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## FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

# *The Wiluna Wire*





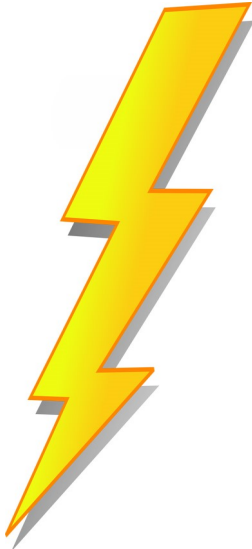
# EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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 [ea@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:ea@wiluna.wa.gov.au)

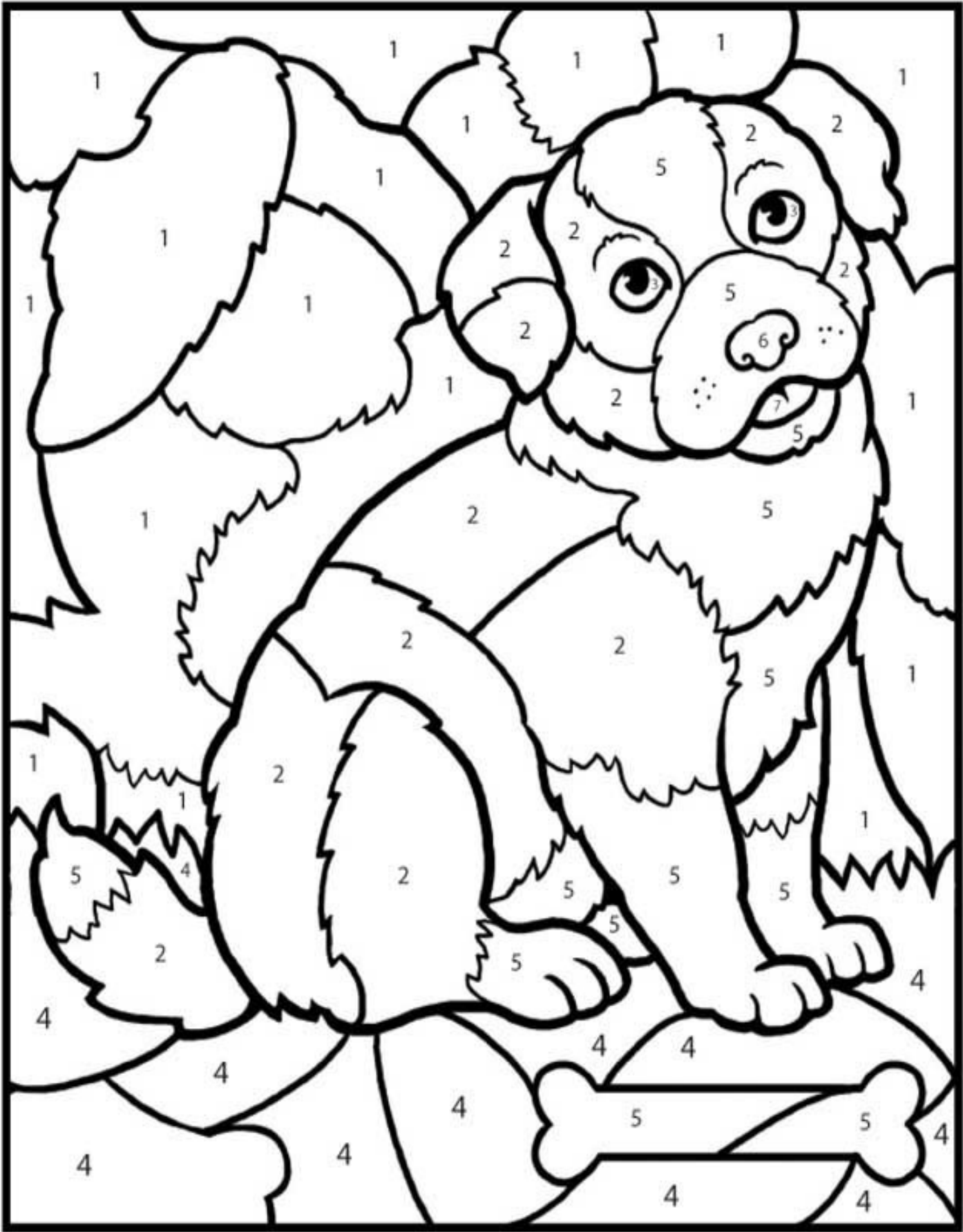
Regards Wiluna Shire staff

WILUNA YEAR TO DATE		
Average Rainfall To Feb	73.8mm	8.6 Day(s)
Total For 2018	88.4mm	12 Day(s)
Total To This Day 2017	49.6mm	10 Day(s)
Wettest Day	35.0mm	Jan 16
Lowest Temperature	8.9°C	Feb 1
Highest Temperature	43.0°C	Jan 11



WILUNA ALMANAC		Full Climatology
February Minimum Temperature		
Lowest This Month	8.9°C	1st
Lowest On Record	8.9°C	3rd 2016
Average This Month	8.9°C	-13.4°C
Long-term Average	22.3°C	
February Maximum Temperature		
Highest This Month		
Highest On Record	46.8°C	12th 1991
Average This Month		
Long-term Average	36.4°C	
February Rainfall		
Wettest This Month	29.4mm	1st
Total This Month	29.4mm	1 Day(s)
Long-term Average	37.9mm	4.2 Day(s)
Wettest On Record	271.6mm	1995
Driest On Record	0.0mm	1900

# COLOUR BY NUMBERS



1= blue 2= brown 3=yellow 4=red 5=white 6=black 7=pink

## Sudoku Answers

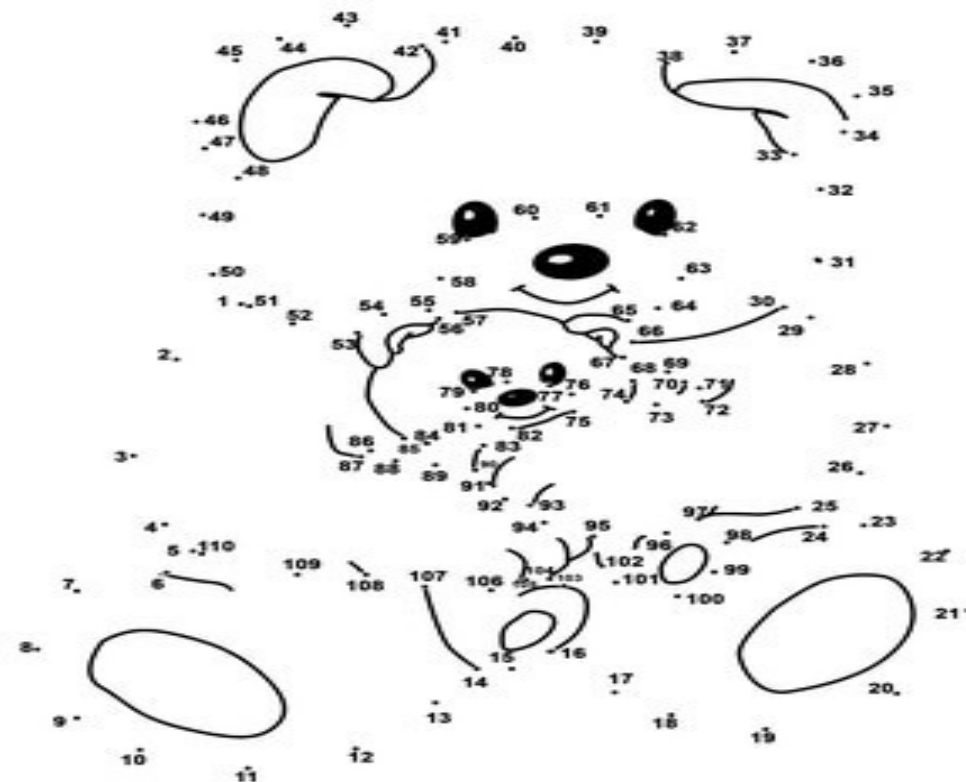
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No 2

## JOIN THE DOTS



**Shire OF  
Wiluna**



## Notice of intention to exercise power to borrow

(Section 6.20, Local Government Act 1995)

Notice is hereby given that the Shire of Wiluna intends to borrow \$900,000.00 from WA Treasury Corporation for the purpose of investing in staff housing.

This intended borrowing is in addition to the proposed borrowing of \$1,000,000 that was provided for in the Shire of Wiluna's 2017-2018 Annual Budget (which is for the purpose of refurbishing the former Club Hotel building to provide new Shire Administration Offices and Council Chamber).

*Colin Bastow*

Colin Bastow  
Chief Executive Officer

7 February 2018

### Are you a supplier to the Shire?

The Shire of Wiluna is working on improving the payment process for all our suppliers and we endeavor to send out the Remittance Advices by email as soon as the payments are processed. If your Remittance Advice did not arrive please send your correct email address to us at [invoices@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:invoices@wiluna.wa.gov.au)



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## CEO's Monthly Report

Wiluna's annual Australia Day celebration was again held at the Wiluna Public Swimming Pool. Although this year's participation was low, those who attended the event, still had a great time at the pool. I would like to take the opportunity to thank my staff who donated their free time to help assist with the event on the day.

The Shire will shortly be recruiting for an Indigenous Liaison Officer to assist with community engagement and cultural awareness programs. This position is considered to be an important role that will assist the Shire in improving communications and services to the local aboriginal community. If anyone is interested in applying for the role, please keep an eye out on the Shire website and notice board for when the position is formally advertised, as applications will only be accepted once the position is formally advertised.

The Shire is currently advertng for the following positions:

- Manager of Finance,
- Works Manager,
- Recreation Leisure Coordinator.
- Casual Traineeship Tjukurba Gallery

Further details of these positions can be obtained by visiting the Shire website.

It is disappointing to see an increase in graffiti around Wiluna. The Shire has just received additional supplies of paint remover and will be removing the graffiti in the coming weeks. While the Shire spends its limited funding on removing graffiti and repairing vandalism, there is less funding available to deliver new facilities and services.

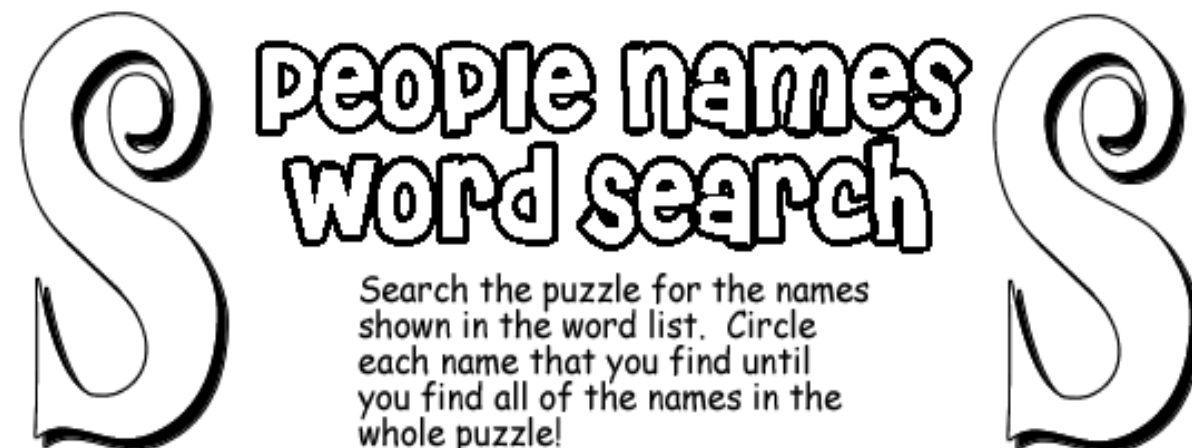
A reminder that the Shire will be taking a more active role in the prevention of wandering dogs in and around Wiluna. An advertising campaign will begin shortly to advise all residents on the need to prevent their dogs from wandering around Wiluna.

Currently, the Shire has a community survey that all residents are encouraged to complete. The purpose of the survey is to provide feedback to the Shire on its Community Strategic Plan so it can be updated if required. The online survey can be accessed by visiting the Shire's website, or a paper copy of the survey can be obtained by visiting the Shire Administration Office during normal office hours.

Regards

Colin Bastow  
CEO

## Kid's Pages



S	S	B	S	M	B	H	S	Q	R	S	O	S	W	R
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SALLY  
SAMUEL  
SANTA  
SARA  
SASHA  
SAVANNAH  
SCOTT  
SEAN  
SEBASTIAN  
SETH  
SHELBY  
SIDNEY  
STEVEN  
SUSAN



## 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.



## MANAGER OF FINANCE

A great career opportunity  
for an Accountant  
with the "right stuff"



The Shire of Wiluna has an opportunity for an experienced local government accountant to join its small friendly staff and to lead its accounting team.

Located where the Canning Stock Route meets the Gunbarrel Highway in the remote Murchison goldfields region of Western Australia, the Shire of Wiluna covers 182,156 km<sup>2</sup> of mining and pastoral land and also has good agricultural and service industry opportunities.

There are regular public transport flights from Perth three days per week and a direct sealed road link to Kalgoorlie.

The Shire has a small friendly staff and a management team that operates on a collegial basis.

The duties of the position will include regular bank reconciliations, producing the annual budgets and budget reviews, producing the monthly and annual financial statements, and overseeing the staff who perform the rates, debtors, creditors and payroll functions.

You will be well supported by an experienced Deputy CEO, and by an experienced CEO who is also an accountant.

The Shire will negotiate an attractive package (including free housing) with the successful applicant, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Prospective applicants should first download an information pack from [www.applynow.com.au/Job96459](http://www.applynow.com.au/Job96459)

Further queries can be directed to Warren Olsen ([dceo@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:dceo@wiluna.wa.gov.au)) or Colin Bastow, both of whom can be contacted on (08) 9981 8000.

*Applications will close at 4pm on Friday, 2 March 2018*



# Recreation and Leisure Coordinator

## 3 Year Contract

Outcome-oriented person to coordinate sports, youth activities and community events



The Shire has an opportunity for an experienced Coordinator with a proven track record of delivering sports opportunities, youth and aged activities, and community events. The Recreation and Leisure Coordinator will also be responsible for maintaining good relations with community organisations and other stakeholders, keeping records relating to the functions of the position, and regularly reporting on usage, participation and such-like statistical information.

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Applicants must address the selection criteria which are set out in the Position Description and provide a current resume and covering letter.

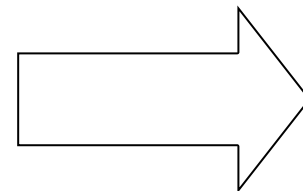
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Sudoku

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.

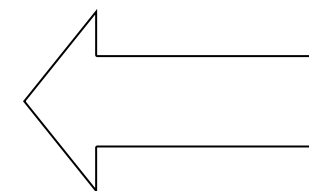
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Hard





## Wiluna Swimming Pool Hours

### New Times

Monday	5am-7am 10am-12noon 1.30pm-6pm
Tuesday	5am-7am 10am-12noon 1.30pm-6pm
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	5am-7am 10am-12noon 1.30pm-6pm
Friday	5am-7am 10am-12noon 1.30pm-6pm
Weekends and Public Holidays	9am-12noon 1.30pm-6pm
School Holiday weekdays	5am-7am 10am-12noon 1.30pm-6pm

**Please note: It is free admission to the Swimming Pool**

## Works Manager 3 Year Contract Outcome-oriented Works Manager sought with superior management skills

**Shire OF  
Wiluna**



The Shire has an opportunity for an experienced Works Manager with a proven track record of delivering roads, building and construction projects on time and within budget. The Works Manager will also be responsible for the day to day running of the town crew, the Shire's plant, and maintaining various Shire infrastructure.

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Further queries can be directed to Angela Hoy on 08 9981 8000 or 0429 817 010

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# Haul Road Dangers

Wiluna Gold Mine has kilometres of Haul road running from the Matilda Pit to the Mill and from the Wiluna North road to the Mill.

These haul roads are restricted to long road trains hauling ore. Staff are only allowed on the haul roads if they have been haul road trained and driving a Mine vehicle with flashing light, radio and flag.

Local people have been using the haul roads as back tracks off the bitumen. Blackham asks that you stop doing that. They can be dangerous places as the road trains are not expecting you to be on the road and you can not notify them of your presence.

The haul trucks swing wide around corners and are heavy and slow to stop. Please stay off the haul roads. Nobody wants an accident.

**Anthony Finlayson**  
HSE Superintendent  
T – 08 6166 9494  
Blackham Resources Limited  
Matilda Operations Pty Ltd



and golfers clambered over the rails, and did this several times, but with only 3 trains a week this presented no problems. You'd see a puff of dust were the ball landed on the fairway, but that was no guarantee tat you would find the ball, as it often hit a rock and bounded off sideways into the "rough." It was fun, and the exercise was good. Of course, there was football and cricket but one of the problems with football was that when you played on the playing field at the mine, if you cut or grazed your legs or arms, which you always did after a fall, there was always the problem that the film of arsenic dust caused sores to start quickly. All cuts and grazes were treated immediately. There was tennis and an occasional race meeting—two weekend meetings a year—and everyone went to them. Unfortunately, you could only ever see the leading horse because of the dust, but a lot of fun was had by all. There was also a repertory club. Roger commented:-

*"One of the years I was in Wiluna the bookmaker brothers, the Mickles, backed a horse called Vital, which won both the Hannans Handicap and the Kalgoorlie Cup. They had hats full of £5 and £10 notes; their pockets were full, and they had money planted everywhere possible. After a night, and the following day at the big two-up game, rumour had it that there was very little, if any, left. One thing I remember about Norm Davie the well known chemist was that I was Treasurer of the Golf Club, and some time after I left Wiluna I got a letter from Norm Davie, the President of the club, which said "Thank you for being Treasurer, you are the first Treasurer the club has ever had that didn't get his own money mixed up with that of the club."*

In Roger's time there were three trains per week. The fastest was the Wiluna Limited which left Perth on Sunday night at 7.30pm, and, if on time, got to Wiluna at 9.30am on Tuesday morning, a great deal slower than the Sydney to Melbourne trains, over approximately the same distance. The first thing he noticed was that when the train reached one of the railway refreshment rooms in the early hours of the morning the men were drinking a large glass of cold beer and eating piping-hot pies. It looked a bit strange, but you very soon learned that it was food ad drink, no matter what the time of day, or night.

The Weeloona Hotel was between 50 and a 100 yards from the bank premises and on a pay night, from 6pm to midnight, you could hear a loud buzz from the jam-packed bars. The same applied to the Commercial Hotel, which was a little further away, and was where Roger finished up staying after he was moved up one rung on the ladder, and didn't have to sleep on the premises.

Naturally, with 6000 people, and five thousand being men, the "oldest profession" was soon installed, and one particular Madam had a house just across the railway line. The whole of the town was on the north side of the line, but this house was wisely built away from town. It was run by the Madam, and a few prostitutes, and did a roaring trade. The girls had substantial savings, and the business was well conducted and regulated.

Roger recalled being very interested when Claude de Bernales came to town. On one particular occasion he came to Wiluna with the Governor of WA, Sir William Campion. Claude was a most impressive fellow, and Sir William was much smaller, and when they came to meet the Chairman of the Road Board, Claude was the first to come up and shake hands, and then said *"This is the State Governor, Sir William Campion."*

Claude was the big man around the place, and it seemed as if Sir William was second fiddle. There were many stories told of Claude and the "salting" of gold mines through the barrel of a shot gun. Despite what faults de Bernales might have had, on balance, he was a "plus" for Western Australia, even if he was a big "minus" for investors from outside the State, and particularly England.

Roger Fitzhardinge went on to become the Chief Manager of the Commonwealth Bank



## THE WAY THINGS WERE—REMINISCENCES ROGER FITZHARDINGE—COMMONWEALTH BANK—1934

In August, 1933, Roger Fitzhardinge was working for the Commonwealth Bank, Perth, and was transferred to Geraldton, where there was a staff of nine. Probably three of the staff spent most of their time posting ledgers for the Post Office agency at Wiluna. Several days after Wiluna Mine's pay day they would get to work early, pick up the mail, and start posting more transactions than the Geraldton Branch handled in a week. So the Bank decided to open a branch at Wiluna, and Roger was sent to join a manager and an accountant to open up the branch in August, 1934.

Branch is a courtesy title only. It was in a large wood and iron building of nine rooms. Three rooms across the front formed three businesses; the bank in the middle, and a shop each side. At the bank, the centre room was the manager's office—without a window—and Roger slept in the back room.

It wasn't comfortable living; in summer the water in the tap was too hot to shower, so Roger ran water into a bath each morning in order to freshen up after a day's work. There was no septic system in those days, so the dunny was placed down at the back lane with the blowflies. Roger said:-

*"There were 6,000 people in Wiluna at that time. Three banks operated; the Union, with a staff of nine, had the best part of the business because Wiluna Mines banked with them; the Bank of New South Wales had about the same staff—three—as the Commonwealth. Life was pretty ordinary, really. It only rained once in the two years I was there, and we received about an inch and a half, and we stood in the rain to welcome it. The country quickly responded to that rain, green grass seemed to spring up overnight, and in no time the place was graced with lovely wildflowers. Sadly, after several months of hot weather, the country reverted to its dry, dusty condition once again.*

*The weather was very hot, and we used to compete with Marble Bar to see which town would reach the first consecutive one hundred days of one hundred degrees fahrenheit. When the wind came up—this was "The Windy Place"—the dust blew through the branch. With dust blowing, and bodies sweating, it was hard to keep the ledgers clean why you were posting entries in pen and ink. Because of evaporation, the first job of a morning was to fill the inkwells, and replace any faulty nibs in the pens."*

Pay nights were very wild! In the mid 1930's the State was beginning to come out of the depression years. Quite a lot of families had previously been living on £2 10s a fortnight, with 3 or 4 children, and dad not being able to secure work. By going to Wiluna, and working as a contract miner, the fortnight's pay was in the vicinity of £50. Mum would be very happy if her husband sent £10 down to Perth because she had four times what she previously had, and did not have to feed dad. He would maybe put £10 in the saving's bank, and most of the remainder of the £30 would go off on pay weekends on drinking and gambling. And when you consider that a ten ounce pot cost sixpence, you could do a lot of drinking, and a lot of gambling with £30. Roger remarked:-

*"As a matter of fact, living on the premises of the bank, I was so concerned on several occasions when pay night came around, and the pubs seemed to get really out of hand, that I slept with the bank's revolver under my pillow. I don't know what I would have done if there had been trouble at the bank, but I guess the revolver was reassuring."*

Despite the dryness, and heat, quite a lot of sport was enjoyed. The golf course was in and around the race course. The first hole from the club house was straight across the railway line,

## PUBLIC NOTICE RANGER SERVICE



The Shire of Wiluna wishes to advise all residents and visitors to Wiluna, that it will be taking a more proactive role in the management of dogs in and around the Wiluna townsite including the Bondini community. The focus of the Shire will be enforcing the Dog Act 1976 with particular emphases on the controlling of wandering dogs.

To achieve this outcome the Shire of Wiluna has recently engaged the services of WA Contract Ranger Services Pty Ltd.

The Rangers will be patrolling the Wiluna Streets and commencing door to door meetings with local residents relating to explain and outline regulations with regards to pet ownership, registration and surrender of dogs/cats.

The purpose of these face to face meetings is to ensure every dog and cat is registered, micro chipped and the owners of the animals adhere to the relevant legislation.

The Rangers are authorised to exercise and discharge the following powers and functions.

They can issue infringement notices, orders and carry on legal proceedings under the following Acts and Regulations.

Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960, **Dog Act 1976, Cat Act 2011, Litter Act 2011**, Bushfires Act 1954, Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act 1978, Caravan and Camping Act 1995, **Animal Welfare Act 2002** and other Council Local Laws and Policies.

The Shire of Wiluna, WA Contract Ranger Services and A1 Wheatbelt Dog Rescue are also intending to assist the community by establishing re-homing, vaccination and sterilisation programs for dog owners within the Shire. If you wish to have your animals re-homed then please advise the Ranger's in the door to door meetings.

For those not wishing to rehome their animals WA Contract Ranger Services can assist pet owners with micro-chipping their pets by offering an in home service at a subsidized rate. Discounts apply for multiple pets and pension discounts are also available. A flyer stating these rates will be distributed in the door to door meetings.

WA Contract Ranger Services can be contacted on 0459 678 154 anytime for general Ranger enquires relating to the above legislation, however all complaints need to be directed in the first instance to the Shire Office.

Please join the Shire of Wiluna in welcoming Mat and Bindi from WA Contract Ranger Services.

**Services will commence on Monday 19 March 2018**



Colin Bastow  
Chief Executive Officer  
30 January 2018





## Shire of Wiluna Strategic Community Plan Review

The Shire of Wiluna is currently undertaking a review of its Strategic Community Plan 2012-2023.

The Strategic Community Plan provides a long term (10+ years) plan for the Shire, expressing the vision, aspirations and priorities of the community. It is the Shire's principal strategy document, influencing all other planning and decision making at the Shire.

As an essential part of this review, we are seeking to maximise community input and invite members of the community to participate.

### Have your say by:

Completing the online survey available at [www.wiluna.wa.gov.au](http://www.wiluna.wa.gov.au) under 'Have Your Say'; or

Completing a printed survey, available from:

**Shire Office, Scotia Street, Wiluna** and/or

Attending the community workshop on:

**Monday 12 March 2018, 5.30pm at the Shire Office – Council Chambers**

Please return survey by **4pm Monday 12 March 2018**

Email: [reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au) Mail: PO Box 38, Wiluna WA 6646

In Person: Shire Office, Scotia Street, Wiluna

For more information and to register your intention to attend the workshop please call the Shire on 9981 8000 or email [reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au)

## WORKS

### HOME MAKER PROGRAM

Sand is now being placed at homes by request to improve gardens. For sand, the loan of a wheelbarrow, rake, broom, see Elizabeth Stack in her office at the Shire.

## WORKS

**Washouts** at the entry to town on the North road and at the Bondini end of the Jundee road have been repaired with a gravel and cement mix.

**FROM The Water Corporation.** Above ground pipes in the Wiluna scheme were covered with earth fill approximately 12 months ago in an effort to reduce the temperature of our water in town, on hot days. A summary of data collected by the Water Corporation since the issue of "hot water" was raised with the Corporation in 2000/01 shows conclusively that the water temperature now observed at the customer's water meter is (on average) 4 degrees cooler on hot days than it was before.

It is possible that the water will continue to be heated between the water meter and the customer's tap particularly if the plumbing is exposed to the sun.

The Corporation has not recorded any "hot water" complaints since the mains have been covered. Any comments however can be passed on to the Water Corporation, or the Shire Office.



Above: view of dry sewerage ponds behind the school. This area is to be returned to open public space.

## New signs have been put up

**around town.** Someone has been pushing signs over all around the town. A particular type of vehicle has been reported to the police. The Shire will prosecute any person found to be causing damage to public property and waste of public money.

**Airport Gates close at 9pm and open at 6am every day**

**The Town Park** is being prepared for tree planting using excess backwash water from the swimming pool. Water tanks will be kept in one of the old sewerage fenced enclosures behind the pool. Park irrigation will run from this. Cars keep out.

**The TIP** has been realigned with gravel guides for new tipping area.

**Public Toilets** are almost complete and are expected to be open during February. Toilets will be opened each morning and closed at the end of the day.

## YOUTH SPORT & RECREATION



**Wiluna 39 Jundee 37.**

Jundee lost by 2 points and the game drew a large crowd. Both teams are eager to continue the competition through the year. Another match is scheduled for the 30th of January at Jundee. Two Men's and Women's teams will compete. Spectators are expected.



## FLASHBACK TO WILUNA 2007 AND WHAT WAS MAKING THE NEWS THEN

January 2007

Monthly Review



### SHIRE OF WILUNA NEWSLETTER: WONGA

#### COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillors and staff extend their condolences to the Ellis family on the passing of their colleague and friend in Perth, Jan 13. R.I.P.

Councillors and staff are very pleased to report that the Wiluna Community Swimming Pool has had a positive effect on the town. Wiluna Police have reported that there are now very few calls from the hotel to remove young children, less incidence of 'gings' used around town, and reduced incidence of adolescent boys playing football around the hotel street. Parents say children who swim, sleep well at night. The AMS says that there are far fewer children presenting with cases of ear, nose and throat infection.

The Airport runway upgrades have now been completed with renewed bitumen and line marking. Wiluna now has a high standard runway. SBS TV Channel will be fixed soon



Above: Colin Gordon provides 'Concrete Services' to new Shire Units on Wells Street



Above: Wiluna Club Hotel is now being repaired after extensive damage caused by stormy weather in December

#### NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM OPENS



Above: Minister John Kobelke, Water Corp CEO Jim Gill, Steve Greeve, DM representatives, Councillors, CEO and President Wiluna residents and staff associated with this project celebrated the official opening of the Wiluna Sewerage Ponds. This significant improvement to town infrastructure has moved an eye sore and mosquitoes that residents have been concerned about for a long time. The Minister congratulated the project for completion ahead of time, below budget and for the excellent working relationship between the Water Corporation, DM Drainage Contractors, Wiluna staff and Council.

26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2007, Wiluna celebrates Australia day at the Swimming Pool. A good crowd of eighty turned up. The children played games in the pool while others got their faces painted, and the adults enjoyed listening to old Australian country rock songs. Plenty of food and drinks were enjoyed by all. Thanks to AMS, Sulu's Café, Wiluna Hotel, Police Department, the Chit family and the two sisters Natalie and Arieta for their contribution.



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The Shire is inviting community members to contribute to a review of its **Strategic Community Plan**

This is a great opportunity for residents to have input into the future direction of the Shire

## WILUNA COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

When: Monday 12 March 2018  
5.30pm to 7.30pm

Where: Shire Office  
Scotia Street  
Wiluna

\*light refreshments will be offered



For Assistance  
Phone: 08 9981 8000  
Email: [reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@wiluna.wa.gov.au)

Shire of Wiluna  
Scotia Street | PO Box 38  
Wiluna WA 6646

The Shire of Wiluna thanks you for your participation!



# Wiluna Community School Holiday Program

Afternoon All,

I just want to write a quick email to thank everybody for their support with the Wiluna Community School Holiday Program over the last 3 weeks.

**Wirrpanda Foundation (Stacey & Ray)** – Thanks for the daily support and welcoming me into the community, it was greatly appreciated! Also, thanks for the trip out to Kulla Kulla on day 1.....I feel privileged ☺

**Shire of Wiluna (Angela, Tevita & Colin)** – The Rec Centre and bus was the back bone of the program and the program wouldn't have been as successful without having access to these resources. Please pass on my thanks to Tevita who was a great support throughout the program.

**Wiluna Police (Mark & crew)** – Your presence throughout our Rec Centre activities and your involvement with the Blue Light Disco was fantastic! The kids had a ball and are it's obvious how excited they get having the blue uniforms and flashing lights involved and having fun.

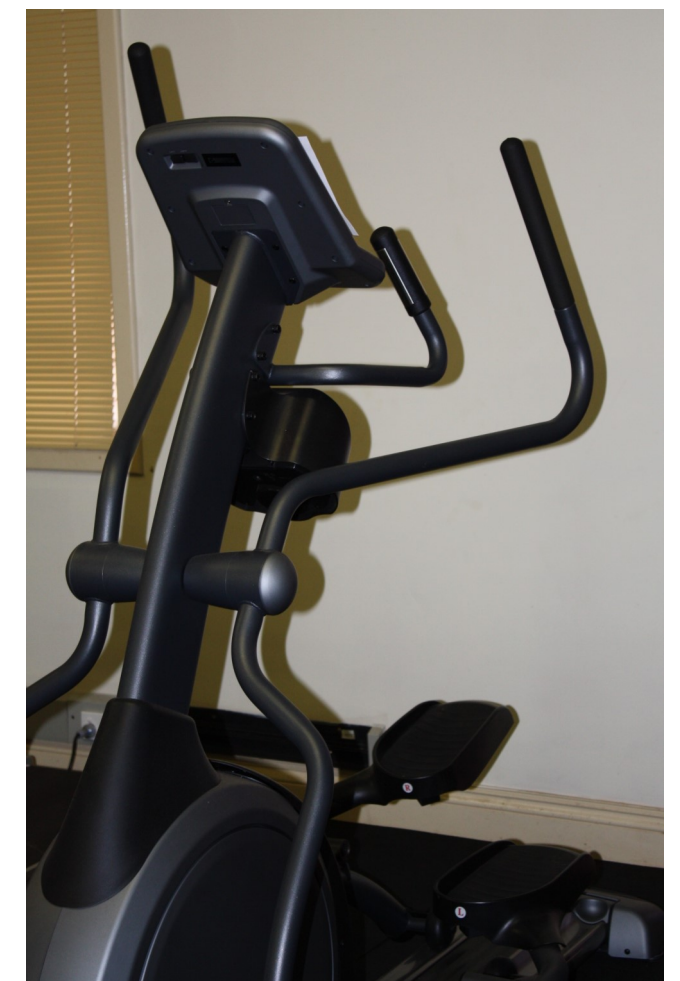
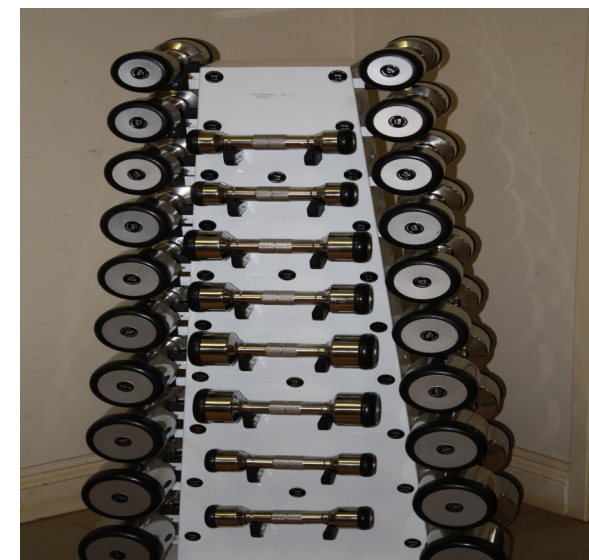
**Northern Star Resources (Abraham, Ashleigh & Dave)** – You kept the kids fed and eating healthy from Day 1 to Day 21, thank you! Special thanks to Ashleigh and Abraham for your cooperation when plans and food orders changed.

**Wiluna Traders (Pete)** – Thanks for supplying additional fruit for the program! It was very generous and greatly appreciated by the kids and staff.

**Blackham Resources (Richard & Bryan)** – Cheers for having me on your Matilda site for the past 3 weeks. It was a very enjoyable stay.....I've put on about 10 kegs though which I don't think the missus will be too happy with.

I look forward to coming back, continuing to work with you and building on what we've started.

Sam Cousens





# Wiluna Shire Gym

Did you know the Wiluna Shire has a fully equipped Gymnasium? It is located in the Wiluna Shire Sports & Recreation building which is situated opposite the new Heritage and Interpretive Centre In Scotia Street.

Membership is available to anyone over 18 years of age and the gym can be accessed 24 hrs a day.

Membership fees are as follows:

1 week	\$16.50
1 month	\$33.00
3 months	\$82.50
6 months	\$137.50
1 year	\$209.00
Key Fee	\$10.00
Key Deposit	\$100.00 (will b refunded on return of gym key)

◇ These fees are subjected to change at Council's discretion. Members will be kept apprised of any changes.

## **Please note:**

1. Member's fees are not refundable nor transferable
2. Keys are not transferable and sharing of keys will cause membership to be cancelled immediately with no refund
3. Any change in particulars contained in this application MUST be notified to the Shire of Wiluna.
4. The manager may ask for the key to be returned at any time for major events held at the centre. Members will be compensated.

Gym membership application forms are available from the Shire Office.





## CASUAL TRAINEESHIP TJUKURBA ART GALLERY

The Shire of Wiluna is seeking a Casual Trainee for the Tjukurba Art Gallery. This position is for up to 25 hours per week / 42 weeks per year and offers the opportunity to received the required training for a career in the arts sector.

Duties would include, but are not limited to:

Assisting visitors to the Art Centre

Facilitate sales using an eftpos machine

Keep accurate record of sales for accounts

Technical activities such as canvas stretching & paint preparation

Organise purchase of art supplies and distribution to artists

Maintain a well organized and clean art centre studio

Storing digital photography of artworks

Cataloguing in Stories Art Money (SAM) database

Exhibition preparations

Packaging & freighting of artwork

Assisting with special events

Client management

This position is an excellent opportunity for someone to acquire foundation skills in art centre operations. A background in art is preferable but not crucial.

Interested applicants should contact Sara Walker at the Art Gallery.



# Save the date



10th Anniversary

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, June



2018 Wiluna Martu Eagles / Dalkeith Nedlands Cultural Event

Venue: Wiluna (Enquiries: Peter 0418 324 287)

### Event

- Planning is underway for the tenth annual Murlpirrmarra Connection's cultural football carnival between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club.
- This year's carnival will take place in Wiluna over the long weekend between the 1st and 4th of June 2018.
- The yearly carnival brings together young players (aged 6-18) from the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club in a unique team-building weekend that combines highly skilled football with educational activities and plenty of fun for all.
- It has rapidly become a major event on the junior football calendar, as well as an important celebration of team spirit, cultural understanding and respect, and healthy living.
- The partnership between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club has strengthened over the years into a mutually respectful rivalry, producing some thrilling football games and many lasting friendships.

### Murlpirrmarra Connection Ltd

- Murlpirrmarra Connection is a not-for-profit organisation focused on providing Wiluna, Leonora and Murchison based Aboriginal youth with access to quality secondary education options.
- From 2010 Murlpirrmarra Connection has grown from managing three teenage boys to now supporting 96 young men and women. This includes 65 school aged students, 10 post graduate students and 21 young people who have left school.
- Our organisation was established in response to the number of young Aboriginal men and women in these areas who have limited educational options; who are falling through the cracks; or who are already involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Murlpirrmarra Connection offers a positive support system to provide these students with hope and to avoid the pitfalls that can derail their lives. We are committed to supporting students to complete school and to engage in higher education, vocational training and employment.
- Murlpirrmarra Connection co-ordinates the annual Cultural Football Weekend.

Powered by Murlpirrmarra Connection Ltd

## See you there







### **Two local Perth pilots will be flying across Australia to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service later this year.**

Two local Perth pilots will be flying across Australia to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service later this year.

Scott Palmer and Caleb Duggan will be taking part in the 2018 Outback Air Race. The race is a GPS-based navigation time trial and takes place every three years. In 2018 41 aircraft from across Australia (and NZ) will take part.

The Air Race started in 1996 and exists to raise much-needed funds to support the Australian Royal Flying Doctor Service, who's government funding has remained largely unchanged since 2006, despite demand for their critical services increasing. Participants and spectators in the Outback Air Race have raised over \$2.1 million since the first race, and these funds have gone towards outfitting RFDS aircraft with essential medical equipment vital for treating sick and injured patients.

Last year, the RFDS made an average of 915 patient contacts or transports, and flew 72,358 kilometres daily. It ran 14,471 healthcare clinics, operated 67 aircraft, 22 bases, 5 health facilities and had 1,072 full-time equivalent staff. In 2018 they celebrate 90 years of service.

This year's race takes place across Australia's top end - East to West, Brisbane to Broome, over two weeks. The race starts in Brisbane on the 18th of August. Participants will make stops in Bundaberg, Longreach, Mt. Isa, Adels Grove, Daly Waters, Katherine, Kunnanurra, and Broome (in addition to having to get to the start point and back home again).

The race itself covers approximately 3,940km. But the round trip from Perth totals around 10,817 km. This involves around 40 hours of flying time and over 1300 litres of fuel. The aircraft Scott and Caleb will be flying is a custom built Vans RV7A, a small 2 seat aircraft with an average cruise speed of around 277kph.

Scott and Caleb aim to raise \$10000 for the Royal Flying Doctors before the race starts and hope to raise even more during the race.

If you would like to make a small donation to the team's RFDS fundraising efforts (100% goes to the RFDS in WA), you can access their team's page here:

<https://oar18.everydayhero.com/au/teamzic>

If you would like to know more about the Race, you can view their site here:

<http://www.outbackairrace.com.au/>

# Changes to Building Regulations

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## Changes to Building Regulations

Building Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 2017 were published in the *Government Gazette* on 22 December 2017, and came into effect on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

The main change affecting the Shire of Wiluna is that a building permit is now required for building work for Class 1 to Class 9 buildings in the whole district of Wiluna (instead of the previous requirement where a building permit was only required if these types of buildings were located in a townsite).

Consequently, if you are intending to construct or modify a building anywhere within the Shire of Wiluna you will need to apply to the Shire to obtain a building permit.

The other changes relate to obligations concerning the installation of smoke alarms (particularly when a property is being transferred to a new owner).







## Naming Policy and Powers of the Commissioner for Consumer Protection

*The Commissioner for Consumer Protection in Western Australia (the "Commissioner") has legislative authority to issue public warnings to consumers about any matter that might adversely affect their interests when acquiring goods or services. This could be a particular trader who is engaging in unfair or illegal behaviour or goods and services which are unsatisfactory or dangerous, as well as those who supply them.*

### The process

Publicly naming traders or products occurs where the Commissioner has conducted an investigation or inquiry and is satisfied that it is in the public interest that the public be warned about a trader or product.

The Commissioner applies careful consideration to decisions to publish a naming and balances the risk to consumers with the need to safeguard against the trader's reputation being unjustifiably damaged. The naming occurs when the Commissioner believes that the public needs to be informed immediately about a trader or product to protect consumers from personal or financial harm.

Factors that the Commissioner takes into consideration include:

- Is there a risk to the health and safety of the public?
- Is there an imminent danger of significant loss or detriment to the public?
- Have there been complaints from consumers?
- Has the trader co-operated with attempts to resolve disputes with consumers?
- How can the facts on which the naming is based be ascertained?

The naming is based on a thorough evaluation of the information available to the Commissioner and legal advice. In accordance with natural justice, traders who may be the subject of a public naming are given adequate opportunity to respond prior to the statement being issued, except in urgent cases.

### Legal Protections

The Fair Trading Act 2010 gives the Commissioner protection against defamation proceedings provided the statement is made in good faith. The Act also gives anyone publishing or broadcasting the Commissioner's statement express statutory protection from liability for defamation, provided it is reported in good faith and is a fair and accurate summary of the statement.

### Disclaimer

This statement provides general information and guidance about the use of the Commissioner's power to issue public warnings. This statement:

- Is not legally binding on the Commissioner or Consumer Protection;
- Is general in nature and does not exhaustively address all the specific Statutory limitations and considerations that may be relevant to issuing a public warning;
- Does not confine, restrain or limit the discretion of the Commissioner to take any action; and
- Is not intended as a substitute for legal advice.

Individuals/corporations/others in doubt about their rights or obligations should obtain independent legal advice.

The full policy on the public naming of traders is available from Consumer Protection.

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[www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au)



Sean Weinthal (left) and Mitchell Grisbrook (right)

## Consumers urged to avoid tree lopping family businesses (Sean Weinthal / Mitchell Grisbrook / Elite Trees / SAS Tree Services)

A rogue tree lopper with a long history with Consumer Protection regarding complaints about his dodgy business practices is now the subject of yet another public warning, which now includes his nephew.

**Sean Robert Weinthal** of Wanneroo has twice been prosecuted and has also been the subject of numerous warnings since 2006. A high level of consumer enquiries and complaints against him recently has prompted further action by Consumer Protection. The warning also includes his nephew **Mitchell Craig Grisbrook** of Connolly.

Between 1 January 2017 and 8 January 2018, there were 44 enquiries and 18 complaints against businesses of which Sean Weinthal has either been the proprietor or an employee:

- Specialised Arborist Services (sometimes referred to as SAS Tree Services)
- Advanced Tree Specialists
- West Coast Trees
- Manageable Tree Services
- Metropolitan Tree Services
- West Australian Tree Services

In the same period, Consumer Protection received 51 enquiries and 23 complaints against **Elite Trees** which has Mr Grisbrook as a registered proprietor and Mr Weinthal is believed to be an employee. It's believed they are currently operating under this business name as well as '**SAS Tree Services**' (unregistered).

It's also believed that Mr Weinthal is using the name "John" when dealing with customers.

The complaints relate to allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct, failing to offer a cooling off period for unsolicited sales, wrongly accepting payment, failing to carry out or complete the work as agreed, trespassing, bullying behaviour, carrying out unauthorised work and damage to property.

Commissioner for Consumer Protection David Hillyard said consumers should avoid doing business with either Sean Weinthal or Mitch Grisbrook.

"It is with great frustration and exacerbation that Consumer Protection is again issuing yet another alert about Mr Weinthal who, despite being prosecuted and the cause of numerous warnings for many years now, continues his misconduct when dealing with WA consumers," Mr Hillyard said.

"Mr Weinthal can no longer be trusted to operate a business either ethically or legally. He has no appreciation of his obligations under consumer law and uses bullying tactics to intimidate consumers into accepting quotes and paying for work that has either not been carried out, is only partially complete or, if complete, does not meet the standard or fulfil the expectations of his customers.

"We can't recommend strongly enough for consumers to avoid Mr Weinthal, Mr Grisbrook and their various businesses when getting quotes for tree lopping services. Usually they drop flyers in letterboxes in areas where verge-side rubbish collections are scheduled by local councils. If you receive one of their flyers, ignore it and ensure you get multiple quotes from other more reputable businesses."

Previous recent media statements issued regarding Mr Weinthal include:

[Wanneroo tree lopper fined for bullying tactics \(Sean Weinthal / Manageable Tree Services\)](#) – 31 October 2016

[Enforceable undertakings taken against tree lopping business \(West Australian Tree Services\)](#) – 19 February 2015

[Further action against rogue tree lopping business](#) – 15 May 2014

[Bullying tree lopper threatens WA consumers: Urgent Warning \(Sean Robert Weinthal\)](#) – 26 November 2013

[Fine for bullying tree loppers](#) – 14 February 2013

WA consumers who have had unsatisfactory dealings with either Mr Weinthal or Mr Grisbrook or any of their businesses and have yet to lodge a complaint are urged to do so via the Consumer Protection website [www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au](http://www.consumerprotection.wa.gov.au). Enquiries can be made by email [consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:consumer@dmirs.wa.gov.au) or by calling 1300 30 40 54.