Murlpirrmarra Connection

2014 Cultural Football Event *Wiluna Martu Eagles Dalkeith Nedlands Junior Football Club*

May 30th to June 2nd , 2014 Venue: Wiluna, WA



Wiluna Martu Eagles

and

Dalkeith-Nedlands Junior Football Club



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Welcome:

The sixth annual "Murlpirrmarra Connection Cultural Football Event", between the Wiluna Martu Eagles and the Dalkeith Nedlands / Subiaco Junior Football Club's has come and gone.

This year's football game took place in Wiluna, on the Sunday afternoon of the WA Day long weekend, 30th of May to the 2nd of June.

Coinciding with Reconciliation Week and the AFL Indigenous Round, our cultural weekend brought together young men and women from the Wiluna community and the Dalkeith Nedlands & Subiaco Junior Football Clubs in a unique team-building experience. In doing so combined highly skilled football with cultural learning & educational activities to bring together two vastly different cultures.



Friday 30th May, 2014: PM

The DNJFC touring party along with Murlpirrmarra Connection supporting partners departed Perth Friday afternoon on Alliance Airlines kindly supported by BHP Billiton Nickel West. The group arrived at Mt Keith where everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal at the Mt Keith village dry mess.

Buses awaited the excited group at Mt Keith and after everyone had finished their meal, a one hour bus trip was made to Wiluna and the Blackham Resources Camp.

Other weekend attendees where also gifted flights through Newmont, to the Jundee mine site and GWR Group direct to Wiluna.

Thankyou to Scott Hanson (BHP), Guy Singleton (Newmont) and GWR Group for there great support in getting everyone to Wiluna. A big thankyou to Wendy Kelly (Wiluna Police), Rod McGrath (Wiluna Shire), Alan Edwards (GWR) for driving the buses to and from Wiluna and to Bryan Dixon and his staff at Blackham Resources for their hospitality.



Saturday 31st May, 2014: AM

After everyone was allocated their individual rooms by Blackham's site manager Craig Bartle, a restful night was had by most before Saturdays activities. Saturday began with breakfast, a brief housekeeping speech and then a wonderful Cultural Awareness presentation by Hamish Morgan (Central Desert Native Title Services) and Martu local elders, Ben Brown, Annette Williams, Rita Cutter & Lena Long. After the powerful presentation, which outlined the significant history and Martu culture, a tour of significant Tjukurpa land marks was conducted before the group made its way to the beautiful North Pool.



Saturday 31st May, 2014: PM

The tranquil setting of North Pool was a great relief to all, and on arrival everyone was treated to local traditional food delicacies. Traditionally made damper and cooked Kangaroo awaited the weary party along with fresh Yabbies from the pool. Tug of wars, kick to kick, dead snakes and swinging above the water on a tree rope bonded the local children with the Dalkeith Nedlands / Subiaco boys and a very pleasant time was had by all.



Saturday 31st May, 2014: PM Local Martu elders Stewart West, Glenys Williams, Elaine Newberry, Kay Bingham, Roxanne Anderson and Ullulla Boss cooked mingled and answered a myriad of questions from a curious few. Thanks to Pauline Callow and Stacey Petterson for their fabulous "Wiluna MKR" Roo tail. (Just a shame Grant Dorrington didn't try your specialty)



Just for the record, two tug of war's were held. The first being a mixture of local and visiting children against each other, but the second was a Home v Away contest. I will leave it up to your imagination as to the victorious team. (As you can see by the picture above travelling around Wiluna and its surrounding areas has its casualties.)



Saturday 31st May, 2014: PM

After a pleasant afternoon at North Pool there was a quick 20km drive back to Blackham Resource's camp to freshen up before a barbeque dinner in town at the Wiluna Recreation Centre. A real highlight over the past five years has been the weekend disco. This years dance-off lived up to expectations with "Best on Dance floor" going to Kishow Long (Pictured bottom right), who really knows how to cut a rug. That's a back to back win for Kishow. Well done champ.



Sunday 1st June, 2014: Game Day

Sunday mornings activities were confined to the Camp site, with a relaxing time had by all before the afternoon's big game. Prior to the game everyone was bused into town for lunch at the recreation centre and our traditional "Buddy Questionnaire". All the young men and women were buddied up, and completed an information fact finding questionnaire about each other. Some fascinating responses came out of this exercise and some great friendship's formed.



Sunday 1st June, 2014: Game Day

Murlpirrmarra Connection is very proud to partner with Fairgame WA and has done for some three years. Fairgame WA distribute recycled sporting goods and conduct health and wellness programs in regional areas in WA. Rick Cocliff, Emily Highman and Jess Stephens presented a very informative nutritional message to the young men and women and Rick also prepared all the players with a tackling and self management drill for the upcoming game. Thanks Fairgamers.



Wiluna Martu Eagles

Logan Kyanga, Cleveland Callow, Juanita Callow, Tylum Farmer, Keenan Gilbert, Ethan Jackson, Isiah Newberry, Tamisha Newberry, Montgomery Petterson, Nye Petterson, Darren Jackman,, Kishow Long, Shane Wongawol, Paul Callow, Joshua Simpson, Stewart Long, Khenique Williams, Terrance Callow, Jarred Burns, Ashlee Gilbert Kyle Gilbert, Austin Patch, Bernard Newberry, Kelly Patten, Romano Jackman, Terrance Giuliano-Kyanga (Coach: Stacey Petterson, Assistant Coach: Grant Dorrington)



Dalkeith / Nedlands Eagles

Max Blair, Jack Blair, Samuel Gelavis, Mike Harry, Nicholas Speca, Joel Krauss, Cooper Carvalho, Joshua Quartermaine, Jamie Collins, Jack Birch, Stan Birch, Max Leiner, Linton Robins, Jack Buller, Will Rieke, Samuel Pierce, Pierce Mackenzie, Kirin Tibballs, Cooper Warman, Lachlan Medd, Lachlan Reading (Coach: George Gelavis, Assistant Coach: Kim Buller)



The game preparations ran very smoothly under the expert eyes of umpires Peter Dawson and Kelman Patch. All players where briefed about their responsibilities while George Gelavis delved into the deepest parts of his coaching brain to find a way to get over the top of the mighty Martu Eagles. Mick Wilson tossed a very stylish match coin to get the game started and we where under way.



Nye Petterson and Kelly Patten display the very prestigious "Spirt of Martu Award" and the "Preston Bridge Memorial Award". Both awards symbolise respect and leadership throughout the entire weekend.





The game started at a feverish pace with both teams getting out of the blocks very quickly. With no breeze to speak of, a tightly contested first quarter came to an end with neither team able to assert any ascendancy on the scoreboard. (Two goals a piece) Pictured bottom right is Shane Wongawol, (Martu Eagles Captain), on his way to winning the half time sprint race. The long bomb award went to Nick Speca.





The second, third and fourth quarters were played in great spirit with both teams giving their all. It was only late in the last quarter where the Wiluna Martu Eagles took control on their home ground, to run out victorious 60 points to 28. A fantastic spectacle for the whole community who came to witness another successful and memorable bonding experience. Congratulations.



<u>Award Winners</u> Wilson / Dawson Cup: Wiluna Martu Eagles Spirit of Martu: Jamie Collins, Preston Bridge Memorial: Paul Callow Best on Ground Wiluna: Terrance Callow, Best on Ground DNJFC: Jamie Collins 100 metre Sprint: Shane Wongawol, Long Bomb: Nick Speca

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Thankyou

A big thankyou to the Dalkeith Nedlands Subiaco boys and their parents and supporters for making the journey to Wiluna. On behalf of the Murlpirrmarra Connection and the Wiluna community, we hope you enjoyed your stay and look forward to your return to the desert. Looking forward to next year where we will meet again.

Thankyou to our Valued Muripirrmarra & Event Supporters





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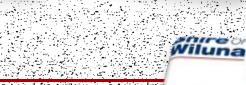


















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