



Shire Council Election Process Completed

The Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2011, saw the nominations and election of Graham Harris as Shire President and Jim Quadrio as the Deputy for a two year period. A warm welcome and congratulations to Tracey Latu Kuli Kefu and Bernie Weller as first time Council representatives.



**Council Representatives from left—right:
John Kyanga, Jim Quadrio (Deputy President), Bernie Weller, Stacey Petterson, Tracey Latu Kuli Kefu,
Graham Harris (President) and Chris Webb.**



Wiluna Play-Space & Park Design Draft Concept Plan





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The Shire of Wiluna invited Mary Jeavons Landscape Architects to design a new playspace and community park in the heart of town.

As the first step in the design process, the consultants visited Wiluna back in 2010 and consulted with various individuals and groups within the community.

We now have a report that outlines the proposed vision and supporting research.

The report highlights the community consultation process undertaken and provides a range of options for the proposed play space and equipment.

If you would like to view a copy of the draft plan please contact the Shire Administration.

Australian Local Government Association Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has undertaken the proposal to have Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

The ALGA have written to all Local Governments highlighting this action and is keen to see every Local Government make a concerted effort to promote this within their communities and politically.

Several information FACT SHEETS promoting this objective is available from the Shire Administration office.

FACT SHEETS

1. Why Local Government?
2. Local Government and the Community
3. Local Government and the economy
4. Local Government and Australian Democracy
5. Local Government, the Constitution and funding

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Socio-Economic Profile & Economic Opportunity Assessment



Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to assess the current socio-economic situation in Wiluna, and to identify potential opportunities for economic development in the Shire.

The assessment is the first stage in a two-stage process of formulating an Economic Development Strategy for the Shire of Wiluna. The Strategy will provide a strategic framework for local business and Government to pursue opportunities for economic growth.

Economic Opportunity Assessment

Drawing on the demographic and economic assessment, and the key themes emerging from stakeholder consultations conducted in Wiluna, a range of economic development opportunities for the Shire were identified. The opportunities, and the potential value that they would generate are summarised below:

- Caravan & camping tourism: a caravan and camping park with 65 sites could attract around 4,000 visitors annually, who would spend an estimated \$2.8 million in Wiluna (assuming that retail and services provision is improved to meet the needs of caravan and camping tourists);
- The proposal presented to the Department of Lands for the development of ten self-contained units (in a first stage, with a view to expending this in the future) on the old Primary School site on Wotton Street would accommodate an estimated 900 visitors annually, who would spend an estimated \$400,000 in Wiluna. Additional guests and expenditure would also be generated by the camping accommodation that forms part of the development proposal;
- Temporary mining workers accommodation in town which could accommodate 100 workers would generate an estimated \$1.5 million in retail and services expenditure in Wiluna annually;
- An estimated \$2.4 million of Wiluna resident retail expenditure which currently escapes to Leinster, Perth and other locations could be retained within Wiluna if the retail offer was improved. This would result in an estimated \$4.5 million in resident retail expenditure occurring within Wiluna annually.

Combined, these economic opportunities could generate an estimated 48 jobs in Wiluna – equivalent to 12% of the current “traditional” workforce (i.e. excluding CDEP participants) in Wiluna.



Bureau of Meteorology-Weather Instruments Wiluna Townsite

Until recently the weather instruments have been located at lot 1, cnr Wall & Wotton Streets (commercial freehold land owned by the Shire) which has been leased to the bureau for the past 20 years. The lease expired in August 2011.

Council at it's meeting on the 24 August 2011 resolved not to renew the lease. After consultation with the bureau, several alternatives were considered. One of the requirements was to be near the police station as the officers read the information provided by the weather instruments.

It was agreed by the shire and the bureau that the equipment is to be located in the fenced area on the cnr of Wall & Lennon streets in an area to the east of the existing fire station.

The Shire agree to grant the bureau and their representatives free access to this site for the purpose of performing weather observation, site and equipment maintenance.

Last Weeks Weather Report

Wild weather last week saw Wiluna receive over 40 mm of rain. Jo, from the police station, recorded 18 mm on Tuesday the 2nd and on Saturday 5th we had 23.5 mm, with a few showers in-between. The kids certainly seemed to enjoy all the water flowing down the roads!!

For the safety of all road users the shire roads were closed to all vehicles during this period. We did however have a few vehicles become bogged.



Photo courtesy of Lynne Kretschmer



Ngangganawili
Aboriginal Health Service

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Women's Doctor

14 & 15 November
16 & 17 November

Baby Doctor

Paediatrician
16 & 17 November

Physio

22 November

Mental Health Team

21—25 November

Dentist

29 November—1 December

Rheumatic Heart Consultant

21-25 November

Shire Administration Office Closure over Christmas

At the ordinary council meeting Tuesday 8 November Council approved the closure of the shire administration office. The office will be closed over the festive period from December 21 until January 3, 2012 inclusive.

The offices are traditionally closed over the festive season. In recent years the officers reported there was little activity around the town and no complaints were received about the closure of the office during this period.

The Shire President, Councillors and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all Wiluna residents a safe and happy Christmas.





Wiluna TAFE

With the end of 2011 insight, I thought it would be a good time to celebrate all the completed training and creative achievements. Also to publicly thank the people and organisations that have enabled the training to take place.

Completed training this year includes –

- Certificate One in Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft (15 enrolled)
- Skid-steer “bobcat” tickets
- Min-excavator tickets
- White Card (construction/building site requirement)
- 2 weeks of Music with Speaker Box Productions
- 1 week of basic computer classes (evenings)
- Drivers licence literacy course
- Certificate Two in Resource and Infrastructure (17 enrolments) Current training.
- Textile course (4 units of study, 11 enrolments) Current training.

Many thanks must go to the following people and organisations for their support and dedication – Ian Markham (Durack lecturer, who travels from Northampton every week), Dianne Stott (Durack Lecturer), Nguura Yurldoo (Gail & Monty Allison), Skillhire, Max Employment, Centrelink – Wiluna Office, Nickel West Mt.Keith BHP Billiton and of course to ALL of the participants.

Special thanks also go to Gail Allison for the lunches provided to participants throughout the year.

There has been interest in further tickets in Bobcat and Forklift, if you are interested please contact David Molloy - 9956 2881. Nickel West Mt.Keith with Wiluna Tafe will be conducting a site tour on the 30th November, for 6-8 people. If you are interested contact David Molloy. Great to see that numbers are increasing, looking forward to a good turn out next year.



Mini-excavator training



Silk painting on scarves



Skid-steer training



What's Happening At The School?

Wiluna School staff have been working on an exciting new project with the help of a very special Literacy expert Jane Sheils. Together we are developing The Wiluna Literacy Strategy which will begin in 2012. The strategy will define how literacy is taught at Wiluna School, based on sound research.

It incorporates English as Second Language/Dialect teaching strategies and cultural considerations that impact on our students who speak Aboriginal English and Martu or other languages. The strategy will direct how spelling, reading and writing are taught at our school.

All teachers will use the same processes from Kindergarten to Year 12. Each student's progress will be recorded on an individual literacy profile which will be shared with families.

The fun part will be sharing how to teach reading and writing with families. All students at Wiluna School will take home reading books and fun homework activities everyday next year.

The pictures show our staff helping to organise reading books and make resources. We have been working at nights, in the weekends and even during our lunch breaks to get everything ready for 2012! If you would like to know more about The Wiluna Literacy Strategy or would like to help in any way please contact the school.

