

Newsletter July 2012

Premier Colin Barnett visits Wiluna



Pictured with the Premier, Back Row L-R Mick Beltran (Community Development Manager), Cr Kim Ovens, Cr Bernie Weller and Acting Chief Executive Officer Tony Doust.

Front Row L-R Premier Colin Barnett, Cr Jim Quadrio (Deputy President) and Cr Chris Webb



Premiers Visit

The Premier Hon Colin Barnett MLA visited Wiluna on Wednesday 5th July 2012.

The main purpose of his visit was to present the Ngangganawili Health Service with a cheque to assist with services to be provided from the new medical centre which is being constructed on land adjoining the Shire office. The Council was given the opportunity to meet with Mr Barnett and during the short time with him raised the following:-

- ♦ **Sealing of the section of the Goldfields Highway between Meekatharra and Wiluna.**
- ♦ **The lack of land for housing and industry in Wiluna and the time it is taking the Department of Lands to address this matter.**
- ♦ **Funding for the new medical centre. Council has been advised that due to lack of funds the opening of the new centre will be delayed.**
- ♦ **Problems with the RPT air service to Wiluna including the unavailability of flights and the constant irregular arrivals and departures.**

The Premiers response to the above was very positive and Council is confident that solutions will be found to resolve the concerns raised.





Farewell



The Shire staff and Councillors sadly said goodbye to Works Manager Brett Edwards and General Hand Stewart Murray last month.

Brett joined the Shire in August of 2011 originally for a 3 month relief stint and loved it so much he stayed! Unfortunately, due to family ill health he has had to move closer to Perth and will be starting as Works Manager at the Shire of West Arthur.

Stewart and Kat, along with baby Jaye, have moved to the Shire of Ravensthorpe. Stewart joined the depot staff in February 2010 and soon became an invaluable part of the depot team.

We wish all of them the very best of luck and success in their new ventures.





Welcome



Mick Beltran
Community Development Manager

With over 40 years' experience in the NSW Public Sector Mick comes with a broadly ranging knowledge and experience of public policy and community service delivery. This background includes work with local governments, water authority, and emergency management; he also had the opportunity to contribute to the Sydney Olympics, World Youth Day and the National Counter Terrorism Exercise amongst other significant events. To consolidate these experiences Mick has attained numerous tertiary qualifications with a Master of Public Administration as the cap stone, and has additionally worked as a sessional university lecturer.

Mick has moved to Wiluna with his wife Siobhan and 2 small dogs. Siobhan has extensive experience in the public sector of NSW having served most recently as Legal & Policy Officer for the NSW Privacy Commissioner and as contributing editor for the *Privacy Law Bulletin*. Siobhan also has a background as University Residential Tutor and as a Registered Nurse. During the Sydney Olympics Siobhan had the opportunity to represent the NSW Premier as a Protocol Officer for visiting dignitaries and worked with the next Olympic hosts, Greece.

Mick and Siobhan have had excellent opportunity to travel to foreign lands and during Mick's appointment as a Churchill Fellow they extensively toured Canada to study emergency management arrangements.





Tjukurba ART GALLERY



It's a welcome back to Heather Charlton who will assist with the Art Gallery reopening and ongoing management on a consulting basis. Heather left the Shire in July 2011 but has been persuaded to come back on an occasional basis to provide the experience required to operate the Gallery.

Her first visit will be in August for a 2 week period commencing Monday 6th.

Heather intends to visit artists and will be training a new Art Gallery assistant with the operation requirements and procedures necessary!

The Council's decision arising from the report on the future of the Art Gallery provided by Tim Acker will be progressed conjointly with the reopening and operation of the gallery in the past format.



New Councillor



At the Ordinary Council Meeting on June 27th 2012 the President, Graham Harris, welcomed the newly elected member Kim Ovens.

The election was held to fill the vacancy on the Council created by the resignation of John Kyanga. The term expires in October 2015. The election was conducted by the Acting Chief Executive Officer in the position of Returning Officer.

The vacancy on the Council was advertised in the "West Australian", Shire Notice Board and other notice boards in the townsite of Wiluna.

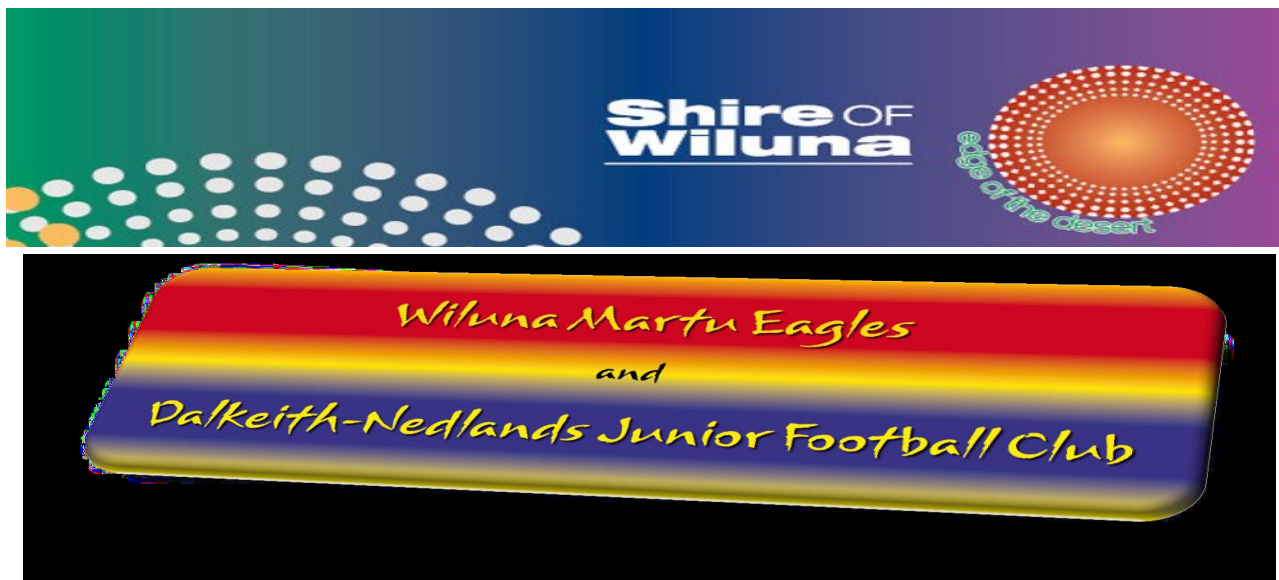
Nominations opened on 17th May 2012 and closed at 4.00 pm on Thursday 24th May 2012.

Only one nomination was received from Kimely Ovens, "Mt. Russell Waters" Wiluna.

Kim when nominating provided the following in his "Candidate Profile."

"My reason for applying for this position of Shire Councillor is to assist with the future progress of this community. My biggest push will be for the sealing of the Wiluna-Meekatharra road and Ned's Creek Road making Wiluna's heritage an icon for tourism."

The Returning Officer declared Kimely Ovens elected for the remaining portion of the term expiring October 2015.



The Wiluna Martu Eagles Fly Home 2012

Wiluna Martu Eagles V's Dalkeith – Nedlands Junior Football Club Wiluna

June 1st to 4th 2012

The fourth annual 2012 cultural football weekend between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith / Nedlands Junior Football Club Eagles has been held, played and won for the fourth successive year.

The Wilson – Dawson perpetual cup is the weekends jewel in the crown and named aptly after Mr Mick Wilson and Mr Peter Dawson the catalysts of this engaging event. The event has grown exponentially since its inception in 2009 and has developed into much more than just a football match.

This year's event titled, "The Wiluna Martu Eagles Fly Home" was conducted in Wiluna and its surrounding areas over the first ever Western Australia Day long weekend in June and coincided with National Reconciliation Week. Over 120 players, parents and supporters made the trip to the desert to participate in the four day carnival.

Mr Mick Wilson, Executive Director of Golden West Resources Limited, in a letter to the Shire made the following comments:

"The 1st to 4th of June event was a tremendous success; highlights being; the cultural awareness program run by CDNTS followed by the Jundee Mine tour on the Saturday and of course the big game on the Sunday. Whilst this year the Martu Eagles were victorious (115 to 38) the spirit showed by both communities was the main driver for the weekend.

We were lucky enough for both Grant Dorrington and Larry Kickett of the WA football commission to attend the event and their support has already made an impact on the Wiluna community.





The event would have not been possible without community support and particularly that of BHP who donated flights from Perth for the DNJFC and for the 11 young men and women from Wiluna who attend Clontarf Aboriginal College in either Perth or Albany and are part of the Murlpirrmarra Connection program. The Murlpirrmarra Connection programme for Wiluna / Martu youth commenced in 2009 with 3 boys and has now grown to 15 boys and 2 girls attending boarding school in years 8 to 12. The program has been a tremendous success with the kids maturing into confident young adults and this year should see your first year 12 graduate."

The Wiluna Martu Eagles Fly Home 2012

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Presentations

AWARD WINNERS

The Wilson/Dawson Perpetual Cup: Wiluna Martu Eagle

Best on Ground Wiluna Eagle: Paul Callow

Best on Ground DNJFC: Sam Bouffler

Long Bomb: George Burns

100m Dash: Leithan Williams

Coaches Medals: Stacey Petterson & Leo Crohan

Spirit of Martu: Byron Hall

(Demonstrating participation, leadership, Maturity and Respect)





Census
For a brighter future

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has recently provided the Shire with information obtained from the 2011 census:-

Overview of Wiluna

- * The Wiluna Shire has a UR (usual residence) population of 1,159 and a place of enumeration population of 2,016 (a difference of 857 people)
- * UR population increased from 681 to 1,159 (70.2%) from 2006 to 2011
- * The ratio of male to females was 2.4
- * The median age was 34
- * The indigenous population was 292 which was 25.2% of the total population
- * Median weekly personal income was \$1,667
- * Median weekly household income was \$1,278

Other Census 2011 information has been provided to the Shire and this is available for inspection at the Shire office or by searching the ABS website at www.censusdata.abs.gov.au





Wiluna to Kalgoorlie Bus Service



Arrangements have now been completed for the commencement of the weekly bus service from Wiluna to Kalgoorlie for a trial period of six months.

The first service will commence in early August. Please make enquiries at the Shire office if you wish to use the service.

Tickets are available for purchase from the Shire Office, Scotia Street, Wiluna, during the hours of 8.30 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays). Bookings will not be accepted until full payment is made.

The Wiluna-Leonora route will connect to the existing service Kalgoorlie-Laverton by the "Goldrush Tours" bus at Leonora.

The weekly timetable is proposed to depart from Kalgoorlie 9.00 am Thursday, arriving in Leonora at 11.45am and then onto Wiluna, arriving at 4.00 pm. The proposed return trip departs Wiluna on Friday at 7.30am, arriving in Leonora at 11.30am and arriving in Kalgoorlie at 2.15 pm.





SCHEDULE

Town	Thursday		Town	Friday	
Kalgoorlie	9.00 am	Depart	Wiluna	7.30 am	Depart
Leonora	11.45 am	Arrive	Leinster	9.30 am	Arrive
Leonora	12.00 noon	Depart	Leinster	9.45 am	Depart
Leinster	1.45 pm	Arrive	Leonora	11.30 am	Arrive
Leinster	2.00 pm	Depart	Leonora	11.45 am	Depart
Wiluna	4.00 pm	Arrive	Kalgoorlie	2.15 pm	Arrive
Fares	(Set by Dept of Transport)				
Wiluna-Leonora (one way)	Full Fare		\$52.00		
	Concession		\$35.00		
Kalgoorlie-Leonora (one way)					
Goldrush Tours	Full Fare		\$52.00		
	Concession		\$35.00		

The service in Wiluna will **START** from and **END** at the **WILUNA RECREATION CENTRE** in Scotia Street, Wiluna





Wiluna Bush Fire Brigade

The Council is keen to revitalise the Wiluna Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade and is seeking nominations from interested persons to become members. To be eligible for membership you must be over 16 years of age and be prepared to work within a team of like-minded individuals under the direction of the Brigades officers who are also volunteers drawn from the ranks of the brigade.

The brigade has a modern fire appliance and a large well equipped station. Training is provided by FESA who works closely with the Shire of Wiluna to ensure fire and emergency service capability.

To lodge your expression of interest or for further inquiries please contact:

Mick Beltran, Community Development Manager, Shire of Wiluna

Telephone 99 818 000, or call at the Shire Office in Scotia St.





Changes to TV broadcasting to affect Wiluna

There are changes coming to Wiluna's television reception. As you may be aware Australia is progressively changing from analogue to digital TV transmission – this is currently underway in WA. This change is expected to happen in Wiluna in 2013 and from then the only TV reception will be via a satellite system.

The Australian Government will be operating The Satellite Subsidy Scheme (SSS) which provides a subsidy for eligible households to switch to satellite TV via the Viewer Access Satellite Television Service (VAST). This information has been copied from the Digital Ready website, mySwitch.

The subsidy greatly reduces your cost to get ready for digital TV. After the subsidy, the household contribution for installation of the VAST service is expected to be between \$200 and \$350, depending on your location. The subsidy will be the same amount for all eligible households in each subsidy area.

The SSS will be rolled out progressively across Australia. When rolled out to your area, you must confirm eligibility for your household by applying online on this website or calling the Digital Ready Information line on 1800 20 10 13 (8am – 10pm AEST, 7 days).

VAST is a satellite TV service which covers all of Australia. It is a direct to home digital service which provides the same number of channels available in capital cities in both standard and high definition. It also includes a channel for local news services.

The Government is funding VAST to service areas of remote Australia currently serviced by the Aurora satellite service (which currently only transmits four TV channels); areas previously serviced by self-help facilities; and to provide services to people living in any area where a good, reliable digital television signal cannot be provided terrestrially.

The Council has informally discussed these changes and is aware that this change may cause some financial burdens in this small community. The matter will be tabled by Council in due course and the possibility of further subsidy to households discussed.

