



SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER : WONGA

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council met for a special meeting on February 1 and 2. Through due process with the assistance of an HR Consultant and much deliberation the appointment was made for the Shire CEO position to Samantha Tarling



Welcome to Samantha who comes to us with 20 years Local Govt. experience starting at the Shire of Margaret River, to deputy at Gnowangerup and most recently as manager of Ranger Services at the Town of Bassendean.

FAREWELL to CEO Tony Kirwan



Shire President John Kyanga formally thanked Tony Kirwan and his wife Coby for their commitment to the development of the Shire of Wiluna over the past 4 years. He thanked Tony for his vision and appreciated his integrity, support and hard work. Tony is very appreciative of the cooperative way that he and Councilors have worked to improve Wiluna. Shire admin and works staff have been a big part of making things happens. THANKS EVERYONE.

WILUNA ART STANDS PROUD at NEW WILUNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL



16 panels were produced by the following Wiluna artists:- D Gilbert, A Williams, C Brookes & S Anderson, L Long & M Long, J Nanji, R Anderson, D Baumgarten, M Wongawol, E Williams, S Petterson, Y Ashwin, R Ashwin, G Brown, T Wongawol, B Anderson, Sheila Friday Jones & G Williams. All were paid for their work by the Education Department. The paintings are about the Canning Stock Route.



Pictured above at the Newmont Jude mine are State Government supporters of the Wiluna Dev. Project :- Howard Pedersen, Vanessa Elliott, Michaela Maine and Farley Garlett from Jundee. Tony Kirwan thanked all Government supporters for their input and commitment to the Wiluna Development Model.

Tjukurba ART GALLERY



Welcome to Heather Charlton

Tjukurba Gallery Manager. Heather is an artist who has worked as a teacher as well as in sales and art galleries.

Farewell to Helen Ansell who has been the Gallery Manager for the past year. Highlights were the Geraldton Art Gallery Exhibition of work, involvement with the FORM Canning Stock Route Exhibition still in progress and involvement with art work for the new school. Helen will return during the year as the TAFE teacher for another Art Certificate Course for Wiluna residents.

PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL

The Shire has used donations from the public to send 10 paintings by Tjukurba gallery artist to the Princess Margaret Hospital. The artists have been paid for their work from the donations. They now hang in the hospital to be enjoyed by patients their parents and staff. It is acknowledged practice that Art in hospitals can add to helping create a happy healing environment



Welcome: Lavenia Rakabula: Shire Receptionist

Press release from Shire Council of Wiluna : Wednesday 21 February

In the Wiluna Court of Petty sessions yesterday, the CEO of the Wiluna Shire Council was immediately relieved of the consequences of his conviction for the common assault charge preferred by former Wiluna Councilor David Betteridge. Mr Betteridge had complained to Police some 8 months after the incident at the Wiluna Rodeo in July 2006.

In granting Mr Kirwan a spent conviction together with a community release order to be of good behaviour for 6 months, the Magistrate made mention of how the prosecution did not negative the probability that the evidence of insulting and inappropriate words used by Mr Betteridge at the Shire event could well have deprived Mr Kirwan of the power of self control by his innuendo of an inappropriate relationship between Mr Kirwan and his young daughter. In proceeding to convict Mr Kirwan he found that the 15 minutes of time that elapsed after the comments made by Mr Betteridge until the assault was sufficient time to allow Mr Kirwan the opportunity to cool down and to avoid the incident.

Mr Kirwan was ordered to pay costs of \$55.50.

Nevertheless the Magistrate described the offence as being at the lower end of the scale describing it as 'minor'.

Mr Betteridge admitted being intoxicated on the day and denied any recollection of making inappropriate comments.

Shire President John Kyanga said he was delighted that Mr Kirwan was relieved of the consequences of a conviction and expressed the Council's unconditional support for their CEO who, over the last 4 years, had introduced significant changes to improve the plight of indigenous residents of the town. "I am convinced Tony Kirwan has always shown great restraint in dealing with anybody opposed to successful Council initiatives and I am proud to work with a dedicated CEO of his quality."

D. H.W. HOUSING

Yvonne Ashwin has been appointed as the official representative for any problems to do with DHW houses. This could be about repairs, breakages, rent or whatever. Her office is at the rear of the Shire