

OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

The Wiluna Wire



Wiluna Historic Photo



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Hello and welcome to the first monthly edition of the **Wiluna Wire**. In this edition we have submissions from a number of Wiluna agencies, mining companies and individuals. We would love to make the **Wiluna Wire** into an informative, interesting and entertaining newsletter, that includes submissions from all sections and ages of the Wiluna community. The newsletter will only be as good as the submissions we receive!

If you have any feedback, suggestions and or submissions, please come into the Wiluna Shire art gallery and have a chat. Contact can also be made by phone— 9980 6020 or email at— ect@wiluna.wa.gov.au

Regards

Dave Molloy

WIRRPANDA FOUNDATION

The Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) with service providers being Wirrpanda Foundation is funded by Prime Minister and Cabinet and designed to support school aged children to attend school every possible day, to be community specific, and include specific solutions to issues that reduce attendance rates in the Wiluna Community. Also the strategy supports local employment of Martu people within the Wiluna community.

Movie Night

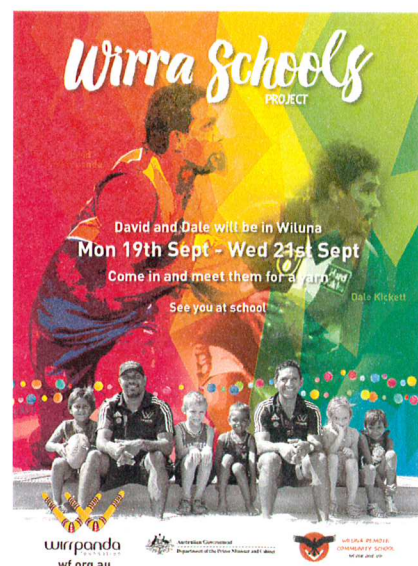
Movie Night was held on Saturday 17th September with an excellent turn out, we had about 25 plus kids and nearly 20 plus adults, with plenty of food including, Popcorn, ice-cream, sausage sizzle and a great movie. Hopefully one of many more to come.

Thank you to all the people that came and helped out!

Wirra Schools Team



The Wirra School Team visited Wiluna Remote Community School on Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st September. We had David Wirrpanda, Dale Kickett up and we ran in-school activities including a football competition with teams playing off for the Wirra Cup, as well as other activities. Also Matilda Cunningham shooting heaps of photos with the kids for up and coming promotional material such as posters including incentives to attend school regularly.





A 59 year old promise fulfilled by Royalties to Regions

In 1957 the rail line out of Wiluna was ripped up and removed. The State Government of the day promised the residents of Wiluna that it would build an all weather road along the Goldfields Highway to Meekatharra.

The Shire of Wiluna has been waiting for 59 years for the announcement that came last Saturday. Vince Catania MLA and Mia Davies MLC announced in Meekatharra that the Liberal National government would provide \$60m of Royalties to Regions funding to finally allow the Wiluna-Meekatharra portion of the Goldfields Highway to be sealed.

The project will seal the final 124 klm of the 180 klm road and will be delivered by the Shires of Wiluna and Meekatharra in partnership with Main Roads Western Australia.

Mr Redman said the collaboration between the shires of Meekatharra and Wiluna, Main Roads Western Australia and the Mid-West and Goldfields-Esperance development commissions showed the way forward for regional development.

"By working together, the parties have been able to reach an agreement on a low-cost solution that includes design standards and a partnership delivery model to enable the highway to be sealed within a short timeframe," Mr Redman said.

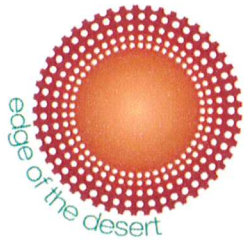
Shire of Wiluna Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Dean Taylor, said "sealing of the Highway will be a huge benefit to the communities of Wiluna and Meekatharra but it will also have a significant economic benefit to the state with a reduction in transport distance from the Goldfields to Pilbara region."

Previously heavy haulage vehicles, local residents and tourists not wishing to travel on unsealed roads have had to travel via Mt. Magnet, Sandstone and Leinster, by-passing the town of Wiluna. Once completed, there will be a reduction of almost 140km by travelling the Wiluna-Meekatharra Goldfields Highway.

Shire of Wiluna Council President Jim Quadrio, said "the town of Wiluna has waited a long time for this road – the State Government of 1957 originally promised an all weather road when the railway was removed. It will be an excellent opportunity for the Shire of Wiluna and its residents, creating employment, training and ensuring a stronger economic future for the entire region."

The benefit of such a project cannot be underestimated and the Shire of Wiluna is extremely grateful that the State Government has recognised the importance of this project to regional development.

Shire of Wiluna – 9981 8000



WILUNA BUSH FIRE BRIGADE



Being a part of the Local Government Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is a very rewarding experience. All members are

Volunteers and are prepared to drop everything at a moments notice to go and protect the community, for no reward.

We are professional in everything we do and we strive for excellence! We are well trained and have a strong focus on Safety. Because of our community philosophy, we are there before, during and after all types of emergencies working with our community through the good times and bad.

Fire fighting is more than a hobby, it's a way of life and the fact that you will be a volunteer means that you will have new friends around the world, something that is indeed unique to emergency services. Being a volunteer has been both challenging and rewarding for many years but the friends made, skills learnt and experiences make joining a Bush Fire Brigade well worth it.



The first general meeting for this years bush fire season will be **Sunday the 16th of October at 10am**

If you are interested in joining please come to the Bush Fire Shed on Corner of Wall Street and Lennon where you can meet your fellow vollies and register to become a member. Every vollie must undertake an Introduction to Bush Fire Fighting course delivered by DFES. This course will provide you with the basic knowledge such as safety, fire behaviour, suppression, communications, driving and use of equipment found on the truck.

After completing your initial training and have gained practical experience on the ground you may apply to undertake further training such as Crew Leader, Sector Commander, Ground Controller, Certificate of Fire Management, Certificate of Fire Prevention, Trainer/ Assessor, First Aid and many many more.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact the below people:

Wade Bloffwitch
Wiluna BFB Captain
0448 978 128

Arron Livingstone
Ranger & Emergency Services
0497 743 313

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday the 16th of October.

*As Volunteer Firefighters we do **WHAT** we can, **WHEN** we can, **WHERE** we can, to the **VERY BEST** of our Ability*



GIRLS NIGHT

- WHEN:** Thursday 13th October & every Thursday after that (after the school holidays)
- WHAT:** Make up, hair and nails, clothes, cooking, information sharing and FUN
- WHERE:** CHILD PROTECTION OFFICE
- 5 – 7PM



MWG License Open Days



The next lot of Wiluna Open Days will be held in 2 stages.

On **8th & 9th November** the Sheriff will be here from Geraldton for people to deal with fines. We will also have arrangements for anyone who wants to get a birth certificate or register a birth with the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages.

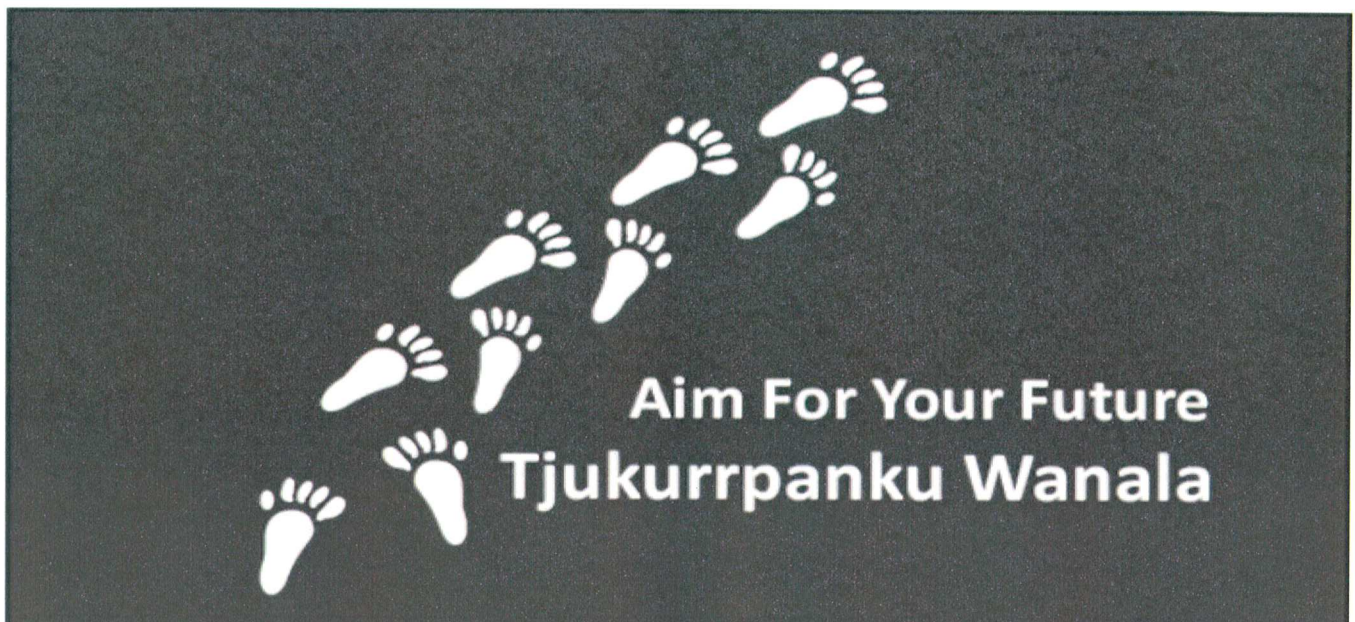
On **22 & 23 November** staff from the Department of Transport and Centrelink will be here for any business you want to deal with.

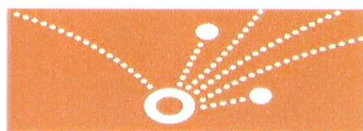
If you are a GETS client they can help with the costs of any items.

The events will be held in the old TAFE building which is soon to be part of the Wiluna School (from 1 November)

Some good news for Wiluna. The WA Attorney General's Department has agreed to officially include Wiluna in its program for 2017.

They said because Wiluna has been so proactive in holding these events that they will commit staff to attend in person in the **weeks of 2nd April and 26th June.**





Ngangganawili
Aboriginal Health Service

Visiting Specialist – October 2016

DOCTOR

Alan McLean	8th – 21 st November 2016
Toby	27 th September – 10 th October 2016
Locum	11 th October – 24 th October 2016
Student Doctor	28 th September – 26 th October 2016

DENTIST

4th – 7th October 2016

LION OUTBACK VISION

24th – 28th October 2016

PODIATRIST

10th October 2016

DIETICIAN

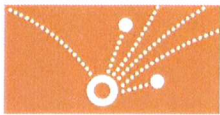
24th September 2016

CARDIOLOGY TEAM

27^h September 2016

GYNECOLOGIST

26th – 28th October 2016



Ngangganawili
Aboriginal Health Service

Snake Bite First Aid

With the summer months almost upon us, it is timely to remind ourselves how to provide first aid for snake bites.

Australian snakes are highly venomous and appropriate first aid management is key to ensuring victims survive.

All snakes bites should be treated as a medical emergency and you should call 000 (In Wiluna you can also call NAHS on 9981 8600) for emergency ambulance assistance.

Signs and Symptoms of a Snake Bite:

- Puncture wounds or scratches at the bite site
- Swelling and redness at the wound
- Pain at the bite site
- Difficulty breathing
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea
- Blurred vision, feeling faint, drowsiness
- Sweating and salivating
- Numbness in face or limbs
- Pain in the throat, chest or abdomen
- Headache

Management

1. Apply a broad pressure bandage from the bottom of the limb and bandage upwards. Do not remove clothing. Keep the victim still
2. The bandage should be as tight as you would apply to a sprained ankle. The victim should avoid all unnecessary movements
3. Extend the bandage as high as possible up the limb
4. Apply a splint to the limb, immobilizing the whole limb

If bitten on a hand or arm, follow the same procedure and place in a sling.

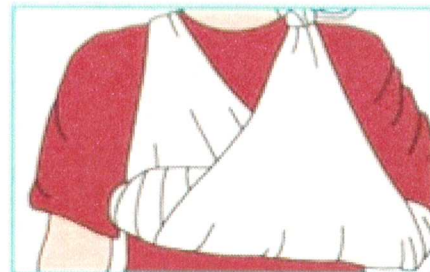
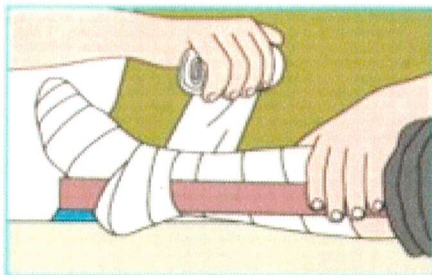
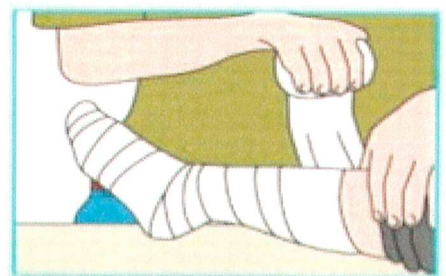
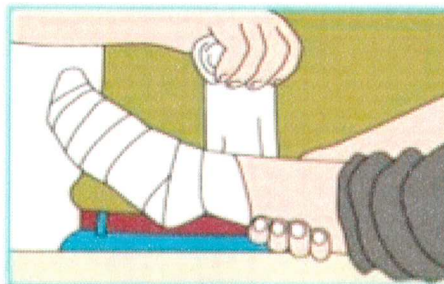
WARNING

DO NOT wash venom off the skin

DO NOT cut the bitten area

DO NOT try to suck venom out of the wound

DO NOT use a tourniquet



Follow NAHS Paramedics to find out more information about first aid, upcoming courses and much more....

...facebook.com/NAHSParamedics

Wiluna Police News

Wiluna Police are participating in a national drive to Dob In A Dealer. If any Wiluna residents wish to pass information on about drug dealing in the town, they can contact Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous. We need *your* help !!

A black and white poster for Crime Stoppers. The main text 'DOB IN A DEALER' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, a close-up image shows a hand being handcuffed. To the right, text reads: 'Call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000', 'report online @ www.crimestoppers.com.au', 'All information is anonymous.', and 'If you know something, say something.' At the bottom, there is the Australian Government crest and the text 'An Australian Government Initiative', and a Crime Stoppers logo with the number '1800 333 000'.

Do you like our new Police Cars?

We have 2 new Toyota Landcruisers already in town and should have another one soon, completely replacing all our old cars.

If you want a look around one of the new cars, feel free to ask any of the officers who are around town on patrols in the cars.



We have our own Twitter page where we share information, pictures and the occasional laugh... Follow us @WilunaPol



toro energy

AUSTRALIA'S URANIUM



(L-R Alan Ashwin, Vanessa Guthrie (Managing Director - Toro Energy), Dallas Harris, Vera Anderson, Kelman Patch, Victor Ashwin)

NATIVE TITLE AGREEMENT

The Wiluna People have signed a native title agreement with Toro Energy providing their consent to the Wiluna Uranium Mine.

This followed more than seven years of relationship building between the Wiluna People and the company.

Toro's Managing Director, Dr Vanessa Guthrie, expressed the company's deep appreciation for the constructive approach taken by the Wiluna People to the development of their relationship with Toro.

Speaking for Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation, the native title holding body formed by the Wiluna People, its Chairman, Kelman Patch, said the agreement provided opportunities for the Wiluna People in business development and employment as well as protection of their cultural heritage.

'Our people have been able to negotiate a strong agreement to protect their interests and to pursue benefits and opportunities from the project,' Kelman said.

The primary objectives of the agreement are to:

- Maintain and further develop mutually beneficial long-term relationships between the Wiluna People and Toro

- Ensure impacts of Toro's activities on the native title rights and interests of the Wiluna People and on Wiluna Country and the environment are minimized

- Ensure the Wiluna People are kept informed of and consulted about Toro's activities, particularly in relation to cultural heritage and environmental impacts

- Provide compensation for impacts on the Wiluna Peoples' native title rights and interests and on Wiluna Country

The agreement recognizes opportunities for a range of business and employment initiatives. Toro has already provided funding to build the capacity of the Wiluna People to undertake environmental and radiation monitoring. Under the agreement this can be extended into other areas of environmental work such as groundwater monitoring, mine closure and rehabilitation.

Shire News

Veranda Blown Away



A large portion of the recreation centre veranda was blown off on Sunday 18th September. The force of the willy-willy was so strong, that sections of the veranda landed in the mulga trees on the oval reserve.

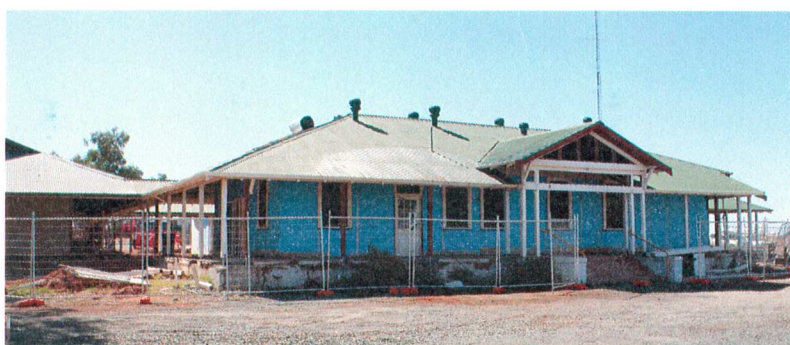
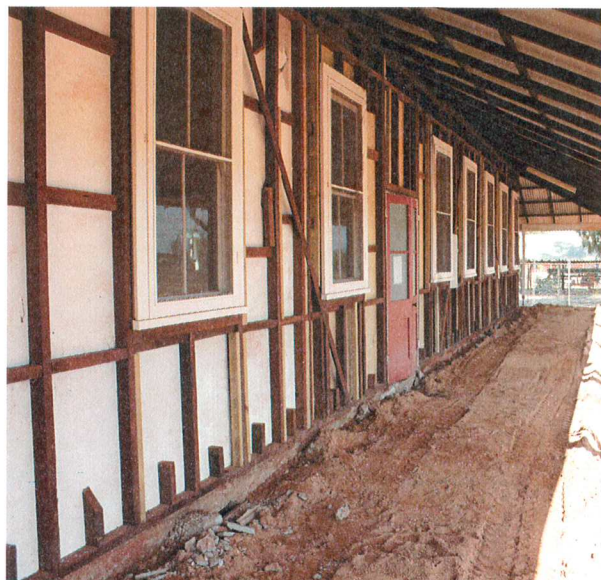


The Tjukurba Art Gallery has temporarily moved into the old Matron's House behind the Shire office. The house also operates as the Visitor's Centre, locals and visitors are most welcome to come in, browse the art work, books, merchandise and enquire about Wiluna facilities and attractions. This year Tjukurba will be exhibiting at Mt. Keith from 12th-14th Dec. A good opportunity for all artists to make some Christmas money, so get your art works to the gallery asap.

Shire News - *the old girl is getting a facelift !*

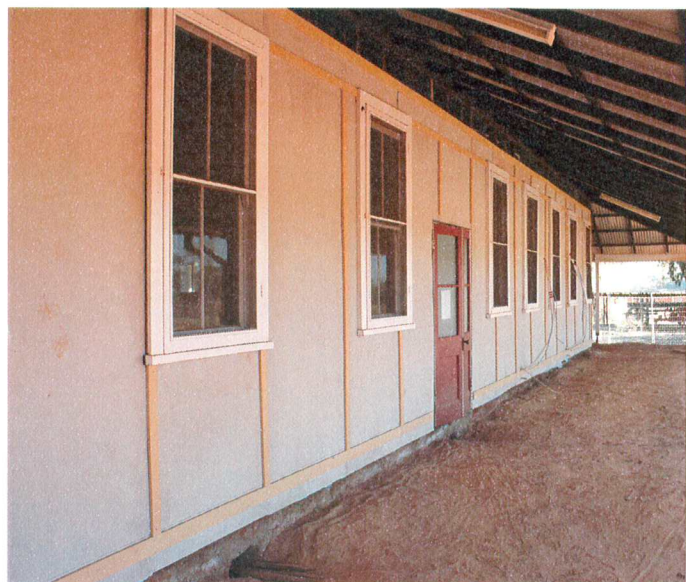


Removal of asbestos and re-cladding of walls at the old hospital building. After completion the buildings will become a centrepiece of an arts and culture precinct.



Builders are Mini-Projects WA, site managers is Colin Lockheart and lead builders is Garry Julius, they and their team of builders are doing an outstanding job!

Funding has been gladly received from the Department of Regional Development, under the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF). This development will have various aspects of interpretation which will celebrate Martu culture, Canning Stock Route, Gunbarrel Highway, history of Wiluna township (including hospital's history), Mining and Pastoral history. As well, Tjukurba Art gallery will return to a rebuilt, modernised facility.



Shire News

From the Works Department

The Wiluna Shire works crew are currently undertaking practical and theoretical training with Durack Institute of Technology (Tafe), to enhance their skills in operating construction machinery (Photos to be included in the November edition).

Wiluna Airport - major lighting upgrade has been completed, utilising Regional Airport Development Scheme (RADS) funding. Tender documents are currently being prepared for the resurfacing of the runway.

Roadworks - Road maintenance grading is currently being undertaken on Mt. Fisher - Wonganoo Rd and Barwidgee Rd. Pavement reconstruction/re-sheeting on various sections of the Wongawol Rd will commence in December.

Town - nineteen car bodies have been taken to the tip. A Bulk Rubbish Collection will commence before Christmas (look out in the next edition for the start date).



L-R Leo Kevalaitis (Tafe) and Jone Kafoa



Wiluna tip car bodies



SHIRE OF WILUNA—RANGER SERVICES

Please welcome Arron Livingstone to the Shire, he is now the permanent residential Ranger who can be contacted to discuss any dog issues, such as too many, rehoming, fleas and ticks, registration and sterilisation. A Rangers role is to ensure the enjoyment of the day to day lives for all citizens within the Shire of Wiluna.

Murdoch University under the guidance of Professor Ian Robertson will be travelling to the Shire of Wiluna to perform pet checks, vaccinations, micro chipping and sterilisation for registered** dogs in the Shire.



14th and 15th November

**Recreation Centre
Scotia Street, Wiluna**

**Sterilisation and Pet Checks
FREE***



**Limited Slots Available!
All bookings must be made by
28th October, 2016.**

Blackham Resources Ltd. Matilda Gold Project to Commence Production in September 2016

Project Overview

After three years on care & maintenance the former Wiluna Gold Mine, now renamed Matilda Gold Mines, is about to enter another exciting phase of its rich history under the ownership of Blackham Resources Ltd.

Over the last 12 months over \$40M capital has been spent to refurbish the processing plant, accommodation village, other key infrastructure and exploration activities. Operational contracts have been awarded to MACA for open-pit mining, Pybar for underground mining and Catercare to feed and accommodate up to 280 village residents.

Gold production is scheduled to commence in late September '16 with target production of 100,000 ounces in the first 12 months with exploration studies underway to expand production up to and beyond 175,000 ounces per annum in subsequent years.

The project's highly prospective tenements cover a 780km² landholding with a 5.1-million-ounce resource base from a large gold system with expectations to further grow the resource base from an active exploration program. Initial production will come from oxides and high grade free milling reefs then progress to the high grade sulphide ores. Based on current resources the project has an estimated eight-year life.

Underground Drilling



Exploration Drilling



Open Pit Mining



**Ore Haulage to the
Crusher**



Wiluna Photographer's Page



Photographer - Michelle Casey.
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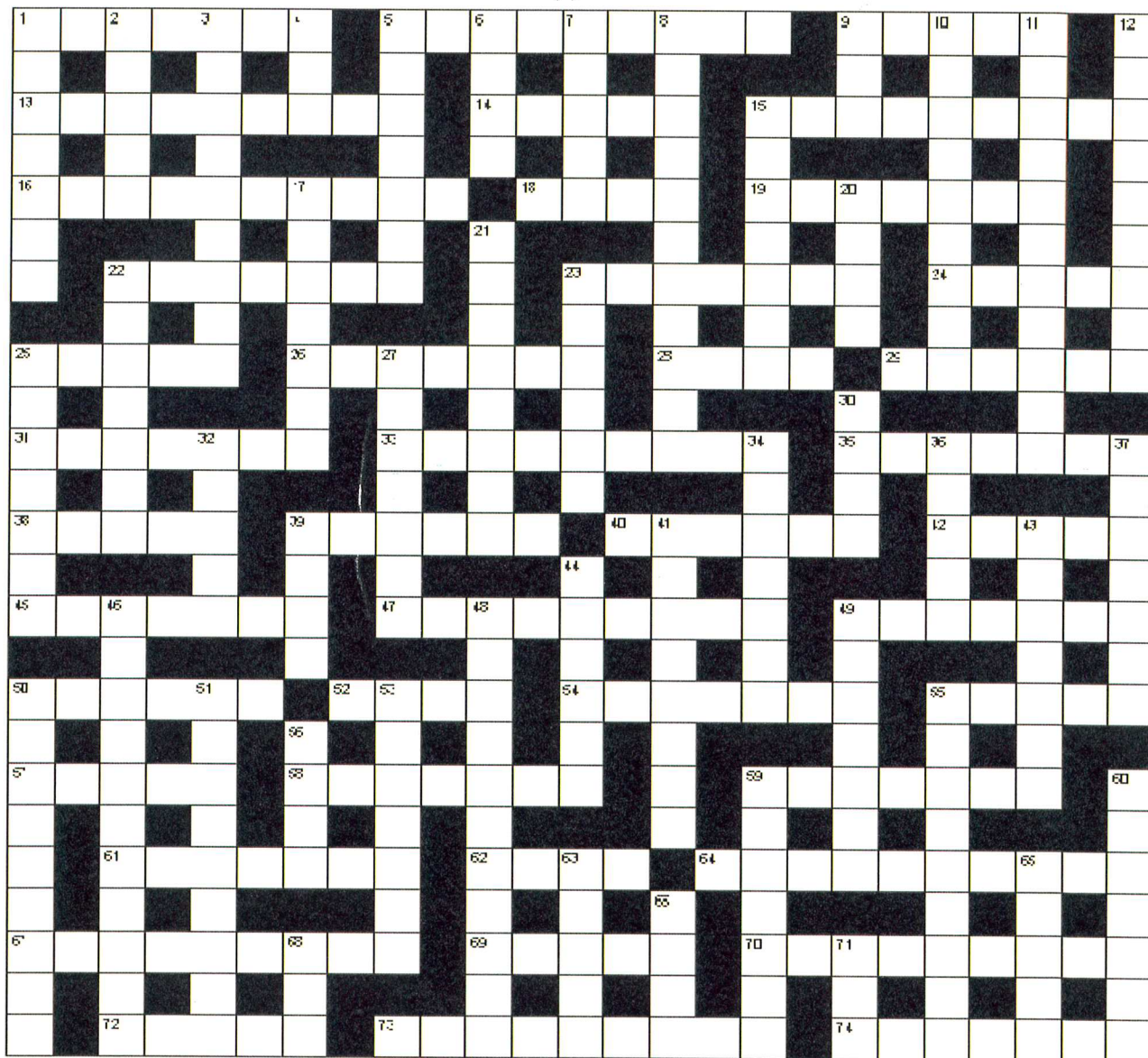
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| 5. Blandished (9) | 29. Lets in (6) | 57. Freight (5) |
| 9. Titled peer (5) | 31. Nipped (7) | 58. Reproduction (7) |
| 13. Remember (9) | 33. Wrong (9) | 59. Patron (7) |
| 14. Units of time (5) | 35. Lower limit (7) | 61. Irritated (7) |
| 15. Escapade (9) | 38. Skilful (5) | 62. Tight (4) |
| 16. The study of insects (10) | 39. Up-to-date (6) | 64. Cut (10) |
| 18. Ship's steering device (4) | 40. Fraudulence (6) | 67. Held sacred (9) |
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| 22. Entourage (7) | 45. Not paid on time (7) | 70. Pragmatic (9) |
| 23. Lands surrounded by water (7) | 47. Inventions (9) | 72. Dig (5) |
| 24. Piece of furniture (5) | 49. Memory loss (7) | 73. Accumulated (9) |
| 25. Rescued (5) | 50. Physically strong (6) | 74. Superimposed (7) |
| 26. Mythical beast (7) | 52. Grain store (4) | |
| | 54. Candidate (7) | |



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| 2. Implied (5) | 21. Bills (8) | 46. Abashed (11) |
| 3. Without bounds (9) | 22. Income (7) | 48. Conceited (11) |
| 4. The night before (3) | 23. Disregard (6) | 49. Wondrous (7) |
| 5. Weariness (7) | 25. Female singing voice (7) | 50. Advocate (9) |
| 6. Dull pain (4) | 27. Insanely irresponsible (7) | 51. Villain (9) |
| 7. Cease-fire (5) | 30. Leave out (4) | 53. Hindered (7) |
| 8. Similarity in appearance (11) | 32. Detested (5) | 55. Immediately (9) |
| 9. Month, in short (3) | 34. Perfidy (7) | 56. Quarry (4) |
| 10. Gained (9) | 36. Synthetic fabric (5) | 59. Exchanged (7) |
| 11. Equipose (11) | 37. Type of horse (7) | 60. Ignited (7) |
| 12. Adolescents (9) | 39. Security interest (4) | 63. Male relative (5) |
| 15. Dialects (7) | 41. Tremendous (8) | 65. Become liable to (5) |
| 17. Lackadaisical (7) | 43. Teller (7) | 66. Dexterous (4) |
| | | 68. Indicating maiden name (3) |
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Suggestions and Submissions

As this is the first edition, we would love to have **your** input into this newsletter to make future editions informative, entertaining and representative of the Wiluna community. I have listed some ideas that we could include???

- Station news
- Birthdays
- Notices
- Buy, Trade & Swap
- Shop specials, new products
- Jokes
- Martu Rangers
- Photos of local animals, nature, events.
- Jobs
- Martu language
- ? (your suggestions)
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If you have photos, advertisements, articles, submissions, feedback, please email to - ect@wiluna.wa.gov.au
or in person to Dave Molloy, at the Wiluna Shire art gallery/visitors centre.

Deadline for the November edition - Friday 28th October

A **big** thank you to all the people and agencies that have contributed to this edition! Please keep the submissions coming in!

Note— If you are submitting photos of people, please obtain their permission (or their parents, if under 18) for it to be published in the newsletter **before** sending it in.

