

SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER: WONGA

COUNCIL NEWS

Shire Admin Office Closure Over Festive Period.

Council approved the closure of the Administration Office between Monday, 22 December 2008 to Friday, 2 January 2009 inclusive. The depot will operate with a skeleton staff to attend to rubbish collection, road signs and emergencies.

Marruwayura Office

In the near future you will see the refurbishment of the Marruwayura Office being undertaken.

The DLGRD in partnership with the Shire will lead the development of the Marruwayura Office under the co-location funded project.

Office space will be offered to the community for rent to set up or relocate existing businesses. Enquiries will be dealt with by the Shire and Michaela Maine, (DLGRD officer) will work closely with the Council to develop the short-term tenancy and long-term plans for the project.

The tenancy criteria will need to be met by tenants in order to be allocated the limited office space. For more information please call the Shire on 9981 8000.

Petition to Legislative Assembly to have the Goldfields Highway - Wiluna to Meekatharra bitimised.

At the April 2008 Shire meeting it was resolved to adopt a petition to submit to the Legislative Assembly to have the Goldfields Highway – Wiluna to Meekatharra section bitimised. Signatures have been gathered from Wiluna and Meekatharra and sent to John Bowler, MLA. Mr Bowler has advised that it is his pleasure to present the petition to State Parliament when they resume normal operations on 11 November 2008.

Water Quality Improvement Program

The CEO has met with the Water Corporation recently and they advised that the Electrodialysis Reversal (EDR) water treatment plant is on target to be in operation by the end of November 2008.

The expected outcome is that the water quality will be improved and that will have positive flow-on affects for all.



DISPOSING OF CAR OIL, PAINT ETC

As a resident of the Shire of Wiluna you can take unwanted paint, motor oil, computer equipment, gas cylinders, batteries and disused fluorescent lights to the Shire's Depot for disposal.

Staff Appointments

We welcome Dallas Harris to our Homemaker team and Debra McNeill to our Admin team.



Picture - Debra McNeill & Dallas Harris

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

When: 30 October 2008
Where: Recreation Centre
Time: 7.00pm

What happens at the Annual Electors Meeting?

It is an opportunity for the residents of Wiluna to meet with the Councillors and staff and ask any questions that may be of concern or interest in the operations of the Shire. All residents are welcomed to attend.

Join Councillors and Staff after the meeting for scones, coffee and tea.



President Johnny Kyanga and Councillors looks forward to meeting with the residents of Wiluna.

VISITING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO WILUNA



In October 2008, five students studying community development at Murdoch and Journalism at Edith Cowan Universities visited Wiluna. The student's project involved developing a community profile for future students, visiting agencies and new staff to gain some insight into the community of Wiluna. The students visited the local School, Shire, AMS and Police. A highlight for the students was visiting and talking to local Elders from the Kutkabubba Aboriginal Community. The students learnt about the importance of community and believed that it was vital for all new people to take time to learn about the community's way of life and the culture of the Mardu Language Group. Now that the students have completed the profile of Wiluna, the project officer will be coming back to town to visit the community to get feedback about what the students wrote. The community profile will then be passed onto the interested agencies to use for future reference. The Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health would like to thank the community of Wiluna for their support and kindness during the students visit.

Canning Stock Route Celebration

Celebration of Wiluna's artists at Tjukurba Gallery: *Telling Our Stories Through Painting: The Canning Stock Route Project*

The talent of Wiluna's established and emerging artists will feature in an exhibition: *Telling Our Stories through Painting: the Canning Stock Route Project*, which opens at Tjukurba Gallery on Friday, 7 November 2008.

Some of the artists displaying work are taking part in a collaborative enterprise – known as *The Canning Stock Route Project* – among nine remote Aboriginal art centres and communities from the Kimberley, Midwest and Goldfields regions of Western Australia. Tjukurba Gallery is one of the art centres participating in the project.

Since 2007, artists, countrymen and custodians from these communities have been creating an unprecedented body of work which tells, for the first time, the story of the Stock Route and its impact as seen through Aboriginal eyes. This will be distilled into a major exhibition, due for launch at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra in mid 2010.



Telling Our Stories Through Painting brings together some important pieces by Wiluna artists, destined for the Canberra exhibition, and shows them alongside work by the community's emerging artists. It creates a moment which celebrates the strength and energy of Wiluna's artistic development: where it is possible to plot the trajectory from the freshness of emerging generations through to the potent work of the community's leading artists.





The exhibition opening will launch a weekend of celebration, involving the school, the Shire and the whole community in celebrating Wiluna and highlighting in particular the connections between community, corporate and Indigenous stakeholders.

A whole range of activities for 'kids of all ages' are in prospect, including a BBQ and a film night. Plans include a multimedia and history evening featuring films and photography from *The Canning Stock Route Project* and the showing of locally-sourced material. The film night will wrap up with music from a local band. See below for details.

Telling Our Stories Through Painting is designed and delivered by FORM, in partnership with the Shire of Wiluna. The show has been made possible through the support of BHP Billiton Nickel West, the Government of Western Australia's Department of Local Government and Regional Development (via WARIS).

CSR CELEBRATION TIMETABLE

Shire of Wiluna residents are invited to participate in the following exciting celebrations.

Friday 7 November at 6.00pm

CSR Art Exhibiton at the Tjukurba Art Gallery

Saturday 8 November - Daytime

Activities for the youth of Wiluna organised by FORM and Sport and Rec Manager with the assistance of Curtin University Volunteers.

Saturday 8 November at the Old School on the grass starting at 6.00pm

CSR Community BBQ followed by the CSR Project film and slide night. The night will end with live music.

Sunday 9 November - Morning

CSR community BBQ breakfast at 8.00am at Old School Site.

