

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

The Wiluna Wire



Wiluna circa 1930 or 2017?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Hello and welcome to the February edition of the **Wiluna Wire**. In this edition we have submissions from a number of Wiluna agencies 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 and have a chat. Contact can also made by phone— 9981 8000 or email reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au

Wiluna Weather Almanac

January Minimum Temperature

Lowest This Month

18.0°C

18th

Lowest On Record

3.5°C

5th 2013

Average This Month

24.3°C

+0.8°C

Long-term Average

23.5°C

January Maximum Temperature

Highest This Month

42.0°C

5th

Highest On Record

48.0°C

8th 2013

Average This Month

37.1°C

-1.3°C

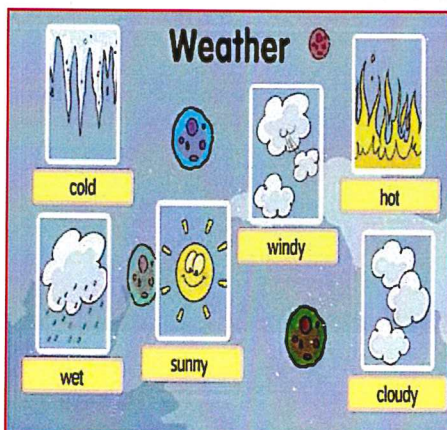
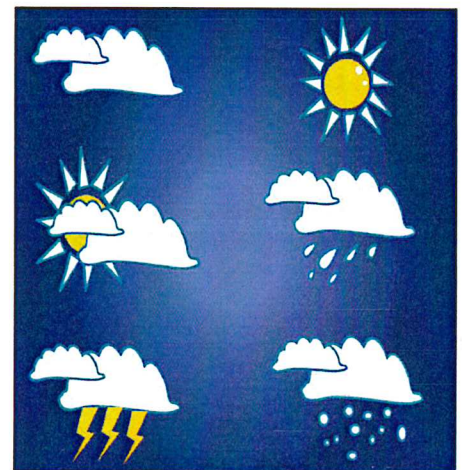
Long-term Average

38.4°C

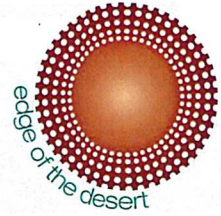
January Rainfall

Wettest This Month

8.6mm



10th
Total This Month
44.1mm
Day(s)
Long-term Average
35.8mm
4.3 Day(s)
Wettest On Record
203.9mm
2014
Driest On Record
0.0mm
1904



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Electors of the

Shire of Wiluna will be held at

7pm on Tuesday 21 February 2017

in the Recreation Centre, Scotia Street, Wiluna

The order of business will be as follows:

1. Receiving of the President's Report for the year ended 30 June 2016
2. Receiving of the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2016
3. Receiving of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016
4. Presentation of the Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2016
5. Dealing with such general business as the President thinks fit. Electors are asked to provide written notice of questions by 14 February 2017.

Note: A copy of the Annual Report is available for inspection at the Shire of Wiluna, Scotia Street during normal business hours (8.30am – 4.00pm) and on the Shire website www.wiluna.wa.gov.au .

**COLIN BASTOW
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

SETBACK FOR TWO STOCK ROUTE MEN

Two men who plan to walk the 1,100-mile Canning stock route returned to Hall's Creek yesterday before reaching their starting point.

They had covered only 30 miles when they found that their aluminium handcarts were too heavy to pull.

They unloaded some of their equipment in Hall's Creek and left for the stock route again yesterday afternoon.

They left behind some of their food and provisions, but took heavy photographic equipment. They hope to make a film of their attempt.

The two men are Murray Rankin (28) and John Foulsham (29).

DUMP

The Perth explorer and anthropologist Mark de Graaf said yesterday that he would leave a dump of about 200lb of food for them near Lake Disappointment in August.

The proposed site is about halfway down the stock route.

Mr Rankin telephoned Mr de Graaf yesterday from Hall's Creek and asked him to help.

Mr Rankin estimates that it will take three months to reach Lake Disappointment.

Mr de Graaf said that a Darwin expedition and surveying parties in the area would be asked to help, but he did not think they would be reliable. The surveyors were too far away and the Darwin expedition might not get far along the route.

Mr Rankin and Mr Foulsham left Hall's Creek last Friday intending to walk to Billiluna station, about 140 miles to the south. They then intended joining the stock route.

The attempt had to be abandoned after they walked along a made road for about 30 miles.

Sand dunes test two walkers

Sand dunes up to 120ft high are seriously testing the fitness of the two Canning stock route walkers, Murray Rankin and John Foulsham.

The men are about 120 miles from Billiluna station. They have 470 dunes to cross to get through the area.

A friend of the men, Miss Maureen Muggelidge, said yesterday: "Once they are through this, they have made it."

She said that the men had a full load of supplies when they left Billiluna. They had originally thought that they would have to leave some equipment at the station.

This would reduce their reliance on outside help.

One of the main problems for the men's friends and relatives is lack of communication with them. However, the men hope to overcome this by leaving messages at wells along the route.

CANNING WALKERS PRESSING AHEAD

Canning stock route walkers Murray Rankin (28) and John Foulsham (29) have dumped their carts and are continuing with backpacks.

They revealed this today in a telegram from Billiluna Station, near the northern end of the route.

The men dumped their carts at Well 46—the beginning of a series of 300 sand dunes, which run at right angles to the route. Some are 150 feet high.

In the telegram from Billiluna, the manager of the station said he did not expect to see the men until August.

The Perth co-ordinator of the trek, Mr Mark de Graaf, said the men were probably going on to Well 40 to complete a film of the project.

"But the project is still an abortive one," he said.

"It won't be so hard over the sand dunes without the carts, and they can carry enough food on their backs for about four weeks."

"The attraction with Well 40, which is 100 miles from Well 46, is the grave of Michael Tobin, a bore contractor for Canning."

"He was speared by natives in 1907 and a big marble tombstone was carted about 700 miles by dray from Wiluna."

After reaching Well 40 they will have to walk 395 miles back to Hall's Creek, picking up their carts on the way.

CANNING WALKERS IN DUNES

Two men walking the Canning Stock Route have begun traversing the first of about 300 to 400 sand dunes barring their way south.

Murray Rankin (28) and John Foulsham (29) are reported well south of Billiluna station and into some of the most hazardous country they must cross.

The sand dunes, which can be anything up to 100ft high cover about 400 miles.

The men are now heading for a point designated simply 'Well 45'.

They have at least 300 miles to go to Wiluna, the southern finishing point of their trek. They hope to reach there on October 1.

Snag for walkers

Two men attempting to walk the 1,100-mile Canning Stock Route reached Ruby Plains, about 30 miles south of Hall's Creek, last night.

Murray Rankin (28) and John Foulsham (29) set out from Hall's Creek on Friday.

In a telephone call last night to Mr Mark de Graaf, who led an expedition in the area last year, Mr Rankin said that their carts were too heavy for the proposed trip.

He said that they were probably carrying 150lb. too much food.

Mr de Graaf said that unless food could be placed in advance depots for the walkers, they would probably find it difficult to complete the walk.

TROLLEYS BEAT WALKERS

Trolley trouble thwarted the efforts of Murray Rankin and John Foulsham to walk the Canning stock route.

John Foulsham, a 29-year-old English-born solicitor, said in Perth yesterday that a combination of steep sandhills two days after leaving Godfrey's Tank and the weight of the trolleys used to carry their equipment eventually beat the pair.

They decided to turn back after an indifferent track had petered out to long sandhills, up which they had to manhandle one trolley at a time, sometimes with ropes.

The sandhills had not been too high, but loose sand in which their feet could not grip and the slowness of roping trolleys up long, 30ft-high inclines had stopped them.

They dumped their trolleys, packed a cine camera and about 70lb of provisions in two packs

and walked out from Well 46 to Lake Tobin.

Mr Rankin (29) is a New Zealander.

Mr Foulsham said that he and Mr Rankin started their walk from Old Halls Creek, a ghost town.

They followed the track to Ruby Plains station in relatively cool weather.

Billiluna station was their last inhabited call before pushing out into spinifex and sand country, spotted with desert oaks and populated by zebra finches, a few kangaroos and scrub turkey.

The pair lived off dried fruit and damper made with plenty of powdered milk, Mr Foulsham said. They also took vitamin C tablets. There was no water problem.

At Godfrey's Tank they rested for four days—"We tried to make it a five-day working week

in most cases," Mr Foulsham said—and replenished their water from a big rock hole once used for watering cattle making the stock route trek.

After getting to Lake Tobin the walkers made their way back to Billiluna, living out of their packs.

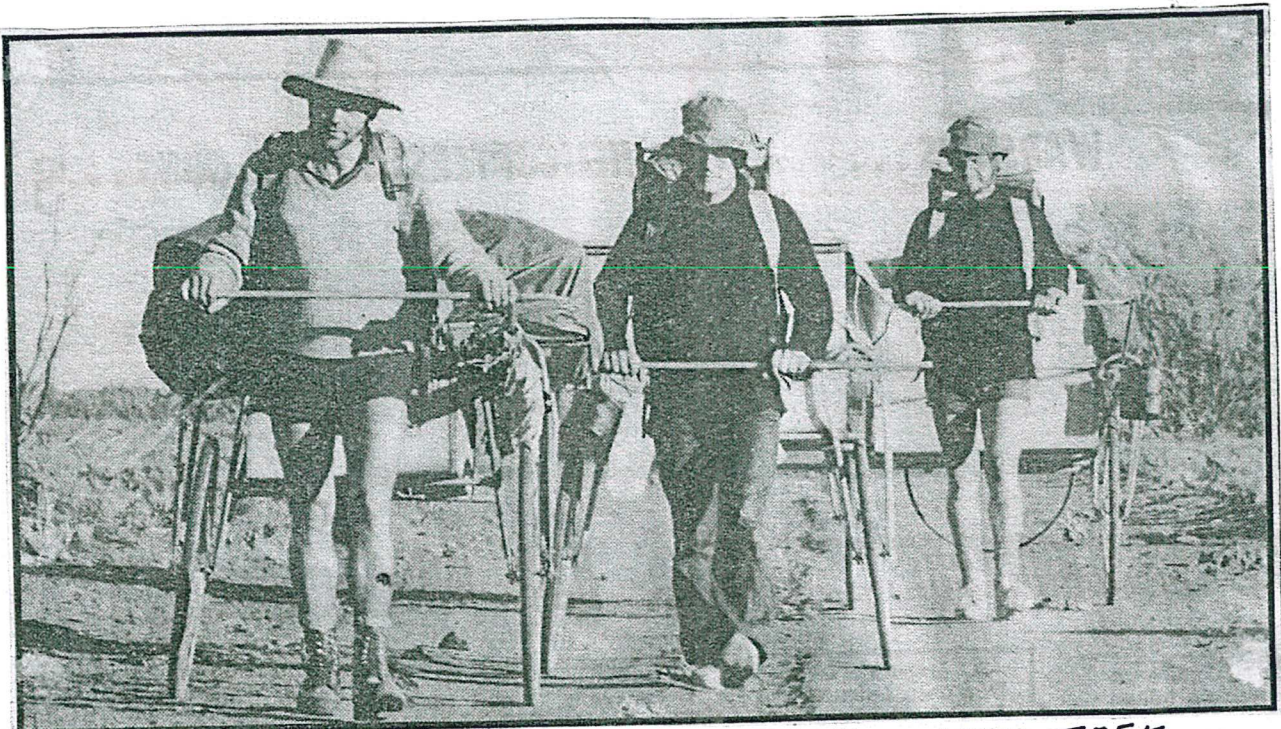
Mr Foulsham said that one of their pastimes at night in the open desert was watching satellites track across the heavens.

Will they do it again?

"I won't, I'm afraid, as I'll be working," Mr Foulsham said. "But I think Murray will have another go next year."

One of the key solutions will be establishing a chain of food drops, doing away with the need for trolleys.

This could pose another problem, as the pair had been trying to make the Canning stock route walk without outside help. Mr Foulsham said—John Perry.



◆ Murray Rankin (left), Peter Waterfall and John Waterfall on the first journey.

PHOTO - 1972 TREK

NEW-LOOK BID TO BEAT DESERT

Outback walker Murray Rankin (28), who failed last year to walk the Canning stock route with two other men, will try it again.

This time he will use stronger trolleys for provisions.

Mr Rankin and another man will make another attempt on the stock route pulling trolleys 1100 miles from Halls Creek to Wiluna.

They will leave Halls Creek on June 1 and take about four months on the journey.

"I have been planning this trip ever since the failure of the first," said New Zealander Mr Rankin.

"The main reason we abandoned the last attempt was because the trolley carts broke up on the rough ground."

Sturdier all-aluminium trolleys with motor-cycle wheels, instead of bicycle wheels, are being made for the trek.

Construction of the \$250 trolleys is being

sponsored by a WA company. They should be ready for trial next weekend.

Mr Rankin said he and his partner had been running about three miles a day for the past three weeks to get fit for the attempt.

"Because of business reasons I cannot name the man who will be travelling with me, but he has made final plans for the trip," said Mr Rankin.

The team will follow the road from Halls Creek for about 100 miles to Billiluna and then travel the stock route for the rest of the way.

They will each take 250lb of food—whole meal flour, dried fruits, wheat germ, sugar and powdered milk—and 6-gal containers for water.

ATTEMPT ON STOCK ROUTE

Two young men plan to set off next week to walk the 1,000-mile Canning stock route across the Great Sandy Desert from Hall's Creek to Wiluna.

One of the men is a New Zealander, Murray Rankin (28), who was one of three men who were forced to abandon an attempt to walk the route last year.

Mr Rankin will make the attempt with Mr John Foulsham, an Englishman who has been in Australia for several years.

Mr Richard Kunter, of Floreat Park, who is a friend of the men, said yesterday that they left Perth by car in the weekend for Hall's Creek.

Each man would pull a cart and carry a backpack. The carts would have balloon tyres on bicycle rims to avoid bogging in the thin sand. They would also have stronger axles than the

carts used in the previous attempt.

The carts could carry 250lb. of food and eight gallons of water each.

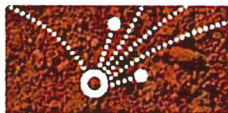
The two men would record their walk on movie film and in still photographs, Mr Kunter said.

He expected that they would stick rigidly to a plan not to walk on after half their water supply was gone.

If this happened, the men would return to their previous camp and start off again.

Mr Kunter said that both men were fit and intelligent and had no intention of committing suicide during the walk, which was expected to take four months.

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NAHS Visiting Specialist **February 2017**

1 DOCTOR

- Toby 17th January – 31st January 2017
- Alan 28th February- 13th March 2017
- Rachel 31st January – 13th February 2017
- Toby 14th – 27th February 2017
- Medical Student 27th February – 24th March 2017

2 *PODIATRIST & DIETICIAN*

13th February 2017

3 *AUSTRALIAN HEARING*

14th February 2017

4 *CARDIOLOGY TEAM*

16th February 2017

5 *RFDS DENTIST*

20th – 24th February 2017
27th February – 3rd March 2017

State Govt Grinch after Christmas for communities

From Councillor Lynne Craigie, President WALGA

Councils and their communities will once again bear the brunt of attempts to redress spiralling State debt, this time through cuts to vehicle registration concessions.

The impact will vary between Councils, but it is estimated next year it will cost the sector millions more to register the vehicles used in servicing the community.

Likely a public servant somewhere is being congratulated for the savings, but it will be the community that will ultimately wear those costs.

To redress this cost shift imposed by the State, Councils will either have to reduce what they provide for the community or increase their income from rates.

Ironically, when Council rates increases are announced each year, the State Government invariably tried to endear itself to the community by join in in the chorus of condemnation. And yet the State themselves are unable to maintain inflation-only rises to utility rates.

In a further twist, the Department of Transport in advising Councils of the change claims the extra revenue will be spent on road and infrastructure projects.

The contradiction however, is that about 80 per cent of WA roads and associated maintenance falls to Councils, to which the State Government has reduced the proportionate funding share.

The State Government's retreat from supporting licensing charges is the latest in a string of measures to shift costs to Councils rather than make any actual decisions on real savings.

For example late last year the Department of Local Government and Communities decided to walk away from supporting families in need and cut \$1.4m to support community family centres.

Before the State Treasury decided to move to a "cost recovery model" which hiked up the rates Councils had to pay, predominately to provide community infrastructure.

Some of the State's cost shifting initiatives have a bigger financial impact on Local Government than others, but they all add up.

At a time when the economy has stalled and unemployment in WA is at its highest since 2002 and the worst in the nation, the community has less ability to absorb additional charges.

The impact of the latest cost shift—the need for Councils to pay the State more to license vehicles—won't be implemented until the new financial year, well after the State election in March.

That is the community won't feel the financial impact of the decision until well after it has decided who should form Government.

Everyone accepts that the State is in a dire financial situation and that cost shifting by State Government to Councils is nothing new.

But it would be refreshing to have a State Government that had an economic recovery plan that actually redressed overspending in agencies and made genuine decisions on savings.

Rather than simply trying to make the State Government seem increasingly efficient by clumsily shifting costs to Councils and ultimately to their communities.

Approval for Yeelirrie uranium project

Monday, 16 January 2017

Cameco's Yeelirrie uranium project approval subject to 17 strict conditions

Western Australia's four uranium projects have the potential to create 1,500 jobs and a \$1 billion-per year export industry

The Liberal National Government has granted environmental approval for Cameco's Yeelirrie uranium project, subject to 17 strict conditions.

The decision follows a rigorous environmental assessment process, significant public consultation and agreement between Environment Minister Albert Jacob and the Ministers for Water, Mines and Petroleum, Aboriginal Affairs and State Development.

Premier Colin Barnett said Western Australia had very significant uranium reserves and the Yeelirrie deposit was particularly large by world standards.

"Australia has been producing and exporting uranium for peaceful purposes for more than 30 years and it is high time that Western Australia with our significant reserves, became part of that industry," Mr Barnett said.

"Australia's international treaties guarantee that uranium can only be used for peaceful purposes. We should also remember that nuclear medicine is also an important part of our health care system."

State Development Minister Bill Marmion said uranium was an important industry for Western Australia.

"Clearly, this project has the potential to deliver significant economic benefits to the State should it proceed," Mr Marmion said.

"The Liberal National Government supports a well-regulated uranium industry for the jobs and economic growth potential it provides and for the clean energy production it supports."

In its report on the project, located in the northern Goldfields, the Environmental Protection Authority advised the proposal was acceptable for eight of nine key environmental factors, including protecting human health. However, it recommended against approval because there was potential for the loss of species of stygofauna and troglafauna in the project area.

Stygofauna and troglafauna are small creatures, predominantly crustaceans, that live permanently underground in water and in soils.

Mr Jacob said in deciding to grant approval, the Government had considered broader economic and social matters, as well as environmental factors. Conditions have been applied to the proposal requiring Cameco to undertake further surveys and research to improve knowledge of underground fauna and measures to minimise impacts on these species.

"Further surveys may identify that the species currently only found within the project area are more widespread. I have therefore mandated as part of this approval further survey work and investment in research," he said.

Mr Jacob said he had also taken on board input from public appeals against the project and advice from the departments of Water and Parks and Wildlife, and would tighten conditions on flora and vegetation, offsets and the public availability of management plans.

"The Liberal National Government is committed to ensuring this and the other three uranium mines approved for construction and operation in Western Australia are subject to best-practice environmental and safety standards," he said.

If they proceed, the approved uranium proposals - Vimy's Mulga Rocks, Toro Energy's revised Wiluna uranium proposal and Cameco's Kintyre and Yeelirrie projects - will create about 1,500 jobs and a potential \$1 billion a year export industry in Western Australia, based on prices rising to economic levels.

Mr Barnett said he welcomed today's approval and looked forward to Western Australia becoming a significant uranium producer as was already the case in South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Fact File

The Cameco project will have an operational life of 18 years and capital and operating costs of \$5 billion

It is expected to employ an average of 225 people during operations and up to 1,200 people during peak construction



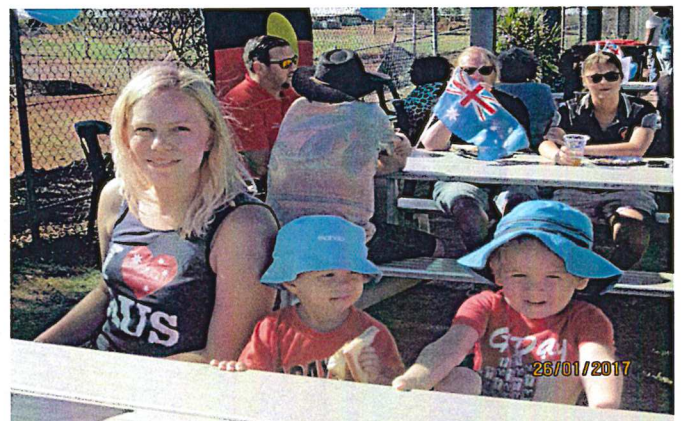
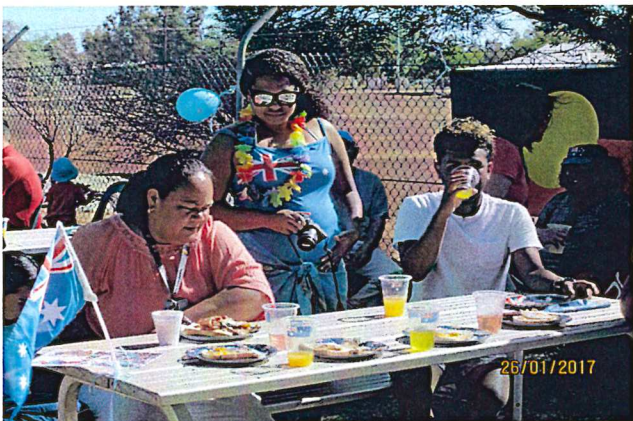
Photo: Yeelirrie, near Wiluna, is the site of Australia's largest uranium deposit.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST 2017



Shire staff
and Shire
President
cooking up
a feast.

Community members
enjoying a bbq
breakfast





Fun and games in the pool



VOTE **1** Vince CATANIA

***Only The Nationals WA will
keep Royalties for Regions***

Some of the projects funded by Royalties for Regions in Wiluna

- Sealing Goldfields Highway Wiluna to Meeekatharra
- Remote Indigenous Clinics
- Recreational facilities upgrades
- Street lighting upgrade, streetscape, Information bay, Wiluna drive trail plan
- Pool Upgrade
- Establishment of Wiluna Land Management facility
- 48 Hour rest stop in Wiluna
- RFDS and PATS funding
- Country Pensioner Fuel Card



To see more go to the Royalties for Regions Map
<https://rfmap.drd.wa.gov.au/>

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Media Release

Vincent Catania MLA Member for North West Central

Shire of Wiluna Community Chest funding recipient 30th January 2017

The community and visitors to Wiluna are set to benefit from the Shire of Wiluna's successful application for funding through the ***Royalties for Regions*** Community Chest Fund.

The Community Chest Fund provides voluntary organisations, educational institutions and community organisations with grants of up to \$50,000 to support local projects.

Western Australia's nine regional development commissions oversee the projects, each being allocated an equal share from which to provide the Community Chest Fund grants. "This funding will support region-specific priorities that are driven by local communities to assist the development of infrastructure, services and community projects that help build vibrant regions with strong economies.

Wiluna Shire will receive \$26,765 to develop a 48 hour rest spot next to the Shire oval, complete with a dump point, picnic tables and a shade shelter.

"Projects like these enhance the travelling experience for visitors to the area and in turn encourage a better camping experience," said Vince.

"Remote communities rely on tourism and the Shire of Wiluna are to be congratulated on securing funds for this worthy project."

"This funding will support region-specific priorities that are driven by local communities to assist the development of infrastructure, services and community projects that help build vibrant regions with strong economies," Vince added.

Fact File

The Community Chest Fund is a Royalties for Regions initiative that aims to improve economic and community infrastructure, and services in regional WA

Contact your Regional Development Commission for more information

For media enquiries please contact Vince Catania on (08) 99412 999 or email northwest@mp.wa.gov.au



Melissa Price MP

Federal Member for Durack



Wiluna and Fitzroy Crossing airstrips to be upgraded

Residents of Wiluna and Fitzroy Crossing will benefit from improved access to basic services and essential deliveries such as food, medicine and mail, as part of projects announced today under Round 4 of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Programme.

Federal Member for Durack Melissa Price said more than \$572,000 in funding will see the start of upgrade works at the Wiluna and Fitzroy Crossing airstrips.

"Many people living in cities may not be aware of the importance of these airstrips in connecting people living in remote communities," Ms Price said.

"The Wiluna upgrade will see the installation of a stock proof perimeter fence, resealing and reconstruction of the runway, and widening of the exiting taxiway. The Fitzroy Crossing upgrade will replace the existing runway, taxiway, apron lighting & illuminated wind indicators with more modern equipment and facilities.

"I am delighted to see the Australian Government continue to invest in our community, particularly through key transport upgrades such as this."

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the funding was part of the Australian Government's announcement in the 2015-16 Budget of \$33.7 million over four years to fund upgrades for remote community airstrips across Australia.

"Australia's tyranny of distance is a way of life for many of our most remote communities, and safe and functioning airstrips are often the only reliable means of transport for freight and urgent services," Mr Chester said.

"These airstrip upgrades will ensure residents have continued access to essential health care services including emergency medical evacuations as well as improved access to work and education opportunities.

"Having access to fresh food and water, and indeed access to communities hundreds of kilometres away, is an underappreciated fact in many cities, but for residents in remote communities it is essential. Given smaller aircraft often service these communities, simple measures such as providing a smooth runway or keeping wildlife away can make all the difference in a safe landing."

Airstrip Upgrade Projects in Durack:

Applicant	State	Aerodrome	Project	Cwlth \$
Shire of Wiluna	WA	Wiluna	Installation of stock proof perimeter fence. Reconstruction/Resheeting of Pavement and Bitumen Sealing of 03/21 Runway. Widen exiting taxiway from 15m to 18m	\$372,004.00
Shire of Derby West Kimberley	WA	Fitzroy Crossing	Replacement of existing runway, taxiway, apron lighting and illuminated wind indicators	\$200,000.00
Total Commonwealth Funding				\$572,004



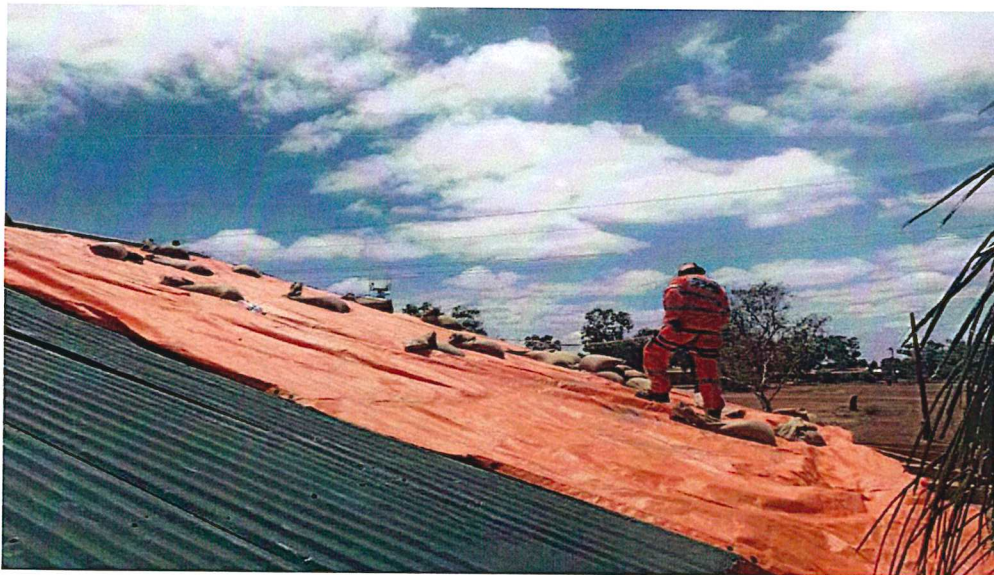
Wiluna Traders damaged in Storm

On Wednesday 1st February, a huge storm hit the Wiluna town-site and Wiluna Traders suffered some severe damage.

The Wiluna Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade turned out to the shop around 8pm with most volunteers leaving around midnight. It was a joint effort from the BFB corps and the staff at NAHS and Shire staff. A lot of the frozen food was moved on the Shire truck to dry storage at the medical centre and the mail was locked away there as well until the next morning when it was transferred to the Police station for safe keeping.

The guys on the roof are from the Meekatharra SES group who arrived Thursday morning to tarp the roof and put some sand bags on top. Mick Brearley got most of the roof back on on Wednesday night.

Blackham Resources also came to the rescue who brought out some extra man power and an electrician to make everything safe.





Photos courtesy of Jonathan Morgan

Thanks Woollies



Taken from my Facebook page (Dusti Nielson)
Original post has over 100 likes and 30-40 comments

Last Wednesday in Wiluna a severe storm damaged buildings around town and blew most of the roof off our general/only store ~ {Wiluna Traders} ~ Causing severe damage to the shop and goods, initially leaving us with no access to fuel, post office or groceries, this has since improved to limited services.

On Thursday afternoon I drove {530kms south} to Kalgoorlie to pick up equipment for work and groceries for myself and others in need, but my shopping list grew into a full ute load as more people called needing more and more items ~ Until today in Woolworths Kalgoorlie when my budget ran worryingly close to spent, so I asked the cashier if i could have someone call through their card details to pay for their goods, however this went against Woollies store policy so I explained the circumstances and she called down a manager {James} who in turn brought down the store manager {Brendon} who saw my loaded up ute, heard me out, and instead of letting us use phoned in card details said to me

* * In order to help You help others * *

** * HOW ABOUT WE JUST GIVE THE ITEMS TO YOU * **

I was so blown away as I thanked them I felt a tear forming in the corner of my eye! {Can't remember the last time I quaffed so much milk of human kindness and it is GOOD STUFF!}

They told me to get whatever else we needed to the value of \$200.00
So I stocked right up getting items for myself and others to share.

Brendon {the Manager I believe} reasoned that we isolated goldfields towns should look out for each other in these situations and I for one will be looking for opportunities to pass on this wonderful feeling and good karma.

Thanks HEAPS Brendon, James and Aleda at Woolworths Kalgoorlie from myself and other Wiluna crew you've helped out with your kindness and generosity :-)



Above:) Used some Woollies supplies to put on a free feed for Wiluna residents at the GETS office.
 Below:) My ute loaded up with gear for people in Wiluna.
 Cab loaded up with groceries too





Darren Farmer and Clinton Farmer at the Dutjahn Custodians sandalwood processing plant.
Picture: Mary Meagher

A facility is being built in the Goldfields to process oil from wild sandalwood sourced from the Central Deserts.

The initiative will deliver about \$40 million in export revenue over the next decade and create jobs for local Aborigines.

Scheduled for completion in June, the Kalgoorlie-based processing facility is being set up by Australian Dutjahn Botanical Products, a joint venture between Central Deserts native title holder Dutjahn Custodians and essential oil supplier Australian Botanical Products.

The venture won a competitive tender with the Australian Forest Products Commission to buy wild harvested sandalwood for oil distillation.

The FPC awarded the alliance a contract to purchase and process 100 tonnes a year of the sandalwood over the next decade.

The winning of this contract came after more than 15 years of work by the founders of Dutjahn Custodians to increase involvement of Aboriginal people in the downstream processing of sandalwood oil.

The \$1 million plant is being built within the Community Centre on Boulder, leased at favourable terms by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to support the new enterprise.

It will distil, extract, refine, fractionate, manufacture and export a range of sandalwood oils, and other associated products.

Main export targets are the multinational luxury brands in Switzerland, France and the US, for use in creating perfumes.

Dutjahn Custodian Kado Muir said the aim was to build a market for Australian sandalwood oil on the basis of its sustainability, ethical sourcing and connection to indigenous people.

"The benefits of such an alliance is not only to establish a profitable business, but also stimulate economic activity in WA's isolated Central Desert indigenous communities, and the Goldfields," he said.

The sandalwood industry already provides employment for Aboriginal people, through the harvesting as employees or contractors. However, the creation of ADBP represents the first ever involvement by Aboriginal people in the value adding of the resource.

Mr Muir said the factory would create full time jobs for up to five indigenous people. It would seek the services of several contracting companies, securing opportunities for around 30 jobs over a six month harvesting season each year.

As part of the contract with the FPC, the joint venture will pay royalties to the K Farmer Kutjahn Foundation worth \$2 million over 10 years for the regeneration of the species and further development of the indigenous sandalwood industry.

Our Vision

The Wirrpanda Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians across our three pillars of education, employment and health. The priority of the Foundation remains employing local Aboriginal role models who are empowered to build capacity in their own communities.

Since commencing operation in 2005, the Foundation has maintained its focus of improving the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by promoting strong role models and healthy life choices. The Foundation has established a number of successful programs in Perth, regional Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, ACT, and Queensland, and in doing so, has reached over 35,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of all ages.

The main focus of each program is to improve the life outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by targeting areas at specific stages of their lives.

The success of the programs relies heavily on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mentors developing, delivering and managing these programs. The Foundation celebrates Aboriginal culture as one of the longest surviving in the world and aims to advance Indigenous Australians beyond their current health, education and employment standards.



Hi to Megan and Josh, part of the Wiluna Wirrpanda Foundation team



The Muntjiltjarra Wurrgumu Group (MWG) was established in 2013 under the Wiluna Regional Partnership Agreement. The group is made up of representatives from Muntjiltjarra families from Wiluna and surrounding communities. On February 1st the MWG came together for their first meeting of 2017. The MWG committee will continue to meet throughout 2017 to:

Discuss and resolve immediate issues affecting the Muntjiltjarra mob

Talk long term about jobs, work readiness, training, work experience, career pathways and scholarships for young people with the relevant groups

Discuss programs and partnerships with interested service providers, companies or NFP's who might be visiting or working in Wiluna.

Coordinate events that support community like Open Days and Career Days.

MWG ask that if government agencies, companies, not for profits or any other service providers would like to engage with the Wiluna community they make an effort to attend MWG meetings wherever possible. For any questions or to be kept up to date with meeting times and other info please email mwgwiluna@gmail.com or LIKE us on Facebook 'Wiluna Muntjiltjarra Wurrgumu Group'



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You will find information on the following :

- * News & Media releases
- * Latest updates
- * Current Road Condition Reports
- * Photos
- * Information on upcoming tenders
- * Council Minutes and other public documents
- * Employment opportunities
- * Newsletters
- * Information on the Canning Stock Route & Gunbarrel Highway
- * And lots, lots more

If you have any suggestions you would like to see or improvements that could be made please contact us on admin@wiluna.wa.gov.au



Joke Page

The most wasted
of all days
is the one
without
Laughter
-E.E.Cummings

**LIFE IS
BETTER
WHEN
YOU'RE
LAUGHING.**

IF YOU
LAUGH
A LOT,
WHEN YOU GET OLDER
YOUR WRINKLES WILL BE
IN THE RIGHT PLACES.

On the first day of training for parachute jumping the man listened intently to the instructor. He told them to start preparing for landing when they are at 300 feet. He asked "How am I supposed to know when I'm at 300 feet?"

"That's a good question. When you get to 300 feet you can recognize the faces of people on the ground."

After pondering his answer he asked "What happens if there's no one there I know?"

I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day.

I started out with nothing and I still have most of it.
I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
It was a whole lot easier to get older than to get wiser.
It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
Some days you're the top dog; some days you're the hydrant.
Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.

Q: What kind of car does Mickey Mouse's wife drive? A: A Minnie van!

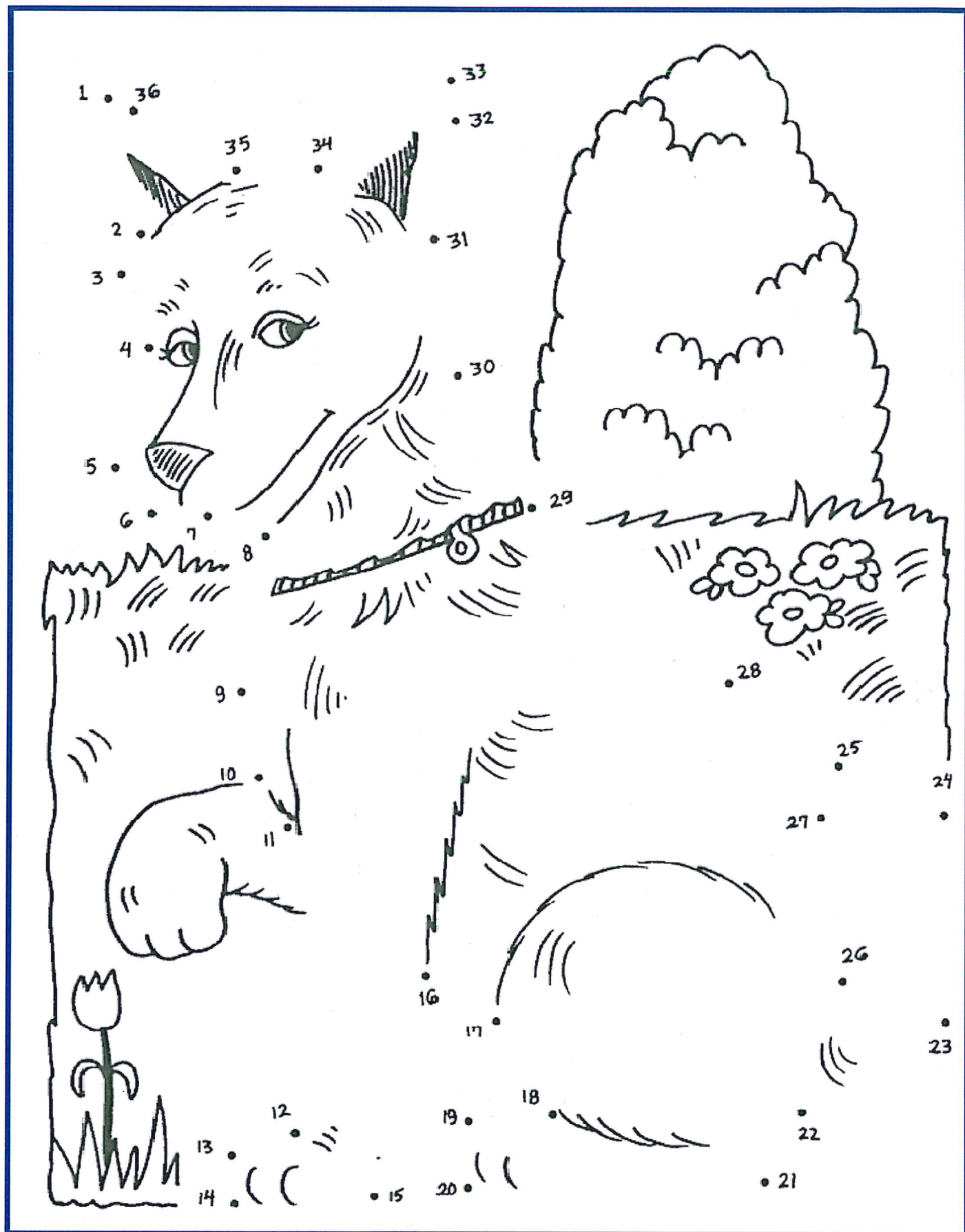
Q: What kind of dance can you do on a trampoline? A: Hip hop!

Q: Why did the kid start a gardening service? A: He wanted to rake in some cash!

Q: What do you call a cow spying on another cow? A: A steak out.

Kid's Page

Join the dots 1-36 to complete the picture



Sudoku

Sudoku, is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 subgrids that compose the grid contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

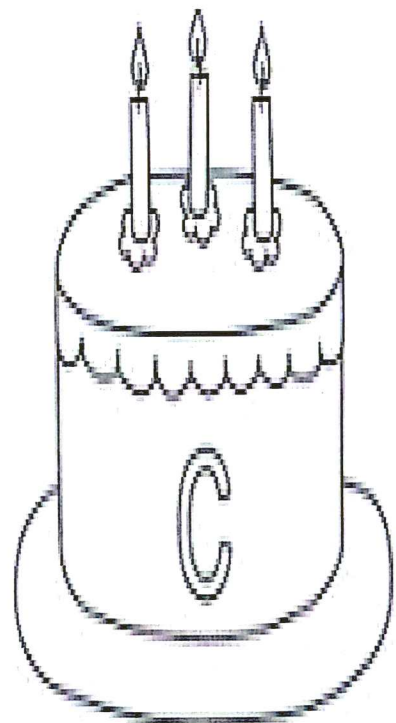
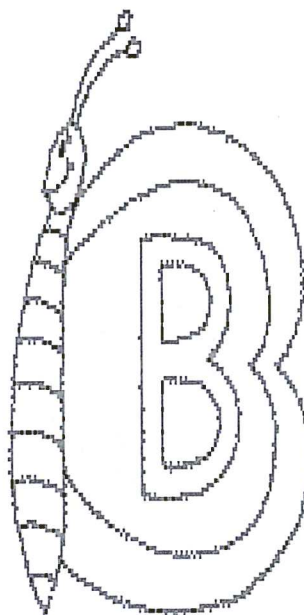
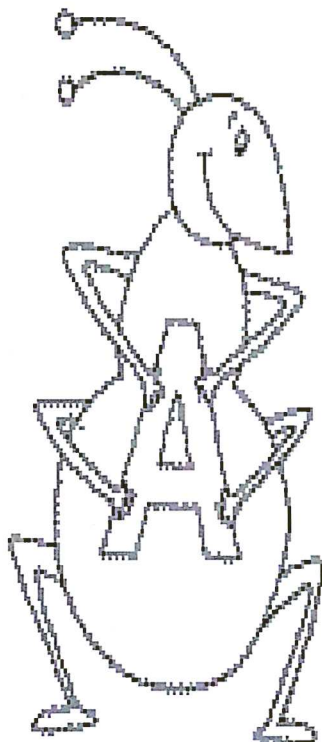
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4	8			6			5	
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5				9		3	7	
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	4				6	8	9	
	5	3			1	4		
6								

Easy

8	9	2			3		1	4
				6	8		7	
4	5			8				1
		8				2		
1		3	7			5		
	7	1			6		5	
5		9	2				8	
6					7			9





Medium

Colour Me In





Ngangganawili
Aboriginal Health Service

9am	Morning Routines & Song Time				
9.15am	   	Inside Activity Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft activities • Play area • Painting • Play dough construction / building Puzzles and Books			
10am		Fruit & Outside Activity Time 			
	Monday: Painting and water table	Tuesday: Obstacle course 	Wednesday: Painting and water table	Thursday: Bikes and water table 	Friday: Swimming pool 
11.30am	Pack Away Time				

Sudoku Solutions

1	3	6	2	5	9	7	4	8
7	2	5	4	1	8	9	3	6
4	8	9	3	6	7	1	5	2
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2	4	1	5	7	6	8	9	3
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6	9	7	8	4	3	5	2	1

Easy

8	9	2	5	7	3	6	1	4
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Medium

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