

Newsletter

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Wiluna



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Dr Toby Receives an Award

On the 26 January, 2009, our very own Dr Toby received a 'member of the Order' Award for service to medicine in rural and remote areas as a practitioner, trainer and mentor and through contributions to health services and programs in Indigenous communities.

The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way Australians recognise the achievements and service of their fellow citizens.

Nominations to the Order of Australia come directly from the community: either individuals or groups. Anyone can nominate a fellow Australian for an award.

What is amazing is Dr Toby is not the only one in his family who has received an award of

this nature. Dr Toby's Grandfather received a military award as too did his great uncle who was also the Mayor of Adelaide. Congratulations Dr Toby!



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Amalgamations

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon John Castrilli MLA announced on the 5 February 2009 that Western Australia had “too many Councils and too many Councillors” and that it was his intention to initiate local government reform in this State. He has given Councils and the Western Australian Local Government Association six months to self determine an optimal plan for voluntary mergers. If this does not occur, then he may take legislative action to effect amalgamations.

The Minister has advised that mergers would result in economies of scale and would boost council's revenue. He has been

quoted as saying “The State Government and ratepayers cannot be expected to indefinitely support the inefficiencies of local government bureaucracies”.

The Minister seeks a response from all Councils by the 31 August 2009 as to what amalgamations should occur, or if not, to present a case for existing structures to be retained.

Council discussed this matter at the March Council meeting and resolved to *advise the Minister that it does not wish to consider amalgamation with another shire or consider boundary changes, will retain the current number of councillors and will advise neighbouring councils of its position on the matter.*

Part of the requirement of the Minister's Structural Reform is for councils to talk to their neighbouring council which the Shire President and CEO are currently doing. To date, neighbouring councils have indicated they are not interested in amalgamating either.

A letter will go out to all residents asking their view of amalgamation or boundary changes. These views will be considered by council in the submission that will be forwarded to the Minister by the 31 August 2009 deadline.

Marruwayura Office

The Marruwayura Office refurbishment is completed. A lease with Nooda for the northern side of the building is being finalised. No other independent party has indicated their interest in renting space at this time.

Council has reached its capacity with office space use at the Shire

Administration Office and will use the Southern building of Marruwayura to house temporarily the Tourism Officer before going to the new Heritage and Cultural Centre after its refurbishment. The Community Development Manager Tania Wiley will also relocate to the

Marruwayura office.





Environmental Health News

Inspection of Sport and Recreation Centre



Bill Atyeo, the Shire of Wiluna Environmental Health Officer accompanied Shire staff on an inspection of the premises in preparation of matters which may or will need the attention of the Shire to ensure health and safety of the people using the facilities and also the building itself. The major issues that were identified were in relation to the movement of people from the building in an emergency situation. All defined or designated 'Exit' doors were defective in a number of ways and were in contravention of the requirements of the Building Code of Australia, and also the Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992. A list of the

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requirements will be actioned immediately to ensure the safety of users.



maintenance program for the airport is planned for the 2009/10 financial year.

Apex mine have partnered with the Shire and allowed the Shire to reconnect to their water source at the old mine manager's house to the airport. This operational improvement has resulted in greater efficiencies of Council's resources.

Works Depot News

Roads

Neds Creek Road has been realigned with windy sections being straightened out. 31kms of reconstruction work was recently completed to further enhance road safety within the Shire.

Carnegie-Wongawol Road flood damaged portions have been repaired/regraded and no longer pose a danger to motorists.



Aerodrome

Segments of the taxiway have been repaired. An ongoing upgrade and

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\$4 Black Rubbish Bag Pick-up

Council resolved at the May Council meeting to discontinue the \$4 black rubbish bag pick-up program as of Mid June.



New AMS Clinic

The Health Department of WA has written to Council offering the AMS building located in Thompson Street to the Shire when the new AMS move into their new clinic to be located at the corner of Wells and Scotia Street.

Council will consider this offer when all reports are finalised and an informed decision can be made.

Kalgoorlie Miner Features Story on Wiluna

The Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper recently did a two page feature story on the Shire of Wiluna as part of a series on Local Governments in the Northern Goldfields.

The feature has resulted in positive feedback from the Wiluna community and in the region and directly influenced a number of tourists to include Wiluna in their travels.

For more information, the story was featured in the 2 May 2009 edition



Shire Sale of Surplus Items

Under the Local Government Functions and General Regulations 30 (3) (a) the Shire of Wiluna intends to dispose of Surplus and Obsolete Equipment by highest bidder. Bidders may bid on any or all items by placing their bid against the item.

Bids close on Thursday, 4 June 2009. **The Shire reserves the right not to dispose of an item if the item does not reach the reserved price.**

Bids are to be placed in the tender box located at the Shire Office prior to 4.00pm on the closing day.

Inspection of the items for sale can be made at the Shire Depot on Thursdays and Fridays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm up to Thursday 4 June 2009.

Call 9981 8011 or MOB 0429 817 010 if you have any questions..

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Community Development Employment Program

Council has entered into a partnership with Bridging the Gap to sponsor ten Martu people to work at the Shire. Currently five people have commenced the program. The program outcomes are to have Martu people work ready and better positioned to enter into part time or full time employment.



Work Experience at the Shire

Tia Ashwin will join the Shire as a work experience student training as a receptionist. Tia will join us on Wednesday of each week. We welcome Tia onto our team.

Health News

GET YOUR FREE FLU SHOT NOW!

Free Flu Vaccinations for people 15 years and over

This is a reminder for people 15 years and older to go to NAHS to get their flu vaccinations before winter comes.

It takes a few minutes of your time.



Regional Partnership Agreement News



The RPA Coordinator spent most of this quarter promoting the RPA, further establishing useful contacts in government and industry and working with the RPA Management Committee.

At the RPA management committee meeting held 18th March, 38 people attended. The main success of this meeting was the greatly improved attendance and interest of industry and government. However, it is critical that we establish community engagement.

There has been many key activities and achievements to date.

Child Protection - An MOU was signed on the 18th March between the Department of Child Protection, Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service, the Wiluna Remote School and the Wiluna Police that lays out child protection procedures for these agencies to follow.

New Clinic - A meeting initiated by the RPA and held in Perth on the 23rd of March between NAHS and WA Country Health Services, Australian government Health and Lotterywest will see the

stalled new Clinic development progress. Another meeting is planned for the 24th April to implement following the outcome of the WA Country Health Service submission to State Treasury. The expected outcome is \$8.6m committed to this project, supplemented by additional community access and amenity funds from Lotterywest.

New TAFE Centre - Slow progress on this project has now been overcome and plans are in place to see this TAFE facility constructed for an opening in January 2010.

Housing - The Department of Housing announced that it has transferred its program planned for Ravensthorpe to Wiluna, resulting in a number of new houses to be built here (awaiting further details from DH).

Sport and Recreation - The Department of Sport and Recreation has provided a strong response to the Shires request for support for its sport and recreational program.

Bondini - The RPA has commenced background work to support the recently established Bondini residents committee to establish exactly where responsibility lies for furthering improvements to this community. The Aboriginal Lands Trust is the key agency involved and they will be asked to come to Wiluna to help develop a strategy to advance required improvements at Bondini.

Aboriginal Justice Agreement

The Department of the Attorney General is keen to restart work on a Local Justice Plan for Wiluna. The agencies involved will be police, court, corrective services, child protection, drug and alcohol office, office of crime prevention, NAHS and the Shire. The meeting to restart the work is planned for July.

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Sports and Recreation News

Training for Sports and Recreation Staff



Department Sports and Rec in Geraldton are partnering with us in organising referee and coaching courses for all codes of sport for our employees. This will be a major professional development program for all staff. This coaching will take the sport and rec program to a new level of professionalism.

Week 8 Program with Geraldton Sports and Recreation

Retired Basketball player, Ricky Grace spent time with the sports and recreation staff and ran a short clinic for basketball staff recently. This was a great opportunity to learn the skills needed to help referee the game and how staff can increase the skills of the talented Wiluna youth.



Activities over Easter Holidays

Over Easter School Holidays the sports and recreation centre extended their drop in hours, continued with their sporting program and had two disco's. The bluelight discos were a great success! The kids got involved in several games and won prizes then danced the night away. Tuesday night touch rugby and Wednesday night Kids footy development has improved with around 40 kids participating in these events. Basketball and Netball players are increasing in numbers with more adults at the games and lots of kids willing to learn to play.

The month of May was a very busy month for everyone. The football season begun for adults. The Sports and Recreation team sat their Level 1 Cert for Touch Rugby Refereeing and we also started our kids footy competition in the Goldfields.



Tourism News

The Shire Tourism Officer joined the Birriliburu Artists on a twelve day trip to Warakurna and Blackstone.

The purpose of the trip was to develop the Shire's networks and knowledge about the region to share with tourists visiting Wiluna and heading off to the Lands.

On the trip we stopped at Tjukayirla Roadhouse, Warakurna Roadhouse, Blackstone and Laverton Downs Homestead.

Each of these locations were assessed by the type and standard of accommodation provided, where fuel stops were located, what the road conditions were like and what vehicles could use the roads, the towns attractions, stores and medical services available, all from a tourist point of view.

A point to note when travelling in the Lands is that you would need an Access permit and no alcohol is permitted into the Lands.

The information gathered on the road trip feeds into the Shire's regional and collaborative approach to tourism in promoting the Northern Goldfields, Pilbara, Murchison and the Lands as an attractive and adventurous holiday.

The visitors centre in Laverton 'Great Beyond' explorers hall of fame is a tourist highlight in the region and not to be missed by

locals or visitors. Call our Tourism Officer, Debbie on 9981800 for more information on more details of the above mentioned locations and contact numbers.

Laverton Downs Homestead
dining room



Walo Country



Warakurna



Warakurna Roadhouse Backpackers

Art Gallery News

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

Printmaker extraordinaire, Basil Hall from Darwin was engaged to teach print making skills for a week at the Gallery recently. The artists created traditional designs on wood blocks, cutting parts of the designs between each colour print. In an art breakthrough, multicoloured punu prints were produced for the first time. Lino cuts were also used, producing a varied range of art works to sell in the gallery. Artists of all age groups joined in and became engrossed in their own work and interested in each others. The capacity building of the artists was evident in the enthusiasm and industry of the artists.

Visitors to the workroom throughout the week were fascinated with the process and they loved the colourful prints they saw hanging up to dry.

ARTISTS DESERT WORKSHOP

A twelve day professional development opportunity road trip for Birriliburu Artists, the Shire CEO, Art Gallery Manager and Tourism Officer was enjoyed by all in May. The main objectives for the artists was to visit other painting studios in the Martu communities of Warakurna and Blackstone and broaden our understanding of the operation of Central Desert Art Centres and for the artists to collaboratively produce one artwork to mark this special event.



The participating artists were Kitty Richards, Nyapurla Morgan, Sheila Yakka-Jones, Roxanne Anderson, Theresa Anderson and Margaret Anderson.

The first night “under the stars” at the Tjukayirla Roadhouse was followed by an enjoyable trip to Warakurna, where, met with sorry business, the artist group paid their respects.

Warakurna Artists Manager introduced Birriliburu Artists to the Warakurna Artists present and provided Heather and Samantha with a valuable opportunity for extending professional development in an exchange of Warakurna Artists’ governance and procedures.

The Birriliburu Artists participated in a collaborative work with the Warakurna Artists, telling their story of the Seven Sisters on a large canvas.

Leading Warakurna Artist Tom Mitchell escorted a bush trip for the Wiluna party through Walu Country, the subject of many of his works, describing the force of the winds which create the landscape, making clear the connection to his paintings.

This trip was a huge success on all levels and enjoyed by all.



Homemaker News

Environment Health Certificate

Meleoni has been completing a Environment Health Certificate and participated in a training session in Perth in April. She has three more training courses to do before obtaining her certificate. Well done Meleoni.



National Environmental Health Conference

Homemaker Meleonie Nariro and Community Development Manager Tania Wiley attended the National Environmental Health Conference in Kalgoorlie in May. The conference was a valuable learning experience and the networking opportunity.

Cooking classes

The cooking classes have been a great success throughout April and May. Women who have participated have asked that classes are held every Wednesday. Cooking classes now start at 12pm to 1.30pm every Wednesday on a trial basis to gauge the interest for a regular program. The classes are taught from the sports and recreation centre kitchen. Any women interested in coming, meet us down at the Centre.

Murdoch Vets visit in June

On the 15 June, for one week, Murdoch vets and students will be in Wiluna. The Homemaker will visit each home to develop a register of dogs that owners wish to have sterilized. The register will be given to NAHS who throughout the week of the vet visit, will pick up your dogs and return them home after the operation. If you have any queries, call us on 99818000.

Homemaker Office

Office opening hours

8.30am - 4.00pm

*Phoning the Bank or Department
of Housing hours*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday

11.00 - 12.00

1.00 - 3.00

Internet banking without help

8.30am - 4.00pm

Internet banking with help

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Daily

Chicken and Vegetable Stir fry



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 tablespoon of crushed garlic
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 500g boneless chicken fillets
- 1/4 cabbage
- 1 large carrot peeled
- 1/2 red capsicum
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 cups rice

Chop up vegetables into stir-fry sized pieces . Crush garlic using the back of the knife or garlic crusher. Heat oil in pan and brown garlic and onion. Chop chicken into strips. Add chicken to pan and brown. Add remaining vegetables and soy sauce. Cook until chicken is tender and vegetables cooked and firm. Serve with steamed rice.

Banana Cake

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup of sugar
- 1 cup of butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups of self raising flour
- 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate soda
- 1 cup of low fat milk
- 4 ripe bananas mashed
- 2 cooking apples peeled and grated



Beat sugar and butter until creamy. Beat in one egg at a time. Sift flour and bicarbonate into mixture and mix gently by hand, add the milk and stir until well mixed. Add bananas and apples to the cake mixture Gently stir in by hand. Grease cake tins. Place half mixture into each tin and bake for about an hour at 180 0/c. cakes can be frozen for later.

Photo's from ANZAC Memorial Service



Sports & Recreation Activity Timetable

	2.30pm – 5pm	6.00pm-7.00pm	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playstation 2 • Table Tennis • Pool tables • Music 	Coaching basics of Basketball For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids basketball Competition Adults Basketball Competition
Tuesday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playstation 2 • Table Tennis • Pool tables • Music 	Coaching basics of Touch Rugby For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids and female Touch Rugby Competition Adults mixed Touch Rugby Touch Rugby Competition
Wednesday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playstation 2 • Table Tennis • Pool tables • Music 	Coaching basics of Football. For beginners, adults and kids.	Kids scratch football games. Adults football training
Thursday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playstation 2 • Table Tennis • Pool tables • Music 	Coaching basics of Netball For beginners, adults and kids.	Mixed Netball Competition
Friday	Rec Centre Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playstation 2 • Table Tennis • Pool tables • Music 	Coaching basics of Softball For beginners, adults and kids.	Softball Competition
Saturday	Rec Centre Closed.	Rec Centre Open from 5pm Table Tennis and pool competition.	Adult's football Competition from end of April – September
Sunday	Closed	Rec Centre Closed	Rec Centre Closed

Wiluna Community Calendar

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Foundation Day Long Weekend	1	2	3 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 12pm Cooking Every Wednesday	25	26	27
28	29	30				