COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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The Wiluna Wire

Hello and Welcome this week's edition of the Wiluna Wire

In this edition we have submissions from several Wiluna Agencies. This newsletter can only be as informative, interesting and entertaining as the stories we receive. However, under copyright law, we can only publish original material that you own the copyright of or that is not copyrighted.

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We hope you enjoy this edition of The Wiluna Wire.

REPORT IT DON'T IGNORE IT

For neighbourhood safety, we encourage you to report street lights that are out, damaged or malfunctioning

You can keep your community safe by reporting street light problems.

Call Horizon Power's 24/7 Fault Line

on

1800 264 914

If you notice a leak or a burst water pipe, or you have a question regarding your account, you can give Water Corporation a call on the numbers below.

Faults, Emergencies & Security - 13 13 75

(24 hours)

Waterwise Helpline - 13 10 39

Hearing or Speech Impaired Customers

Please call the National Relay Service and ask for 13 13 85 (account enquires) or 13 13 75 (faults, emergencies & Security)

Translation & Interpreter Service - 13 14 50

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Acting CEO's Report

Seriously!

We are currently facing probably the worst global pandemic in more than 100 years, and it needs to be taken seriously.

There is no need to panic (as panic never helps in any situation), but we need to take seriously the advice of the Prime Minister, the Chief Medical Officer, and other leaders to keep ourselves and our community safe.

That means doing things differently today to how we did them yesterday, and it probably means doing things differently tomorrow to how we are doing them today.

It means:

- **Eliminating unnecessary travel (it is NOT holiday time!)**
- **Staying home, and working from home if possible**
- **Keeping distance from other people to stop the spread of the infection**
- **Hygiene, hygiene, hygiene. Wash your hands as often as possible, and use a tissue if you sneeze or cough**

The Shire has cut out all face-to-face meetings, and the Minister for Local Government has made new regulations to allow local governments to meet electronically.

Of course, we all need to eat (which currently means going out to the shop). In the city, people are lucky enough to be able to order their shopping online or on the phone and have the shopping delivered, which will keep them safer than going out to shop. This option is not yet available in Wiluna.

We are currently not welcoming tourists – the Prime Minister has called for no unnecessary travel to try to slow the pandemic, and we should all be complying.

That also means that our artists will not be participating in any exhibitions until the health authorities give us the "all clear"

But the Shire will be investing in additional marketing campaigns to boost online art sales, to try to maintain our artists' incomes.

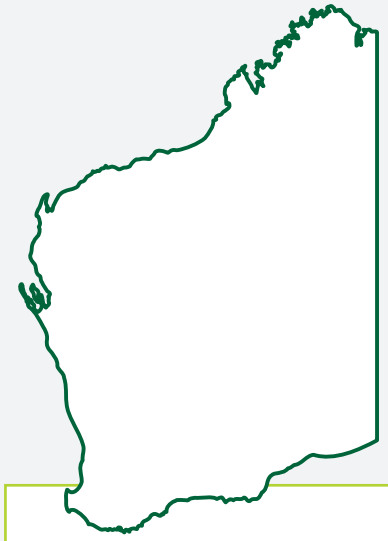
Take care, stay safe, stay healthy!

Kind regards

Warren Olsen, **Acting CEO**

Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

COVID-19 in Western Australia



Tested (negative)	10,353
Cases	175
Recovered	6
Deaths	1
Unknown source	2

As at: 24 March 2020
2.00pm WST

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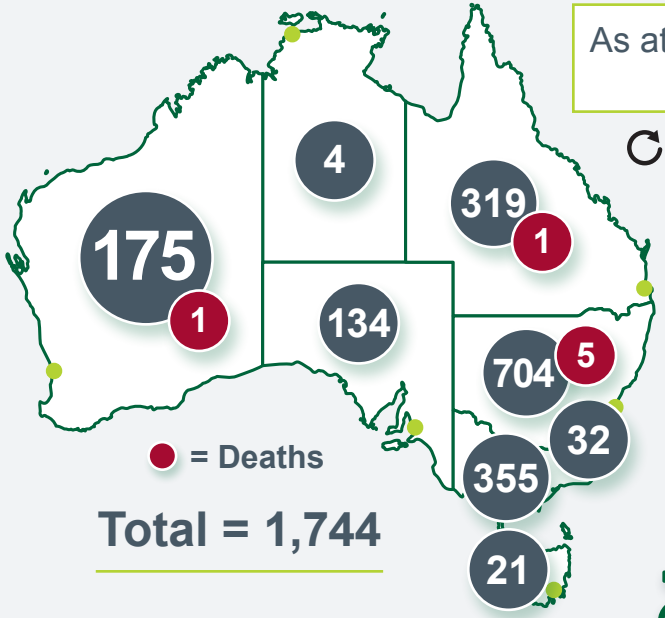
COVID-19 cases by state



Total = 1,744

Source: National Incident Room

View the WA locations visited by confirmed cases

COVID-19 globally

Cases	332,930
Deaths	14,510

Source: World Health Organization

Recovered	101,806

Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE

Protect yourself

COVER COUGHS and sneezes with a tissue or use your inner elbow

WASH HANDS often with soap or hand sanitiser

STAY HOME from work or school if you are sick

All people returning from international travel must self-isolate for 14 days after the date of return to Australia. Self-isolation does not apply to other members of the household who have not travelled overseas.

Coronavirus Health Information Line
1800 020 080

Tackle stigma and misinformation on COVID-19

Global Disaster Preparedness Center

1 STAY INFORMED

Tune in to trusted communication channels - like your local authorities and the World Health Organization for up to date information.

2 SHARE THE FACTS, NOT FEAR

If you hear a rumor, respectfully challenge it by sharing accurate information. Verify information you are unsure about with the right sources - like your local Red Cross Red Crescent Society.

3 PRACTICE SAFE BEHAVIORS

Regularly wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid close contact with anyone with fever or cough. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a flexed elbow or tissue.

4 HELP THE MOST VULNERABLE

Offer help to those who are most vulnerable to the disease such as the elderly, those with pre-existing medical conditions or persons with disabilities who may need extra assistance.

5 SUPPORT THOSE WITH COVID-19

Demonstrate your support for anyone infected with the disease as they are going through a difficult time.

Coping with stress during the COVID-19 outbreak

IFRC

It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis.

Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family.

Be aware that not everything you hear about the virus may be true.

Stay updated and use information from trusted sources, like your health authority, World Health Organization (WHO) or your local Red Cross or Red Crescent.

Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.

Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during this outbreak.

If you must stay at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contact with family and friends at home and remotely.

Deal with any emotions you may have in a healthy manner.

If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

Source: WHO

Tips to maintain your well being

the power of humanity

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

1.

Talking to people you trust can help. Set up regular check-ins with friends and family, especially if you are self-isolating.

3.

Maintain a healthy lifestyle, including a good diet, sleep and exercise.

2.

Try to keep perspective. Remind yourself the world will keep turning and the sun will come up.

4.

If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor.

17 March 2020

Basic Protective Measures against Coronavirus (Covid 19)

Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that my be on your hands

Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

You need to do this because hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

You need to do this because droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flue and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent the spread of viruses and other infections.

How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new corona-virus?

To prevent COVID-19 it is safest to avoid physical contact when greeting someone. Safe greetings include a wave, a nod or a bow.

Should I avoid shaking hands because of the new coronavirus?

Yes, Respiratory viruses can be passed by shaking hands and touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Greet people with a wave, a nod or a bow instead.

Is wearing rubber gloves while out in public effective in preventing the new coronavirus infection?

No. Regularly washing your bare hands offers more protection against catching COVID-19 than wearing rubber gloves. You can still pick up COVID-19 contamination on rubber gloves. If you then touch your face, the contamination goes from your gloves to your face and can infect you.

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

WASH YOUR HANDS

- After coughing or sneezing
- When caring for the sick
- Before, during and after you prepare food
- Before eating
- After toilet use
- When hands are visibly dirty
- After handling animals or animal waste

Wash your hands

Wash you hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty.

If your hands are not visibly dirty, then frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing cover your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue.

Throw the tissue into a closed bin immediately after use.

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick

Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre News

It's been a very busy summer for the Training Centre. We commenced the year on 06 January and have been very active planning training, preparing students, coordinating training dates and meeting with many our stakeholders and partners.

We have put a lot of work into preparing for the upcoming training in road work, especially coordinating training resources.

Of course, we had all those big storms in this period, which has created a lot of damage to Shire roads and infrastructure, but has also turned Wiluna green. We were able to help out over this period also, being located on very firm ground and assisting people caught out by the flooding.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard with us in January and February to get things ready for a big training year in 2020.

Certificate I Automotive Completed

In late February we completed our third Cert I Auto course, which commenced in early October last year. Cert I Auto is the first course in our training year. It is a pre-vocational training course that gets everyone into the vocational training groove and sets them up for Cert II and further training. Some students take a break after Cert I Auto, and other students choose to keep going with their training.

All of our training is designed for local employment opportunities, in consultation with employers and Martu Elders, and within the capacity of our RTO CRTAFE to deliver and support. Our training puts people on pathways to employment. The most important aspect of the training is attendance. We work with families to ensure high attendance and course completion and graduation rates. We enjoy 100% attendance almost every training day because the training is interesting, relevant, meaningful and enjoyable, but also because we work closely with families to support students and ensure they attend every day. If students don't attend training every day, their employment prospects diminish significantly.

Thank you to the Wiluna families for working so closely with us to get the students to the training and through the training. Two-way; Martu-way; Yuwawu!

Thank you also to employers, Elders, families, Wiluna Shire Councillors, and other Wiluna residents and visitors, for regularly visiting our training and supporting the students.

Thank you to our CRTAFE lecturers Andy and Alwyn for their hard work and great preparation with the nationally accredited training. Thanks also to Mitch from CRTAFE in Kalgoorlie for all his support, and the coordination of remote training delivery to Wiluna. Michelle and her gang in client services have also provided huge support to our training and have recently completed the big job of putting it all together and awarding certificates to our graduates (more of that in the next edition of the *Wiluna Wire*).

Thank you to Jim Quadrio, Graham Harris and Mick Wilson for their regular visits to the Training Centre and for all the encouragement and support they give to the students and the Training Centre. We are very grateful for the interest and encouragement you consistently provide.

Unfortunately, for the first time since we commenced our training 3 years ago, there were no WRCS school VET students on this course. It is very important that families work with the school to maintain high attendance rates and keep students at school long enough for them to enter the Training Centre, and commence their training and employment pathway. 15 WRCS school VET students successfully completed Cert I Auto in 2017 and 2018.

10 students commenced the 2019/20 course but one had to withdraw during through the course due to other commitments. The other 9 students attended all the training and completed the course. They will soon receive their TAFE course attainment certificates.

Next Training and Courses

Another Cert I Automotive Pre-Vocational Preparation course will be conducted in term 4 this year (October-December). Hopefully we'll get some eligible WRCS school VET students involved in that course (fees for school VET covered by the government), and other Wiluna residents who are keen to commence their training and employment pathway through TAFE. Any Martu adults interested in participating in the demanding machinery and road construction training for the Wiluna-Meekatharra road upgrade project in 2021 should look at enrolling in the next Cert I Automotive. You must be able to attend training every day. Significant concession discounts apply for those people on Centrelink. Once students complete Cert I Auto, they can proceed onto the more demanding road upgrade training and/or a Certificate II courses.

By popular community demand, the Training Centre will commence a Certificate II Automotive course with Alwyn in May. This course is for students who have completed a Cert I Automotive. We will have some exciting news about this course in the next edition of the Wiluna Wire, as we have partnered with an employer who is assisting students with their course fees.

Our road upgrade project training commences on 09 March and runs through until June/July. An enormous amount of work has gone into setting this training up over the past few months. Some of our stakeholders have been very active in assisting us to source in-kind support for this training. We have some major developments in this regard which we will detail in the next edition of the Wiluna Wire. This includes some of the state's biggest machinery and construction companies helping us out. They want to see Wiluna residents get ahead and want to help us create employment opportunities for Wiluna. This is a massive development. Thank you to Mick Wilson for working so hard to help us move all this forward. We have come a very long way in a very short time with the road upgrade project. It has taken an enormous amount of time and effort.

Certificate I Automotive February Training Pics

Austin, Noel and Durias changing oil in a Toyota

Juan and Brogan putting in the new oil, Martu way

Leigh Williams checking the oil levels

Durias and Briohny training together, families training together, Yuwawu!

Nathan, Roy and Clinton checking the auto electrical system

Shana and Duran checking the wheel nuts

Clinton and Briohny learning soldering

Austin working on the split rims

Leigh and Roy with the fixed tyres

Shana and Duran fitting the tyres

Seeing RED at the Training Centre

There's been a lot of **Red** at the Training Centre this year!

Nathan **Red**mond has been very busy helping me out in January and February, and assisting us with the training, and preparation. He's done a great job. He's also been nominated by our CRTAFE lecturers for the CRTAFE 2019 Aboriginal Student of the Year Award. We should know if he's won that soon. The award covers Kalgoorlie, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Northam, Wiluna and Warburton campuses and training centres. It's a big deal just getting nominated. One of students won this award in 2017, so we're right up there with the rest of the campuses and delivery centres.

The Education Department's Regional Executive Director (**RED**) for the Goldfields Region, Mr Saeed Amin, has also been regularly visiting the Training Centre. Saeed commenced in this role in January this year and has taken a strong interest in the Training Centre. He's been giving us lots of good guidance and support, and has taken the time to get to know as many of our stakeholders and partners as he can. He's met many of our Elders, students, Shire representatives, and mining company and employer representatives when they've visited the Training Centre while Saeed is there. He also visited the students during their training and had a good look around the workshop and facilities at the Training Centre to familiarise himself with our training environment. He's also met many of the TAFE gang who support us in Kalgoorlie.

Fortescue Helicopters even came down to Wiluna in February in a **red** chopper to do some work with a mining company.

Even though I'm a blue person, we're all happy to see **red** at the Training Centre!

Nathan **Red**mond, Goldfields **RED** Saeed Amin, Anthea Cutter and Martu Elders Stewart Long, Rita Cutter and Lena Long at the Training Centre

Fortescue Helicopters gets in on the **red** theme at the Training Centre

Kalium Lakes Visit the Training Centre

Kalium Lakes' Mr Brent Smoothy visited the Training Centre in January to tour the facilities and meet with Martu Elders. Brent has a long history with Wiluna having spent years as an aerial mustering contractor in the district. Brent also owns extensive pastoral holdings in the Pilbara and is well known around the ridges for his mediation work.

Kalium Lakes are a financial partner of the Training Centre, part of our mining company funding MOU.

It was great to see Brent, have a good yarn, and let him know what training we've been doing since his last visit.

Brent and Lance Smoothy with Martu Elders Caroline and Lena Long under the Kalium Lakes banner recently donated to the Training Centre

Brent touches down at the Training Centre on his visit

Mr Bennett Visits the Training Centre

Ngaanyatjarra Elder and senior Lawman Mr Ernest Bennett visited the Training Centre in February. He wanted to see what everyone was talking about, talk to the students about their training and tour the facility. Many of his extended family in Wiluna have trained at the Training Centre and gave him the good feedback. Mr Bennet liked what he saw and gave us the thumbs-up!

Mr Bennet gets respect and the students wasted no time checking out his Toyota and making sure he was good to go for his trip back to Warakurna. They fixed up his battery and auto electrical system and changed his tyre. Mr Bennett liked that and promised to visit again on his next trip to Wiluna! He gets good value from his visits to the Training Centre!

Mr Bennett and Mac go back a long way. They worked together around Wiluna and Docker River on the big national Australian Feral Camel Management Project (AFCMP) for 4 years on the Lands. Mo was in that gang too, so was Michael (Nuni) Carnegie. Mac was the WA coordinator of this project. The project culled over 50,000 feral camels from the choppers over 4 years in the Great Victoria, Gibson, Little Sandy and Great Sandy deserts, working from Tjuntjunjarra to Kiwirrkurra, and from the NT and WA borders back to Wiluna. It was a huge area, all four WA deserts, and a big job!

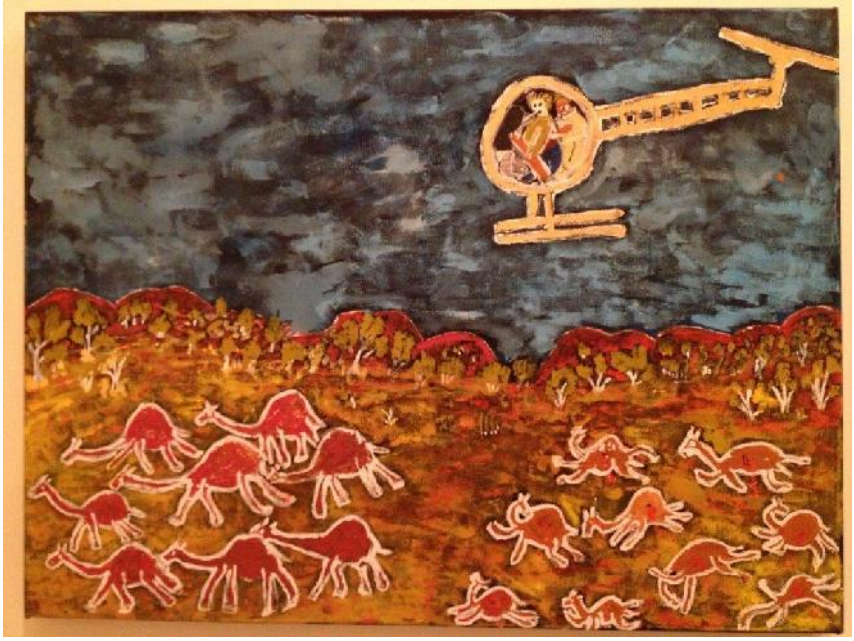
In 2012, the National Museum of Australia (NMA), located in Canberra, commissioned the Warakurna Artists to paint a number of pictures of contemporary Aboriginal land management in the desert. The feature piece was a picture of Mac and Mr Bennett in a chopper over the Rawlinson Range shooting feral camels. This exhibition toured Australia a few years later and Mac was invited to introduce the exhibition at the Kalgoorlie Museum. If you visit the NMA in Canberra you can see this picture, it's huge, as big as a door. Ms Eunice Porter painted the picture. We took most of the artists for chopper flights over their country around Warakurna and Docker River so they could get a different perspective for their artwork, and check out some new spots for their art camps. Happy artists!

Thumbs-up from Mr Bennett for the Training Centre

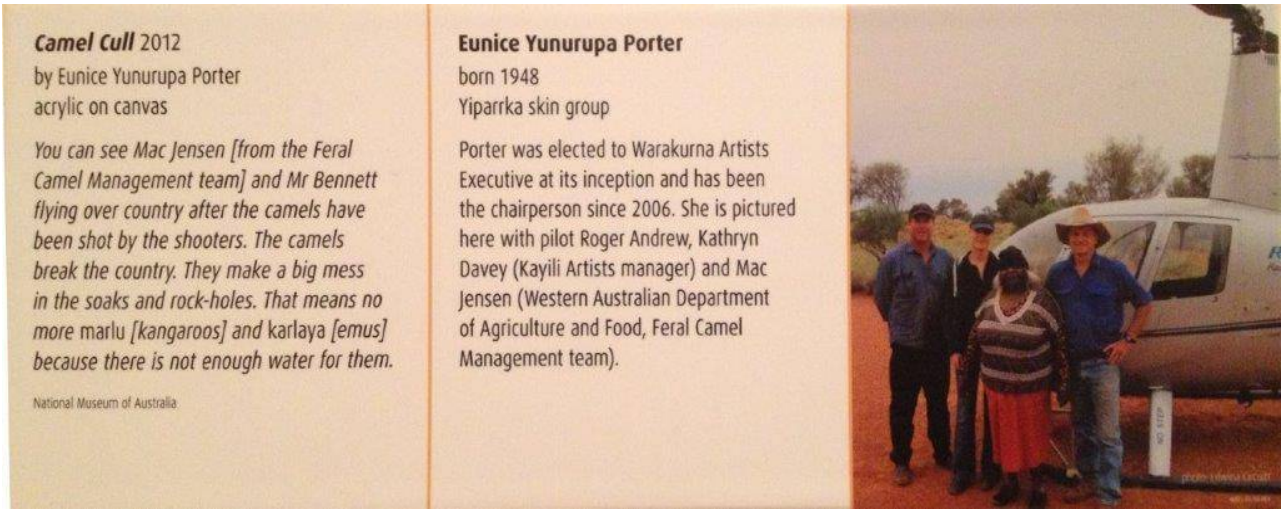
Mac, Mr Bennett and Keith Payne VC AM at Warakurna on the feral camel project 2012. Mr Bennett and Mr Payne became good friends at Warakurna and did a lot flying together in the choppers with Mac.

Mr Bennett showing us around his country near Warakurna 2012

Thumbs-up from Mr Bennett in the chopper over his country 2012



Eunice Porter's Malya painting of Mac and Mr Bennett at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra



Camel Cull 2012
by Eunice Yunurupa Porter
acrylic on canvas

You can see Mac Jensen [from the Feral Camel Management team] and Mr Bennett flying over country after the camels have been shot by the shooters. The camels break the country. They make a big mess in the soaks and rock-holes. That means no more marlu *[kangaroos] and* karlaya *[emus] because there is not enough water for them.*

National Museum of Australia

Eunice Yunurupa Porter
born 1948
Yiparrka skin group

Porter was elected to Warakurna Artists Executive at its inception and has been the chairperson since 2006. She is pictured here with pilot Roger Andrew, Kathryn Davey (Kayili Artists manager) and Mac Jensen (Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food, Feral Camel Management team).

The description under Eunice's big feral camel painting in Canberra – Yuwawu!

Training Centre 2019 Results

CRTAFE have recently completed resulting the TAFE training conducted at the Training Centre in 2019.

Our results have been outstanding, especially given the small size of Wiluna. Training is voluntary so students will only enrol in courses and attend training if the training is meaningful, relevant, authentic, well- and imaginatively prepared and delivered, and leads to employment. Students need to enjoy the training experience and feel valued by the staff, ie respect both ways. As a direct consequence, we enjoy almost 100% attendance at all of our training, right throughout the year.

Our students self-determine what training and employment pathways they wish to choose and we do our best to organise that training and, working with employers, align it with genuine employment opportunities around Wiluna. We don't tell Martu what is best for them, they tell us what training they want to do, and what jobs they would like at the end of it, so they have strong ownership of this process.

At the Training Centre, we work closely with students, their families and the wider Wiluna community, and also with employers, partners and stakeholders to ensure that the training is meeting employer expectations and will lead to real jobs, for which our students will be fully qualified, through nationally accredited training. We work very long hours at the Training Centre but the reward is quality training with exceptionally high attendance and completion rates. Our feedback is always that this extra effort is noticed, valued and respected, so it is definitely worth it. Seeing all the Martu moving into good well-paid jobs that they want to do is a very rewarding process to be part of. We work closely with our partners like DSS and other employers to coordinate the training around tight work schedules and competing priorities. This can be inconvenient and difficult to manage, however all of the employers do all they can to accommodate the very busy training schedule at the Training Centre, something we greatly appreciate and which value-adds to the training for Martu people.

The Training Centre operates on a very small budget. Achieving what we do on such a small budget reminds everyone that it is hard work and effort, and strong links to families and the community, that leads to success, not lots of $. We get a lot of in-kind support around Wiluna because the community is strongly connected to the Training Centre. The Training Centre is a Wiluna Shire and community initiative, facilitated by the Department of Education, in partnership with Central Regional TAFE. Everyone working together; everyone working hard; saving lots of $ and reinvesting that into training.

Without our funding partners (we are entirely externally funded by the Wiluna Shire and local mining companies), none of this would be possible. Everyone appreciates this support. Yuwawu!

Training Centre 2019 Results:

10 students graduated with a Certificate II in Rural Operations (3-term 15 unit course)
9 students graduated with a Certificate I Automotive Pre-Vocational Training (1-term 8 unit course)
8 students graduated from the TAFE 4WD course (1 week course)
8 students graduated from the TAFE Bobcat Training course (1 week course)

Congratulations to all of those students, and thank you again to the families, funding partners and stakeholders who support us so strongly and keep us going, and a very big thank you to CRTAFE.

Congratulations to all of the Martu and other Wiluna residents who have completed training at the Training Centre and now have casual, part-time and full-time employment. We believed in you, your families believed in you and now you have the great reward of secure employment. **Yuwawu!**

2019 Training Centre CRTAFE graduates at our recent graduation ceremony with their Malya certificates for nationally accredited training. Lena, Rita, Caroline and Selina were there too, feeling good for their family who graduated (big Yuwawu!). Mr Saeed Amin, Regional Executive Director of the Department of Education Goldfields Region, was there too for the big day.

Nathan Redmond with his Malya Certificate II Rural Operations and his tickets for 4WD Operations and Skid Steer Operations. Nathan has been nominated for CRTAFE 2019 Aboriginal Students of the Year for all of the CRTAFE campuses. A Training Centre student won this award in 2017 so a good indicator of the standard and relevance of our training, and the difference it is making with students in Wiluna. Well done Nathan, you have done very well with your training and your positive attitude influences others.

NORTH WEST CENTRAL

Cue, Meekatharra, Mt Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Yalgoo, Wiluna, Onslow, Pannawonica, Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Kalbarri, Shark Bay, Carnarvon, Coral Bay, Exmouth & Gascoyne Junction

URGENT NOTICE

The Australian and State Government

COVID – 19 Announcement

Tourists & Visitors

STOP non-essential travel

This means YOU

MUST RETURN HOME

Let's all stay safe & keep our distance ….

More information

- www.health.wa.gov.au
- 1800 020 080 (National COVID - 19 Health line)

A community announcement from Vince Catania MLA, Member of Parliament

Tjukurba ART GALLERY

Tjukurba Art Centre -Canning Stock Route-Gunbarrel Highway Discovery Centre are closed to the public as of 18 March 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Prime Minister has decreed that there is to be no unnecessary travel. Tourism is unnecessary travel. So please do your duty and stay home. Please do not threaten all our lives by visiting Wiluna.

We have been busy cancelling events and postponing workshops due to the Covid 19 virus

Contact the Manager of Community Services for appointment only via email or phone contact on 08 9981 8009 or my personal contact on 0447328292 email me at MCS@wiluna.wa.gov.au

If you are keen to support our artists, go on to our website to purchase a painting Shire of Wiluna page then hit *Operations of the Tjukurba Art Gallery.

I have contacted Wirrpanda Foundation (CDP) to inform Hugh Reilly and Tahnie of the decision made from the Shire of Wiluna. I have asked the Birriliburu artist to stay at their own homes from the 17th March 20, We have assisted in getting all resources needed for them to paint at home, for each canvas that has been completed, we give out the next canvas.

The new process as follows all artists on the program are to contact the art centre staff daily

We send them off to Tahnie

We have decided to make packed lunches, for the 14 active artists who are mainly our Senior group who are high risk of contracting the virus. This will continue until we have been informed to work from our homes, this directive can be given at any time. Then it will be up to the community, and families to look after our Senior group.

The process for lunch picks up and drop off by Wirrpanda staff are Monday to Wednesday from 11 30 am, we have 14 active artists from town and out to Bondini to cater for.

It may be some time before we get back to the normal pace of our jobs

To all families out there take care of your Elders, make sure to look in on them and food is plentiful in their cupboards. Elders are precious they are the generation of wisdom, knowledge and kindness.

Take care of these wonderful souls please.

I will continue to contact all service providers by email or phone on any changes that may accrue

Linaire Hodge

Manager Community Services

Australian Government
Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support

Funded through the Australian Government's Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support Program

HARMONY DAY FUN AT WILUNA REMOTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The world might be a little chaotic at the moment, but Harmony was the word of the day at Wiluna Remote Community School on Friday the 20th of March. Students, parents, teachers and community members came together to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Along with a BBQ students and parents were invited to take part in a variety of activities ranging from painting, hat making, biscuit decorating and some fun skipping games. It was wonderful to see all the kids mixing with the community and kids of different ages participating in games and helping each other out. WRCS is committed to celebrating cultural diversity at our school and days such as Harmony Day will always be an important part of our culture.

During the WRCS took the opportunity to undertake an anonymous satisfaction survey with the community members and parents. A big thank you to everyone who participated. The results show that the community is happy with the school and what we are doing, however, have some concerns regarding behaviour. We have taken this on board and will be letting the community know how we are responding to community concerns. The results of the survey can be seen below.

Do you think your child is happy at school? **Average score 3.9**
Do you feel your child is safe at school? **Average score 3.5**
Do you feel that the school is liked by the community? **Average score 4.2**
Do think the teachers at the school are doing the best for your school? **Average score 4.7**
Do think the Principals of the school is doing the best for your school? **Average score 4.3**
Please give the school an overall rating out of 5 **Average score 4.5**

We continue to extend the invitation to participate in the survey. Copies of the surveys will be placed on the desk in the administration building, we encourage you to take part.

Wiluna Remote Community School – School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 25th February 2020

Meeting Open – 1:50pm
Meeting Close – 2:35pm

In Attendance	Apologies
Anthea Cutter Eleanor Simpson Stacey Petterson Pauline Harris-Callow Susan Trigwell Adam Clarke	Lena Long Rita Cutter Vera Anderson Trisha Williams

Item	Staff Member	Notes	Follow up
Welcome AGM	Susan	We hope to have voices from across the community represented this year. Today we have the people who have chosen to come on board, we will also invite Lena Long, Rita Cutter and Vera Anderson to be on the council. I want everyone to have a voice, the school council will make important decisions this year. Susan put motion forward for a chairperson from those attendees present – would Pauline consider being the chairperson? Pauline said yes. Unanimous vote confirmed Pauline. Susan nominated Adam as secretary. Would Adam consider being the secretary? Adam said yes. Unanimous vote confirmed Adam. Parents – Stacey Petterson and Eleanor Simpson Cultural Advisor – Anthea Cutter We are going to try and have a high school student on the Council, we can have 15 year olds or older on the Council. Members of the School Council are as follows: Chairperson: Pauline Harris-Callow Secretary: Adam Clarke Principal: Susan Trigwell Cultural Adviser: Anthea Cutter Community members: Rita Cutter, Lena Long Parents: Eleanor Simpson, Trisha Williams, Vera Anderson Council members:	

		We had a big community meeting in February and community came forward to establish a school vision - Focuses that came out of it were: 1. behaviour management (safety), 2. social-emotional wellbeing and 3. educational incomes (students being ready to go to work) The behaviour at the school has been a concern this year. The behaviour has been challenging. As a school community we would like to focus on that for Term 1. We have been in conversation with School Psychology Services and Behaviour and Learning Support Services through the Dpt. about what the next steps we can take. What I'm concerned as principal is – if I start suspending students, that is something which becomes a problem for parents when their child is suspended. We are going to come up with a Behaviour plan together; whereby if this behaviour happens, are you willing (families) to support suspension by the school? It's not always the child who starts the fight, it's the one that finishes it. Both students would be suspended. It is about coming to staff and approaching teachers for us to respond and deal with it as a school. We are going to introduce that as a school there are consequences to all choices we/students make. There was consensus by the school council for a behaviour consequence for all parties involved in the behaviour/fighting/ non compliance. It will be called ''Are You Ready To Learn? '' The Council will look at the plan, it will be brought to the next meeting and Council will vote to endorse it. Our focus is on the positive but students are feeling unsafe and frightened, this is not acceptable. There needs to be a consequence. At the next meeting the school strategic plan will be presented to the council to sign off on. It is important as it determines what direction the school is taking and therefore how we can spend our money. - We will be directing our budgets to literacy, numeracy, social-emotional wellbeing – it could be camps, rewards for kids that come to school and do the right thing. - Money is also spent on our On-country learning, two-way science programme. What about an anti-bullying program to teach the kids? (Pauline and Stacey) Susan – That is a very important point. What about courses for protective behaviours for teachers and for kids? –Eleanor and Stacey Susan – NAHS will be supporting the seniors each week and talking to the senior students, I will also speak to NAHS about out 4-6 class now that the council has raised it as a concern. For our little people, we will look at protective behaviours for themselves. Re-introduction of 5 people you can trust (High 5). Finances of the school The three focuses currently: - Martu culture	

Eleanor Stacey Susan Pauline Stacey		- Curriculum - Social-emotional wellbeing We need someone to talk about sex-ed with the students. Get it in place to protect them. Pauline suggested an older nurse as an option for the girls, and also someone to speak to the boys. Pauline stated she does not want the school nurse Joella to do the sex ed. For seniors- we need to get a senior community person to support the learning. Susan – Yes this is an important area of curriculum for our students. I will contact NAHS about this and ask for a senior lady. We need drug and alcohol education at school. Susan – We have booked them through SDERA (Department of Educatrion). Ben Brown – suggested man we can take out with high school boys on trips. Lee Williams is another suggestion. Delston Wongawol as another potentialelder/mentor. We are extremely concerned about the behaviour. Pauline, Eleanor, Stacey. **Council members agreed that behaviour is a concern and that the school response to behaviour and violence is to be consistent for all students.** Pauline – You need to get the police involved. Susan – OK, we will have them come in as part of the Adopt A Cop program to talk to each class about social behaviour. Pauline – What about attendance? Susan – Attendance has improved out of sight. Wirrpanda had been directed to not collect students in town (confirmed by Stacey). Wirrpanda and the school agreed what is the focus – the focus is the school is attendance. We are trying to keep students at school by providing more opportunities. School has employed Mr Graham Waideman to also collect students from in town and also those who miss the bus out at Bondini. He goes out with Miss Anthea and picks up all the kids. We want the opportunity for the girls – hair and beauty, deportment. The Council had asked us to set up the coffee pop up café there, we can't have it there now but we would like to have it in the cultural room on site at school. Do you reckon that would work well? Pauline and Stacey agreed. Motion was put forward by Puline, seconded by Stacey. Unanimous vote approving Gold Fish Cafe to be set up in community room on school grounds. This will be enterprise – business, opportunities to talk to other people. We want the kids to get opportunity – there aren't a lot of opportunities for kids to get work experience in town. We need to make some of our own. We will close the meeting at 2:35 but we will have a meeting each term for the school council.	

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	Mt Magnet	1210	Perth	1335
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