



Walk to School Day Breakfast at Mandorah Jetty

Annual Report 2008/2009

December 2009

INTRODUCTION

This is the first Annual Report of the Wagait Shire Council

The report has been generated to satisfy the requirements of Section 199 of the *Local Government Act 2008* which states in part that the Council must cause to be prepared an Annual Report on its work during the preceding financial year. This report therefore discusses Council activities from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

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Wagait Council Office



PRESIDENTS'S REPORT

I am very pleased to provide this first annual report as the inaugural President of the new Wagait Shire Council. It is indeed an honour to represent this community and lobby for new and improved services. It is also good to have such proactive councillors who are interested in the advancement of the community above any self interest. I would also mention that all councillors volunteer their valuable time to council without any payment or allowances whatsoever. Their time, which is not insignificant, is given freely and for this I thank them very much.

2008/09 has been a new era for the community at Wagait Beach. We moved from the Community Government Council to become one of 16 new shires in the NT. This transition was not without its own problems as the NT government tried to railroad into an unviable and untenable amalgamation with Litchfield Shire. As chairman of the Top End Shire Transition Committee I saw first hand the bad business modeling and false and misleading information presented to support the formation of the Top End Shire. The subsequent financial and administrative disaster that has enveloped the super shires is a vindication of the stand taken by the members of that steering committee.

I am still to be convinced that the Government will not at some stage revive the sleeping dragon and force us into some kind of an amalgamation. In this regard the Council has made a commitment to undertake an ongoing review of the various options available to us and abide by the community's desire in determining its future.

The Council is currently going through a period of stability with elections held in 2008 and the next elections not due until 2012.

I am pleased to say that the Council is in a sound financial position, due mainly to the sound principles adopted by Councils over the years.

Wagait Shire has been the fortunate recipient of commonwealth funds designed to help in the global financial crisis. These funds have been allocated to finalisation of the bicycle path stretching from the jetty precinct up to the commercial precinct on Wagait Tower Road.

The community Clinic has been extremely successful. It is competently staffed and exceeded the demands put on it to date. Council will continue to lobby for additional facilities, including a visiting General Practitioner and increased hours as demand increases.

In relation to Council's corporate and community service obligations, it is pleasing to report that key performance measures have been achieved. It is particularly gratifying to observe the number of local residents who are continuing to visit the administration office to utilise information technology facilities, Library and other services.

The Council's underlying financial position remains very stable as evidenced by our ability to absorb wages and other cost increases whilst maintaining service delivery at current levels. This is due in no small part to the efforts of staff, past and present, which are to be commended for their contributions as well as a willingness to contribute on a voluntary basis when required.

Rates are at a significantly low level by comparison with local government areas in both the Northern Territory and nationally. Future demand on funding will place additional pressure on ratepayers over the next few years.

Finally, a report on our activities would be incomplete without a special thanks to our local volunteer groups, Emergency Services, the Bush Fire Brigade and the council staff for their efforts during the course of the year in serving the community and willingness to work closely with the Council towards shared goals.

The next year will present new challenges for the Shire and for the community of Wagait Beach. Kenbi Land Claim is closer than ever before to settling.

We must look to form partnerships with our neighbours at Belyuen and share resources where possible.

Peter Clee
President

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

A new Council, new legislation and new reporting requirements have inflicted a demanding year in keeping abreast with developments.

Much of the year involved addressing the prospect of a Council amalgamation to form the Top End Shire. Despite a last minute decision by the government not to go ahead with the amalgamation, the Territory Government has requested the Council to look at extending its boundaries by including adjoining unincorporated land within its boundary. This ongoing exercise includes negotiating with Belyuen and Coomalie Councils to determine new boundaries for the Top End Councils.

We have been fortunate this year in that we were able to keep the rate increases as low as possible. A diminishing Government support package means that more reliance is placed on rates income so that we are able to deliver services at the same level as in the past. We also continue to retain outside commercial contracts which supplement the council budget.

There have been no changes to staffing levels even though work commitments have increased. Considerable time has been spent on the development of a Shire Plan, developing new policies, addressing the amalgamation issues and new Annual Report format. In addition to preparation of Council Grant's Commission return and quarterly reports to the Department of Local Government.

As a consequence of the amalgamations, we have had to purchase additional assets and we no longer have IT and Accounting supported by LGANT.

We now know the level of Government assistance to be provided over the next 3 years, this will allow us to plan future budgets and plan appropriate rate increases to ensure that existing services are maintained. Hopefully we will be able to secure sufficient additional grant funding to provide the community with new and enhanced services.

I wish to thank Councillors and staff for their support in another successful year.

Wally Lenyszyn

THE WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

STRUCTURE

With the Government having proclaimed the Wagait Shire on the 17 June 2008, a general election was held on the 25 October 2008.

Ten nominations were received for seven positions. The successful candidates were:

Jane Carrigan
Peter Clee
Karen Duncan
Vera Lamont
Rocky Magnoli
Trish McIntyre
Darryl Withnall

At the first meeting of the new Council, the Council elected Cr Peter Clee as President and Cr Karen Duncan as Deputy President. The Local Government Act provides that the President may be elected by voters or the Council. The Council resolved for the President be elected by the Council.

The Council also resolved that the President should have a casting vote where there is an equality of votes in any matter before the Council.

Subsequent to the general election, Cr Carrigan resigned from the Council on the 23 February 2009 and was replaced by Matt Prouse in an uncontested by-election.

The Council is presently undertaking the preparation of policy dealing with meeting procedure and protocol. Once completed the documentation should provide for the smooth flow of Council Meetings.

MEMBERS

The Wagait Shire Council as at the 30th June 2009.



Back Row; Crs Rocky Magnoli, Darryl Withnall, Peter Clee (President), Matt Prouse

Front: Crs Karen Duncan (Deputy President), Trish McIntyre, Vera Lamont

All Councillors are elected for a term of four years. The next scheduled election for the Council is in 2012.

MEETINGS

The Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm.

The Council Meeting Agenda is available on the Wednesday prior to the Tuesday Meeting. A summary of the Agenda is posted on Council Notice Boards with detailed Agenda's available from the Council Office. The Agenda will also be posted on Council's Web Site once established.

All meetings of the Council are open to the public with the exception of some sessions that may contain confidential information.

Copies of minutes of meetings are placed at the local store for collection by residents. The minutes are available from midday Friday following the Council Meeting.

Councillors do not receive any remuneration in attending Council Meetings.

DELEGATES

The Council is represented on a number of Boards and Committees by way of Council delegates. Current Council delegates are:

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

President Peter Clee
Cr Matt Prouse
Vice President Karen Duncan (Proxy)

Restricted Use Area (RUA) Committee

Cr Rocky Magnoli
Cr Darryl Withnall

Top End Regional Organisation of Councils

President Peter Clee
Cr Trish McIntyre

Regional Management Plan Committee

Cr Trish McIntyre
Cr Darryl Withnall

Wagait Beach Emergency Services

Vice President Karen Duncan
Cr Trish McIntyre (Proxy)

Councillors freely give up their time in representing the community by attending these additional meetings.

COUNCIL STAFF

Council employs a Chief Executive Officer, a part-time Administration Officer, a Works Supervisor, a Labourer and part-time Sports & Recreation Officer. In addition, consulting arrangements are utilised for the delivery of some accounting and engineering services. These are principally provided by the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

During the course of the year there were no staff movements with the exception of the employment of Josh Chaplin as Part-Time Recreation Officer.

Wally Lenyszyn **Chief Executive Officer**

Wally came to the Council 2 ½ years ago with a wealth of local government experience having served as CEO in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. Wally has been successful in attracting grant funding and a lot of his time is pre-occupied in dealing with issues emanating from the Territory Government's local government reform.



Jill Formby **Administration Officer**

Jill has been a Wagait Beach resident since 1995 and first worked with Council from late 1996 until September 2000 and then again from early 2002 to the present. In addition to her administrative duties, which include the key functions of rates and payroll, Jill is responsible for the organisation of special events such as Anzac Day, Australia Day and Territory Day.



Joshua Chaplin **Sport and Recreation Officer**

An enthusiastic sportsperson in his own right, Josh brings a variety of new activities in which local children enthusiastically participate. Josh continues to undertake study at UWA to gain an incite into the sports administrative role as well as the practical role of sports management.



Gary Zikan
Works Supervisor

Gary commenced employment with Council in August 2005. Gary has previously worked in the maritime freight industry and has also been employed by companies operating regular public transport ferry services to Mandorah. Gary took over the position of Works Supervisor in 2007 and is responsible for managing Council's outside workforce.



Gary Carrington
Labourer

Gary 2 commenced in December 2007 with a previous background varying from truck driving to landscaping. Gary 2 and Gary 1 work as a team undertaking jetty washes, monitoring the water supply, minor road repairs, sportsground maintenance and generally maintaining the subdivision in a clean and tidy condition.



ASSESSMENT OF COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

SERVICE DELIVERY

The Local Government Act provides that the Council must deliver certain core services, although the Council is not compelled to do so where circumstances do not permit.

The Council resolved on the 20 May 2008 that it proposes to deliver the following services to its residents:

Core Services

Those services identified within the Local Government Act that the Council has determined to provide are:

- Advocacy and Representation on Local and Regional Issues
- Asset Management
- Civic Cultural and Sporting Events
- Companion Animal Welfare and Control
- Council Planning and Reporting
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- Library and Cultural Heritage
- Local Emergency Management
- Local Roads Maintenance
- Local Roads Upgrade
- Maintenance & Upgrade Council Buildings
- Maintenance and Upgrade Parks & Reserves
- Public and Corporate Relations
- Records Management
- Revenue Growth
- Risk Management
- Traffic Management
- Training & Employment
- Waste Management
- Weed Control & Fire Hazard Reduction

Agency Services

Those services that are provided providing external funding is available.

- Sport & Recreation
- Aged & Disabled Care
- Family (Including Child Care)

Commercial Services

Those services that provide income to the Council.

- PowerWater Contract
- Mandorah Jetty Maintenance

Other Services

Services determined by the Council to meet community needs and expectations.

- Local Welfare and Social Services
- Seniors Program
- Wagait Beach Medical Clinic

The Council is required to report on service delivery activities within this Report. The report follows:

CORE SERVICES

Advocacy & Representation on Local and Regional Issues

Objective: Participation on Regional Boards or committees to represent Council's views on local and regional issues.

Performance: The Council has appointed delegates to a number of Committees including, Top End Regional Organisation of Councils, Local Government Association Northern Territory, Restricted Use Area Committee etc.

Councillors attend meetings of these organisations on a regular basis without remuneration.

Performance Measurement:

No criteria set.

Civic Events

Objective: To manage high quality events on behalf of the Council.

Performance: The Council undertook the organisation of various community events, including:

- Australia Day Celebrations
- ANZAC Day Celebrations
- Territory Day Celebrations
- Seniors Ball
- Welcome to Josh Chaplin, Rec Officer
- Walk to School Day

A number of public meetings were also held, including a meeting to develop Councils Future Directions list.



Performance Measurement:

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| Compliance with annual budget: | Est \$13,100 | Actual \$15,737 |
| Increase in attendance at events: | Although the events were well patronised, there was no obvious increase in attendances. | |
| No of Events/Functions held | 6 | |
| Average Cost per event: | \$2,622 | |

Governance

Objective: Provide support to the Council including Elected Member expenses, elections, Elected Member, CEO and Council support costs.

Performance: Elected Members have voted not to receive any meeting expenses. A training session for Councillors was arranged through LGANT.

Agendas and Minutes continue to be made available in a timely manner.

New policies are in the process of being developed to comply with the provisions of the new Local Government Act.

The Council engaged the NT Electoral Commission to conduct the general election and subsequent by-election.

Attendance at conferences and seminars is undertaken as and when required.

Performance Measurement:

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| % Members who consider quality, contents of written output as satisfactory | 100% |
| No of Council / Committee Meetings held | 14 |
| Percentage voter turnout | |
| Average cost per meeting (Including admin, papers, copying) | \$125 |
| No of elections/by-elections held | 2 |
| Compliance with election budget | Est \$10,000 Actual \$16,219 |
| % of elected members service of meetings as satisfactory | 100% |

Public and Corporate Relations

Objective: Provision of communication with the general public through media contact and releases.

Performance: The local media attends Council meetings. The CEO provides the local media with reports following each Council meeting.

The Council maintains a public notice board at the Council Office and a further notice board is located at the local store.

Council minutes are copied and made available for collection from the local store.

Performance Measurement:

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| No of monthly communication newsletters Produced | 7 |
| No of hits on Council website. | Website not functional |
| Total cost of maintaining website | N/A |
| % of positive or neutral media coverage received | 90% |
| Community satisfaction with level of Corporate communication | 95% |
| Total cost of production of corporate communication documents | Separate costings not kept |

Training and Employment of Local People

Objective: Provide opportunities for local persons for employment and training in Council operations.

Performance: With a compliment of only two works employees the only opportunities that arise throughout the year for the employment of locals is when permanent employees take leave.

When large projects are undertaken there is also an opportunity to employ additional persons.

Arrangements were made for a two day in house accredited chemical handling course to be undertaken. Members of the community were given the opportunity and participated in the course.

Permanent employees also undertook training in first aid and companion animal handling.

Performance Measurement:

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| No of strategies / policies implemented | Nil adopted |
| No of persons trained | 5 |
| Cost of providing training | Est \$2,500 Act \$2,943 |
| % increase in employment | Nil |

Council Planning and Reporting

Objective: Development of long term strategic plans, including business and service delivery plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council in the delivery of services to the community, including the reporting of achievements.

Performance: The Council undertakes the preparation of a Shire Plan on an annual basis. The Shire Plan contains information on long term planning, service delivery objectives and Council's Budget.

The performance of the Plan is undertaken in the preparation of the Annual Report.

During the year, the Council also undertook the development of a 'Future Directions Plan'. In the development of this Plan community input was solicited following which prioritisation of projects was undertaken at a public meeting.

Performance Measurement:

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| Acquire an information technology system for Strategic and Business planning | No funds allocated |
| Establish appropriate strategic and business planning processes and systems | All plans currently finalised via community consultation |
| Provide regular reports to the community On service delivery | Articles are included in the monthly local newspaper |
| Adopt service delivery KPI's | Initial appraisal undertaken. To be finalised in co-op with Local Govt Dept. |

Financial Management

Objective: Maintain a financial management system in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Local Government Accounting Regulations including maintaining assets, maintaining internal controls, maintaining an effective rates system and regular reporting to the Council.

Performance: With LGANT no longer providing accounting support, the Council was forced to make alternative arrangements. The Government did not allow the Council access to the Government's CouncilBiz IT and financial services provider. The Council managed to negotiate a contract with IT Vision for the use of their software, the cost of which was comparable to what was being paid to LGANT.

The new arrangement required the Council to purchase its own server to use in conjunction with the IT Vision software. The Council is able to perform all of the functions it did in the past.

The Council achieved compliance in all of its financial functions including from day to day operations, reporting to Council to preparation of the Annual Report.

The Council's financial management meets all statutory requirements.

Performance Measurement:

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| % of audited accounts revealing discrepancies | Nil |
| No of audit amendments required to annual financial statements | Nil |
| Liquidity Ratio | 2.93 |
| Funds received from investments | \$18,990 |
| Compliance with annual budget | Final result a profit of income over expenditure. |
| Debt servicing ratio | The Council has no debt |
| Adoption of budget within statutory timeframe | Yes |
| % budget reports delivered on time | 100% |
| Preparation of Shire Plan completed Within approved timeframe | Yes |

Human Resource Management

Objective: Provide services and support for Human Resources administration including recruitment, induction, training and development.

Performance: Due to the small number of employees, the monitoring of performance is relatively easy and can be observed on a daily basis.

The Council has a commitment to employees to provide training opportunities. This is identified at the annual performance review where employees are asked to identify training needs. The agreed to needs are then sourced throughout the year for attendance by employees.

The Council has developed policy for recruitment and human resource management. The policy basically provides that all employees and prospective employees be treated equally.

All employees are employed under contract for terms normally of two years.

Performance Measurement:

Employee satisfaction

80%

IT and Communication

Objective: Effective management of the IT function ensuring that support services are available for the operation and management of Council's hardware, software and internet systems.

Performance: The previous support available through LGANT no longer exists. The Council has purchased its own server for the management of financial records.

Investigations are currently being undertaken for the management of the remaining computer functions including developing a web page.

Performance Measurement:

Support arrangements in place

Software support in place.
Currently investigating
remainder of support needs.

Records Management

Objective: Ensure the speedy processing of Council's incoming and outgoing correspondence and the availability and safe keeping of Council records in accordance with statutory requirements.

Performance: Inward and outward correspondence is recorded on a daily basis. Correspondence not requiring the attention of the Council is dealt with within two days of receipt.

A new filing system has been introduced that provides interaction with Council Minutes.

All Council decisions are recorded in a Minute Book making it easy to access past decisions.

All financial records are maintained on an in-house server that has an automatic back-up facility.

Performance Measurement:

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| Correspondence attended to promptly | 100% |
| Updating of minute book | 100% |
| Record inward and outward Correspondence | 100% |
| All registers up to date | 100% |

Revenue Growth

Objective: Funding of Council's operations through appropriate rating policies and maximisation of grants, fees and charges and other available income sources.

Performance: The Council maintains that rates should not be increased unnecessarily. A \$20 rate increase applied in the reporting year.

The Council has always maintained that providing the Council receives the same level of grant assistance as in previous years, the financial viability of the Council will not be affected. Unfortunately the Territory Government has foreshadowed a reduction in grant support. This will require the Council to look at other strategies to make up any losses.

Performance Measurement:

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| Monitor and maintain returns on cash Investments | Cash balance is monitored on a monthly basis and surplus funds invested. |
| % of rates collected | 95.5% |
| % of external funds v's rate revenue | 382.6% |

Risk Management

Objective: Provision of internal Risk Management services.

Performance: Little risk management is currently being undertaken. Council does insure all of its assets against all risk factors.

Performance Measurement:

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| All appropriate insurances in place | All assets covered. |
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Asset Management

Objective: Asset management planning and support services for Council assets.

Performance: The Council maintains a comprehensive Asset Register that is updated on an annual basis.

Improvements and repairs to assets are undertaken on an as required basis.

Performance Measurement:

No criteria set.

Companion Animal Welfare and Control

Objective: The administration of delegated Territory legislation in relation to the care, custody and control of animals to protect health, safety and environment of the community.

The provision of a service that promotes responsible ownership of identified animals.

Performance: The Council has not deemed it necessary to introduce by-laws for the control of animals. Residents are relied upon to undertake responsible pet ownership.

The Council does provide assistance where feral or dangerous animals are involved.



Performance Measurement:

No criteria set.

Library and Cultural Heritage

Objective: The provision of an appropriate library service and support to cultural heritage projects.

Performance: The Council has established a mini library service that operates from the Council Office. An initial book stock was obtained from the Darwin City Library with a commitment for the provision of an ongoing supply. Community members have also donated a number of books to the collection.



Performance Measurement:

No criteria set.

Local Emergency Management

Objective: Preparation and planning for local emergencies through participation in relevant committees and the facilitation of preventative measures.

Performance: The Council maintains representation on the local Emergency Services Committee. Support as and when required is provided to Emergency Services and local Bush Firebrigade.

The Council maintains two cyclone shelters and is represented on the Territory Cyclone Shelter Committee.

Performance Measurement:

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| No of counter disaster Committees Participated in | 2 |
| No of ES Units supported | Local Unit supported |

Local Road Maintenance

Objective: Maintenance of sealed and unsealed roads, footpaths and kerbing.

Performance: Roads are assessed on an annual basis to determine if resealing is required. Minor repair work is undertaken by Council employees.

In conjunction with the local Tidy Towns Committee the painting of all kerbing barriers was undertaken.

The linemarking of Wagait Tower Road was also undertaken.



Performance Measurement:

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| Road maintenance cost per km Of road maintained | No major works undertaken |
| Total km of Council managed Unsealed roads | 12.73 |
| Customer satisfaction with the Condition of the road network | 95% |
| Compliance with annual budget | 100% |
| Total maintenance cost for sealed roads | |

Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Objective: Construction of new and upgrading of existing sealed and unsealed roads, footpaths and kerbing.

Performance: No major construction or upgrading works were undertaken.

Through the support of the Federal Government's initiative program and a contribution from the Territory Government, a new bicycle path was constructed from Charles Point Road to the local store.

An application has been submitted to the Federal Government for black spot funding to undertake the provision of by-pass lanes adjacent to the local store.

Maintenance and Upgrade of Council Parks and Reserves

Objective: Develop and maintain Council's parks, gardens and open space facilities including enhanced visual amenity quality areas and facilities and increased community leisure options.

Performance: The main areas of Council responsibility include the sportsground, the area adjacent to the Council Office/Community Centre and beach access areas.

Maintenance of the areas is undertaken on a regular basis. The Office / Community Centre area is maintained by way of plant watering, mowing, cleaning of carpark and weed control.

The sportsground requires priority attention as the area is regularly used for sporting programs, Council events, community functions and more recently campers. Two sets of concrete tables and chairs were installed within the complex. Due to the amount of vandalism, it was

necessary to provide a caretaker on site. The position is provided at no cost to the Council.

Beach access areas are maintained by way of provision of rubbish receptacles and clean ups when any refuse is detected.



Performance Measurement:

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| No of park items to maintain | 7 |
| Achievement of maintenance Program | 100% |
| Total area of recreational land to be maintained | |
| Cost per ha to maintain | \$16,147 |

Maintenance and Upgrade of Council Buildings and Assets

Objective: Manage and maintain Council's public buildings, facilities and fixed assets including effective and timely maintenance, enhanced community utilisation and compliance with statutory requirements.

Performance: Usage of the Wagait Beach Community Centre is increasing with regular bookings for various activities. No major maintenance works have been required to be undertaken on the building.

With the reintroduction of the recreation program the sportsground is again receiving regular patronage. A new container was purchased for the storage of sport and recreation equipment.

Councils other buildings have not required any major maintenance.

Plant and equipment is serviced on a regular basis. The only new plant purchased during the year was a new trailer.

Performance Measurement:

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| Operating expenditure per head of population | \$15,250 |
| Customer satisfaction with level and standard of buildings and facilities | 95% |
| Compliance with budget | 95% |
| No of building facilities to be maintained | 6 |

Traffic Management on Local Roads

Objective: Provision of adequate street signage and traffic control to increase safety of users of the road network.

Performance: Any damaged street name plates are replaced when damage has been identified.

The Council continues to monitor the need for traffic control signage. Give way signs were installed at roads intersecting with Cox Drive.

Performance Measurement:

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| No of complaints about street signs | 2 |
| Percentage of streets without name plates | Nil |
| No of street name plates, signs, street furniture maintained | 136 |
| Compliance with budget | 100% |

Waste Management

Objective: Collection and disposal of domestic and commercial waste. Management and maintenance of dump facilities and other environmental health protection services, including litter reduction.

Performance: There is no demand upon the Council to collect household refuse.

The Council maintains a dump facility located on the Cox Peninsular Road. Access to the dump is not restricted and Council relies upon the integrity of person in depositing waste in the appropriate places. A waste oil facility has been introduced and is being patronised by the community.

Grant funding is being sourced to provide recycling facilities.



Performance Measurement:

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| Cost per household to maintain dump | `\$44.68 |
| No of complaints on odour, noise, appearance etc. | 12 |

Weed Control & Fire Hazard Reduction

Objective: Reduce fire hazards and increase the amenity of the area through the control of noxious weeds around Council controlled roads and facilities.

Performance: The Council maintains a proactive approach in dealing with weeds and fire hazards on Council owned/controlled property.

During the wet season regular spraying of weeds is undertaken upon detection. Growth is also contained by way of regular mowing.

Performance Measurement:

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| Community satisfaction with weed control | 95% |
| Average cost per allotment for treatment | \$20.15 |

AGENCY SERVICES

Sport and Recreation Programs

Objective: Provision of funding and support services for community projects and activities associated with sport and recreation development.

Performance: Following a long period without a Sport and Recreation Officer, funding has been secured for the employment of an officer for 20 hrs per week.

The program is highly successful with large numbers of children participating. The program also offers passive recreation including film nights accompanied by a sausage sizzle.

Performance Measurement:

No criteria set

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

PowerWater & Jetty Contracts

Objective: Undertake ongoing maintenance and monitoring of assets on behalf of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Performance: A major source of income to the Council, regular cleaning of the jetty and monitoring of the water supply system has proven to be a significant component of Council's overall revenue.

The jetty contract includes cleaning of the jetty, emptying of bins, removal of graffiti, removal of barnacles from greys and mowing of the adjoining carpark area. The jetty is cleaned and rubbish removed four times per week.

The water supply maintenance contract includes monitoring of bore flows, maintenance of bore compounds, mowing and weed spraying of the water tank site and taking of samples for analysis.

Both contracts generated additional revenue with works additional to the contracts being secured by the Council.



Performance Measurement:

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| Community satisfaction with condition of jetty | 90% |
| Attendance to repairs and breakdowns | 36 |

OTHER COUNCIL SERVICES

Other Community Services

Objectives: Provide residents with access to medical services, seniors programs and other social welfare services as determined from time to time.

Performance: Having identified a major problem of accessing basic medical treatment the Council provided a purpose built medical complex as part of the Wagait Beach Community Centre. Arrangements have been entered into with the Department of Health for the provision of a nursing service on two evenings per week.

A successful seniors program is conducted within the Community Centre each Tuesday morning from 10.00am.

The event is non structured with activities coming from suggestions within the group.



Performance Measurement:

No criteria set

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009