

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
17 NOVEMBER 2009

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

Apologies:

1. MEETING OPENING

President Clee opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 09/76
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 20 October 2009 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Magnoli
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Cr Duncan referred to her comments in relation to screening the Dump from the Cox Peninsula Road and suggested that tree plantings along the road would be appropriate.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would investigate what would be involved and providing the cost is reasonable the work would be undertaken

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Department of Local Government & Housing

Forwarding information on the forthcoming "Special Purpose Grants".

"The Special Purpose Grants Program is an important program that allows councils and community organisations to seek one-off grants from the Northern Territory Government to target areas of specific need identified by the organisations as a high priority.

In previous years the focus of needs based funding has been in the areas of;

- *Training*
- *Key Staff Housing*
- *Road plant/equipment*
- *Social infrastructure/recreation facilities, and*
- *Management consultancies*

The SPG Program for 2009/10 is in the vicinity of \$2.3 million to be shared on a priority basis. It is important that these funds are clearly targeted towards initiatives that benefit councils and more generally the community sector.

The grant assessment process will look favorably upon those submissions where the council itself is also making a financial commitment.

Application for funds close on the 20 November 2009.

The following is a list of projects, considered by the Council at various times which could qualify for funding from the grant program.

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| - Memorial Garden | \$25,000 | (council contribution available) |
| - Doctors Residence | \$450,000 | |
| - Sportsground | \$100,000 | Stage 1 Development |
| - Plant | \$70,000 | Bobcat |
| - Playground Equip | \$50,000 | Inc at Sportsground |
| - Plastics Shredder | \$55,000 | Recycling Support |
| - Log Chipper | \$17,000 | Recycle Green Waste |

Resolution No. 09/77
That Council submit the following prioritised project list for funding from the NT Governments Special Purpose Grants Fund

- 1. Memorial Garden**
- 2. Playground Equipment**
- 3. Log Chipper**
- 4. Sportsground**

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 7-0

4.2 Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee

Advising that the Committee is finalising plans for an extensive roadshow across approximately 40 Northern Territory locations during 2010.

“The roadshow will be comprised of public forums held in local communities to both provide information and seek feedback on the matters that must and those that might go into a future Northern Territory State Constitution.

We welcome the opportunity to brief your members and the broader constituency on the issues related to developing a modern constitution for the Northern Territory.

The Committee’s program is working towards a constitutional convention to be held early 2011 which will draft a constitution for consideration by the Territory Parliament. Participation at the roadshow forums will help the Committee advise the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the logistical arrangements to be put in place for the constitutional convention.”

Resolution No. 09/78
That Council offer Wagait Beach as a venue for the Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee roadshow.

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 7-0

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

5.1 Policy

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.3)

It was agreed that the Policies be updated further and returned to the next meeting.

5.2 Darwin Harbour Tourist Route

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.4)

Resolution No. 09/79

That Council ask that TOPROC take the following matters into account when preparing the Darwin Harbour Tourist Route:

- Aircraft Site, Charles Point Road
- Magnetic Ant Hills, Charles Point Road
- Gun placements, Wagait Beach Foreshore
- Mandorah Jetty, fishing
- Crabbing
- Harbour Beaches
- No formal camping areas
- Shop and fuel available
- Sportsground / Fun & Fitness Trail
- Medical treatment
- Mandorah hotel
- Bed & Breakfasts
- Ferry
- Mini Bus
- Local Tours

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolution No. 09/80

That Standing Orders be Suspended

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 7-0

The President welcomed Sgt Derrick Maurice of the Northern Territory Police to the meeting.

The Council had invited a representative of the Police Force to attend the meeting to discuss problems with dogs and other related matters.

Sgt Maurice addressed the meeting and made the following comments:

- There are now four members of the police force that cover the area from Berry Springs, Dundee, Byno and Wagait Beach.
- Access to accommodation is available at Belyuen.
- There will be two officers stay overnight at Belyuen on a weekly basis.
- Officers will be undertaking regular breath tests, licence checks and radar operations.
- Patrols at the Mandorah Jetty are undertaken on a regular basis and there have already been some arrests made.
- There is a very good chance, no promises, would favour for an officer to be stationed at Wagait Beach in the event of a cyclone.
- There have only been two reported cases of dangerous dogs at Wagait Beach and one of those is currently with the prosecutions unit to determine what action will be taken.
- Police have to have reasonable grounds before they are able to destroy a dog.
- If people report a dangerous dog incident and the police are satisfied by witnesses and on reasonable grounds consider that a dog is the culprit, there will be no hesitation in destroying the dog. The police would normally rely upon having three witness statements.
- All dog complaints should be reported to the police.
- Powers to deal with dogs are contained within Sec 75 of the Summary Offences Act and Sec 31-34 of the Law reform Act.

Cr Withnall suggested that Council should give consideration to the introduction of voluntary dog registrations.

Resumption of Standing Orders

**Resolution No. 09/81
That Standing Orders be Resumed**

**Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 7-0**

5.3 Unincorporated Land Amalgamation Study
(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.5)

Resolution No. 09/82

That Council express its disappointment to the Unincorporated Land Study consultants over their non-appearance at a scheduled community meeting at which a large representation of the community attended and that they be asked to honour their advice to the Chief Executive Officer that they would be prepared to schedule another meeting.

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 7-0

Resolution No. 09/83

That Council seek an urgent meeting of the Unincorporated Land Steering Committee for the purpose of discussing the consultants report.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

5.4 Christmas Function
(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.6)

Resolution No. 09/84

That a Christmas function be arranged for all Councillors, employees, past employees, partners and Local Member with a light supper to be held following the conclusion of the next Council Meeting and that the next meeting of the Council commence at 6.00pm.

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

Resolution No. 09/85

That Council support the conduct of a Christmas Lights Competition with judging to take place on Christmas Eve.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Deputy President Duncan
Vote: Carried 7-0

Cr Prouse advised that Meat Direct would donate a ham as a prize.

- 5.5 It was suggested that a monthly ferry ticket could be an appropriate prize.
Dangerous Dogs
(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.8)

Resolution No. 09/86
That Council obtain costings for the introduction of dog bylaws and voluntary dog registrations.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

6. WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- 6.1 **Wagait Tower Road Carriageway Widening**
(Refer Works Report Item 1.1)

Resolution No. 09/87
That Council accept the quotation of BTO Pty Ltd for the engineering design and provision of construction drawings and tender documentation for the Wagait Tower Road Widening project subject to confirmation by Council's Consulting Engineer .

Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr McIntyre
Vote: Carried 7-0

- 6.2 **Weed Control Restricted Use Area**
(Refer Works Report Item 1.2)

Resolution No. 09/88
That Council endorse the submission of a quotation for the undertaking of weed control within the Wagait Beach RUA.

Moved: Deputy President Duncan
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

Resolution No. 09/89
That Council accept the quotation of NT Motorcycle Centre for the supply of a Suzuki Kingquad quad bike in the amount of \$7,320(exc GST).

Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

7. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

No Action Required

8. OFFICERS REPORTS

Brief discussion was held concerning:

Works	Discharge of firearm Removal of bollards at Dump Clean Up of plane Wreck Site
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Sport & Rec	Support for supervision of children Report numbers Activity sheet on Notice Board
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Resolution No. 09/90
That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Withnall
Seconded: Cr Lamont
Vote: Carried 7-0

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 Financial Reports

(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 1.1)

Resolution No. 09/91
That the October Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

Moved: Cr Lamont
Seconded: Cr Prouse
Vote: Carried 7-0

9.2 Shire Plan

(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 2.1.2)

Resolution No. 09/92
That Council seek a further extension in the time required to complete the Shire Plan.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Deputy President Duncan
Vote: Carried 7-0

It was agreed to hold a further meeting of the Working Group on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00pm

9.3 Annual Report
(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 2.1.3)

Resolution No. 09/93
That Council seek an extension in the time required to complete the 2008-09 Annual Report.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Withnall
Vote: Carried 7-0

9.4 Annual Accounts
(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 2.1.4)

Resolution No. 09/94
That Council seek an extension in the time required to complete the 2008-09 Annual Financial Statement.

Moved: President Clee
Seconded: Cr Magnoli
Vote: Carried 7-0

10. AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Youth, Sport & Recreation Program Supervision

The item was held over for in-camera discussions.

10.2 Cleaning Responsibilities at Sportsground and Community Centre

The item was held over for in-camera discussions.

10.3 Police Presence During Cyclone

For a number of years the Council has sought a commitment from the Police that there will be a police presence at the Wagait Beach Cyclone Shelter in the event of a cyclone.

During the last cyclone we had police presence for approximately one hour and were then left in the hands of Reservist Stow. There was no presence at the cyclone prior to Helen.

Resolution No. 09/95

That Council seek an assurance from the NT Police that there will be a police presence at the Wagait Tower Cyclone Shelter should a cyclone occur.

Moved: Cr Lamont

Seconded: Cr Magnoli

Vote: Carried 7-0

10.4 2009 – 10 Rate Increase

Cr Withnall has requested that the matter of the 2009/10 rate increase be discussed.

No action was taken following discussions.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Jetty Precinct

Cr Magnoli asked what the status was with the Jetty Precinct upgrade.

The CEO advised that he would find out.

11.2 Dump

Cr Lamont suggested that we should be looking at burying any leftover hard waste once the recycling contractor had cleaned out the area.

The CEO advised that we should look at it at the time to see what would be involved.

11.3 President Clee advised that people desiring to get rid of bulk waste may be able to obtain assistance.

11.4 President Clee asked Councillors to give consideration to persons suitable to nominated for Australia Day Awards. Categories include; Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year.

12. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

**12.1 Drain Clearing
Cleaning Council Buildings
Sport & Recreation Program**

13. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President Clee closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 15 December 2009 at 6.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____

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

(Not requiring response from Council)

1.1 Parap Veterinary Hospital

Advising that their next visit to Wagait Beach will be Saturday 28 November 2009. (V 1)

Received and Noted

1.2 OmbudsmanNT

Advising that the 2008/2009 Annual report of the Ombudsman for the Northern Territory was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 22 October 2009 and is available on the website <http://www.ombudsman.nt.gov.au>. (N 9)

Received and Noted

1.3 Northern Territory Police

Forwarding copy of Corporate Firearms Licence No. 1023568.

The licence expires on the 12 October 2010. (N 10.2)

Received and Noted

1.4 Rob Knight MLA

Forwarding a copy of a response he has received from the Minister for Information, Communications & Technology Policy regarding the National Broadband Network and broadband services for Wagait Beach.

The Minister, The Hon Karl Hampton MHR has stated:

“Regarding Wagait Beach, Telstra have advised that a number of infrastructure investment proposals, including broadband services for Wagait Beach are under consideration by their head office, but no final decision to proceed has been made.

Recent draft legislation tabled by the Australian government for the restructure of Telstra has meant that Telstra is reviewing infrastructure investment and upgrades. This may have contributed to the delay in the possible upgrade of the Wagait exchange.” (T 1)

Received and Noted

1.5 Office of the Information Commissioner NT

Enclosing revised guidelines dealing with the manner in which the office handles complaints relating to government information, correction of personal information and breaches of privacy.

“The Guideline provides for more efficient case management, allowing complaints to more quickly reach the stage where formal mediation under the Act can commence. No longer will informal mediation or conciliation occur as part of the investigation process, although parties will be free to undertake negotiations themselves during this period. (F 3)

Received and Noted

1.6 Advisor to Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and indigenous Affairs

Responding to Council’s representations about the Kenbi Land Claim.

“The Minister appreciates you providing copies of the letter from Ms Raylene Singh, a traditional Owner of the Kenbi land claim area, and your reply on behalf of the Wagait Shire Council. Your positive stance in being prepared to meet with Ms Singh and others interested in the land claim is appreciated.

In the meantime, the minister is very aware of the time it has taken to resolve this complex land claim and was pleased that the Territory Government and Northern Land Council were able to announce recently that they had reached in-principle agreement about a way forward to settle the issues of concern to the Territory. There are, however, some other detriment issues identified by the Aboriginal land commissioner that are still unresolved and the Minister has asked that steps to be taken to secure agreement so that she is in a position to make a decision as soon as possible.” (K 1)

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 - 4) a copy of Inward and Outward correspondence for the Month of October.

Received and Noted

2.3 Policy

As part of the ongoing process of developing policy, the following draft policies are submitted for Council's consideration; (Refer Attachment Pg. 5 - 14

- P 09 – Accounting Policy
- P 12 – Meeting Procedure – Operational

Could Councillors please supply details of any concerns, requested changes prior to the council meeting to allow potential changes to be introduced prior to the meeting.

Upon the adoption of these two policies, we have met our obligations required by the Local Government Act and Regulations.

Draft Resolution

That Council having considered draft policies P09 and P12 adopts the said policies.

2.4 Darwin Harbour Tourist Route

One of the projects that TOPROC is working on is the production of a tourist map that will identify a tourist route and attractions along the Darwin Harbour.

Attached at Appendix Pg. 15 is a the very first plan of a suggested route.

On our part, we have been asked to identify potential tourist attractions.

The following is a suggested list:

- Aircraft Site, Charles Point Road
- Magnetic Ant Hills, Charles Point Road
- Gun placements, Wagait Beach Foreshore
- Mandorah Jetty, fishing
- Crabbing
- Harbour Beaches
- No formal camping areas
- Shop and fuel available
- Sportsground / Fun & Fitness Trail
- Medical treatment

Any other matter the Council may wish to be taken into consideration.

Draft Resolution

That Council ask that TOPROC take the following matters into account when preparing the Darwin Harbour Tourist Route:

- **Aircraft Site, Charles Point Road**
- **Magnetic Ant Hills, Charles Point Road**
- **Gun placements, Wagait Beach Foreshore**
- **Mandorah Jetty, fishing**
- **Crabbing**
- **Harbour Beaches**
- **No formal camping areas**
- **Shop and fuel available**
- **Sportsground / Fun & Fitness Trail**
- **Medical treatment**

2.5 Unincorporated Land Amalgamation Study

At a meeting of the Unincorporated Land Committee held on the 27 October 09 Council was represented by the Deputy President, Cr Duncan, Cr Lamont and myself. We participated in the meeting by way of a teleconference.

The meeting was held for the purpose of considering the consultants draft report titled "Local Government Options for the Unincorporated Areas of the Top End."

The most relevant issues forthcoming from the meeting were:

- More money will be required to complete the consultancy. Particularly if consultation is to take place in the incorporated areas.
- We expressed our disappointment and concern that there was very limited and poor consultation in the incorporated areas.
- We asked the question as to who produced the new Shire models within the Report to be told that the consultants did on feedback from the community meetings. We let it be known that this should have been a Committee decision. (A copy of the proposals are contained within the enclosed consultant's Report)
- We managed to have another model included that provides for an amalgamation of Wagait Beach, Belyuen, Darwin and the Kenbi Land Claim area.
- It was disappointing that we were told that no further models would be entertained and that these models would be the ones that would be examined in more detail and promoted to the communities.
- We suggested that before any model was promoted it should be determined if it was going to be financially viable. There appeared to be little concern over the financial viability.
- Major changes are to be made to the Report before going public.

An updated Report has now been produced and included with the agenda.

Draft Resolution

That Council seek clarification on the way forward in dealing with the Top End Unincorporated areas, particularly;

- **When will there be consultation undertaken in the incorporated areas of the study and are there funds available for the consultation to take place.**
- **What additional funding is required to complete the study to the conclusion of recommending the most desirable option.**
- **Why is it proposed to present models to communities when we will not be able to guarantee that they will be financially viable.**
- **Copies of any studies should not be confirmed until such time as individual Councils have had the opportunity to submit their comments to the committee.**
- **There should be no recommendations made until such time as all affected Councils have had the opportunity to review and endorse the report.**

2.6 Christmas Function

Council is asked if a Christmas function should be held this year to mark the end of the year.

If yes, advice is required on:

- When the function should be held
- Type of Function
- Who should be invited

Draft Resolution

That a Christmas function be arranged for all Councillors, employees and partners and Local Member with a light supper to be held following the conclusion of the next Council Meeting and that the next meeting of the Council commence at 6.00pm

2.7 Library Service

Use of this service continues to grow with people regularly coming in to borrow books.

Volunteers continue to man the service on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Our book stock has grown considerably with the Darwin library supplying a further 250 books and quite a number of people within the community donating books. We have had to purchase another section of shelving to accommodate the new books.

Received and Noted

2.8 Dangerous Dogs

The Council at its last meeting sought information on options available in dealing with dangerous dogs.

The control of dogs within the community can be undertaken by way of various legislation, including:

- Adoption of By-Law
- Local Government Act
- Firearms Act
- Police

Adoption of By-Law

A number of Councils have by-laws relating to animal control including dangerous dogs. The major problem with a by-law is that it would be necessary to have a pound and time would be spent on feeding and watering dogs.

The type of clauses contained within by-laws include:

The owner of a dog who permits that dog, either by itself or in concert with other dogs, to become a nuisance is guilty of an offence. Pen \$200

A dog is a nuisance if it is injurious or dangerous to the health of the community. Barks consistently etc.

An authorised person may seize an apparently diseased, injured, savage, destructive or stray animal and where in the opinion of an authorised person it is necessary to do so, destroy a diseased, injured, savage, destructive, unclaimed or unwanted animal.

As an alternative to prosecution an authorised person may serve on the owner of the animal causing the nuisance a notice in writing requiring the owner to have the animal suitably trained to prevent the behaviour continuing the offence.

An authorised person may destroy a seized animal without delivering it to the pound where the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that the animal is a declared dog and the dog has attacked or injured a person or animal or that it is necessary and humane to do so.

In the main, by-laws provide for procedures that give the Council authority to implement fines and charges and prosecutions before it becomes necessary to destroy a dog.

Local Government Act

The Local Government Act allows the Council to make regulatory orders for the control of animals.

If an animal or an activity involving an animal is, or is likely to become, a hazard or nuisance, the council may make an order requiring the owner or occupier of the land on which the animal is being kept or the activity is carried out, to take specified action to remove or mitigate the hazard or nuisance.

Examples of action include:

- *ask that an animal be relocated, restrained, not to be on street*
- *ask for reduction in noise*
- *reduce the number of animals kept on a property.*
- *Require the destruction of a dangerous animal that cannot be adequately controlled in its current location.*

The Order gives a person time to undertake whatever action requested of them. In the event of the requested work not being undertaken, authorised officers are able to enter a property and carry out any action requested.

Firearms Act

Council holds a corporate firearms licence that allows licenced authorised officers to use the firearms for the “humane destruction of feral and dangerous animals”.

The authorised person is the person who determines if an animal is feral or dangerous.

Police

The Police have all the power to undertake whatever action is necessary in dealing with dangerous animals.

The problem with the police is the response time in the event of an incident occurring.

Draft Resolution

That Council continues to deal with dangerous animals utilising the provisions of its corporate firearms licence.

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
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1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.1 Wagait Tower Road Carriageway Widening

Expressions of Interest for engineering design, construction drawings and tender documentation have been sought with proponents having until the 31 October to submit their proposals.

As of the 31 October 2009, we received four submissions, being:

- BTO Pty Ltd
- Cardno (NT) Pty Ltd
- GHD
- Aurecon

The following is a summary of proposals received:

Company	Cardno	GHD	BTO	Aurecon
Cost	\$41,944.65	\$49,950	\$19,760.40	\$48,400
Construction support provision	Incorporated in fee total (\$8,127) Inspections: 1 pre construction, 6 during, 1 hand over	\$1,200 per inspection	No specified	Constuction advice \$1,925 Inspection \$1,768.80
Timeframe	4 weeks – design component	8 weeks	30 days	8 weeks
Scope of services	-Survey -Assess drainage -Liaison service authorities -Liaison LGANT and Wagait Council	-Survey (400m) -Design Report -Design drawings -Specifications -Tender Estimate	-Survey -Drawings -Civil works Specifications -Final Design report -Quantities and	-Survey -Liaison relevant authorities -Road works -Drainage -Schedule quantities & cost

	-Prepare drawings and tender doc -Prepare final drawings & cost estimates -3 review/briefing meetings -Design report and handover notes		cost estimates -Handover notes	estimate -Design report -Handover notes
Notes	Have made particular reference to drainage and erosion control	Particular reference to design documents	Senior Engineer Rate \$150/h, about half compared to the rest. Could have something to do with prices.	Provisions for disbursements and a lot of assumptions

The expressions of interest have been briefly appraised by Councils' Consulting Engineer who is unfortunately away at this time. Upon his return, a recommendation will be presented to the Council at its meeting.

In addition, we have now been advised that Council's application for funding from the Local Area Traffic Management program has been successful.

The amount of the grant is \$90,000 which will now almost certainly accommodate all funds required to undertake the project.

Draft Resolution

That Council accept the quotation of _____ for the engineering design and provision of construction drawings and tender documentation for the Wagait Tower Road Widening project.

1.2 Weed Control Restricted Use Area

Council was recently asked to submit a quotation for the chemical spraying and provision of fire breaks within the RUA.

Council may recall that this work has been undertaken by private contractors as we did not have any persons accredited in the handling of chemicals.

Both of Councils' Works employees have recently completed the necessary training and both have gained the appropriate certificates.

Quotations for the work closed on the 29 October.

We have now been advised that our quotation has been successful.

The Council has previously agreed to the purchase of a quad bike and spray equipment should we be successful in gaining this contract. The income from the contract in the first year would pay for the plant.

Quotations for the equipment are currently being sought and will be tabled at the meeting.

Draft Resolution

That Council endorse the submission of a quotation for the undertaking of weed control within the Wagait Beach RUA.

Draft Resolution

That Council accept the quotation of _____ for the supply of a quad bike and associated spraying equipment.

2. WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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

2.1 Dogs

In response to a request for more information on the shooting of a Dog upon Council Grounds I advise as follows:

- I returned to the Council Workshop and was informed by the Works Labourer that a large dog had acted aggressively toward him inside the perimeter of the Workshop fence.
- "It had a go at me, I ran inside the Smoko Room to escape", stated Gary Carrington.
- I then made the decision to unlock and load the Council owned .22 Magnum Rifle, which I then used to destroy this animal, which I considered a danger to this Community, especially the children of the area.

- I acted in accordance with the conditions of issue of my Employees Firearm Licence. I then phoned Humpty Doo Police and informed them of my actions in discharging a Firearm in a Public place and my reason for doing so. As always, Police thanked me for this information.
- The Council Firearm was in the Work Ute in a secure fashion as allowed by legislation. I had just returned from a short outing to try and track down the sickly pups that were frequenting the area behind the Country Club and were a reason of complaint by a number of residents at the time.
- The dog trap was set, however neither the pups nor their Mother would enter it.

2.2 Council Grounds

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

All Council Buildings have had their gutters cleared of leaves and dirt.

2.3 Estate and Surrounds

The Plane Wreck Site has been cleared of fallen branches for user convenience and in preparation for mowing.

Clearing of Estate Drains and Culverts has begun. We have run into the added work of scraping the drains downstream as over the years silt has built up, making this area higher than the drain itself. Whilst on this topic, it is well worth mentioning that some drains continue on through privately owned land which needs scraping down to an appropriate level.

The new Backboards for the Basketball Court have been fitted along with newly powder coated basketball rings.

'Do the right thing' stickers have been placed on all bins at the Sportsground.

2.4 Jetty

The Carpark Culverts have been painted white and the government billed for this work.

All Jetty handrails are clear of Barnacles.

2.5 Recycling

The construction of the cages to be used for the collection of cans and plastic bottles is complete.

A concrete slab will shortly be placed at the tip for these cages to be placed upon.

2.6 Plant

The new Council Tractor has arrived.

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WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT
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1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.1

2. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT

During October there has been the usual sport and recreation programs running, included after school sport, toad bust, Friday night sports and Halloween movie night.

The first toad bust for the wet season occurred in October. The area that was targeted was the jetty and the bush land between the jetty and the pub. That night we had strong support from the community with a wide range of age groups from youth to the aged. All up that night there was 59 toads busted with 29 females and 30 males. The next toad bust will be Friday 13th of November.

As next month is November all so known as 'MOvember'. (A event that aims to raise funds for Beyond Blue and men's prostate research) I have registered as the Wagait Beach Team Leader on the MOvember official website so people can donate to the Wagait Beach MOvember team <http://au.movember.com/mospace/128519>. The site is open to anyone from the community to register, The purpose of registering is that a person will grow a mow and seek sponsorship. On the 27 of November there will be an official shave-off bbq. As part of the shave-off, Jeff from the community centre clinic has donated his time and is happy to do men's checks that include, blood pressure, pulse, sugar level and other general test.

On the 31st of October is was Halloween and the community centre got transformed into the spooky centre. All the kids got dressed up in there best Halloween costume and came down to watch a couple of movies and play some games.

Received and Noted

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
17 NOVEMBER 2009

1. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.1 Financial Report:

- 1.1.1 Program Report by Account (Ref Attachment Pg 1)
- 1.1.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements (Refer Attachment Pg 25)
- 1.1.3 Invoices Paid October (Refer Attachment Pg 28)
- 1.1.4 Outstanding Rates Report (Tabled)

During the month, 35 ratepayers were served with final notices for not making any attempt to pay their rates. Should ratepayers fail to respond to this notice, the debt will be handed over to the debt collector at which time there will be an additional charge of up to \$200.

Draft Resolution

That the October 2009 Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.

2. GENERAL MATTERS

2.1 Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program

The minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional development and local government, The Hon Anthony Albanese MP has advised that the Federal Government is presently seeking applications for funding from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Under the terms of the Program the Council is entitled to an allocation of \$30,000. The Council has previously agreed that the funds should be used for the development of the Fun and Fitness Trail.

An application for the funding has been submitted. (we were the second Council in Australia to submit an application)

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2.1.2 Shire Plan

The Shire Plan is nearing completion with only a few minor matters requiring attention.

Although the Plan could be completed by the end of the month it is proposed to refer it for endorsement at the December Council Meeting.

Draft Resolution

That Council seek a further extension in the time required to complete the Shire Plan.

2.1.3 Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2008-09 has been completed with the exception of having the accompanying Annual financial Statement.

As it will not be possible to have the annual accounts audited by the day of Councils meeting it will be necessary for Council to receive them at the December Meeting.

Draft Resolution

That Council seek an extension in the time required to complete the 2008-09 Annual report.

2.1.4 Annual Accounts

Merit and Partners have been receiving all of the information necessary to prepare the Annual Accounts. They are progressing well and should have them completed by the day of Councils meeting.

As it will not be possible to have the annual accounts audited by the day of Councils meeting it will be necessary for Council to receive them at the December Meeting.

Draft Resolution

That Council seek an extension in the time required to complete the 2008-09 Annual Financial Statement.