



SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER : WONGA

COUNCIL MATTERS



CEO, Samantha Tarling

I took up my position on Monday, 17 March and have continued at a hectic pace set by the progressive environment Wiluna finds itself apart of. I can report that the offer to purchase the

Marruwayura Office is still in progress and we expect to receive an answer in the near future on this purchase. The old primary school site has been vested in the Shire and a funding submission has been forwarded to the DLGRD for a grant to build a tourist caravan park on the site. Recommendations of successful submissions will be forwarded to the Minister by November. Watch this space.

President, Cr John Kyanga and I traveled to Leonora recently to visit with the Local Government Advisory Board. We discussed the proposal by the Commonwealth/State Government to investigate the shifting of the responsibility of core services to be delivered to Indigenous communities to local government. Shire of Wiluna's position on the matter is that many of these services are currently being provided, however, any enhancements of these will need to be adequately funded and the services and facilities will need to be brought up to Australian Standards before being passed to the Shire.



Feature photo: Mr Richard Whittington AM

Richard traveled to Perth recently to be presented his Order of Australia. He has been appointed as a member in this exclusive group of Australians.

Richard received the order for his service to the Indigenous community of Wiluna, particularly through the management of health care services and programs to improve education and infrastructure.

The community of Wiluna would like to congratulate Richard on this achievement and acknowledge him as a worthy recipient of the honour.

SCHOOL NEWS

The official School opening is April 30, 2008 with Minister McGowan attending.

The Shire Sports & Rec school holiday recreational program has been set. Please come and join Meleoni and Raymond at the Recreation Centre to participate in the many and varied programs including computers, basketball, netball and softball among others.

WORKS

Shire Depot staff recently enjoyed a two day training course held by FESA to enhance their skills in fighting fires.

FESA trainer, Max Barker praised the level of commitment and competency of our brigade members.



“JOIN THE DOTS” ART COMPETITION

The West Australian Network of Alcohol and other drug agencies contacted the Tjukurba Gallery in February requesting our artists to make paintings with the themes Family, Camps, Bush Tucker or Travel, to be used at their “Join the Dots” forum in October in Perth.

Many of the Tjukurba Artists worked hard to produce some beautiful work. Sharon Anderson’s painting was the chosen one. Her painting depicts different family groups coming together in the bush in support of one-another away from wama.



REMINDERS

ANZAC DAY – FRIDAY, 25 APRIL 2008

It is 93 years ago that our brave soldiers landed at a difficult desolate spot known as Anzac Cove. We will join together at a 5.30am dawn service to be held at the Shire Offices to remember those men and women who served and never returned.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool has closed and will re-open in September.



Tom Milo and staff have developed a Kids Go Cart incentive program in collaboration with the school. Kids build, ride and maintain machines, competing in the winter Stock Car winter Program

Pictured above is Tom Milo with kit form Go Cart.

FIRE CREW CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday Feb 27 a fire caused damage to the McMahon Burnett Depot Quarters. The fire was well controlled by the Shire Crew led by Captain Tom Milo. All machinery was well proven. Thanks to Police and Ambulance also for their prompt response and cooperation.