



SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER : WONGA

COUNCIL MATTERS

Power supply at Bondini

Horizon power is working in cooperation with Department Housing and Works to regularize the power supply arrangements at Bondini. Under the project an assessment of the internal house wiring is required to upgrade to Australian Standards. This will include replacing all faulty appliances that are hard wired to the house, installing individual pre-payment metering on all premises within the community instead of the current arrangement of bulk metering. Horizon Power's Ready Power, a pay as you go electricity system will be introduced and street lighting will be upgraded. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out by the end of the year.

Change of Staff

Tom Milo resigned his position in June and Joe Giuliano and Daniel Young have been appointed Acting Works Foreman and Leading Hand respectively.

We would like to thank Tom for his contribution to the community. Among others, he will be remembered for his efforts put into developing the local park and his keen interest in bringing go-kart racing to Wiluna which saw our local children learn valuable skills in assembling their go-karts from the ground up and developing mechanical repair knowledge.

Business Hours of Shire Admin Office

Council resolved at this month's meeting to trial a change to the Administration Office hours. The six (6) month trial will see the office hours change from 8.00am – 4.30pm to 8.30am to 4.00pm. The outcome from the change will see staff to continue to work the original hours without interruption to setting up and closing office procedures. This will improve productivity in the office.

2008 / 2009 Shire Budget

Council's 2008/09 budget complements the Wiluna Development Project (WDP) objectives to continue to build community capacity. The WDP is funded by the State government and runs for another two years.

An exciting project that many of us have been discussing and brainstorming in our homes and office is the Wiluna streetscape and Beautification Strategy. This will dovetail into the five year strategic plan that will set Council's path of projects for the next 5 years. These are two major budget items this year.

Another major area of expenditure will be building four houses to accommodate the new staff members that will be employed throughout the year.

Council continues to maintain and improve the large road network using both contractors and shire resources.



HOMEMAKER

Yvonne Ashwin resigned her position with the Council this month and this leaves a vacancy in the Homemaker Program. Due to the interest in the vacancy we have decided to open up the position on a voluntary work experience basis to allow interested people to come and see what the job entails before considering if they wish to do it full time. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Meleoni to apply.

PH: 9981 8008

Meleoni is here Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4pm



Mt Keith have advised that they are unable to complete the football season due to injuries, therefore, the competition will be concluded with Wiluna playing Jundee on Tuesday, 22 July 2008.

DOG VETS VISIT WILUNA



Pictured above: Dr. Ian Robertson, Deb Hewton, Ash Jordan, David Keegan, Em Darmody

The head of Vet Studies at Murdoch University Dr Ian Robertson returned to Wiluna with a group of final year Vet students to continue the successful dog sterilizing program. Together they worked as volunteers for 4 days, 12 hours a day, completing 12 dog sterilizations. Thanks to AMS for staff and equipment assistance, the Shire for admin and accommodation, Wiluna Police for support with the use of their back rooms once again.



Picture: Craig, Central TAFE, Richard Whittington AMS, Jo Payne, Central TAFE, Samantha Tarling, Shire, Dave Hurle, School Principal and Sgt Graeme Macey

The Building Healthy Communities program has been significantly boosted with an investment of \$575,000 from BHP Billiton Nickel West over five years and \$150,000 from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing for 2008-09.

The Building Healthy Communities program is lead by the Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service and is about improving quality of life and health outcomes for the Wiluna community. Six program areas will be supported over the next five years:

1. Sports and fitness program
2. Nutrition program
3. Music and creativity program
4. Skills, employment and training program
5. Community capacity building
6. Health promotion

The activities within each of these will be developed by a BHC Planning and Coordination Committee comprising the Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service, Wiluna Remote Area School, Wiluna Police, the Wiluna Shire Council, Central West TAFE, and BHP Billiton Nickel West. The Committee met for the first time on 27 June and is keen to work with the community to determine the best activities to deliver through the Program.

If you would like to contribute ideas or know more about the Program, please contact Zac Koroicure on 0429109961 or (08) 9981 7063.

ADVERTISEMENT OF INTENDED APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION OF THE GOLDFIELDS-NULLARBOR RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr David McQuie, Pastoralist, of Bulga Downs Station, via Sandstone, Western Australia, being duly authorised by the above named Association, intends to apply to the Commissioner for Fair Trading on or after 16 July 2008, for incorporation of the Goldfields-Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association.

The Association is formed, in the main, for the purposes of fostering the control of serious pests of agriculture and of the environment, and promoting the adoption of sound biosecurity practices throughout the Rangeland areas of the municipal districts of Wiluna, Sandstone, Leonora, Menzies, Coolgardie, Dundas, Boulder, Laverton, Ngaanyatjaraku, and some adjoining districts which the Association may from time to time agree to service for reasons of cost-efficiency

David McQuie