerry Johnston was attended by about 60 people coming from the town and various mines. Thanks to members of the Wiluna Seventh Day Adventist church this year was an occasion marked by musical accompaniment. The occasion was followed by a traditional 'gun fire' breakfast at the Club Hotel

Wiluna will be honored with a visit from the Governor General of Australia Sir Michael Jeffery at a date soon to be announced. On his visit it is expected he will open the pool as well as meet a number of residents of Wiluna, the town of his birthplace and early childhood.

WORKS

The Shire grader is currently working on the Meekatharra road.

The BMX Track is under construction beside the Function/Recreation Centre. The soil is being compacted and tyres will be placed as barriers



The Shire welcomes Bradley Yappo as a new trainee employed in the workshop and for machinery operation.

Radio National can be tuned to on AM 107.7

Rodeo Busy Bee on Sunday May 21 at the Racetrack.. Check town notices for more details soon.

YOUTH SPORT & RECREATION

The Swimming Pool will now be closed until the swimming season begins again in early September. The Shire has been very pleased with the efforts of all in the construction process. All sponsors have been much appreciated. We especially thank Craig Brookes for his management and set up of maintenance systems. He has also been instrumental in establishing sound rules and programs for Wiluna children. Craig expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to have worked here.

OUR YOUTH : OUR FUTURE FOOTBALL



Our boys left on Friday, flew down on Qantaslink via Meeka. and played for Fremantle's opening round at Subiaco Oval to begin the Youth League Competition. Wiluna / Mt Magnet combined side beat Meekatharra. For these kids it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to play on Subiaco Oval. The Fremantle Club have assisted the Murchison region by helping establish a four team league. The community thanks the Fremantle club for setting up the league which will benefit many children in these remote towns.

Special thanks to South Fremantle Football club for accommodation. Thanks also to Shire staff and helpers as well as sponsorship from BHP Billiton, Golden West Resources, and Newmont Jundee.