



SHIRE OF WILUNA

NEWSLETTER: WONGA

COUNCIL NEWS

Gidgee Gold Mine

Council has granted permission to Apex Mineral P/L to upgrade the Gidgee Road at no cost to the Shire. Apex Mineral P/L will transport from the Gidgee Mine in the Sandstone Shire to its processing plant at the Wiluna Gold site. It is anticipated 15 road trains per day will travel on the road.

The road will be upgraded from Sandstone to the intersection of the Meekatharra-Yeerlerie Road, then easterly long the Meekatharra –Yeerlerie Road to the intersection of the Sandstone-Wiluna Road. Then in a northerly direction to the intersection of the Goldfields Highway.

Work will commence in December 2008.

Wiluna SES

Apex Minerals P/L has agreed to support the local community and reclaim the responsibility of driving the Wiluna SES unit. The official handover will be in the New Year.

Shire depot staff will continue to be in the SES unit.

Petition off to Parliament – Request to seal Goldfield Hwy between Meekatharra and Wiluna

John Bowler, MLA will present the petition to the Parliament in the near future. Over 400 signatures were gathered from residents in Meekatharra and Wiluna.

Land Release in Wiluna

There have been a number of enquiries over the last 6 months about the availability of land to purchase in Wiluna for private housing and small business development.

A request from the Shire to release land is currently with the Minister and it is expected the Wiluna application will be assessed in the next 6-12 months. Further to the application being approved there will be a further waiting period of 6 months for the government department to process land titles.

The Shire will advise the community when this process is complete and land is available for purchase.

TAFE

TAFE have released the building plans for the new TAFE and a copy is available for public viewing at the Shire Offices.

Building is anticipated to commence on the school site in June 2009.

The building will have a commercial kitchen, a computer room, art room and workshop.

Marruwayura Office

The Shire has purchased the Marruwayura Office. This purchase is part of a government funded project to make the building into a co-location centre where a number of services can be provided for the benefit of the community.

All enquiries about the available tenancy in the building can be directed to the CEO.

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 Councilors and staff and ask any questions that may be of concern in the service delivery or programs in place in the Shire. All residents are encouraged to attend. You can pick up a copy of the Annual Report from the Shire.

Electors wishing to be supplied with detailed answers to questions are asked to give notice to the Chief Executive Officer no later than Monday, 27 October 2008, 4.00pm.

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



Airport Security Training

The Shire CEO and Depot staff attended a 2 day training workshop on site at the airport to hone their skills in safety and security in accordance with federal and state aerodrome regulations. An audit was also carried out to identify any gaps in compliance with the regulations. Regulations are generally being adhered to and users of Skippers and other light airplanes at the Wiluna airport can continue to have confidence in the quality assurances in place.

LORNA GLEN DISCOVERIES.

Two boomerangs and a digging stick believed to be over 100 years old were recently found at an old abandoned Aboriginal campsite on Lorna Glen Station.

Neville Wumi found them when Central Desert Native Title Services were conducting research for the Wiluna Native Title claim on Lorna Glen Station.

Neville was one of a group of 27 men visiting men's sites for two days in the claim area. Neville found the items while exploring. All three items are now displayed in a glass case in the Art Gallery.



WILUNA NAIDOC SPORTS CARNIVAL



The Wiluna NAIDOC Sports Carnival was held on the 2nd- 4th of September. The carnival was a success with several neighbouring communities participating. The carnival consists of games such as football, softball, athletics and novelty games for kids. The softball and football games were intense with teams competing for the NAIDOC cup. The games ended with the Wiluna team in football and softball retaining the cup victoriously.

On Thursday night after the presentation, all gathered at the Marijavarriwa Rec Centre to enjoy the music played by our local band (KP, Clinton Farmer, Stuart Long, Naval Mongo, Shaun Anderson) and the Island dances performed by Norma, Kavoa and Tema. The girls danced the famous Hula which was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd. The night started out positive but unfortunately was abruptly stopped due to disputes.

Overall the Wiluna NAIDOC Carnival was a success which was the result of team work from the Wiluna NAIDOC committee which consisted of people from Windidda, Bondini, Wiluna Town and Kutkubba. We would also like to recognize the support of BHP Billiton, BHC and the AMS for their contribution which made the carnival possible.

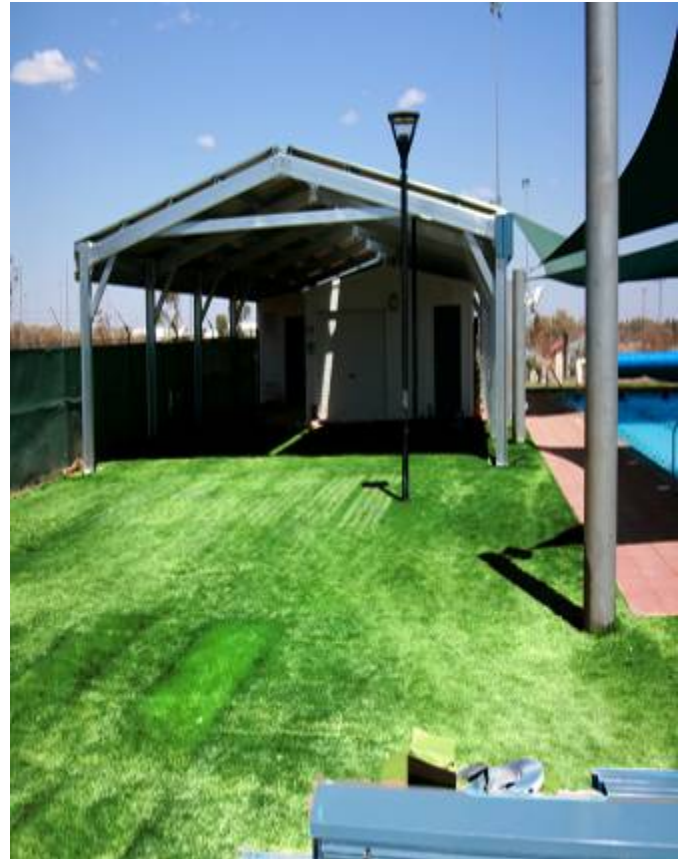
KIDS DISCO/ BAND



The Kids Disco was held at the Rec Centre on Wednesday night. There were lots of kids that turned out, dancing and doing some crazy moves. They really enjoyed themselves.



SWIMMING POOL



The swimming pool season will be delayed until the construction of the heating systems has been installed. The cold Wiluna pool as we know it will no longer exist in turn allowing a warmer pool to be enjoyed. Estimated time of opening will be after the school holiday period or sooner depending on construction. We apologise for the delay.