

## WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING – TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2008

### MINUTES

<b>Present:</b>	Peter Clee	- President
	Ken Pittman	- Councillor
	Kerry Murphy	- Councillor
	Brian Edwards	- Councillor
	Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor
	Wally Lenyszyn	- Chief Executive Officer
<b>Apologies:</b>	Karen Duncan	- Vice-President
	Vic Stow	- Councillor

#### 1. MEETING OPENING

The Council President Peter Clee opened the meeting at 7.25pm.

#### 1(a) APOLOGIES

**Resolution No. 08/79**

**That the apologies of Cr Duncan and Cr Stow be accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Murphy**  
**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 1(a) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

#### 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Monthly Council Meeting - 16 September 2008

**Resolution No. 08/80**

**That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 16 September 2008 be accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Magnoli**  
**Seconded: Cr Murphy**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 2.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

### 3. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

#### 3.1 Hon Anthony Albanese MP Minister for Local Government

Advising that on 18 September 2008, the Prime Minister announced the establishment of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) to forge a new cooperative engagement between Commonwealth and Local Governments.

*"I am writing to invite you (Shire President) to attend the inaugural meeting of the ACLG to be hosted by the Prime Minister at Parliament House on 18 November 2008. You are also invited to a welcoming function on the evening of the 17 November where winners of the 2008 National Awards for Local Government will be presented.*

*The one-day meeting will give communities a real voice in addressing issues of vital national and local interest, including priorities for national and local infrastructure, tackling the challenges of our major cities and examining a process for recognition of local government in the Commonwealth Constitution."*

The Council meeting to elect a President is due to be held on the 16 November.  
(A 13)

#### **Resolution No. 08/81**

**That time permitting, the Shire President be authorised to attend the forthcoming Australian Council of Local Government inaugural meeting and associated functions.**

**Moved: Cr Edwards**  
**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

In view of the above meeting it was necessary to reschedule the time of the next Council meeting.

#### **Resolution No. 08/82**

**That the next meeting of the Wagait Shire Council be held on Thursday 13 November 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Moved: Cr Murphy**  
**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 3.2 LGANT

Accepting the Council's conditions for the future provision of IT support. (C17.4)

Tabled and Noted

### **3.3 Paul White Commissioner of Police**

Responding to Council's correspondence in relation to increased Aboriginal intoxication and anti-social behaviour in the area since the intervention program was implemented at Belyuen.

*"Your assertion that there is an increase in public intoxication and anti-social behaviour is not supported by police activity and reports. However it may be that there is a level of under-reporting of these incidents.*

*Currently the Wagait area falls within the Humpty Doo Police District and is patrolled 3-4 days per week with overnight patrols conducted every second or third week to provide additional policing services. The Belyuen community and Mandorah jetty are currently policing hot spots for the targeting of public drunkenness and anti-social behaviour.*

*We are committed to maintaining current policing services and at this stage there is no immediate proposal to increase or provide a permanent policing presence on the Cox Peninsula." (B 2)*

Tabled and Noted

### **3.4 Australian Bureau of Statistics**

Advising that Wagait Shire Council has been selected to take part in the Local Government Finance, Quarterly Estimates 2008 – 09 Survey.

This is a quarterly survey that requires the completion of a comprehensive survey on the Council's financial activities for each quarter.

This is just another impost upon staff time in having to extract the data. Unfortunately, the council has an obligation under the Census and Statistics Act to provide the data.

It is expected that the Council will remain in survey for approximately three years. (A 12)

Tabled and Noted

### **3.5 Australian Local Government Association**

Advising that the Local Government Constitutional Summit is to be held in Melbourne between 8 – 11 November 2008.

*"Constitutional Recognition is firmly on the Federal Government's agenda with the establishment of the new Australian Council of Local Government recently announced by the Prime Minister and the priority that Council will give to the steps necessary to advance recognition of Local Government.*

*Local Government has been presented with the challenge – and opportunity – of developing a shared vision of what constitutional recognition should aim to achieve and the shape it should take.*

*While the decision to hold a referendum for constitutional recognition is one for the Federal Government, we must make sure that the type of recognition reflects Local Government's own wishes. We know our communities best and we know what type of recognition, necessary to secure their future, is most likely to gain their support." (A 13)*

Tabled and Noted

### **3.6 Ms Evelyn Robinson, Executive Director, Local Government**

Responding to questions raised by the President and in response to correspondence from the Council. (Refer Attachment Pg No 1) (C 17.4)

#### **Resolution No. 08/83**

**That the Council advise Ms Robinson that there are still a number of issues that have not been answered to the satisfaction of the Council and in particular; Northern Region Regional Management Plan, Use of new accounting package, accounting /rates package, Business Plan, development of new Web site and Other Financial Assistance.**

**Moved: Cr Magnoli**  
**Seconded: Cr Edwards**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

### **3.7 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy**

Responding to the Council's correspondence requesting that high speed broadband service be available on the Cox Peninsula. (Refer Attachment Pg No 7)

*"I appreciate your concerns regarding the difficulties that residents of Wagait Shire have experienced in trying to get broadband. As you have noted, the minister did announce in February 2008 that Telstra planned to roll-out ADSL2+ to an additional 900 exchanges; however the choice of which exchanges to enable, and when, is a business decision for Telstra to make.*

*The Australian Government understands that access to high-speed broadband services is critical to Australia's future social and economic prosperity.*

*This is why the Government has committed to provide up to \$4.7 billion to facilitate the roll-out of a new open access, high-speed fibre broadband network. The Government expects the National Broadband Network will use new fibre infrastructure to provide access to top download speeds of at least 12 megabits per second to 98% of Australian homes and businesses, and that the network will be rolled out and made operational progressively over five years.*  
(T 1)

Tabled and Noted

### 3.8 Jane Carrigan

Expressing concern over works being undertaken by Ms A Blyth on an adjoining property that may have potential to cause flooding to her property. Refer Attachment Pg No )

This matter has been considered by the Council on two prior occasions, the first time after Council received Department of Lands correspondence which stated:

*“Accordingly, engineering plans showing the planned culverts and diverted water flows should be provided to both NRETA and the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council for approval and all identified needs are to be complied with prior to construction.”*

The second time the matter was considered was when Jane Carrigan made representations following Council’s decision to agree to the works subject to no interference to the natural flow of the water.

Council’s decision was quite clear and it was made known to Ms Blyth that Council required more detailed information prior to any drainage works being undertaken on the property.

Since all this has transpired, I have finally been able to get an acknowledgement from the Department of Land Administration that the reference for the need to obtain Council approval to the proposed works should not have been included in the correspondence as the Council has no jurisdiction over the matter.

Both Mr Parker and Ms Carrigan have been advised accordingly. (R 4.1)

#### **Tabled and Noted**

### 3.9 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Referring to the public meeting to discuss the management of the Wagait Beach foreshore (Cox Peninsula Restricted Use Area)

*“One of the outcomes of this meeting was recognition of a need for greater community involvement in planning and management of the foreshore area. In order for this to proceed DPI propose the formation of a Wagait Beach Advisory Committee, comprising of a representative from DPI, NRETAS, Coastcare, Council and two community members. NRETAS and Coastcare have already agreed to form part of this committee.*

*This Department would like to formally request support from the Council for the formation of this advisory committee, and asks that Council nominates a representative to the committee.”*

#### **Resolution No. 08/84**

**That Council support the establishment of the Wagait Beach Advisory Committee and that a Councillor will be nominated to the Committee.**

**Moved: President Cleo**  
**Seconded: Cr Murphy**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 4. REPORTS:

##### 4.1 CEO's Report

##### 4.1.1 Local Government Reform Issues

##### 4.1.1.1 2008 Elections

The following nominations have been received for the position of Council Member.

- Warren Wentrilo
- Rocky Magnoli
- Karen Duncan
- Trevor Sutton
- Jane Carrigan
- Darryl Withnall
- Peter Clee
- Trish McIntyre
- Vera Lamont
- Simon Walford

With seven members to be elected the poll will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The polling hours are between 8.00am – 6.00pm. Voting is compulsory.

The result of the poll will be declared on the 3 November 2008.

##### **Tabled and Noted**

##### 4.1.2 Monthly Status Report

Please find attached (Attachment. Pg 19) 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.

##### **Tabled and Noted**

#### 4.1.3 Issues Arising from Last Meeting

##### 4.1.3.1 Sportsground Water Tank/s

The Council at its last meeting requested that further quotations be obtained for a water tank/s at the Sportsground.

The following quotations are now available.

<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>11,000LTR</b>	<b>25,000LTR</b>
H2O Pty Ltd	1,500.00	2,700.00
Territory Tanks	1,540.00	2,740.00
Southern Cross Darwin	1,540.00	2,740.00
M Kiem & D Harry		2,700.00

Apart from the Kiem & Harry quote, all other quotes do not include delivery.

The people to whom I spoke could not come up with any good reason why two smaller tanks would be better than one big one.

The following resolution was adopted by the Council at its last meeting:

*Resolution No 08/66*

*That Council purchase a 25,000 litre water tank for the Sportsground.*

**Resolution No. 08/85**

**That Council endorse its previous decision to purchase a 25,000 litre water tank for the sportsground and that the quote from Kiem & Harry be accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

##### 4.1.3.2 Water Supply at Tankstand

Following Councils representations to PowerWater for an improved water flow from the tankstand, two representatives from PowerWater visited the site and in the presence of Mick Kiem and myself they explained how the system worked and the difficulties associated with obtaining an increased flow.

It was apparent that problem has arisen since new work was undertaken at the complex. I made the following observations:

- The pumps within the pumping shed have been downgraded and are not able to pump at the previous flow rate.

- The size of the pipework from the pumping shed to the overhead storage needs to be increase from 3 inch to 4 inch.
- The capacity of the storage tank has been reduced by half and this has reduced the outflow rate.
- It may be possible to increase the water level in the storage tank which would lead to an increased flow for some of the time.
- The previous alleged cause of the reduced flow was discarded.

The representatives indicated that they would initially arrange to increase the volume in the storage tank. Any works beyond this would require a decision by PowerWater management.

#### **Tabled and Noted**

##### 4.1.3.3 Trailer Quotations

Cr Magnoli was requested to obtain quotations for a replacement trailer for the works crew.

Cr Magnoli has presented the following quotations:

- NT Trailers                    - \$4,250.00
- Progress Motors           - \$ 4,620.00

Both quotations provide for second hand tyres.

#### **Resolution No. 08/86**

**That Council accept the quotation of NT Trailers for the supply of a 1800 x 3000 tandem box trailer.**

**Moved:            Cr Magnoli**  
**Seconded:       Cr Murphy**  
**Vote:              Carried 5-0**

##### 4.1.3.4 Traffic Controls

It was reported to the last meeting that a resident had requested the placement of a traffic control sign on Baluria Road at the Cox Drive intersection.

Under the new Control of Roads Act the Council has the authority to place whatever signage it desires upon road reserves.

In this case it is a question of whether the intersection warrants a Stop or Give Way sign. If a traffic assessment were to be made there would be no warrant for any sign. The Council also needs to be conscious that it will be setting a precedent and that more requests for signs could be forthcoming.

**Resolution No. 08/87**

**That the Council seek the views of its Consulting Engineer Mr Peter McLinden on the placement of traffic control signals within the subdivision.**

**Moved: Cr Magnoli**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

4.1.3.5 Memorial Wall Garden

Local resident and artist extraordinaire Jill Formby has presented a design for a memorial wall garden. (Refer Attachment Pg. No 20)

As mentioned, it is proposed to locate the garden adjacent to the Community Centre on the southern side.

The design presented by Ms Formby incorporates a number of stages and the majority of the work could be carried out by Council employees and voluntary labour. The project could also potentially attract grant funding.

Before embarking upon design, Council is asked if the memorial wall should be a facility for interment of ashes.

**The Council indicated that the preference was for a wall that would be suitable for the interment of ashes.**

**Resolution No. 08/88**

**That the Council agree in principal to the design of the Memorial Wall Garden and that it be submitted for public comment.**

**Moved: President Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

4.1.4 Utility Contracts

Both contracts with the utility service providers are due to expire in the near future:

Jetty Contract, expires 11 December 2008

PowerWater Contract, expires 6 February 2009.

Documentation for new contracts is normally available a month before they become due.

Given the amount involved and the potential for competition, the details of tenders by Council for the above contracts should be kept strictly confidential.

**Resolution No 08/89**

**That the President and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to submit tenders for the forthcoming PowerWater and Jetty contracts.**

**Moved: Cr Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

4.1.5 Cox Peninsula Council Honour Board

Please find attached (Attachment Page No. 25) the design of two honour boards that would be suitable to recognise past Councillors of the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council.

The cost of either board is in the vicinity of \$700.

The Council is asked which honour board it would prefer.

**Resolution No. 08/90**

**That Council accept the quotation from Norsign NT for the manufacture of the Cox Peninsula Community Government Council Honour Board.**

**Moved: Cr Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

4.1.6 Territory Tidy Town Awards

The judging of Wagait Beach in the current Tidy Town Awards was undertaken on the 14 October 2008.

I had much pleasure in accompanying the judge on his inspection tour and pointing out the many attributes of community members and the community in general.

The Judge was extremely pleased with what he saw and the dedication of the community.

The Council has received an invitation to attend the 2008 Territory Tidy Town Awards to be held on the 6 & 7 November.

A forum is conducted on the 6 & 7 November with the Award Presentation Dinner to be held in the evening of the 7 November. The cost of attending is \$80 per person.

**Resolution No. 08/91**

**That the Tidy Town Committee Chairman, CEO one Councillor and one Committee Member be authorised to attend the Tidy Town Forum and Awards presentation.**

**Moved: Cr Edwards**  
**Seconded: Cr Murphy**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 4.1.7 Transport & Infrastructure Forum

I recently attended a Transport & Infrastructure Forum sponsored by LGANT and attended by representatives for the majority of Territory Shires and Government Departments.

Some of the topics covered included:

- Emergency Services Roles & Responsibilities
- Road Funding Programs
- Road Management Planning
- Waste Management Plans
- Waste Management Case Study
- Asset Management
- NT Build Portable LSL
- Civil Construction Federation, Training Opportunities
- ALGA Road Transport Advisory Committee

Items of interest included:

- The Governments previous policy of preferred tender status for local government no longer exists.
- There is a Code of Practice for road signage currently being developed by DoPI.
- Councils have absolute power on traffic control signs on local roads within the Shire.
- LGANT is currently working on a template for a Management Plan for Tips in communities with a population less than 1,000. In addition a Waste Audit Template will also be produced.
- Waste Management and litter control are core services of local government.
- It was suggested that some communities may wish to establish their own container deposit scheme.
- Signage is an important part of any dump. Should look at standardised signage.
- Suggested cost saving measures included:
  - prevent hazardous material from entering dump trenches.
    - have a separate area for reusable waste
    - -Separate out materials such as dry waste and building materials.
    - Burn the Dump
    - Separate plastics to minimise pollution.

- Drum Muster is available for the disposal of chemical drums.
- Various areas of grant opportunities were discussed including the new soon to be established Commonwealth Office of Northern Australia.
- The Civil Construction Federation of NT is an organisation charged with the delivery of the Governments infrastructure projects.
- Skill DMS is a commonwealth funded not for profit organisation responsible for revising the National Accreditation training programs. Services provided include:
  - make sure training bodies are providing the required training.
  - look at getting the best out of a job.
  - -has access to funding.
  - -Although the organisation is training focussed it is mainly provides support to the mining industry.
- The organisation can perform skills analysis and offers a Certificate 1 online at [www.skillsdmc.com.au](http://www.skillsdmc.com.au)
- We now have a situation whereby roads previously the responsibility of the Government will be transferred to new shires. Unfortunately there is not enough money to transfer them all at once.
- Regionally significant roads will be identified and transferred as one of DoPI's lower priorities.
- The handing over of the roads will take 5 – 10 years. Cabinet is currently developing principles for the handing over of the roads.
- It is proposed to hold forums on a regular basis, the next one being in Katherine in February 09.

### **Tabled and Noted**

#### **4.1.8 Meeting with Minister for Local Government**

On the 2 October 2008 Councillors met with the Local Member and Minister for Local Government etc. the Hon Rob Knight MLA raising a number of issues of concern to the Council and community. Attached hereto is a brief summary of some of the responses provided by the Minister. (Refer Attachment Pg No 27 )

A copy of the summary has been provided to the Minister to enable him to follow up on a number of the issues.

At this time it is proposed to wait for the Minister's responses, following which further consideration will be given to the issues.

## **Tabled and Noted**

### 4.1.9 TOPROC Meeting

The Council has been provided with a copy of the Minutes of the last TOPROC Meeting held on the 16 September 2008. Unfortunately it was not possible for Council delegates to attend.

Issues raised at the meeting included:

- The following topics will be considered by the group at future meetings:
  - Regional Waste Management
  - Planning
  - Harbour Development
  - Global Warming Funding
  - Economic Development
- Infrastructure Australia Fund
- The need to have resources available to support the committee.

## **Tabled and Noted**

### 4.1.10 Computer Upgrade

I was recently advised by Council's computer technician that my computer was in need of upgrade. It would appear the age has caught up with the computer and with the ever changing of operating system requirements the existing machine is having problems.

#### **Resolution No. 08/92**

**That the CEO be authorised to upgrade his computer up to the value of \$1,500.**

**Moved: Cr President Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Edwards**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

### 4.1.11 Final Council Meeting

For a number of members this will be their last Council meeting.

To those Councillors who will no longer be on the Council I wish to express my gratitude for the opportunity of working with you during a most difficult time. All Councillors should be proud of the manner in which the Council handled local government reform and their contribution to achieving a community desired outcome.

I wish all retiring Councillors the best and ask that you continue to maintain an interest in the community.

## **Tabled & Noted**

### **Works Report:**

#### **4.2.1 General Matters**

#### **4.2.2 Works Supervisor's Report**

Mr Zikan has submitted the following report: for September/ October.

##### **4.2.2.1 Dogs and Wildlife**

We have received a few reports of cross- bred dingoes with recently born litters. However, they have proved elusive. The Works Dept. will continue to be vigilant in the monitoring and controlling of this problem.

##### **4.2.2.2 Dump**

All green waste has been pushed up by Council.

Raking of the disposal area continues to be undertaken three times per week and burning of the hole is undertaken four days per week.

We will shortly need to clear another area at the back of the dump for building waste.

On the list of upcoming duties is the maintenance of the tip entrance road before the onset of any rains.

##### **4.2.2.3 Water**

The bores are still being operated manually due to a malfunction somewhere in the system. As has been previously reported by the Works Dept., we have notified PowerWater and they have indicated their desire to rectify the problem and bring things back to normal as soon as possible.

The repair job on Tank no. 2 has once again been repaired. On Oct. 14 this tank was filled and monitored for any further leaks

The shut-off valve has been replaced on the delivery line to the Standpipe which has stopped the continual leak that has existed for many months.

We continue to receive a number of callouts during the period for which Powerwater have been billed.

##### **4.2.2.4 Jetty**

Graffiti was again painted over.

More barnacles were removed.

Regular washing down and removal of litter undertaken.

There continues to be an increase in the amount of litter in the carpark, particularly under the large tree.

**The Council requested that reports be obtained on our performance in undertaking the Jetty maintenance contract.**

#### 4.2.2.5 Estate

Uhr Rd now stands in our way of completing the painting of the roadside barriers. This will be completed in the very near future.

A track leading from Charles Point Rd to Brisbane St has been blocked off following complaints from residents about people using this track to gain access to and from the Estate.

#### 4.2.2.6 Equipment

##### Community Centre and Council Buildings

Community Centre Genset continues to be started on a Fortnightly basis and run for 1.5hrs. We are currently looking for a back-up power supply for the battery. We are in the process of fitting an exhaust to stop gasses from entering the complex.

All Council Buildings have had their gutters cleared in preparation for the presumed oncoming rains.

We have begun spreading soil to extend the Community Centre's garden.

#### 4.2.2.7 Sportsground

The chain mesh fence has been constructed around the Caretaker's caravan.

Nil reports of vandalism.

#### 4.2.2.8 Concrete Tables

If Council has any idea as to preference for the location of concrete tables, please let that preference be known and we shall endeavor to fulfill those wishes.

A suggested location is near the Jetty in proximity to the bike rack.

#### 4.2.2.9 Tidy Towns

We have been very busy tidying the Estate in preparation for the Tidy Towns Competition.

#### 4.2.2.10 Works Program

Works employees were requested to prepare a detailed time record for work undertaken during a specific two week time period.

The results are contained within Attachment Page No 35

Other specific works/projects to be undertaken when time permits include as follows. Please note that these projects are additional to routine works undertaken on a daily basis.

JOB	EST START	EST COMP	COMPLETED
Landscaping at rear of Community Centre	May 08	Subject to finance	
Genset protective cage	April 08	July 08	
Concrete tables & chairs	May 08	Aug.08	
Paint Road Barriers	June 08	September 08	
Gravel Dump Entrance Road	June 08	July 08	
Repair finishing deck	July 08	July 08	
Repair Pressure Cleaner	(report to Cnl )		

Tabled and Noted

## **Sport & Recreation Report:**

### **4.3.1 General Matters**

#### **4.3.1.1 Sportsground Damage**

Council has received two copies of letters of apology for the recent vandalism that took place at the Sportsground. (Refer Attachment Pg 39)

The total cost to repair the damage was \$5,710.00 of which \$5,210.00 was reimbursed by Council's insurers. The remaining \$500 has since been paid by the persons responsible for the damage.

The CEO advised that he had received an additional \$500 from the persons responsible for the damage as a donation towards providing new facilities at the Sportsground.

#### **Resolution No. 08/93**

**That Council purchase additional tiered seating for the Sportsground and that a plaque acknowledging the donation be placed on the seating.**

**Moved: Cr President Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

Tabled & Noted

#### **4.3.2 Recreation Officer's Report**

No Report submitted

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Resolution No. 08/94**

**That the Officer's reports be received and accepted.**

**Moved: President Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

### **5. OTHER OR LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Monthly Mail List – Inward Correspondence:** (Refer Att. Pg 41)

**Monthly Mail List – Outward Correspondence:** (Refer Att. Pg 43)

**Late Correspondence:**

**Resolution No. 08/95**

**That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards correspondence be confirmed.**

**Moved: President Clee**

**Seconded: Cr Murphy**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

### **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **6.1 Financial Report:**

6.1.1 Program Report by Account: (Ref Att, Pg 45)

6.1.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements (Refer Attachment Pg 70)

6.1.3 Invoices Paid September (Refer Attachment Pg 73)

6.1.4 Outstanding Rates Report

**Resolution No 08/96**

**That the September Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Murphy**

**Seconded: Cr Magnoli**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### **6.2 Grant Application – Doctor's House**

I recently came across potential grant funding for a doctor's house.

The Council has been advised that although the demand for medical attention would warrant a doctor at Wagait Beach, unless we are prepared to offer some incentives, our chances of enticing a doctor are virtually non-existent.

The Commonwealth Government's Office of Rural Health, Rural Outreach Services & Infrastructure Section have grants available to improve access to health services by providing funding to rural and remote communities. One of the objectives of the program is to "make it easier for rural and remote communities to recruit and retain the services of general practitioners and allied health professionals".

Applications for funding closed on the 17 October 2008.

An application for a grant of \$405,000 (excluding GST) has been submitted to the Department.

Should the application be successful, the Council's contribution to the project will be:

- provision of land. (It is suggested that land within the Council Office / Community Centre complex would be suitable.)
- provision of a surgery. (Existing medical clinic)
- access to medical equipment and furniture for the surgery. (As exists within the medical clinic)
- access to nursing support. (Available from Belyuen as mentioned in the 12 monthly report)

**Resolution No 08/97**

**That the Council endorse the funding application to the Office of Rural Health, National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program for the construction of a doctor's residence.**

**Moved: Cr Edwards**  
**Seconded: Cr Murphy**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

**7. AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Cr Edwards thanked fellow Council members for their support during the past 12 months.
- 8.2 Cr Pittman thanked the Council and wished the next Council all the best for the future.
- 8.3 Cr Magnoli thanked all the Councillors for their support and for the experience he had gained during his term as a Councillor.
- 8.4 Cr Magnoli asked if the water supply contained fluoride.

**The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would find out and respond to the next Council meeting.**

- 8.5 Cr Clee thanked all current and past councillors for their contribution to the Council and wished the 10 candidates all the best in the forthcoming election.

**9. IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

**Sport and Recreation Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer reported that after quite some time we have managed to obtain an application for the position of Sport & Recreation Officer.

The application is from Mr Joshua Chaplin and he meets the criteria for the position.

Mr Chaplin is known to all and a former Australia Day Junior Citizen of the Year.

Mr Chaplin will be commencing duties as soon as possible following the completion of studies.

**10. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

President Clee closed the meeting at.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Thursday 13 November 2008 at 7.00pm.

**PRESIDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CEO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_