

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
21 JULY 2009

Present:

Peter Clee	- President
Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor
Trish McIntyre	- Councillor
Vera Lamont	- Councillor
Darryl Withnall	- Councillor
Matt Prouse	- Councillor
Wally Lenyszyn	- Chief Executive Officer

Apologies: Karen Duncan

1. MEETING OPENING

President Clee opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1.1 APOLOGIES

Resolution No. 09/01
That the apology of Vice President Duncan be received.

Moved: Cr McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 6-0

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 09/02
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 16 June 2009 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes: Nil

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Minister for Local Government

Advising of the decision to adopt a new funding formula for the distribution of all local government funding and in particular the impact upon the Northern Territory Operational Grants.

“For a number of years, the distribution of the Northern Territory Operational grants (Grants) has not been managed according to objective factors such as population, geographic area and service delivery locations. I have now made the decision to approve a fairer and more equitable distribution methodology for the grants which now reflects the cost adjusters described in the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 – population, dispersion and Aboriginality of the population.

The methodology is consistent with the achievement of the Northern Territory Government Closing the Gap Working Future goals and recognizes that the service delivery ‘location’ and ‘dispersion’ factors mean that large shires and those with dispersed service delivery locations have higher costs than smaller shires with less dispersed service delivery locations.”

Although it is not entirely correct to suggest that because a shire is larger it will have increased service costs, it is pleasing that the Minister has agreed to phase the changes in over a number of years rather than having the change impact introduced in a single year. Under the arrangements the adjustments to the funding will be phased in over four years. The impact upon the Council’s funding will be as follows: (G 1.6)

2009-10	\$145,017 (same as 2008-09)
2009-11	\$128,985
2009-12	\$112,952
2009-13	\$ 96,920
2009-14	\$ 80,887

Resolution No. 09/03

That Council express its appreciation to the Hon Rob Knight MLA, Minister for Local Government for having the foresight in addressing the review of funding methodology applicable to NT Operational grants so as to have minimum impact upon existing shires.

**Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr Prouse
Vote: Carried 6-0**

4.2 Minister for Transport

Responding to Council's correspondence seeking information in relation to a report on the Mandorah Jetty and participation in the consultation process for the Mandorah ferry service.

The Council will recall that in previous correspondence from the Minister, the Minister stated that "An assessment of the lifespan of the jetty was undertaken in 2000; the jetty is still well within this lifespan."

The Minister is now saying:

"In the time since the assessment was carried out, significant reconstruction and maintenance works have been undertaken to both the deck and piles on the jetty. My advice is that those works have superseded the previous assessment. The Department of planning and Infrastructure undertakes regular inspections and assessments, with the most recent having been completed in May 2009. Department Officers are currently examining the results of the last inspection to identify further action required"

There is no indication of a new projected lifespan for the jetty. (J 1.3)

Resolution No. 09/04

That the Minister for Transport be thanked for his response to Council's concerns and he be asked to provide the Council with:

- 1. the outcome of the May 2009 jetty inspection, and**
- 2. details of when a meeting will be called to consider parameters for the new ferry service contract.**

Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 6-0

Resolution No. 09/05

That President Clee be nominated as Council's representative on the Ferry Service Contract Committee and that Cr McIntyre be the alternate representative.

Moved: Cr Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0

4.3 Minister for Local Government

Advising that Council has been allocated the sum of \$86,000 from the Special Purpose Grants Fund.

The funds have been allocated for the purpose of replacing Council Utility - \$26,000, replacing Council Tractor and purchase of a small tip truck - \$35,000.

"The Council's additional requests will be re-considered by my Department of Local Government and Housing during the first 2009-10 special purpose grant assessments, which will be early in the new financial year." (G 1.10)

Resolution No. 09/06

That Council accept the Special Purpose Grant of \$86,000 for plant purchases to be used in accordance with the acceptance of offer.

Moved: Cr Withnall

Seconded: Cr McIntyre

Vote: Carried 6-0

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

5.1 (No Item Submitted)

5.2 Outstanding Issues – Rob Knight MLA

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.4)

Resolution No. 09/07

That Council remind the member for Daly that the land Council is seeking to acquire for future community use is not part of the Kenbi Land Claim and that he again be requested to arrange a deputation to the Minister for Lands.

Moved: Cr Prouse

Seconded: Cr Lamont

Vote: Carried 6-0

That the Member for Daly be asked to raise the matter of independent status for the Wagait Beach Medical Clinic with the Minister for Health.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the next meeting and dealt with in conjunction with the report on discussions with Top End Remote Health

Resolution No. 09/08

That the Minister for Local Government be advised of the current dilemma in relation to the consultation process on the incorporation of Crown Land into a local government structure and that he be asked to provide additional funding to allow consultation with existing local governments within the affected area.

**Moved: Cr McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0**

Resolution No. 09/09

That in view of the comments by the Government the Council seek confirmation that the proposed upgrading of the broadband service for Darwin will include high-speed internet access for Wagait Beach.

**Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr Prouse
Vote: Carried 6-0**

Resolution No. 09/10

That Council ask the Member for Daly to follow up the proposed meeting between Council and the Superintendent of the Darwin Correctional Centre.

**Moved: Cr Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0**

Resolution No. 09/11

That Council seek information from Australia Post on the outcome of the review of mail volumes to Wagait Beach and Belyuen.

**Moved: Cr Prouse
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0**

5.3 Boundary Review
(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.5)

Resolution No. 09/12

That Council encourage the Unincorporated Lands Steering Committee to seek funding to allow consultation to take place within current Shires affected by the review process.

**Moved: Cr Prouse
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0**

5.4 Elected Member Allowances
(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.7)

Resolution No. 09/13

That for the purpose of determining Councillor allowances:

- 1. The Council disagree with the LGANT proposal for the movement of category 4 and 5 Councils to category 3**
- 2. That Council disagree with the LGANT proposal that an extra allowance should be paid for attendance at Council Committee Meetings**

**Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 6-0**

6. WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

6.1 Mandorah Jetty Precinct Upgrade

Resolution No. 09/14

That Council seek comments from the community up to the 10 August 2009 on the concept design for the upgrading of the Mandorah Jetty Precinct.

**Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 6-0**

7. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

No Action Required

8. OFFICERS REPORTS

Resolution 09/15
That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 6-0

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Financial Reports

(Refer Finance Report Item 1.1)

- 9.1.1 Program Report by Account S 13 LG (Acc) Regs:
- 9.1.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements
- 9.1.3 Invoices Paid June
- 9.1.4 Outstanding Rates (Tabled)

Resolution No 09/16

That the June Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Prouse
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 6-0

9.2 2009 – 10 Budget

(Refer Finance Report Item 2.1)

Resolution No. 09/17

That Council grant an early payment rate concession of \$50.00 per rate assessment for rates paid prior to the 1st September 2009.

Moved: Cr Prouse
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0

Resolution No. 09/18

That Council confirm the allocation of capital works funds within the 2009-10 Budget as;

Memorial Garden	\$20,000
Repair Multi-Purpose Court	\$27,000
Office Equipment	\$ 3,000
Sportsground Development Plan	\$10,000

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 6-0

Resolution No. 09/19

That Council invite expressions of interest to undertake the preparation of a Development Plan and costings including a reticulated oval at the Sportsground.

Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 6-0

9.3 Shire Plan
(Refer Finance Report Item 2.2)

That Council adopt 2009–2012 Shire Plan.

The Council requested that the Shire Plan be updated with proposed amendments prior to holding a Special Meeting for its adoption.

9.4 Special Purpose Grant
(Refer Agenda Item Finance Report Item 2.2)

Resolution No. 09/20

That Council invite quotations for the replacement of the Council Utility and Council Tractor.

Moved: Cr Prouse
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 6-0

9.5 Nation Building Investment Grant

(Refer Finance Report Item 2.3)

Resolution No. 09/21

That the development of the Wagait Beach fun and fitness trail be undertaken from the Federal Government's \$30,000 Nation Building Investment Grant.

**Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Prouse
Vote: Carried 6-0**

Resolution No. 09/22

That Council endorse the draft Fun and Fitness Trail Plan for development within the Sportsground environment and that the Chief Executive Officer proceed to have the project plans finalised and Trail constructed.

**Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 6-0**

10. AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Library Service

Vice President Duncan has requested that Council consider relocating the mini library service from the Council Office to the Community Centre and that we call for the community to voluntarily man the Service on predetermined days and times.

It was agreed that this matter be further considered upon the return of Deputy President Duncan.

10.2 Water Tank Standpipe

Cr Lamont has again raised the need for a separate water standpipe to be made available to the local water cartage contractor due to the imposition that is placed upon community members wanting to fill jinkers.

It can take up to six hours to get six loads of water on the days the contractor is carting water.

(Following Cr Lamont's comments at the last Council Meeting, PowerWater have been requested to provide a dedicated facility for the local contractor. Council is awaiting a response)

President Clee advised that he had met with representatives of PowerWater and was advised that the priority for use of the new standpipe is the Fire Brigade however other approved users will also be allowed access. This would include the local water cartage contractor.

10.3 Wagait Beach Power Supply

The President has requested that the matter of the number of power outages at Wagait Beach should be considered by the Council with the view to making representations to PowerWater seeking an explanation as to why we are subjected to so many outages.

President Clee advised that he had received the following response from PowerWater:

“As you may be aware, over the last two months Power and Water has replaced a large amount of the overhead transmission system on the Darwin side of your power supply. Getting access to this line, which is your only source of supply, meant that we had to shut it down and install a generator over there in order to minimise inconvenience to residents.

Unfortunately it would appear that the majority of outages you mentioned were caused by the failure of the generator used and its lack of ability to handle a changing load profile.

Fortunately this re-conductoring work is nearly complete which will result in a vastly improved and upgraded line and will be ready for the wet season challenge later in the year.”

10.4 Seniors Month Grant

The Department of Health and Families have forwarded an Agreement for signing in relation to Council's Seniors Month Grant. The Council applied for a grant of \$2,000 but only received \$800.

Resolution No. 09/23

That Council sign and seal the Seniors Month Grant 2009 Agreement with the Department of Health and Families.

**Moved: Cr Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 6-0**

10.5 Wagait Beach Medical Clinic

Discussions with representatives of the Health Department were scheduled to be held on the 17 July. All Councillors were invited to attend.

Discussions focused upon service delivery and need to enter into a new lease agreement.

A further report was to be tabled at the Council Meeting following the meeting with the Health Department.

The report will be dealt with at the next Council Meeting.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Rate Concessions

Cr Prouse asked how ratepayers would be aware of the proposed \$50.00 early payment rate discount.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the discount would be shown on individual rate notices.

11.2 Water Supply Licences

Cr Withnall advised that he had researched the issue of water supply licences:

- PowerWater operate under licence to supply water to communities within the Territory including the Cox Peninsula.
- It is at the discretion of the Minister to decide classifications of Minor Urban Water Supply areas.
- Places that are classified as Minor Urban Water Supply areas have an as of right entitlement to a reticulated water supply.

It was agreed that this matter be included on the list of future discussion items for Member for Daly, Rob Knight.

12. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

13. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 18 August 2009 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
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1. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Forwarding copy of Notice of Consent to allow development to take place on Lot 8 (67) De Lissa Drive Wagait Beach.

The approval allows the construction of a single dwelling exceeding the 8.5m height limitation with reduced side and rear setbacks, subject to conditions. (N 4.6)

Received and Noted

1.2 Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport

Responding to Council's correspondence in relation to ongoing funding for the Sport & Recreation Officer.

"I would like to inform you that considerations are with the Minister for Sport, Mr Karl Hampton regarding the Active Remote Communities funding and we expect recommendations in the very near future." (G 1.14)

Received and Noted

1.3 Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

Acknowledging receipt of Council's grant application for additional playground equipment at the Sportsground. (S 1.7)

Received and Noted

1.4 Wagait Beach Fishing Club

Thanking the Council for supporting the recent children's fishing day.

"The day was a great success, the children had a wonderful time, as well as catching a number of fish. I would also like to thank you (CEO) personally, for your efforts in obtaining the grant which helped make the day the success it was."

Due to the interest in this event, the Wagait beach Fishing Club hopes to conduct similar clinics through the dry season – on a smaller financial scale – to help foster an interest in fishing among the local children.”
(C 18.1)

Received and Noted

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

2.1 Monthly Status Report

Please find attached (Attachment Pg 1) the current Status Report detailing action taken by Council staff on decisions made by the Council.

The report is open for any questions from Councillors.

Received and Noted

2.2 Correspondence

Please find attached (Attachment Pg 2 & 3) a copy of Inward and Outward correspondence for the Month of June.

Received and Noted

2.3 Responsibility for Verges – D & L Barry

The Council at its last meeting considered correspondence from David & Liz Barry questioning where the responsibility lies in maintaining and undertaking works on road verges adjoining private property.

“We were surprised to hear that a property owner is somehow responsible for public land, and this appears inconsistent with the Council undertaking the mowing of road verges. It is our belief that the Council is responsible for providing and maintaining one access to each block.”

Some information has been gathered, however I am still waiting for additional information. A detailed report should be available for the next meeting. (R 3)

Received and Noted

2.4 Outstanding Issues – Rob Knight MLA

An update has been received from Mr Knight on a number of issues that the Council has raised with him. A summary of the status of the issues is attached. (Refer Attachment Pg No. 5)

In response to the matters, the Council may wish to seek additional support by way of:

Access to Land for Future Community Amenities

It would appear that the Member has been misled on the status of the land the Council was seeking to acquire. It is quite clear from the Kenbi Land Claim document that the subject land is not part of the Claim. In any event the Government has set a precedent in granting the Larrakia Development Corporation the use of three parcels of land that are the subject of the Claim.

Draft Resolution

That Council make it quite clear to the Member for Daly that the land Council is seeking to acquire for future community use is not part of the Kenbi Land Claim and that he again be requested to arrange a deputation to the Minister for Lands.

Wagait Beach Medical Clinic

Draft Resolution

That the Member for Daly be asked to raise the matter of independent status for the Wagait Beach Medical Clinic with the Minister for Health.

Local Government Restructuring

Initially the Council made representations to the Government for incorporating adjoining Crown Land with the Wagait Shire.

Since then a Working Group has been established with the Coomalie Council and to a lesser extent the Litchfield Council, to look at the incorporation of all Crown Land within the former proposed Top End Shire into some form of local government structure. The Working Group is at the stage whereby a consultant has been engaged and is arranging meetings at various locations within the area to explain the proposed incorporations.

One of the problems that we have is that the Government has not allocated sufficient funding for consultations within existing local government areas. As part of the process, it is imperative that local communities which will be affected by any recommendations of the Working Group be consulted and informed of what is being planned.

Draft Resolution

That the Minister for Local Government be advised of the current dilemma in relation to the consultation process on the incorporation of Crown land into a local government structure and that he be asked to provide additional funding to allow consultation with existing local governments within the affected area.

Cox Peninsula Development Consent Authority

Draft Resolution

That Council make further representations to the Member for Daly pointing out potential development proposals for the Cox Peninsula and the need to have the planning issues urgently addressed.

Broadband

Refer to correspondence attached to Outstanding Issues list. (Refer Attachment Pg 9)

Since this correspondence the government has made the announcement that broadband internet blackholes will be closed by next year under the Prime Minister's National Broadband Networks. Darwin has been identified as a priority area.

Draft Resolution

That in view of the comments by the Commonwealth Government the Council seek confirmation that the proposed upgrading of the broadband service for Darwin will include high-speed internet access for Wagait Beach.

Prisoner Work Program

Draft Resolution

That Council ask the Member for Daly to follow up the proposed meeting between Council and the Superintendent of the Darwin Correctional Centre.

Wagait Beach Postcode

Draft Resolution

That Council seek information from Australia Post on the outcome of the review of mail volumes to Wagait Beach and Belyuen.

2.5 Boundary Review

Further to information supplied at the last meeting, the consultants engaged to steer the incorporation process will now have completed their series of community meetings within the unincorporated areas. Attached hereto at Appendix Page No.11 is a copy of the meeting outcomes to date prior to the last meeting.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled to be held at Litchfield on Wednesday 22 July commencing at 4.30pm. All Councillors are invited to attend.

As this phase of the process is nearing a conclusion, the next step will be to start to look at boundaries for a new Shire/s and then go on to determine viability. The Council may wish to express an opinion.

The other matter that remains outstanding is consultation within the existing Shires. No funds have been allocated for consultation within the existing Shires and it is deemed that this is necessary prior to looking at boundaries. People within communities should be offered the opportunity to give their views if their boundaries are to be expanded or the Shire is to be amalgamated.

Draft Resolution

That Council encourage the Unincorporated Lands Steering Committee to seek funding to allow consultation to take place within current Shires affected by the review process.

2.6 Climate Change Adaptation Project

Some time ago LGANT submitted a proposal for funding from the Department of Climate Change for a project looking at climate change risk assessment and adaptation.

It is my understanding that the proposal was submitted at the request of the Belyuen Shire and includes research work to be carried out within the Belyuen, Wagait and Coomalie Shires.

The amount of grant awarded was \$140,000.

The project will be managed by LGANT and will rely upon advice from Climate Change consultants.

Received and Noted

2.7 Elected Member Allowances

The Council has received a request from LGANT for Council to express its views on the payment of allowances to Councillors. (Refer Attachment Pg No 13)

A copy of the regulations in respect of maximum allowance payment is attached at Attachment Pg. 15.

Essentially the LGANT Executive wants councils to pass resolutions (for, against or with variation) on the following:

1. that the councils listed in categories 4 and 5 of the Local Government Guidelines being moved to the category 3 list (along with Litchfield Council) for the purpose of setting elected member allowances for the 2010/2011 financial year onwards

2. that council committee meetings be paid as an extra meeting allowance (not be part of the base allowance as is the case now)
3. that the Minister for Local Government provide to the President of LGANT by 1 February of each year details of the changes that are to be made to councillor allowances.

With 1 above the changes will only affect the councils listed in categories 4 and 5 of the Local Government Guidelines and this is being requested as a means of providing greater parity on allowances amongst members. This is especially important given:

- the responsibilities of elected members in these categories are similar
- there does not appear to be any significant reason for listing them separately into the three different categories
- it will add weight to LGANT's case for making elected member positions more viable particularly in light of elected members not being employees in the future.

With 2 above, councils are asked to decide on whether the extra meeting allowance should be paid for council committee meetings. At the moment the base allowance is meant to cover these meetings. Extra meeting allowance is paid for committees that are external to council, eg NT Grants Commission, and not for internal council meetings. Some councils are of the view that the base allowance is insufficient for covering council committee meetings and that there does not appear to be much rationale for paying it for external committees but not internal ones.

With 3 above the request is made to have the Minister complete this exercise in a timely manner so it can fit in with Council budgetary cycles.

Draft Resolution

That for the purpose of determining Councillor allowances:

- 3. The Council agree / disagree with the LGANT proposal for the movement of category 4 and 5 Councils to category 3**
- 4. That Council agree / disagree with the LGANT proposal that an extra allowance should be paid for attendance at Council Committee Meetings**

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1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.1 Water Standpipe - Firebrigade

Councillors may have noted an additional dedicated Standpipe has been installed at the water tank site. The facility has been provided for the exclusive use of the Firebrigade.

Some time ago the Council requested that a dedicated supply for the Firebrigade be provided, however PowerWater were not prepared to do so.

It would appear that following a visit by Territory Firebrigade hierarchy, they were able to convince PowerWater that the facility was necessary.

Received and Noted

1.2 Mandorah Jetty Precinct Upgrade

We have now received information from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DOPI) on a proposal they have for the upgrading of the Mandorah Jetty Precinct. (Refer Attachment Page No. 17)

This is an initial design and is open to comment from the Council.

It is my understanding that the Department will be seeking funds to undertake the works this financial year.

Draft Resolution

That Council endorse the concept design for the upgrading of the Mandorah Jetty Precinct and request that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure undertake the works as soon as possible.

2. WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mr Zikan has submitted the following report: for June 2009.

2.1 Dump

The area used for the dumping of car bodies has been cleared to a degree. This is a temporary fix only.

More dirt is needed to repair the entrance/exit tracks to a satisfactory level.

Fencing within the dump has been repaired once again.

2.2 PowerWater

26 metres of fencing went missing from around one of the bores during the long weekend of June 6-8. A local contractor was commissioned to undertake replacement. This job has been completed.

The hose from the standpipe was replaced and subsequently cut a number of times to suit individuals' needs. This practice is unfortunately normal practice which disadvantages others. All water carts cannot be catered for.

The Bore line has been slashed.

All valves along the Bore line have been checked in accordance with our contractual obligations

The Water facility grounds have been mowed and snipped

2.3 Jetty

The Handrails at the end of the Jetty have been painted. This job took 19.5 hours.

With the Dry Season upon us, it is taking more time to clean up after people.

The Gate Padlock was welded back on after being smashed off by persons unknown.

Two garbage bin lids were replaced after sustaining damage.

Barnacles were removed from the Handrails.

Regular washing and tidying continues.

2.4 Wildlife

One small snake was captured and released elsewhere.

There have been no reports of pigs in the area for some time now.

Plenty of Wild Dogs have been sighted, however cats appear to be lying low.

4 deceased kangaroos have been picked up from within the Estate and disposed of.

2.5 Council Grounds

The Community Centre Genset continues to be started on a fortnightly basis.

After consulting with the supplier of the plants/ trees, watering of the Community Centre Gardens will be undertaken once per month.

2.6 Fencing Works RUA

Our Quote for the RUA fencing job has been accepted. The materials have been picked up and work on this job will commence when time permits.

2.7 Training

Works Staff have completed the Poison application course. We are now able to apply poisons on a commercial basis.

2.8 Unscheduled Jobs

Undertaken during the above period

Dismantling of unsightly dwelling on De lisa Dr. begun
Tractor tyres replaced (front)

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1. GENERAL MATTERS

2. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the past month I have been away for about two weeks due to football commitments, therefore the normal sport and recreation program has been interrupted. For the other two weeks I was present there was a table tennis championship and a few after school activities.

The 13th of June saw the 3rd Wagait Beach smoke free table tennis championship games being held. The results were Stanley King def Errol Zanos 13 - 11 to win the \$50 smoke free voucher in the high/middle school division. Kate Hinchliffe def Kaleb Speechley 11 - 7 to win the \$20 smoke free voucher in the primary school division. The idea of having the games is to promote non-smoking and try to tell the children that whilst going through high school and middle school it's not cool to smoke

Also with the mid year school holidays on at the moment there has been a sharp drop of kids attending the program due to children going away on holidays and seeing family. But there are still a few children around with visiting family members coming along to the program.

Activities planned for July; Smile-a-Mile are coming over to run an arts and craft morning for the youth on Tuesday 7th at the sports grounds, another childrens fishing comp 5th, the last smoke free table tennis championship game, on the 25th and the regular sports and recreation program.

I will be away from the 6th till the 17th of July. Upon my return the normal sport and recreation program will commence again.

Received and Noted

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FINANCE REPORT
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1. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Financial Report:

- 1.1.1 Program Report by Account (Ref Att, Pg 1)
- 1.1.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements (Refer Attachment Pg 26)
- 1.1.3 Invoices Paid June (Refer Attachment Pg 29)
- 1.1.4 Outstanding Rates (Tabled)

Draft Resolution

That the June Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

2. GENERAL MATTERS

2.1 2009 – 10 Budget

The 2009-10 Council Budget provided an amount of \$80,000 for capital works as an item that could have been adjusted in the event of a reduction in Council's Operational Grant. Given that there was no reduction in the grant, Council is asked to confirm the allocation of the funds.

The budget provided for the following allocations:

Memorial Garden	\$40,000
Plant	\$30,000
Office Equipment	\$10,000

Given that we have been funded elsewhere for the plant, this amount is available for other projects.

The allocation for the Sportsground Development Plan is critical if the Council desires to seek grant funding for the development. Without a formal plan and costings it will be very difficult to prepare a justifiable grant application. Given that the Council has already agreed to seek funding from the next round of the Government's Stimulus Package the sooner the Plan and costings are available, the sooner we will be able to submit the application.

Draft Resolution

That Council confirm the allocation of capital works funds within the 2009-10 Budget as;

Memorial Garden	\$40,000
Repair Multi-Purpose Court	\$27,000
Office Equipment	\$ 8,000
Sportsground Development Plan	\$ 5,000

Draft Resolution

That Council invite expressions of interest to undertake the preparation of a Development Plan and costing for a reticulated oval at the Sportsground.

2.2 Shire Plan

The Local Government Act requires the Council to prepare a Shire Plan that must contain:

- A Service Delivery Plan
- The Council's Budget
- Community or Strategic Plans
- Long term Financial Plan
- An assessment of:
 - o the adequacy of constitutional arrangements presently in force
 - o the opportunities and challenges for local government service delivery in the council's area
 - o possible changes to the administrative and regulatory framework for delivering local government services
 - o whether possibilities exist for improving local government service delivery by cooperation with other Councils

The draft Plan has been advertised seeking any community comment.

As the response period has not yet expired, details of any comments will be presented to the meeting.

The two matters identified by the Council as requiring correction have been corrected.

Draft Resolution

That Council adopt the 2009 – 2012 Shire Plan.

2.3 Nation Building Investment Grant

The Australian Government has announced additional funding to local government of \$220 million nation-building investment in community infrastructure, such as libraries, community centres, sports grounds and environmental infrastructure.

Council has been allocated the sum of \$30,000

Having regard to the projects available to the Council that we are able to undertake without the need to seek plans and specifications, it would appear that the fun and fitness track would suit this allocation.

With the assistance of Mr Jack Ellis in conjunction with the Council's Sport and Recreation Officer a suitable design that would be able to be developed by Council employees and within budget has been prepared.

Attached at Appendix Page 33 are details of the proposed trail.

Draft Resolution

That the development of the Wagait Beach Fun and Fitness Trail be undertaken from the Federal Government's \$30,000 Nation Building Investment Grant.

Draft Resolution

That Council endorse the draft Fun and Fitness Trail Plan for development within the Sportsground environment and that the Chief Executive Officer proceed to have the project plans finalised and Trail constructed.

2.4 Year End

The processing and turn over of Councils financial records all went well on the 30 June. All registers balance with the main ledger and with the exception of some minor work in the Assets Register the data is complete enough to have the Annual Statement prepared.

The one problem we have is that we are unable find someone to prepare the accounts. The work had previously been undertaken by LGANT, however they no longer have the resources available.

I have contacted Council Biz to see if they are able to prepare the accounts and am currently awaiting a response.

Received and Noted