Thank you Katrina Boylan for this photo.
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.
We are always looking for stories for “The Wiluna Wire”, so if you have a photo (for the front cover), a story or maybe a birthday or an anniversary, or something special that you would like to see in your community newsletter please email

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Wiluna’s Blue Tree
Is part of the 515 Trees Painted

The Blue Tree Projects mission is to help start a difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when dealing with mental health problems. By spreading the paint and spreading the message ‘its OK to not be OK’, we help break down the stigma attached to mental health.

Jayden painted a tree blue one night after sneaking out with his friend Tjarda - wondering just how long it would be before anyone noticed the deep blue tree on the horizon. This tree was painted out of love, mischief and friendship. It was painted with a special friend - hardly being a one-man job. What a shock it would be when his dad came across the tree standing in the middle of the paddock proud and blue he thought.

Now it holds a new meaning all together and we hope you can find a tree to get a “blue” lease on life to remind people to check in with a loved one, a friend that’s having a rough time or a mate having a blue day.

Look out for more blue trees popping up with one on the way to Bondini and Kutkubba. There will also be blue tree popping up on the Goldfields Highway on the way to Meekatharra and Leinster.

It’s OK to not be OK and we all have blue days but there will always be someone who you can talk to, and there will always be someone who will listen.

Beyond Blue Phone 24hrs / 7 days - 1300 224 636
Lifeline Phone 24hrs / 7 days - 13 11 14
Mensline Phone 24hrs / 7 days - 1300 789 978

We are stronger than we believe, braver than we think and loved more that we know
Wiluna’s Blue Tree
New Fence improves Safety at Wiluna Airport

A new perimeter fence around the runway and the other “airside” areas of the Wiluna aerodrome has substantially improved safety at the airport by excluding large animals (both livestock and wildlife) from the runway and other areas where they might collide with aircraft.

By eliminating large animals such as cattle and kangaroos from the "airside" areas of the aerodrome, the risk of accidents that would cause significant damage to aircraft and injuries to passengers has been significantly mitigated.

The project was managed by the Shire of Wiluna, which also provided a lot of the funding. Significant funding was also contributed by the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources through the Remote Aerodrome Upgrade Program and by the West Australian Department of Transport through the Remote Airports Development Scheme.

The fencing work was carried out by Yoweragabbie Contracting who did an excellent job of construction.

The fence has been constructed to meet not only the current standards but also the requirements of the new CASA Manual of Operating Standards which is due to come into force in August this year.

The project is the first of several that are required to bring the Wiluna Aerodrome up to a standard which is "fit for purpose".

The Aerodrome runway is currently not up to standard and the Shire is currently preparing a project to rectify the current deficiencies and a business case to support applications to the Remote Aerodrome Upgrade Program and the Remote Airports Development Scheme to help fund these essential works.

There is no other form of public transport in Wiluna other than air travel, so the Aerodrome is very essential public infrastructure.
Gym Closed Until Further Notice.

Due to Covid 19 and new cleaning requirements as per State Governments phase 3 opening plan.

“Gyms must have a staff member present at all times to ensure regular cleaning of area and equipment”.

Our gym is a community run gym that relays on participants to do the right thing regarding putting weights away and cleaning of work out gear. We do not have the staff capacity to meet required standard.

Sorry for the inconvenience, until we can operate the gym and fit with the required standard to open the gym will remain closed.

Tamihana Cummings
Youth and Recreational Centre Coordinator
Ranger Deb has been a Veterinary Nurse for 20 years and a Ranger for the last 14 years. She lives on a farm near the Porongurup Range growing pomegranates and enjoys the peacefulness of country living. Deb has 3 dogs, 5 horses, 1 Alpaca called Allen, 30 sheep, 2 pigs (soon to be many more) and 3 pet Kangaroos.

So if you see Ranger Deb in the street give a warm Wiluna welcome and if you have any animal questions feel free to have a yarn with her.

Just a reminder to everyone in the Community that:

1. Your pets need to be kept in your yard and they should not be wandering the streets. To allow your dog to be unrestrained in public is an offence in the Dog Act 1976

2. All dogs and cats must be registered. If your pet is not registered, or if you are not sure, please talk to Ranger Deb or contact the Shire office on 9981 8000.

3. There can only be two dogs to a house.

Please be a responsible pet owner and keep your dog at home.
Dog Registration
Schedule (5) Law Order & Public Safety
Note: Registrations after 31 May 2020 are 50% of the fee otherwise payable

Dog Registration
Un-sterilised Male or Female Dog
- 1 Year $50.00
- 3 Years $120.00
- Lifetime Registration period $100.00

Pensioner Concession
- 1 Year $25.00
- 3 Years $60.00
- Lifetime Registration period $50.00

Sterilised Male or Female Dog
- 1 Year $20.00
- 3 Years $42.50
- Lifetime registration period $100.00

Guide Dogs $0.00
Working Dog (used for droving stock) 25% of the otherwise payable fee
Dogs kept in an approved kennel under The Dog Act 1978 per establishment $100.00

Cat Registration
Schedule (5) Law Order & Public Safety
Note: Registrations after 31 May 2020 are 50% of the fee otherwise payable

Cat Registration
Registration of a Cat
- 1 Years $20.00
- 3 Years $42.50
- Lifetime Registration period $100.00

Pensioner Concession
- 1 Year $10.00
- 3 Years $21.25
- Lifetime Registration period $50.00

Annual application for approval or renewal
Of approved breeding cats – Per Cat $100.00
Protecting you from Coronavirus.

- **PRACTISE PHYSICAL DISTANCING**
- **WASH HANDS REGULARLY WITH SOAP AND WATER**
- **CLEAN SURFACES REGULARLY**
- **COUGH OR SNEEZE INTO YOUR ARM**
- **STAY HOME IF UNWELL AND GET TESTED**
- **DOWNLOAD THE COVIDSAFE APP**

WILUNA TOWN BUSH FIRE BRIGADE MEETING

Hi Team,

I would like to conduct a meeting with all current members of the Wiluna Fire Brigade on Wednesday 17th June from 5pm to 6pm at the Fire Shed. This will be an opportunity for me to give you all an update on the current position of the brigade and a chance for you to voice your ideas and or intentions for its future.

This will also be a good opportunity to update everyone’s contact details and also to site your locker and try on uniforms etc.

I will be available during this time with application forms for future courses and to answer any questions for anyone interested in applying to be a member, so if you know anyone that is interested, I would encourage you to approach them to come along.

If you cannot make it could you please send me a short note via email: brad@wilunaplumbing.com or mob 0408944443

Regards

Brad Beaman
First Lieutenant / Acting Captain
Wiluna Town Bush Fire Brigade
RANGER MENTORING PROJECT

The Indigenous Desert Alliance is excited to offer rangers from your program a great development opportunity.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project is about supporting you to take the next step on your journey as a ranger.

You could be a senior ranger needing some help to think and work through some parts of the job you find hard, or maybe you want to become a coordinator but need some support to get there.

Or maybe you want to bring something new to the program. You might have some ideas about what skills and knowledge areas you would like to improve on to bring benefit to your team.

We want to hear your ideas and work with your program to support rangers to make it happen.

HOW WILL IT WORK

WHERE DO I WANT TO GO?

WE WILL HELP YOU MAP IT OUT

WE WILL SUPPORT YOU ON THE JOURNEY

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1. Call or email Ebony for more information about the project
   ebony@indigenousdesertalliance.com or 0418 847 799

2. Talk about the project within your ranger team

3. Identify rangers to be involved

4. Talk about who will help to support the rangers within your community

5. We will continue talking with you and will organise a workshop to talk about the next steps
Vera Anderson was born in Meekatharra. She attended Primary School in Wiluna, completing secondary education in Perth and Kalgoorlie. She obtained work experience in the School of Mines in Kalgoorlie, some time later returning to Wiluna where she had her family. When the Aboriginal Medical Service was first established, Vera was twice President of the Association, offering her time as an assistant. Vera is part of a family of artists, and began painting in the 1990’s and has continued since, producing works often relating to the Rabbit Proof Fence and her family’s land. 2007 - Exhibited - Geraldton Regional Gallery 2009 - Artist in Residence bhp Billiton Nickel West Mt. Keith 2009 - Oakajee Port & Rail Exhibition, QV1 Building, Perth 2010 - Exhibited Oakajee Port & Rail, QV1 Building Perth. 2013 - Exhibited Oakajee Port & Rail, QV1 Building, Perth. 2013 Birriliburu Exhibition at Spectrum Project Space, Perth. Vera's totem is the bush potato and Emu egg.
ARTIST PARTICIPATION IN THE ART GALLERY

Vera Anderson is a strong willed and talented woman. She never misses a week of attending the art gallery to check, correct and perfect her artwork. We love having her over as she also picks a conversation or 2 with our visitors who really enjoy hearing stories of country and so on.

Last year she had continuously produced her artwork Titled The Rabbit Proof Fence that caught alot of our exhibition sales, visitors and caller up customers. Thank you for your time and efforts in ongoing supply of artworks.

ARTWORKS SOLD

19-75 Bush Tucker

19-118 The Rabbit Proof Fence

20-16 The Rabbit Proof Fence
To ARTISTS

Farewell and good luck to Sopheak Souk and we wish him every success in his future endeavors.

Hope you are all doing well. We care about you and your health and so we will let you know when you can come back to paint in the Art Gallery. Meanwhile, please continue to practice social distancing and sanitizing your hands when you do come over to the Art gallery to pick your paints and canvas.

Be aware as we will only give out canvas to people who have not taken one, if you have not returned a canvas we will not be giving out any more until you have returned the canvas once you have finished it.

This was made clear at the meeting we had on the 27th May at the Centre. We need you Artists to bring in completed Artworks so that we can put them up on our Tjukurba website and boost productivity and sales.

Come on down and grab and your paints for your canvas.

ARTWORK AVAILABLE

19-177 Bush Tucker, $600
Visit the website and check out the new artworks that have been put up by visiting tjukurbagallery.com.au.

Please feel free to call Emele on (08) 9981 8080 if you would like to purchase any of our beautiful paintings.

Take care of yourselves you mob and hang in there as we will get through this pandemic soon enough.
THERE WILL BE NO TAKEAWAYS AVAILABLE FROM GUNBARREL LAAGER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE 1/6/2020

Whilst the Minister for Employment, Michaela Cash has announced that Mutual Obligation requirements for jobseekers is recommencing from 1st June 2020 job seekers registered in the Community Development Program are still not required to return to activities or attend face to face appointments at this time.

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) has advised the Wirrpanda Foundation to maintain the current plan of no face to face engagement until further notice. We expect to receive an update from NIAA in the coming days regarding how they would like us to re-instate activities and appointments and will contact jobseekers and inform the community once this has been received.

In the meantime, our staff will continue to connect with job seekers using the telephone and if a client has any questions or concerns please contact your Case Worker at our office for support.

Whilst Mutual Obligations are not in place it is important to ensure any earnings to Centrelink are reported to avoid an overpayment.

For all general enquiries contact the Wirrpanda Foundation on admin@wf.org.au or 0477 587 643
Martu-ku Yiwarra Training Centre News
By Mac Jensen

The Training Centre was back in action in May after a 4-week enforced break due to COVID-19. There was no loafing though; Mac and the TAFE gang were very busy in Kalgoorlie getting everything ready for training, designing our upcoming courses, resourcing our upcoming training and preparing for the big road project. It was a very busy time, probably the busiest we’ve ever been.

With so many Martu in town, we had big numbers again for training, almost double our planned figures. The Martu were all coming down to the Training Centre to talk about training and employment opportunities. Thanks to solid in-kind support from industry and employers, we had enough $ to train another big group of Martu students from our savings.

This month’s training was on the big 20-tonne excavator. Central Earthmoving very kindly organised things and secured the machine from Komatsu (who paid the hire rate for us), and then provided full mobilisation of the machine to and from Wiluna in-kind. Brooks Hire in Kalgoorlie were also involved. Thanks again to Craig Patterson and the gang at Centrals for their very generous in-kind support to the Training Centre and our Martu road works machinery training. Centrals picked up another prestigious award this month for their fantastic collaborative training and work with Aboriginal communities and enterprises. Yuwawu!

The students had a great week of training, mostly off-site at a Main Roads gravel pit on the Meeka road. Thank you to Main Roads for providing us with access to that pit for training.

Blackhams Resources provided the diesel for the excavator and we once again thank them for this very kind gesture. We operate on a tiny budget and this sort of in-kind support goes a very long way.

All of the students passed the course and got some great training from Andy from CRTAFE. It was great to have Roderick Stevens back in the training gang and getting himself trained up and ticketed for the big road project coming up. We’ve missed his experience and sense of humour while he’s been away.

Paul Somerville, General Manager (GM) of Centrals, came out to Wiluna and visited our training this week. It was great for the students to have such a significant industry leader spending some time with us at our training and encouraging the students. GM’s spending time with students is a big deal and we all really appreciated Paul taking the time to visit us from his very busy schedule.

Another great week of training, another huge class of students and more tickets for the Martu to help them secure employment in various industries and vocations.

Here are some pics from last week’s training:
Thumbs up for Miranda Long in the cab

Miranda Long operating the big excavator

Austin operating the excavator

Andy giving Austin some tips on the excavator

Training Centre students operating the excavator
Thumbs-up from Juan on the Dingo (Tjantu)

Thumbs up from Clinton, Zareth and Roderick

Damien practising on the Dingo (Tjantu)

Paul Somerville and Stewart Long at training

Stewart, Damien and Paul

Steward, Andy, Austin Paul and Roderick at training
Sydney Heads (Nyimbin) Camp Rebuilt by Training Centre and DSS

The Training Centre partnered with Mo and the gang at DSS last year to refurbish the Sydney Heads camp area which had become dilapidated. After a lot of hard work, it came up looking very good.

Unfortunately the big rains in January flooded the area and caused a lot of damage. Over 300mm of rain fell in the catchment and roared through Sydney Heads, washing away concrete fire rings, knocking over trees and also washing away all of the topsoil in half of the camp area, right down to the bedrock (over 1 metre of erosion). The water tank stands were also undermined and caused the heavy tanks to tip over. The flood had made the camp ground unsafe as well as unusable. There was debris everywhere. The toilet we built last year survived the flood, although it had been inundated and required servicing.

Last week, the Training Centre and DSS partnered up again to fix the campground right up. It would be a huge job with the significant damage and so much soil washed away, but excellent training for DSS Rangers. Ben Blomfield, the legendary bush engineer, raconteur and karaoke king from Trackcare, pre-fabricated the material, carted it out from Perth and led the installation process. Jim Quadrio came over with his front end loader and did a great job of levelling the site again and making it safe for us to work.

The logistics for this job were extensive. We had to take out a lot of gear, tools, equipment, cement, a cement mixer, generators, 1000lt water pods, camp gear, lighting swags, portable fridges and food. We managed to fit it all into three vehicles and trailers and went out to Sydney Heads in convoy.

Lawman Ivan Wongawol came out to keep an eye on things as Sydney Heads (Nyimbin) is a significant site.

The job was completed in 4 long days of hard work. It was dirty work and we endured a cold (freezing!) wash each evening to clean ourselves up and then crawled into our swags with big mobs of blankets.

The DSS crew learnt a lot of good bush engineering skills from the expert, Ben Blomfield. It was good on-the-job training with tangible results which will benefit everyone.

Thanks to everyone who helped out (especially Big Rob who helped us get the loader going with some first-rate bush mechanics). Here are some pics of this remote training project, over 200km from Wiluna:
Jim, Ben, Mac, Ivan and Nathan on the shovels

Nathan and Ivan making concrete for the new tank stands

Ben working on the tank stands

Nathan preparing Marlu for dinner after a long day

Water tanks cleaned out and plumbed up on new stands.

The toilet we built last year in training, all clean
Campsites all cleaned up and set up

Camp infrastructure cleaned, repaired and rebuilt

Sydney Heads campground all done up and looking Malya

Ivan keeping an eye on things in the camp
For those of you that don’t know me I am Hon Robin Scott MLC. I was sworn in on 22 May 2017 as a Member of the Legislative Council of Western Australia, representing Mining and Pastoral Region for Pauline Hanson’s One Nation.

I would like to start by saying for the past thirty years I have been interested in politics, and just like you I have been forced to vote at every election for the best of a bad bunch. Being a father of two and grandfather of six it motivated me to maximize my contribution as a parliamentarian. I’m here for the people of my electorate not the people of the house. I am here help repair our political system, defend our Australian way of life and maximize opportunities for fellow West Australians. The major parties have condoned the deterioration of our manufacturing industries and are slowly strangling our mining, agriculture and pastoral industries. We have every natural resource the world wants and we still can’t eliminate poverty in Australia, due to poor management by politicians.”

✓ Achievements
✓ Blocked - The State Government’s proposal to raise the gold royalty - In 2017 I was Successful with the Disallowance Motion which defeated the Government’s attempt to increase the Gold Royalty by 50%. Which I think is an absolutely fantastic win. I am determined to protect and promote mining and lead the defence against water charges for prospectors and small miners.
✓ Granted - License for an MRI Machine in Kalgoorlie-Boulder - Alongside Senator Georgiou we secured the Medicare license for the MRI machine in June 2018 after leading a strong advocacy campaign alongside WA One Nation. Although our town is still waiting for the MRI Machine I reassure you that I will continue to ask the question and update my electorate as to when we can expect it to be operating.
✓ Granted - Funding for Palliative Care - I accomplished a desired result with obtaining a multi-million-dollar funding injection for Palliative care in regional WA. I was disappointed to hear that the government had again let our people down with in the health department and knew that people deserved to die with dignity.
✓ Blocked Removal of Education components with School of the air - I won the fight with members of the cross bench when the state government proposed that they wanted to remove critical education components with School.

My To Do List
• Advocating the PHON plan to subsidise apprenticeships by 75% in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year.
• Investigate unfair Native Title Claims
• Create Suitable accommodation in regional towns for remote community visitors.
• Continue to follow up on the current status of the MRI machine for the Kalgoorlie Health Campus.
• Begin the construction on the Kimberley Water Pipelines.
• Bring Royalties for Regions back to Regional WA.
• Continue to push for the Wiluna to Meekatharra road to be sealed.
Skippers understands that regular flights into regional WA are vital in maintaining essential services for the people within these communities. To ensure regular flights and services the Federal Government will now be funding and supporting all RPT flights for a 6 week period commencing as of Monday the 27th April 2020. The arrangement will be reviewed at the end of this 6 week period. Please see full flight schedule and times below.

Skippers have increased cleaning measures on board our aircraft and continue to follow the directions from the World Health Organisation, the International Civil Aviation Organisation and the International Air Transport Authority. Social distancing measures are in place within our terminal building and when passenger loads permit we will be using an isolated seating plan during flight. It is now also a requirement to make a health declaration prior to travel to protect the broader travelling public and our valued staff.

**Community support for these services is vital for the RPT flights to continue.**

**Monday flight HK1935**

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