

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.



WA Police Force has launched an enforcement squad of more than 200 officers to ensure compliance with COVID-19 restrictions. Under WA laws, a number of Directions have been made in the interests of slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia. The Directions impact a number of activities – including travel, gathering sizes and the operation of businesses. The enforcement squad is conducting spot checks on people required to self-quarantine, self-isolate and on gatherings. People who breach the Directions can be charged. Members of the public requiring Police assistance, including to report suspected breaches of Directions, should call 131 444.

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

Essential Services

Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service (NAHS) provides excellent services to the Wiluna community. The Service is an absolute asset to the town.

I have had my share of personal health issues since I have been in Wiluna and I have always found the staff at NAHS to be very helpful and very professional.

During the current pandemic we are likely to be needing the good folk at NAHS even more than ever.

NAHS has done an excellent job of marking out the waiting areas to help patients maintain proper "social distance" from each other as well as from NAHS staff. Please help by observing the spacings that NAHS has marked out.

It is a tragedy of the current pandemic that, worldwide, medical and health workers have suffered more than their share of COVID-19 infections. These heroes of the time deserve our cooperation in keeping everybody safe by maintaining proper social distance from each other and by abiding by the travel restrictions and other rules that have been set down for our common well-being and protection.

The current circumstances make work and life very difficult for everyone, and I'm sure that this is true for NAHS as it is for everyone else. I hope the current restrictions will not impact too severely on NAHS.

Rural Mail Service is also an Essential Service

The rural mail service (which delivers more than just the mail) is also an essential service, particularly at this time when pastoralists (like the rest of us) are supposed to be saying home.



LEONORA NORTH and WILUNA EAST WARD MAIL RUN is an essential service and will continue as normal, there will be no disruption to the service.

Richard Cotterill will continue to deliver the mail with the mail service delivery, and please observe social distancing over the next 6 months.

Kind regards

Warren Olsen, Acting CEO



Hello everyone,

Things have been very quiet in my house since returning home from Perth and going into self-isolation. At least I have my dog Jasper to keep me company during these crazy times, while working from home.

I have ordered some new Legos for the children as that is the first thing they go to when we open our doors. When we can open again there will be brand new Legos for all to build. I can't wait to see the children challenge themselves, and what they can create.

Lego's have been the building blocks for many geniuses around the world. This is due to the concepts and process used to create standalone items that come directly from the minds of the little people in Wiluna.

I have also ordered something for the young Ladies which I am excited to be able to do once this is all over. It's all about boosting your confidence within yourself and as a plus we get to have some girl time together.

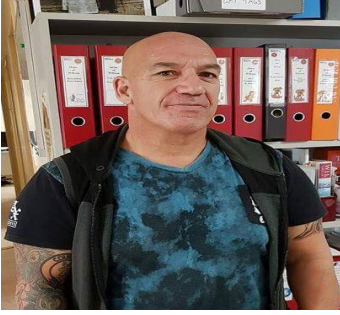
Sharon from Youth Focus and I continue working on the Wiluna Local Drug Action Team cooking program. The goal is to complete this process as soon as possible and start once this is all over.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these times!

Regards

Hayley Beaman

Wiluna Recreation and Leisure Centre Officer



YOUTH CENTRE YARN



Kiaora, Gidday and Hello to all, another week down.

Not a lot to yarn about regarding work apart from the old boring stuff like paperwork, purchase order, talking with suppliers and building plans for the return to the norm.

It's the lay of the land currently.

I have to say the word is getting out around keeping safe and looking after each, how do I know this? I returned to work after lunch a couple of days ago and saw to budding BMX champs having a blast on the track beside the Youth Centre. It was nice to hear the laughter of children and spend some time watching young people be young people without the current situation being inside my head.

The boys rolled to say hello, I asked them how they were, if they were still at school and how was all the family especially their old folks. Their answer to all my question, was yes, school good, we good, Nans and Pops are good. They then said to me, Tamihana! We all going bush, the virus doesn't like the heat and we do. For the young people to understand this fact means the words is being heard and actioned in our own Wiluna way.

KEEPING OUR MOB SAFE IS ALL OUR RESPONSABILITY! OLD-YOUNG AND INBETWEEN!!!!

GOING BUSH

GOING BUSH IS GOOD FOR ME

MUM, DAD AND FAMILY

ACROSS THE DIRT TRACKS

INTO SPACE

MARTU LAND MY SAFE PLACE

SIT UNDER MY TREE AND RELAX

WATCH THE KIDS- ENJOY MY TIME

NO COVID 19 ON MY MIND

GOING BUSH IS GOOD FOR ME

MUM, DAD AND FAMILY

Tamihana Cummings

Shire of Wiluna

Youth and Leisure Center Coordinator



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Sunday, 5 April 2020

Wiluna Wire

To our customers, Residents within the Shire of Wiluna

We take this opportunity to thank everyone for their co operation in these trying times.

We also would like too to thank both NAHS and our local Police who are working hard to keep us safe.

Please be patient and keep to the strict rules of social distancing,

Eat healthy buy plenty of fruit and vegetable and less soft drink and take-away

Food Security

We are still experiencing issues with supply of food staples like all stores in regional areas of Western Australia.

We expect soon the supply network will return to normal with common consumables such as toilet paper, disinfectant's, hand wash, common food staples such as rice, flour, sugar and processed long life foods.

In the mean-time ample fresh food & frozen food is available.

Ammunition

The W.A Police Force have restricted the sale of ammunition for pastoralists and indigenous licence holders only non-compliance and we cannot sell to you.

Parcel delivery

Expect longer delays in parcel deliveries from both Australia Post & Toll due to mail & parcel sorters meeting Federal and State Government guidelines to COVAD-19 "social distancing" but they will catch up get your online orders in early and make sure you have tracking.

Australia Post

We are still not offering cash at present this is unlikely to change in the future due to COVAD-19 guidelines causing risk of transmission on notes & coins. Reloadable credit cards are available at the Post Office and you can bank your cash and coins if need be.

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Mobile Phones

Will be back in stock this week we ordered a huge range but due to demand we are awaiting delivery.

Winter

Winter will be upon us soon and the cold winds and frosty morning will start we will soon have ample stock of bedding, heating and clothing, we also encourage everyone to get online and support Australian Business be it Myers or a Domestic Australian Ebay supplier so shop Australian not overseas and support our economy as international suppliers don't.

Opening Hours and for Easter

NORMAL SHOP HOURS NOW

Week-days 9AM-12PM closed for cleaning then 2PM-5PM

Easter Trading

GOOD FRIDAY-CLOSED

SAT 9:AM to 12:PM

SUN 9:AM to 12:PM

MON 9:AM – 12:PM

Thank you for your consideration

Peter Grundy

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WE'RE STILL HERE TO HELP YOU

OFFICE ACCESS

During this difficult time (COVID-19) & the need for social distancing & staying safe, face-to-face visits at the office will not be possible

CONTACT US & STAY in TOUCH



Email - northwest@mp.wa.gov.au



Telephone - 08 99412 999



@VinceCataniaMP

Messages will be monitored & responded to as soon as possible. Regular updates will be available via facebook & email

**Let's Stay Safe, Stay Well
& Keep our Distance...**



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AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK

ALL \$15 each

- Fish, Salad and Chips
- Burger and chips
- Lasagne, salad and chips
- Chicken parmi, salad and Chips

WEEKLY SPECIAL

- Honey Soy Drumsticks with fried rice

MUST BE

Ordered and paid for over the phone by 3pm

You will be given a time between 5.30pm and 7pm to pick up from Gunbarrel Laager office.

YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR CAR, we will bring it out to you.

PHONE 99817161 by 3pm





Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information sheet – What you need to know

Take care of yourself, your family and community.
By being kind and staying calm you can help our mob stay strong.

This is an information sheet for Aboriginal people on what they need to know about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) – what it is, how it spreads, how it makes them feel and what they can do to help it stop spreading.

What is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus are a large family of viruses that can make people sick ranging from a mild cold to severe respiratory illness.

The coronavirus is called COVID-19.

It is a new virus spreading across the world.

How it makes you feel?

Most people who get COVID-19 feel like they have a cold or flu.

Some people feel mild symptoms and others can get very ill very quickly and need medical help.

What are the symptoms?

- Fever (sweats)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Fatigue.

How does the virus spread?

It can spread from person to person through:

- Close contact with a person who is infectious.
- Touching or being in close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes.
- Touching objects or surfaces like door handles, tables or phones that have cough or sneeze droplets from a sick person, and then touching your mouth or face.



Stop the spread

We need to take care of each other and keep our community safe by doing what we can to stop the virus bugs spreading to each other. This means practising good personal hygiene and social distancing.

- Stay away from people who are sick with cold or flu symptoms.
- Stay home and rest to stay strong.
- Stay 2 arms lengths away from everyone (at least 1.5 metres apart).

- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Keep your distance – don't shake hands, kiss, hug or do high fives.
- Do not share smokes, drink or food.
- Avoid big mobs of people like family and community gatherings.

AND

- If you unwell, avoid any contact with anyone and contact your local clinic or hospital and they will tell you what to do.



For more information

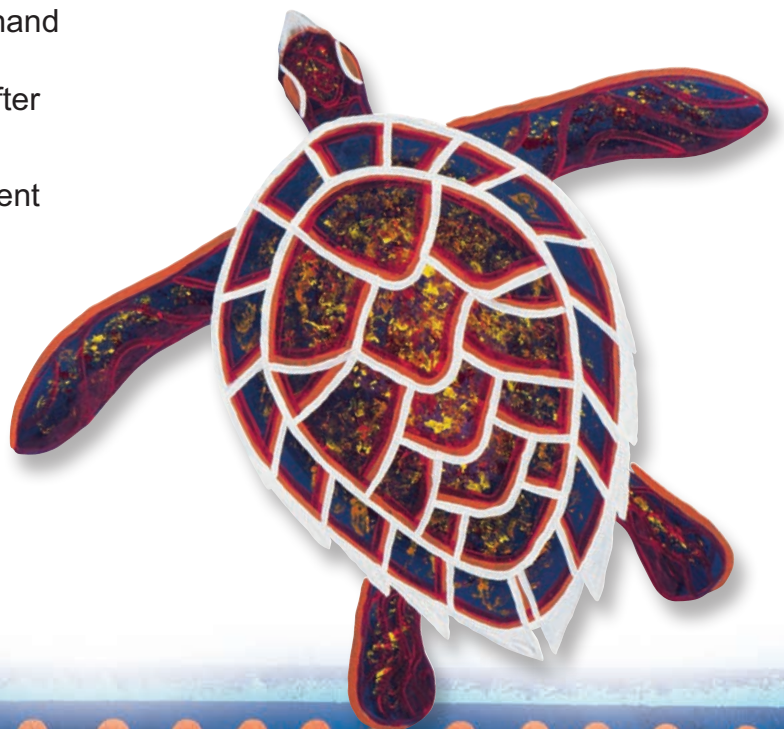
Go to **Healthy WA** website for up to date information on COVID-19.

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

or

Call the
Coronavirus Health Information Line
1800 020 080

- Wash your hands a lot with soap and water (for 20 to 30 seconds) or use hand sanitiser especially before and after eating, after going to the toilet and after coughing or sneezing.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or bent elbow, **NOT** into your hands.
- Throw used tissues in the bin.



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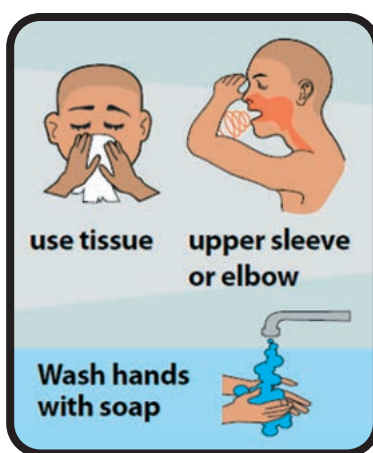


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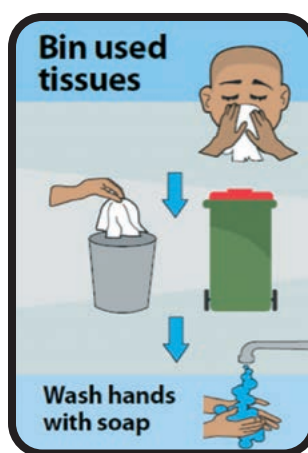
How to protect yourself, your family and community



Wash your hands a lot with soap and water (20-30 seconds)



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Do not share smokes, drink or food

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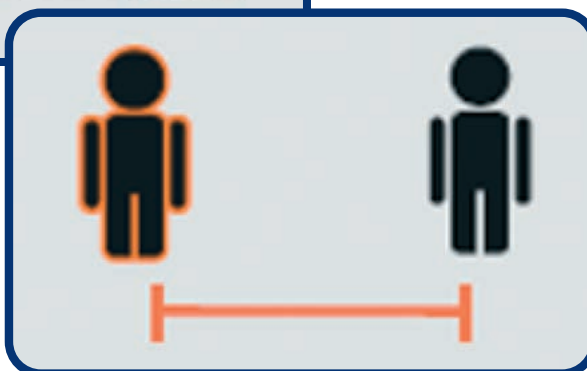


Coronavirus (COVID-19)

How to protect yourself, your family and community



Stay home and rest
to stay strong



Stay 2 arms lengths
away from
everyone

Avoid big mobs of people

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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stay strong when you are sick



Rest

Resting helps you fight the virus



Water

Drink plenty of water



Food

Good tucker helps you stay strong



Medicines

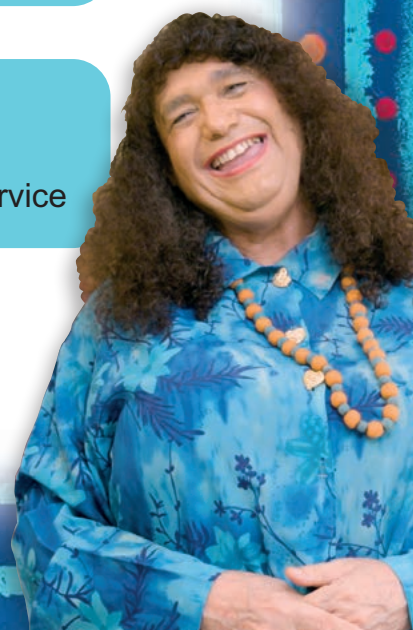
Take your usual medicines



Medical help

Stay in touch with your local medical service

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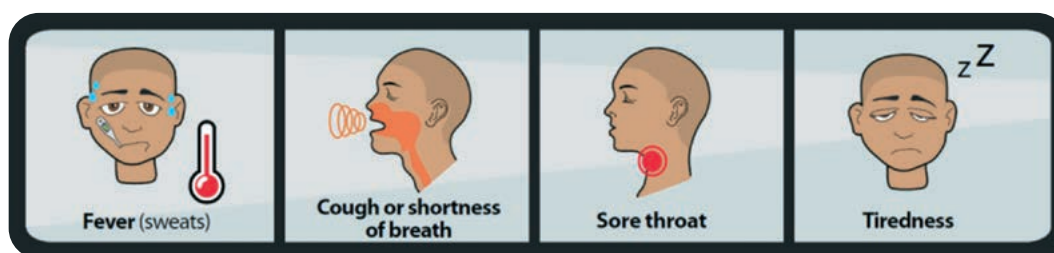


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How to protect yourself, your family and community



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Regional Travel Update

Intrastate travel restrictions in place

Intrastate travel restrictions will be in place from 11:59pm Tuesday 31 March 2020 to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions will prevent non-essential travel across regional boundaries.

Exemptions do apply to those travelling across regional borders for:

- work purposes;
- to transport freight;
- to attend medical appointments;
- to attend school or an educational institution (where necessary);
- to those who do not have access to groceries or supplies within their region
- caring for family members; and
- compassionate grounds.

The State Government would like to make it clear that the freight industry will continue to operate.

Main Roads Western Australia is supporting WA Police with the introduction of these new measures by establishing checkpoints, supplying lighting towers and toilets at required checkpoints and mobilising variable message boards (VMBs) to provide advance messaging to road users.

People are encouraged, where possible, to assist police by preparing documentation, such as a letter/email/SMS from an employer, to support their travel.

The WA public is advised to stay home, or if you are currently outside of your region, you should return home immediately.

National parks and temporary accommodation will also be closed to tourists.

Police have the power to issue fines to anyone who chooses to ignore the order.

Further information

For more information visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-travel-and-transport-advice>

Tjukurba ART GALLERY



Tjukurba Art Centre -Canning Stock Gun -Barrel Gallery closed to the public until further notice.

As of 31 of March 2020 our staff have been directed to work from our homes.

What does this mean for the artist, we are here to continue to support you all, you may contact me, and I will come into the Art Centre to collect more resources and meet you all at **10 am and 1pm** Monday to Friday. This is the best time to get hold of me until Emele is back on from her holiday break and has now been in isolation and will be back on board on the 9th of April.

If you have family **Elders** artists, who cannot leave their home please assist our Senior group come in and collect their resources for them, we are all working together to support each other

We are working together to get your art works out there we are working on the Wiluna Face book website so please be patient and continue painting as it is the best hobby for situations like Covid 19.

I love painting as its so therapeutic in times like these I admit, I haven't picked up the brush for awhile or laid down a garden, so I am taking this time to do so. I hope you all find a hobby or help a friend or family out, Stay in touch with your loved ones. Look after your Elderly and stay safe as we need you all back at work.

All artist who require more paints, brushes and canvases may contact the Manager Linaire Hodge on 0447328292 we will put together your resource to collect at the gate at 10 am and 1pm.

Here are a few of my favourite pics of our amazing artist hard at work or chilling out, these ladies are our Queens of Wiluna. Thank you for allowing me to use these images ladies.





Due to this Covid 19 epidemic, I have come up with a brilliant plan to assist our artists on sales of their artworks. We have asked most of our Tjukurba artists to allow us to put together Virtual Images of them and their artworks via families working together to take audio or video interviews at their homes, send them into us to collate individuals Biographies inserted with their artworks, then put it up on the Wiluna Shire Face book page to reach out to a bigger audience Hopefully this will boost sales up. To give our artist the confidence to share their stories with the world.

Watch this space

Remember social distancing you mob, stay safe look out for each other

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

Ka Kete Ano

Linaire Hodge

Manager Community Services

Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre News

The Training Centre had another busy week last week finishing off completing our first term's training program with our CRTAFE front end loader course, part of our road project training.

COVID-19 protocols also came into effect this week and so we had to think outside the square to meet those obligations whilst maintaining our training tempo. We implemented social distancing, preventative cleaning and hand washing protocols. We also divided the training up and had students come in for concentrated training sessions. This meant we had 10-12 hour days for the week but this training is very important and the students had been waiting a long time for the first of our big road works machinery training courses.

Once again, we were over-subscribed with students, almost double what we had planned for, but our CRTAFE lecturer can cope with that, as we can at the Training Centre. We are significantly exceeding our training targets with this road works training, but the specific funding provided by our Minister and Mr Kyle McGinn has ensured that we are able to cover the costs. CRTAFE client services in Kalgoorlie have also been very busy supporting the significant administrative requirements for this type of training.

Mick Wilson from Golden West Resources has been working very closely with us to pull this very important, and very demanding, roadwork training together. Mick has facilitated some very generous in-kind support for our road works training. **Mr Craig Patterson from Centrals Earthmoving very kindly provided a massive Caterpillar 966 front end loader in-kind; and also organised for Centrals to mobilise it from Geraldton to Wiluna.** To make sure there were no problems, Centrals had it fully serviced before sending it out. You can't beat that for training support. Having a big working machine from such a reputable company went a long way with the students who were very grateful for this very generous support from Craig and his gang at Centrals. **Thank you very much Craig and all the gang at Central Earthmoving. It saved us a lot of \$, which we then use to train more students on more courses.**

Mick Wilson also spoke to Mr Neil Meadows at Blackham Resources to see what they could do to help us out with the training. Neil didn't hesitate and **Blackham's very kindly donated the diesel required for the weeks training. This also made a huge difference and we were able to give the students extra hours and opportunities on the machine. Thank you to Neil and all the gang out at Blackham's for this very generous in-kind support.**

(Note – Blackham's came up with the idea of local mining companies funding the Training Centre, in partnership with the Wiluna Shire (our largest financial contributor). Colin Bailey from Blackham's put together a mining company funding MoU contract (which was a big job, as Colin and I can assure anyone), which was signed off in June last year. This unique funding model is getting a lot of positive attention. Having a remote Shire operating in partnership with local mining companies to fund a remote training operation of this nature, in a facility provided by the Department of Education, and with nationally accredited training provided by CRTAFE (our RTO), is an excellent example of everyone working together to create opportunities for Martu people and the close the gap across a range of social indicators. Having our Minister then chip in some more \$ to enhance and expand our training operation to create further employment opportunities on government road infrastructure projects is another fantastic gesture and demonstrates the confidence that stakeholders have in the Training Centre.

A big thank you to Mick Wilson for his great support to the road works training we are conducting, and also to Salt Lake Potash for working with us to ensure that all of the students who wanted to do this course were given the opportunity to do so.

Everyone working together to help the Martu get ahead and train for the jobs that they want to do (ie Martu self-determination) – Yuwawu!

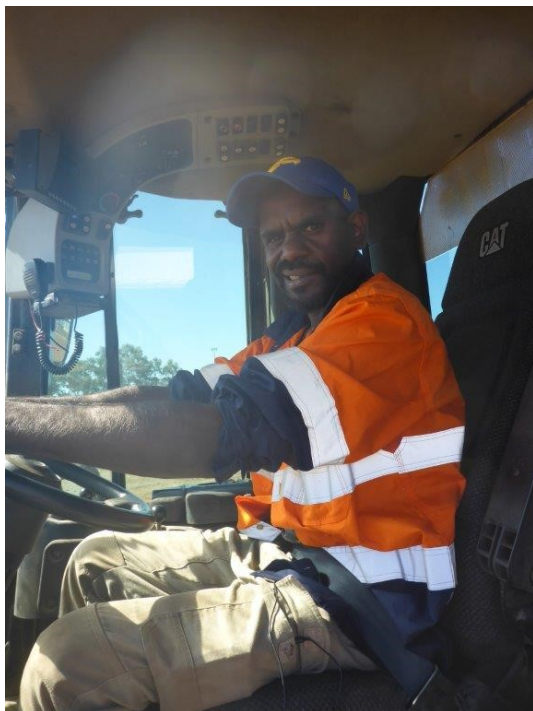
Here are some pictures from our training last week:



Caterpillar 966 Provided by Centrals Earthmoving



Stewart, Zareth and Damien doing social distancing



Juan in the 966



Thumbs up from Austin in the 966



Clinton training in the 966



Thumbs up from Clinton in the cab



Nathan training in the 966



Thumbs up from Nathan in the cab



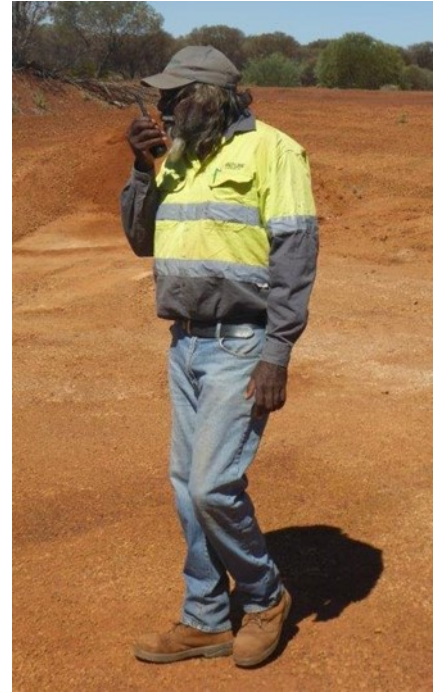
Roy levelling at the Training Centre



Zareth and Damian working together – Yuwawu



Juan Levelling at the Training Centre



Stewart directing on the UHF radio



Thumbs up from Roy for the 966



Roy checking out the 966 cab



Leigh checking out the 966 cab



Thumbs up from Damien in the cab



Double thumbs up from Stewart!



Thumbs up from Zareth



Centrals are committed to building capacity with Aboriginal people and proudly support the Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre in Wiluna.

This unique remote training facility is funded by the Wiluna Shire and local mining companies (Blackham's, Salt Lake Potash, Northern Star Resources (Jundee), Kalium Lakes, Cameco and Golden West (GWR)), and facilitated by the WA Department of Education. It is a great example of what can be achieved in remote areas with limited resources, but strong partnerships and collaboration.

The Training Centre is a community initiative with strong Martu support, oversight and involvement.

Centrals were delighted to provide the Caterpillar 966 Front End Loader to the Training Centre for the Wiluna Martu students to train on, and acquire their nationally accredited Front End Loader operator qualification from CRTAFE, the Training Centre's partner and RTO (Recognised Training Organisation).

Centrals acknowledge Minister Ellery's financial contribution to facilitate Martu capacity building for the Wiluna-Meekatharra road upgrade and will consider any opportunity to support the great work the Training Centre in Wiluna is doing, and the outstanding results they are achieving, by directly engaging the Martu people and creating employment opportunities for the Martu in and around Wiluna.

Thank you to Blackham's for supplying the fuel for the Training Centre's Front End Loader Training.

Working with Wiluna Shire on COVID-19 Awareness

With some senior Martu undertaking front end loader training at the Training Centre last week, Training Centre lecturers and staff teamed up with Wiluna Shire to take the opportunity to deliver some COVID-19 awareness and precaution training.

Wiluna Shire and the Training Centre working together to help keep the community safe – Yuwawu!

We went through the great information the Shire published in the Wiluna Wire, and the Shire printed some extra copies so that the students could take multiple copies home and go through the awareness and precaution material with their families. Our students were very happy about understanding things better and to get into good social distancing and preventative cleaning habits to show their families.

We used UHF radios a lot for our training last week to keep people apart. We went through a lot of sanitiser, detergent and soap, but everyone got the message and the training was appropriate and safe.

TAFE ceased face-to-face training after this activity, so we completed our training for the term in the nick of time. Training sure beats staying at home so we were able to keep our students fully occupied until the government tightened things even further in the best interest of public safety.

It's been a huge training term, but we're where we wanted to be and we're exceeding our training targets – Yuwawu!

Here are some pics of the Training Centre students learning more about COVID-19, and how to best protect themselves and their families, from the Wiluna Wire:



Stewart



Leigh



Roy



Damien

Ray Martin AM Documentary on Keith Payne VC AM

In March last year, Ray Martin AM came to Wiluna for a few days to film part of his documentary on Keith Payne VC AM, holder of our nation's highest honour – the Victoria Cross. Keith and Mac go back a long way and Keith has visited Wiluna with Mac in 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Keith developed a strong connection to Wiluna, the Training Centre and the school and has advocated strongly ever since.

When Ray asked Keith to choose some special places for filming in the documentary, Keith made sure part of it was filmed in Wiluna. When they all came to Wiluna last March, they filmed Keith and the Martu Elders of the School Council, including School Council Chairperson Lena Long and senior School Council representative Rita Cutter, working together out bush, with Keith learning about Martu culture from the experts. They also filmed the big school assembly and huge school lunch with Keith. Pen, the school chef, broke the world record for the number of sausages cooked on one BBQ that day!

A couple of weeks later, Ray met Keith and Mac up at Kununurra and Warmun (Turkey Creek) community in the Kimberley where they were presenting medals to Mac's old Aboriginal soldiers in the Kimberley, where Mac worked for 20 years. Ray also filmed that ceremony for the documentary.

The documentary was completed late last year and at this stage will be broadcast on SBS, either in late April or late May. Make sure you watch it for a snap shot of Wiluna in March 2019.

Keith Payne VC AM is a strong advocate for Wiluna and the Martu people and sends his best wishes to everyone.

Here are some pics of the filming, and also some old ones of Keith and Mac:



Ray Martin AM, Lena Long, Rita Cutter and Keith Payne VC AM in Wiluna March 2019

(Cameraman Ben and Producer Max at rear)



Martu Elder Rita Cutter and Keith Payne out bush



Kheshaun presents Keith with a painting on behalf of the school at the big school assembly last March

Below: KP, KP and Mac



Left: Lena, Keith and Rita



Keith at WRCS in 2017



Keith at a school assembly in 2017



Mac and Keith at the Wiluna Shire opening ceremonies in September 2018



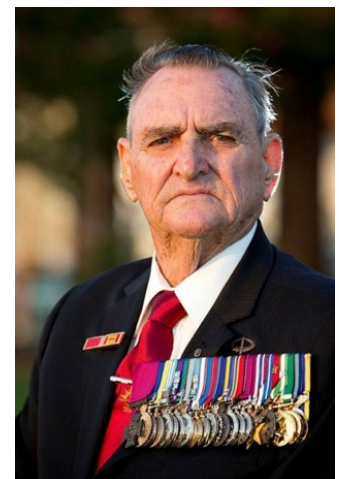
Major Mac Jensen RFD JP and Keith Payne VC AM at Kalumburu in 2000 when Mac was commanding Kimberley Squadron, NORFORCE



Mac meeting the Queen in Buckingham Palace London with Keith and his wife Flo in October 2014



Prince Harry, Mac and Keith at St James' Palace London planning the Prince's 2015 Kimberley trip



Big News - CRTAFE ABORIGINAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Last week we got a call at the Training Centre from CRTAFE to let us know that one of our Martu students at the Training Centre, **Nathan Redmond**, had **won the 2019 CRTAFE Aboriginal Student of the Year award!** This award is sponsored by BHP.

CONGRATULATIONS NATHAN! Yuwawu!

This award is a big deal. CRTAFE has campuses in Kalgoorlie, Carnarvon, Geraldton and Northam, and there's only one award for all of these campuses.



Nathan with his recently awarded Cert II Rural Operations (Ranger Training) and machinery tickets

Nathan works for Desert Support Services (DSS) in Wiluna as a senior Martu Ranger. He worked his way up to senior Ranger with all of his CRTAFE training in Wiluna. He's completed a Certificate I Automotive (where all of our students start), a Cert II in Conservation and Land Management and a Cert II in Rural Operations (Ranger Training). DSS has supported him through all of this training and have benefited from Nathan's professional development through CRTAFE nationally accredited training courses, delivered into Wiluna by well-qualified trainers who meet Elder and community expectations.

Nathan has worked very hard right through his training, and has also helped out with training and training preparation by becoming a Martu assistant trainer with our Cert I courses, supported by DSS. He also works with us encouraging students into training and supporting those students through their training, encouraging them to stick with it and keep training hard for employment. The Training Centre is a high tempo training environment and Nathan and the student's families help us with adjusting students to that. There's no loafing at the Training Centre! If you want to train here, you have to attend all training and keep up. Nathan helps us with that.

Nathan has also participated in some of our big Training Centre remote bush trips and learnt all about working safely and effectively in very remote areas. He's used this training at DSS to continuously improve their field operations and make sure demanding remote Ranger work is well planned and conducted safely.

Thank you to DSS for their great support to Nathan and the Training Centre.

The Training Centre is facilitated by the Department of Education, who own the facility. Regional Executive Director (RED) of the Goldfields Region of the Department of Education, Mr Saeed Amin, had this to say about Nathan receiving the 2019 CRTAFE BHP Aboriginal Student of the Year Award:

“This award is a credit to everyone involved - to CRTAFE, to the Department of Education and the school, to the Wiluna community and elders, to Wiluna Shire, to associated stakeholders and sponsors, in particular to Mac Jensen, and most of all to Nathan. There are some outstanding outcomes being achieved in Wiluna, all as a result of a whole of community effort”

Well done Nathan, you have trained and worked hard and thoroughly deserve this prestigious award.

Thank you CRTAFE for being our Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and for doing such a great job at delivering high quality nationally accredited training to the Training Centre in Wiluna, and for the administrative support and assistance you provide to facilitate our training.

The Training Centre is no stranger to awards for our innovative training model. There is a lot of experience here, and strong connection to the Wiluna community. Martu Elders are embedded in the Training Centre and our training culture. This is what cultural responsiveness looks like at ground level.

One of our Martu students won this same award in 2017 (our first year of operation), so one of our students has won it in 2 out of the last 3 years. Here are some of our achievements and awards:

2017/18 CSIRO National Indigenous STEM in Schools Award (as part of the school);
2017 Finalist WA Premiers Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Education (as part of the school);
2017 CRTAFE Aboriginal Student of the Year;
2018 Finalist WA School Services Staff Member of the Year;
2018 Winner WA Premiers Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Education (as part of the school);
2018 Desert Discovery Gibson Desert Support Awards;
2019 ABC WA state-wide radio story on the Training Centre (which led to 7.30 Report story below);
2019 ABC 7.30 Report feature story (also played on ABC NEWS 24);
2019 ABC Online News feature story;
2019 Chosen to participate in a Ray Martin documentary (filmed March 2019 and airing in April 2020);
2019 CRTAFE Aboriginal Student of the Year

The ABC 7.30 Report did a very popular feature story on the Training Centre last year. We got an extraordinary number of emails and phone calls from this story, from all around Australia, and also from overseas, congratulating us on our work and asking us for tips on setting up similar remote training operations around WA and interstate. We gave them some tips but also told them how much hard work, time, effort and consultation it takes to do this properly, and within our very small budget. Of course, the key to our success is working very closely with the community and facilitating Martu self-determination.

Find the ABC 7.30 Report feature story here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/community-turns-tafe-loss-into-an-opportunity/11568600>

Find the ABC Online News story here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-10-03/how-remote-town-of-wiluna-turned-around-its-tafe-facility/11456002>

Intrastate Travel Restrictions have Started

From Tuesday 31 March at midnight travel restrictions came into effect, and Western Australians will not be allowed to travel outside of their regional boundary.

Please do not travel unless you absolutely have too. If you need to travel, can you please carry some sort of documentation to support your travel and destination should you be stopped.

Exemptions will apply for travel and not limited to the following

- ⇒ Employment purposes
- ⇒ Medical reasons
- ⇒ Veterinary reasons
- ⇒ Delivery of essential services such as health and emergency services.
- ⇒ People living across regional boundaries, who do not have access to groceries or supplies, immediately within their region.
- ⇒ Transport of goods
- ⇒ Compassionate grounds or a family member has primary care responsibilities.
- ⇒ For school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons
- ⇒ To escape domestic violence or because of an emergency

For more information go to www.wa.gov.au



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UPDATE – Regional Travel Restrictions & Additional Information

Despite the severe impact the implementation of the regional travel restrictions is having on our accommodation and tourism sector, along with most other small businesses who were already doing it tough, given the extraordinary situation and unprecedented challenges in containing the threat of COVID-19, the restrictions have been welcomed and widely recognised by communities as being essential in protecting our people and industries. Stopping the high influx of visitors to the region over the Easter and school holiday periods will also assist in protecting our communities.

Our regions normally welcome tourists to the area during the winter season, however with this year being the exception due to the threat of COVID-19 spreading it will be a very difficult time for everyone, however we should try to ensure that people stranded in our area and impacted by the restrictions are treated with understanding as they also struggle with the situation.

As you are aware, the State Government has released 'Prohibition on Regional Travel Directions' (<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/prohibition-regional-travel-directions>) which legally restricts travel between regions. While these directions outline a range of exemptions for medical, employment, primary carer purposes, obtaining goods or essential services not available in the region, education, parenting arrangements or compassionate reasons, a number of people have contacted the office seeking further clarification in relation to the eligibility criteria surrounding exemptions, unsure if their circumstances fall within the scope of an exemption.

With people wanting certainty, including some form of travel pass to provide them with assurance they are travelling within the legal guidelines and will not be turned back, the Nationals WA are calling on the Government for the implementation of an application process to provide people with confidence they are able to travel without being stopped or fined.

While the restrictions can seem hard, we know they are there to protect all of us, and I know most people understand the gravity of the COVID-19 situation and are trying to do the right thing.

I am heartened by the many stories of people looking out for others, the strength of our regional community spirit, and the appreciation expressed to our health workers. By everyone doing the right thing we can get through these next few months safely.

So if you don't have to travel – don't. If you can make alternative arrangements, then please do so, as reduced movement between regions will help protect everyone.

Some Additional Information

Official information regarding COVID-19 in Western Australia - www.wa.gov.au/covid19

WA Department of Health information – www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus

- Coronavirus information hotline – 1800 020 080

Smartraveller – information regarding travel advice for Australians - www.smartraveller.gov.au

School queries - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/coronavirus-school-update>

Education learning at home - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home>

Small business advice – Phone 133 140 (8.30am - 4.30pm weekdays) or visit <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

- Jobseekers Contact Line - 132 850

WA border controls - <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/coronavirus-covid-19-state-of-emergency-declarations>

Federal government mental health - <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>

FB: Vince Catania MP

www.vincentcatania.com.au

Managing Stress and Anxiety

Small Business Development Corporation Reference <https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/business-advice/managing-stress-and-anxiety>. This link provides general information, including the Financial Counsellors' Association (free), Rural Financial Counselling Services WA (free), ATO.

Federal government mental health - <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>

- If you need to talk to someone now call:

○ Lifeline – 131114

Beyond Blue – 1300 22 4636 (<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/national-help-lines-and-websites>)

Suicide call back service – 1300 659 467

Please continue to contact the office if you need any assistance during this very difficult time.

Let's stay safe, stay well and keep our distance.

Regards,

Vince Catania

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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				
no flights				
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				
no flights				
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				
no flights				
Sunday				
no flights				

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