

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.

Please forward any feedback, suggestions and submissions to:

wilunawire@wiluna.wa.gov.au.

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)

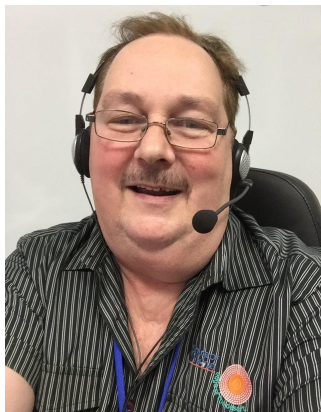
Waterwise Helpline - 13 10 39

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

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



Acting CEO's Report

Our war on COVID-19

There will be no local ANZAC day services this year. We will still be able to watch the ANZAC day ceremonies on television, to remember and think about the sacrifices made by our grandfathers and great-grandfathers to protect our lives in WW1 and WW2 (not to mention the veterans of other wars since those two enormous conflicts).

Now we face our own war. The coronavirus is the most serious pandemic since 1918 (in the time of our great grandfathers, at the end of WW1), and probably the biggest crisis since WW2. We are short on weapons to fight this war – the only things we have at present are hygiene and isolation.

To stop this pandemic, we all need to commit to the war on coronavirus. But we are not being asked to make the sacrifices that our grandfathers and great grandfathers (and their wives and families) made. Nobody will be asked:

- To sail halfway around the world to live in a filthy, rat-infested trench for months at a time and be exposed to bitter cold and wet conditions and diverse diseases such as dysentery, cholera and typhoid fever.
- To fix bayonets, and charge over the top into “no man’s land” under a barrage of enemy gunfire.
- To huddle in muddy holes trying to avoid being a casualty of artillery fire.
- To face lung-corroding mustard gas attacks.

To fight the war on coronavirus, we are only being asked to maintain social isolation. In other words, we can fight this war by staying at home sitting on the couch.

We can do this!

Certainly, compared with the sacrifices made by our grandfathers and great-grandfathers, this is not difficult to do at all.

So please stay at home, avoid any unnecessary travel or outings, and maintain distance from other people.

That way we will all keep safe (particularly the sick and the elderly, who are most likely to succumb to the disease).

Kind regards

Warren Olsen, Acting CEO

Motor Vehicles for Sale by Tender

(Subsection 3.58 (2) (b), Local Government Act 1995)

The Shire of Wiluna is offering the following second-hand motor vehicles for sale by public tender:

RFT 2020-05 – Disposal of 2014 4x4 Dual Cab Ford Ranger

RFT 2020-06 – Disposal of 2014 4x4 SuperCab Ford Ranger

RFT 2020-07 – Disposal of 2019 4x4 Landcruiser VX Wagon

Tenders will close at 2.00 pm (WST) on Tuesday 7th April 2020.

Tender documents can be downloaded from the Shire's tender portal <https://www.tenderlink.com/wiluna/> (where tenders can also be submitted).

Alternatively, you can obtain tender documents or seek any further information by emailing the contact officer, Kavoa Dakunimata, aio@wiluna.wa.gov.au or by phone at (08) 9981 8000.

Council Meetings

(Section 5.25 (1) (g). Local Government Act 1995)

(Regulation 12, Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996)

Notice is hereby given that ordinary meetings of the Council of the Shire of Wiluna are to be held as follows:

Date	Time	Place
Wednesday, 22 April 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 27 May 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 24 June 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 22 July 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 26 August 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 23 September 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 25 November 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 16 December 2020	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 24 February 2021	6:00 PM	Electronic means
Wednesday, 24 March 2021	6:00 PM	Electronic means

“Electronic means” means any of those methods of electronic communications permitted under Regulation 14D of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, and includes telephone, video conference or other instantaneous communication.

Public Question Time:

Members of the public may ask a question by submitting the questions prior to the meeting by sending an email with the subject line “Public Question Time” to ceo@wiluna.wa.gov.au

Warren Olsen
Acting CEO



Think before you flush

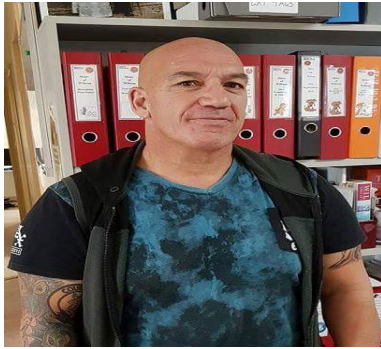
Ok to be flushed

- ✓ toilet paper
- ✓ pee
- ✓ poo

Put in the bin instead

- ✗ wet wipes
- ✗ paper towel
- ✗ tissues

To find out more, go to watercorporation.com.au/flush



YOUTH CENTRE YARN



The goings on at the Wiluna Youth and Leisure Centre.

As you will all know life has changed for us all. Which means for us at the Shire, providing essential service's that keeps our community moving, shaking and healthy.

For Hayley and I that means many things. Like cancelling all our upcoming events, shutting down the after school and term 1 holiday programs.

Hayley is self-isolating and working from home, after she took leave prior to the COVID 19 Virus took a hold.

For us the situation is about planning for the return to normality, that means while we are on lock down, we will be gearing up. By using this time to complete paperwork, sort out quotes, purchase equipment we will be ready to hit the ground running.

Hayley has been developing with Sharon from Youth Focus a cooking program for the senior students at Wiluna school.

The Lego web site has been getting a hammering, once again we will be running our after-school Lego club.

WHEN ALL YOU LITTLE PEOPLE COME BACK TO THE YOUTH CENTRE, WE WILL HAVE A LOAD OF NEW LEGO PROJECTS FOR YOU GUYS TO TACKLE.

A LITTLE BIRDEE TOLD ME THERE COULD BE 3 D PUZZELS COMING AS WELL, FOR ALL YOU PUZZEL HEADS A NEW CHALLENGE IS ON THE HORIZON.

The past few weeks have been very different, adapting to the situation at hand is all we can do, for me, I have been hard at work, working on many projects.

As the Wire will be coming to you guys on a more regular bases, I will share the goings with you all by going backwards to go forward. A bit of run down on the last couple of weeks is the way for us to start.

I have completed inventory on all equipment we have, many old, old- old items have seen better days and now rest easy at the refuse tip.

A lot of the bigger items are destined for the same one-way trip! they will be up lifted during the big community clean up on Tuesday 31st and Monday 1/04/20.

The move to the new gym at the oval is progressing slowly. The plan is to have all the gear required for us to fit out the Punch fit/Aerobic gym prior to work being completed on site, so we can move straight in.

I am hoping to have this space up and running before this current situation has ended. Fingers and toes crossed.

Stories are hard to come by when the raw material, your fellows' children, are not in my space, place or face.

To the children take care look after yourself and your old folks. Whatever will be will be. Understand it's only for now! the more we make personal changes based on our loved ones and community's health.

The sooner we do this the quicker we can kick the doors open and have your smiling faces back in the Youth Centre doing what's Youth's do.

Eat food, drop crumbs on the floor, throw your rubbish under the sofa cushions, play pool, make all kinds of Lego creations, draw, play chess, basketball, tennis, sing and dance now again, blob out, laugh, cry, use your manners and inside voices.

Most of all Hayley and I can get back to doing what we do so you guys can do the same.

Isolation

Sitting here watching time and feeling fine

The world rolls on by, COVID 19 is high

On our minds and in our life

Self-isolation is the price

Meditate! read a book! Work on your look

It's all its going take

To make the break

Flatten the curve

Disturb the flow

Back to living

The way we know.

Isolated-Watching- Time Feeling-Fine

Tamihana Cummings

Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre News

It's all happening at the Training Centre. We just get busier and busier and our courses are consistently full or over-subscribed.

Last November the WA Education and Training Minister, Ms Sue Ellery, visited the Training Centre, along with Mr Kyle McGinn MLC. A big crowd turned up to welcome the Minister to the Training Centre and support the students and what we're doing. Shire and mining company representatives also came along as they fund the Training Centre. The Minister is a big fan of our funding arrangements with Wiluna Shire and local mining companies - Blackhams, Northern Star Resources (Jundee), Salt Lake Potash, Kalium Lakes Potash, Golden West Resources and Cameco.

The Minister told us that she saw the ABC 7.30 Report last October which featured a story on the Training Centre and the difference we're making in Wiluna, and really liked it. Kyle had also been telling her all about our training, high attendance and graduation rates, and our success in getting Wiluna residents into training and employment, after completing high quality training with CRTAFE, our Registered Training Organisation (RTO). The Minister said she liked what she saw, and told us that she would give us some extra \$ for specific training for Wiluna residents in road maintenance and upgrade projects. A lot of extra work for us but road upgrades benefit everyone in Wiluna Shire.

We have been concentrating on that training in March, and it has kept us very busy. This training is highly transferrable to mining, pastoral and shire work so everyone is a winner. We commenced our road project training earlier this month with 5 units of Traffic Management training, delivered by Andy from CRTAFE in Kalgoorlie. We had huge numbers, double what we planned, but we were able to pull it off with some very hard work and long hours.

10 Students attended and passed all 5 training units in the Traffic Management package. Additionally, two students, who are recent school leavers and attended VET training from June 2017-June 2019, also got their construction site tickets (which were part of this course). This is a huge result and demonstrates how popular this training and employment pathway is in Wiluna.

The Training Centre has consistently proved that if you deliver training that people are interested in, want to do and leads to real employment; and you work closely with families to support students undertaking that training; and you then make the training culturally appropriate (Martu Elders help us with this) and interesting, and have the best trainers you can find delivering it (and who have respect for the Martu), then you can achieve this level of success. We are very grateful to our funding partners and stakeholders for giving us the opportunity to prove this concept consistently works.

In the next edition of the Wiluna Wire, we will do a big story on the very successful front end loader road project course we ran this week, once again with almost double the numbers we had originally planned for, and within the COVID-19 restrictions recently imposed by the government. To add an extra degree of difficulty, we lost our water supply to the Training Centre on day 1 of this course and had to train for almost a week with no mains water. We're still waiting for the part to fix it. No problem though, we just worked around it, improvised and adapted. We were too busy to do anything else!

Thank you to Salt Lake Potash for their support to students for this training.

Road Project Traffic Management Training Pics

(Note - COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing hadn't started when we ran this training so our pictures from the training are not in that context)



Roy Walker on the Stop Sign



Austin Patch (VET Graduate) and Clinton Geary



Briohny Jackman giving the all clear due training simulations at the Training Centre



Stewart and Damien giving the thumbs up to Traffic Management Training



Miranda Long and Brogan Ashwin on the Stop sign



Thumbs Up from Nathan Redmond learning all about radios



Clinton and Juan Jeffries in control at the Training Centre
Clinton helping Juan to learn how to deal with cheeky motorists humbugging the Traffic Controller



When Damien says 'go slow', you GO SLOW!



Thumbs-up from the Traffic Management Course students at the Training Centre

Limits on public gatherings for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Public gatherings significantly increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading. On 29 March the National Cabinet agreed to further limit most indoor and outdoor non-essential gathering to 2 people. Rules on essential gatherings are also in place. Find out what limits apply.

Why these limits are important

These limits help to prevent the spread of COVID-19. They are especially important for at risk people, such as [older people](#) and those with chronic conditions.

Non-essential gatherings

Stay at home unless you are:

- going to work or education (if you are unable to do so at home)
- shopping for essential supplies such as groceries, return home without delay
- going out for personal exercise in the neighbourhood, on your own or with one other
- attending medical appointments or compassionate visits

Whenever you are out of the home, always practice good [physical distancing](#) and [hand hygiene](#).

This is especially important for people of the over age of 70, those over 60 years who have existing health concerns and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the aged of 50 who have existing health concerns. These groups should limit the contact with others as much as possible when away from home.



wirrpanda
foundation

The Wirrpanda Foundation are committed to ensuring that the COVID-19 does not spread into your community. To be able to do this our office will have no mandatory face-to-face appointments, which means you do not have to come into the office however in Wiluna if you require Centrelink assistance please call first before coming in. Our staff are calling job seekers to talk about how we can support. This is for your safety and the safety of our staff.

It is important to know that wait times are long on Centrelink telephones and the MY GOV app is currently under huge demand and subject to crashing. Best to persist at home if you can. If you can put call on speaker and go about your business at home whilst you wait.

Please note, if you are already receiving benefits you DO NOT need to call Centrelink to receive the extra payments announced by the Prime Minister as it will be paid to you automatically.

We encourage you to check out the latest information on benefits here:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/centrelink>

Other options are:

Telephone 133276 (13 EARN) or 132307 or 132850

Centrelink Express App - install this on your smart phone

Please remember

THE BEST WAY TO KEEP SAFE AND THE VIRUS OUT OF YOUR COMMUNITY IS TO:

- **STAY HOME**
- **PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING**
- **WASHING HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS WITH SOAP AND WATER**

For queries about CDP services contact the office on 08 9242 6730 or alternatively call the CDP Operations Manager, Elaine Stevens 0477 587 643 or Dezarae Pau 0450 965 344.

New Border Controls to help protect Western Australia

Strict new measures have come into force from 1.30pm on Tuesday 24 March.

The McGowan Government has implemented new restrictions and arrival requirements to travel to Western Australia from other Australian States and Territories in response to COVID-19.

As of 1.30pm (WST) on Tuesday, Western Australia has seen the implementation of strict border controls for all access point - by road, rail and sea.

If you are not exempt, when you arrive in Western Australia from interstate you will be ordered to self-isolate for 14 days, and this has been enacted through a formal declaration under the Emergency Management Act.

Exemptions apply to essential services and workers, including health and emergency services, defense and policing, mine workers, flight crews and freight of essential goods, via ports and trucks - with strict guidelines put in place to monitor and manage this.

There are also exemptions given on compassionate grounds and where people live near border communities.

Enforcement of the border restrictions will be rolled out with checkpoint stops and arrival cards. Arrivals will have to show they need the essential criteria to be given an exemption.

The Premier Mark McGowan said:

“These new border controls are all about reducing the spread of COVID-19 in WA, and we have come to this decision after wide consultation, and to ensure the new border controls do not impact essential services, our FIFO workforce and the delivery of goods and services to our State.”

“I have worked closely with the South Australian Premier to guarantee our transport links can continue in an orderly fashion, so we can get through this extraordinary period.



GASCOYNE REGION

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

Kerbside Collection

31st of March 2020
&
1st of April 2020



Restrictions on Travel in WA to come into place on Tuesday 31st March from Midnight

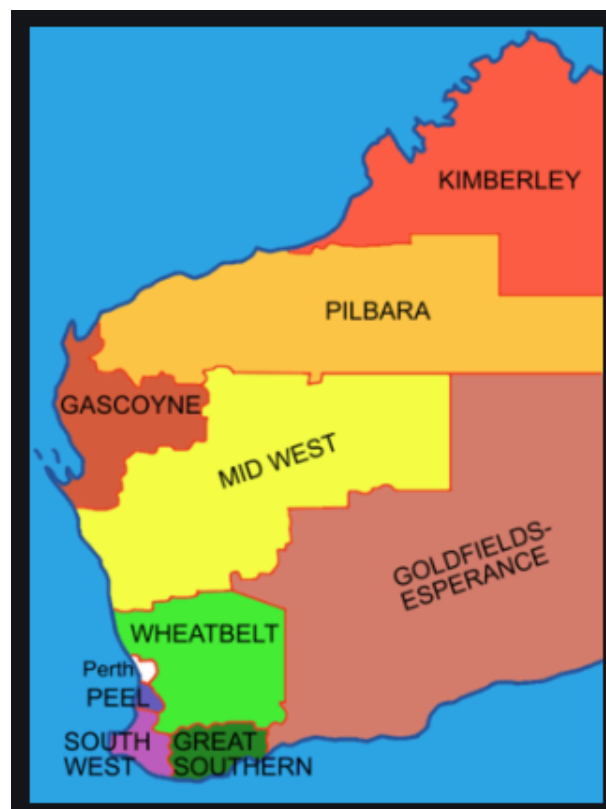
The State Government will introduce more restrictions on travel within the State from Midnight tomorrow night, to aid in reducing the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions will be in place on travel within the entire State of Western Australia.

Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if necessary, and fines of up to \$50,000.00 can be issued.

There will be exemptions which will include employment purposes; medical or veterinary reasons; delivery of essential services, including health or emergency services; people living across regional boundaries, who may not have access to groceries or supplies immediately within their region; transport of goods; compassionate grounds; a family member has primary care responsibilities; for school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons; to escape domestic violence or due to an emergency.

The regional boundaries reflect those of the Regional Development Commissions, and because Perth and Peel are so closed together they will be combined into one area.

The other regions are South-West, Great Southern, Goldfields-Esperance, Mid-West, Wheatbelt, Gascoyne, Pilbara and Kimberley.



The Premier Mark McGowan said “These are extraordinary times, and we have a responsibility to implement extraordinary measures to protect Western Australian, and stop the spread of COVID-19.” “It is absolutely vital that Western Australians abide by these restrictions, to help protect themselves, their family and the wider community.”

“This is an important measure that will help us stop the spread.” “Everyone has a responsibility to do the right thing and we expect all Western Australians to heed the message. However police will enforce the law to those who choose to ignore it.”

The message to Western Australians is stay at home, do not travel within WA, and please continue to observe the social distancing rules.





Flight schedule Perth – Mount Magnet – Meekatharra - Wiluna

Monday				
FLIGHT NO/AIRCRAFT	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
HK1935 – Dash8-100	Perth	0735	Wiluna	0930
	Wiluna	0955	Meekatharra	1035
	Meekatharra	1110	Mt Magnet	1145
	Mt Magnet	1210	Perth	1335
Tuesday				
<i>no flights</i>				
Wednesday				
FLIGHT NO/AIRCRAFT	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
HK1935 - Brasilia	Perth	0735	Wiluna	0930
	Wiluna	0955	Meekatharra	1035
	Meekatharra	1110	Mt Magnet	1145
	Mt Magnet	1210	Perth	1335
Thursday				
<i>no flights</i>				
Friday				
FLIGHT NO/AIRCRAFT	DEPART	TIME	ARRIVE	TIME
HK1935 - Dash8-300	Perth	1100	Wiluna	1255
	Wiluna	1320	Meekatharra	1400
	Meekatharra	1435	Mt Magnet	1510
	Mt Magnet	1535	Perth	1700
Saturday				
<i>no flights</i>				
Sunday				
<i>no flights</i>				

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