



SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER : WONGA

COUNCIL MATTERS

-Honeymoon Wells Nickel Mine, previously owned by Lion Ore has been purchased by a Russian company. Their intentions are not known at this stage.

-Apex Mining, the current owners of Wiluna Gold have begun planning for possible transportation of ore from the Gidgee mine for crushing at Wiluna Gold. They have been made aware of the need to upgrade the road according to Main Roads specifications.

-DHW. Residents who have housing concerns can contact Gwen Rakabula at her Shire office for assistance. DHW provides funds for the Homemaker position and a house for that staff member.

-The Governor General Michael Jeffrey has been invited to visit the new school next year.

-The Minister for Local Government has received a complaint from a member of the public about the state of some dwellings in Wiluna.

-Council has approved examination of the old school site as an additional Caravan Park. There has been consultation with a number of agencies but there has been a general reluctance to commit to funding of programs in the building which are old and require high maintenance costs. Advice from tourism surveys indicates a need to meet current and projected tourist requirements. If the development is successful there may be an opportunity for the Caravan Park to be leased as a business at a later date.

-Tjukurba Gallery Artists will paint 16 panels as part of the new school entry area for which funding has been provided by the school architects. Please note, artists are no longer paid in advance for any art work.

Tjukurba ART GALLERY

ARTISTS in Residence at BHP MT KEITH



Above:

Clifford Brookes, Sharon Anderson, Theresa Anderson and Sheila Friday Jones enjoyed 2 days as guests at BHP Mt Keith. Artists were selected by a ballot at the monthly artists meeting. Mt Keith staff were very interested in learning about stories and techniques and appreciated the opportunity to watch and talk with the Wiluna group. Shire staff appreciated the efforts of Paul Niesler at Nickel West who made the arrangements and facilitated this successful occasion. Gallery Manager, Helen Ansell was very pleased with sales of work from these artists and Gallery stock on display to the value of \$10,000.



A visit for the sale of work at the Newmont Jundee mine is planned for December.

WILUNA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In partnership with the State Government Wiluna Council has achieved a lot in the past 3 to 4 years.

Here is a list of committed State funds.

- ✓ \$4,500,00 new **Sewerage Scheme**
- \$250,00 new water plant
- ✓ \$4,500,000 **12 new houses**
- \$250,000 to refurbish existing houses
- \$350,000 to regularize Bondini
- ✓ \$6,000,000 **new school**
- \$2,000,000 adult education facility
- ✓ \$400,000 **new swimming pool**
- ✓ \$700,000 **road to Magellan Mine**
- ✓ \$10,000 **Art gallery** start up grant

The many benefits coming out of these actions stem from strong vision and leadership

by Shire Councilors:

- LOCAL APPROACH**
- LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- LOCAL OWNERSHIP**

Raymond Anderson is employed



by the Shire with assistance from a State Government Indigenous Scholarship as a Sport and Recreation Trainee. He has recently completed his Senior First Aid Certificate.



Father Christmas will be visiting all Wiluna children on Wednesday December 12 at the

town Swimming Pool. Food and fun will be provided. All residents are welcome.

Many thanks Liza Carpenel/ Nova Energy, Renae Chidlow/AMS and all Shire Staff.

Sport & Recreation

The pool is open on

- SUN 10am to 5pm
- MON 6am to 7am, 12pm to 7pm
- TUES 12pm to 8pm
- WED 6am to 7am, 12pm to 7 pm
- THURS 12pm to 8pm
- FRID 6am to 7am, 12pm to 7pm
- SATURDAY CLOSED...however.....

Saturday will soon be open with the assistance of Greg Keates from the Wiluna Police. Greg has recently qualified as a swimming pool attendant through the Royal Life Saving Association. Meleonie Nariro and Raymond Anderson who work at the Swimming Pool and the Recreation Centre have recently completed their Senior First Aid qualification.

Pool water is tested three times a day for chlorine levels. Once a month samples are sent to a Perth laboratory for testing. All test results have been very good,

The Wiluna Swimming Pool was built at a cost of \$1.5 million and is fully paid for. Part of the cost was funded by donations from Mines and the Department of Sport and Recreation. For general information the previous council in 2003 had plans for a pool costing \$4.5 million. These plans were scrapped by the new council in 2004 in the interests of fiscal responsibility because it would have required borrowings in excess of \$3 million.

TOUCH RUGBY TUES DECEMBER 4th

Meet at the basketball court at 6.00 to go in the Shire Community Bus for a game of Touch Rugby at Mt Keith..