

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Present:**

Peter Clee	- President
Karen Duncan	- Deputy President
Darryl Withnall	- Councillor
Matt Prouse	- Councillor
Vera Lamont	- Councillor
Jill Formby	- Acting Chief Executive Officer

**Apologies:**

Trish McIntyre	- Councillor
Rocco Magnoli	- Councillor

**1. MEETING OPENING**

President Clee opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

**1.1 APOLOGIES**

**Resolution No. 09/45**

**That the apologies of Cr McIntyre, and Cr Magnoli be received.**

**Moved: Deputy President Duncan**

**Seconded: Cr Withnall**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**NB:** Late on the day of the meeting LGANT advised that Ms Shenagh Gamble, their Sustainability Programs Coordinator, who had been invited to address council on the new Climate Change Risk Assessment Project, was not available to attend the meeting.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 09/46**

**That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 15 September 2009 be accepted.**

**Moved: Cr Withnall**

**Seconded: Cr Prouse**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

**3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Nil

#### 4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

##### 4.1 Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Seeking applications for projects that will enhance the safety to road users in their respective jurisdictions.

*“Under the Northern Territory’s Local Area Traffic Management Program funding is available to local government authorities on a dollar-for-dollar basis for projects that will result in improvements to road network rather than rectification of problems that should be addressed through road maintenance programs. The Department is prepared to meet 50% of the capital cost of the works that it approves.*

*The assessment date for first round bidding is 18 September 2009.”*

CEO’s Comment – The Council has received advice of Blackspot funding of \$280,000 to undertake the provision of passing lanes in Wagait Tower Road adjacent to the store.

Should the Council wish to seek funds from the Local Area Traffic Management Program it is suggested that the passing lanes could be extended to Forsyth Road. The cost would be app. \$80,000. Councils 50% contribution would come from revenue, \$30,000 and reserve funds, \$10,000.

As an alternative, there is a possibility that the project would be eligible for funding from the Roads to Recovery (R2R) fund. Should this be the case, we will initially attempt to secure funds from this fund to be used as our contribution towards the Traffic Management Program grant.

**Resolution No. 09/47**

**That an application for funding be submitted under the NT Government’s Local Area Traffic Management Program for an extension of the Wagait Tower Road passing lanes to Forsyth Road and that Council’s contribution towards the grant be funded from Roads to Recovery funds or existing Council revenue.**

**Moved: Cr Withnall**

**Seconded: Cr Lamont**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

##### 4.2 Phil and Lorna Manning

Drawing to Council’s attention their concerns over four serious dog attacks on their dogs and one attack upon a person.

*“The dollar cost (vet bills, fencing, trips to Darwin for veterinary care) is but part of our concern. The distress to our pets and ourselves can not be measured. We now genuinely live in fear of what these dogs will do. It is not a case of ‘if’ these dogs will attack another person but ‘when’. I also find it very disturbing that White’s feel they are able to take these dogs to public places such as the Sea Cat ferry as they did last Friday. These*

*dogs are strong and not easily controlled even when on a leash as witnessed by quite a number of people.*

*The police are restricted by law in what they can do. White's are aware of this and the dogs are still located on their property. White's do not appear to understand the gravity of owning dogs capable of such destruction."*

*"I can not over state the dangers posed by these dogs and White's inability to take responsibility or action.*

It was pointed out to the meeting that there is a section (Part 13.2 Regulatory Orders of the NT Local Government Act) that has ramifications for council especially in light of the above. In short the powers of the Regulatory Orders simply require people to take action to resolve a problem without putting by-laws into place.

After some discussion, on the merits of these orders and how they would impact or could be utilised, it was decided that council would still seek information from the NT Police in the first instance in response to the correspondence from the Mannings. A/g CEO to get in touch with Derek Maurice, OIC, Humpty Doo Police.

**Resolution No. 09/48**

**That Council seek information from the Northern Territory Police as to the outcome of their investigations into recent dog attacks at Wagait Beach.**

**Moved: Cr Lamont  
Seconded: Cr Withnall  
Vote: Carried 5-0**

**4.3 Territory Tidy Towns**

Forwarding invitation to participate in the 2009 Territory Tidy Towns Awards Program.

**Resolution No. 09/49**

**That Council participate in the 2009 Territory Tidy Towns Awards.**

**Moved: Cr Prouse  
Seconded: Deputy President Duncan  
Vote: Carried 5-0**

**4.4 Jane Carrigan**

Objecting to the imposition of a 95.45% rate increase.

*"Rate increases reflect a Council's obligation to maintain core community functions. I, perhaps unlike some in the community can afford the 95.45% rate increase premised on a scenario that never happened. Therefore, while Council fails, both in management and governance, to adhere to the*

*Local Government Act 2008 it cannot rely on same in seeking to increase the rates in the manner, and to the extent it has. While I believe the CEO's 'with grant funding levy', of an ordinary rate increase of 13.6% to be harsh, I am prepared to pay this as being more representative of responsible fiscal management."*

**Resolution No. 09/50**

**That the correspondence from Jane Carrigan be received and noted and part-payment of 09/10 rates is acknowledged.**

**Moved: Cr President Clee**  
**Seconded: Cr Deputy President Duncan**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

**4.5 Ms Raylene Singh, Kenbi Danggalaba Assn Inc**

Requesting a meeting with the Council to clarify issues in relation to development upon Kenbi land.

*"I write to the Wagait Shire Council as the named, most senior Larrakia Traditional Owner for Kenbi and as a member of the Belyuen Community to request a meeting with your Council to formally introduce myself as the authority for all matters on Kenbi, Cox Peninsula. This includes future development on my land Kenbi.*

*There seems to be some confusion created by parties that wish to develop my land without my consent, I wish to inform you that all future discussions concerning Kenbi will be managed personally by me.*

*The Northern Land Council is the representative body for traditional owners under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act NT 1976 and they take all directions from me regarding the protection of Kenbi for the Larrakia Traditional Owners and the future development of Kenbi and this includes the Larrakia Development Corporation, owned by the Northern Land Council.*

*"I have given no permission for development on Kenbi at this stage and are currently going through the negotiation process with the Federal Government and Federal Minister." (K 1) (Includes President's draft response.)*

**Resolution No. 09/51**

**That the letter from Ms Raylene Singh be received and noted and the draft reply endorsed.**

**Moved: President Clee**  
**Seconded: Cr Prouse**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

**5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**5.1 Policy**

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.3)

With regard to the adoption of draft policies P08, P09, P10, P12, P15 and P19, Councillor Lamont pointed out that P08 had already been adopted. Excluding P08, council decided to hold over the adoption of the above itemised draft policies until the next meeting, when all Councillors would be present.

**5.2 Unincorporated Land Amalgamation Study**

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.5)

Received and Noted.

(NB: Phone calls were received from Peter Shepherd early on 17/9/09 asking if he could visit next Wednesday 23/9 at 9.00am (then changed to 11.00am so they could visit Belyuen on the way in) for informal talks with Councillors and any other interested parties in regard to this item.)

**5.3 Computer Risk Management**

(Refer CEO's Report Item No.2.6)

Councillors wished to know why the external hard drive, which stores all councils back-up data had to be held in a separate area outside the council premises rather than in the safe. This is a security issue – safes can be removed and even if it is fire-proof the heat could still cause irreparable damage to the back-up drive.

**5.4 Performance Review**

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.7)

Councillors discussed this matter and decided to include an independent person as part of the interview panel for the CEO's review as was the case last year.

**5.5 Telephone System**

(Refer CEO's Report Item 2.8)

After discussion regarding the best course of action for replacement of Council's telephone system it was agreed that other less expensive options were available and these options are to be investigated.

**5.6**

<p><b>Resolution No. 09/52</b> <b>That all other correspondence be received and noted.</b></p> <p><b>Moved: President Clew</b> <b>Seconded: Cr Withnall</b> <b>Vote: Carried 5-0</b></p>
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**6. WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

No Action Required

**7. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

No Action Required

## 8. OFFICERS REPORTS

**Resolution No. 09/53**  
**That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.**

**Moved: President Clee**  
**Seconded: Cr Withnall**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 9.1 Financial Reports

(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 1.1)

**Resolution No. 09/54**  
**That the August Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.**

**Moved: President Clee**  
**Seconded: Cr Prouse**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

### 9.2 2009-10 Environment Grants Program

(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 2.1)

**Resolution No. 09/55**  
**That Council sign and seal the funding agreement for a \$10,000 grant to be used for the introduction of recycling containers at the refuse dump.**

**Moved: President Clee**  
**Seconded: Deputy President Duncan**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

### 9.3 Australian Sports Foundation

(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 2.1.2)

Councillors wished to know why the Sportsground Master Plan would impact on the provision of a bore at the sportsground when a resolution had already been passed at a previous meeting for construction of a bore.

**Resolution No. 09/56**  
**That upon the completion of Sportsground Master Plan Council register the redevelopment of the Wagait Beach Sportsground as a project with the Australian Sports Foundation.**

**Moved: Cr Withnall**  
**Seconded: Cr Lamont**  
**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 9.4 Preparation of Annual Accounts

(Refer Agenda Finance Report Item 2.1.3)

After discussion with regard to the quote received from Merit Partners, Council requested that the A/g CEO obtain more quotes for preparation of the annual accounts and that LGANT also be approached.

### 10. AGENDA ITEMS

#### 10.1 Request for Tree Removal

The following matter raised by Deputy President Duncan was deferred from the last meeting:

*“Removal of tree/shrub on the corner of Brisbane and Erickson St as this is the way most cyclists come once they come off the bike path and a resident has indicated he nearly hit a youngster on a bike as he did not see him through the shrub.”*

**It was agreed that individual Councillors would inspect the area and make a decision at this meeting.**

**Resolution No 09/57**

**That Council agree with need to prune the shrub in Brisbane Street in close proximity to Erickson Crescent for the purpose of improving sight distance at the intersection.**

**Moved: Deputy President Duncan**

**Seconded: Cr Withnall**

**Vote: Carried 5-0**

#### 10.2 Traffic Control Wagait Tower Road/Dalmeny Street

The following matter raised by Deputy President Duncan was deferred from the last meeting:

*“Community request for stop/give way line or sign at the junction of Wagait Tower Road and Dalmeny St – there are concerns that there have been a couple of near misses.”*

1. CEO - Council's 2005 Road Safety Audit does not identify the intersection as one requiring a Give Way sign. Give Way signs have been erected at all intersections identified in the Report.
2. Councillors will observe that there is no Give Way sign at the Wagait Tower Road / Charles Point Road intersection.

**Resolution No 09/58**

**That Council agree with need to provide a broken traffic control line at the Wagait Tower Road / Dalmeny Street intersection.**

**Moved: Deputy President Duncan**

**Seconded: Cr Lamont**

**Vote: Carried 4-1 (Cr Prouse Against)**

**10.3 Shire Plan**

This item was deferred.

**10.4 50km Speed Limit – Wagait Tower Road**

President Clee requested Council consider the following: that the 50km speed limit be extended back beyond the cycle track crossing on Wagait Tower Road.

Council considered this item, but decided against any change to the existing speed limit.

**10.5 Department of Justice – Community Work Order (CWO) Projects**

Late correspondence received regarding Review of the CWO Project by NT Correctional Services whereby they are undertaking strategies to increase awareness of the program and how it works. They are asking for expressions of interest and input from councils wishing to be involved in the program.

Acting CEO to respond to the Department of Justice in writing advising that council has neither the resources nor experience to take part in this project.

**10.6 Tuesday Community Group – Second Birthday Celebrations**

It was agreed that council will finance a luncheon at the Mandorah Hotel for the Tuesday Community Group (TCG) out of the funding allocated to the Group by council. Council to advise the group and ascertain numbers who wish to attend.

**10.7 Department of Planning & Infrastructure**

Amended application by the Mandorah Beach Hotel with regard to their Proposed Exceptional Development Application (late mail – tabled). Closing date for comments is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

As this was late correspondence and still needed further consideration by Council the A/g CEO was requested to write to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and advise that this item will be considered at council's next meeting in October.

**10.8 Wagait Shire Memorial Garden**

As builder Peter Duffy will be working over here for the next 7 weeks with all his machinery/equipment on site – he suggested that perhaps, if council was agreeable, he could undertake the preliminary work involved in the initial stages of setting up of the memorial garden and provide engineered plans as part of the deal. It was pointed out that good cost savings would be available as the equipment was already within the community. Council requested the A/g CEO to obtain a reasonable quote before a decision could be made.

It was also suggested by Councillors, that perhaps Mr Duffy could be approached to see if some of this machinery/equipment could be utilised on the fun and fitness trail if warranted.

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The A/g CEO was asked to check with the shop to find out if they were still holding keys to the ablutions block toilets at the sports ground, since camping was no longer permitted.

**12. IN-CAMERA ITEMS**

Nil.

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

President Clee asked that council record in the minutes its thanks to Cr Vera Lamont for her donation of path lighting. President Clee then closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on 20 October 2009 at 7.00pm.

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

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

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

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

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT  
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**1. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**  
(Not requiring response from Council)

**1.1 Minister for Local Government**

Advising of the allocation of an additional \$8,500 to extend the consultation process in relation to the incorporation of unincorporated land within the Top End.

*"I commend the efforts of the Steering Committee to ensure that the findings of the consultancy are robust and transparent. The additional consultations will provide further opportunities for community participation and more accurately capture viewpoints that are representative of the population in the unincorporated areas.*

*I look forward to learning about the outcomes from the consultations and working with the Steering Committee on the next steps regarding boundary expansion."* (C17.6)  
Received and Noted

**1.2 Minister for Transport**

Ministerial Assistant acknowledging receipt of Council's correspondence concerning the Mandorah Jetty and ferry service.

*"Your correspondence will be brought to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity."*(N 4.7)  
Received and Noted

**1.3 Minister for Housing**

Providing an update on the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

*"With a budget of \$672 million, it is the largest investment in Indigenous Housing of to be made by Government"*

*"96 houses have been built between December 2007 and May 2009. By the end of this year this will rise to 105 houses."*

*"This Government has always committed to build 750 new homes, 230 rebuilds and 2,500 refurbishments and will also include building of essential infrastructure under SIHIP."*

*"The project administration costs are currently running at 11.4% and we are committed to continuing to reduce this cost as much as possible. The administrative costs include items such as an independent probity auditor and financial auditor which will ensure we are getting the best value for money and benefits in the bush."* (B 2)  
Received and Noted

#### 1.4 Office of the Information Commissioner NT

Forwarding information on the new Whistleblowers Act that commenced operation on the 31 July 2009.

*"The Act places new responsibilities on the Chief executive Officer of a public body.*

*A person wishing to disclose improper conduct may do so to the Chief Executive Officer who is bound not to advise any other person and disclose the matter to the Commissioner within 14 days. It is an offence to communicate the disclosure to any other person.*

*A person making the disclosure must not be discriminated against.*

*A person is entitled to disclose improper conduct to the commissioner even if the complaint is being dealt with in-house.*

*The Act creates civil and criminal liability for causing 'harm' to someone for disclosing improper conduct or for not cooperating with an investigation. **Harm is defined very broadly, to include not only physical and mental injury, but also loss, intimidation or harassment, or adverse treatment in relation to employment, business or career.***

*Failure to cooperate and provide information to the Commissioner leads to significant penalties including imprisonment for 2 years." (N 9)*

Received and Noted

#### 1.5 Cox Country Club

Thanking the Council for support towards the "Back to the Banyan Tree" 20 year reunion.

*"We would especially like to thank you for your continuing support to the club, its community members and all our events.*

*Not only was our 20 year reunion a great success, it raised much needed funds towards the ongoing operation of our not for profit club. It was a rewarding experience for our committee of volunteers, to be able to provide our local community with an event that was enjoyed and remembered by all." (C 18)*

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 - 5) a copy of Inward and Outward correspondence for the Month of August.

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 Page No 6- 30)

- P 08 – Human Resource Management
- P 09 – Accounting Policy
- P 10 – Council Records
- P 12 – Meeting Procedure – Operational
- P 15 – Meeting Procedure – Guidelines
- P 19 – Donations and Contributions

**Draft Resolution**

**That Council having considered draft policies P08, P09, P10, P12, P15 and P19 adopts the said policies.**

2.4 Parliamentary Agreement – Gerry Wood MLA

Councillors will be aware of the recent political disturbance within the Northern Territory Government with the outcome being that the Labor Party will continue to hold Government with the support of Independent MLA Mr Gerry Wood.

Mr Wood has formed an alliance with the Labor Party subject to an agreement between himself and Chief Minister Paul Henderson. The agreement places a number of demands upon the Government that the Government is required to deliver if they wish to retain Mr Wood's support.

A copy of the Agreement is attached at Appendix Pg. 31-42

Received and Noted

2.5 Unincorporated Land Amalgamation Study

Ongoing work continues in determining the most appropriate manner in which to deal with unincorporated land in the Top End.

All of the Super Shires have now experienced the effect of being responsible for unincorporated land with varying results. I understand that in some instances there have been problems.

As part of the investigations, it may be appropriate to seek information from LGANT on the impact of taking up unincorporated land.

**Draft Resolution**

**That Council request LGANT to advise on any matters that the Council should be aware of in having unincorporated land incorporated within a Shire.**

2.6 Computer Risk Management

I have recently purchased an external hard drive to improve security for Council's computer. This became a necessity with the Council now having its own server.

What we now have is:

- The main server that holds all of our programs and data whether it be financial or administrative.
- Access to the server is available to IT Vision who provide assistance with any financial software problems.
- We have a hard drive that parallels any data processed on the server. ie a duplicate copy should the main server break down.
- An external hard drive that also contains all of the information. This drive is backed up once a fortnight and is kept at the home of the CEO or Admin Officer in case of fire, theft or other occurrence that could wipe out the on-site systems.

The one matter outstanding is having someone to maintain our hardware. This is required should we have a hardware system failure, or upgrade requirements. I have made contact with Council Biz and am awaiting a proposal from them.

Received and Noted

2.7 Performance Review

The CEO's annual performance review is due to be undertaken in October. Council is asked to determine the format to be adopted at this year's review.

Received and Noted

2.8 Telephone System

The Council at its last meeting approved expenditure in the amount of \$3,000 for the upgrading of the telephone system.

Unfortunately, the best I can do is \$3,900.

I reiterate that we are down basically to one phone for the whole of the office. I know we are missing calls and people are becoming frustrated with no responses to their calls.

**Draft Resolution**

**That Council accept the quotation of Commander in the amount of \$3,900 for the replacement of Council's phone system with the shortfall of \$900 to be funded from surplus funds – Shire Establishment costs.**

2.9 Leave

I wish to remind Councillors that I will be on annual leave from the 7 September, returning to work on the 8 October 2009.

Received and Noted

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

**WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT  
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**1.0 GENERAL MATTERS**

**1.1 Wagait Tower Road Carriageway Widening**

Advice has been received that Council has secured Black Spot Road funding in the amount of \$280,000 to be used for the purpose of constructing passing lanes on the Wagait Tower Road in the vicinity of the local store.

Previous plans presented to the Council have had to be updated due to turning problems of large vehicles within the Store boundary. New plans should be available by the Council Meeting.

Work has now commenced on the Project Expressions of Interest for engineering design, construction drawings and tender documentation.

With the possibility of additional funding, the design will incorporate works up to Forsyth Road  
Received and Noted

**2.0 WORKS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

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

**2.1 Wildlife**

Three of the four pups that were hanging around the Club and surrounds have been removed. These dogs were in poor condition.

The Mother of these dogs has been sighted on a few occasions; the trap was set in the vicinity of her hangout but she would not enter the trap. We will continue to try and trap her.

**2.1 Council Grounds**

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

Once per fortnight, the Council and Community Centre grounds are cleared of leaves, branches etc.

**2.3 Fencing Works RUA**

A photo of the damaged fence along the RUA (Delissa Dr.) has been sent to the relative Government Department and we are awaiting approval to repair the damage.

The fence along the beach access road, Erickson Cres has been completed and inspected by the RUA people who are happy with the result.

#### **2.4 Dump**

The fence at the dump has been moved and the garbage compacted and covered. The rear of the dump is quickly becoming full and another area will need to be cleared. It is taking longer to move rubbish which is dumped in the wrong place. The car section is one example where everything from hot water systems to concrete and toilets with human poo still in it has been dumped.

Endeavors are underway to design and build the Recycling Section of the dump. With Community support, this project can be a huge success.

#### **2.5 Plant Replacement**

The new Council Work Ute is ready and should be here and operating by the time of September's Council meeting.

The new Tractor, as I am told by the supplier, will be ready to pick up early in October.

#### **2.6 Jetty**

After a report of someone slipping on the boatramp, we have been asked to water blast the whole of the boatramp by the relevant Government Dept. This job is estimated take approx. 25 Hours.

When tides permit, we have been removing barnacles from the grates of the Jetty landings. One large grate had come loose and was therefore re-secured to the landing.

#### **2.7 Estate and Surrounds**

The Harney Street sign has been replaced after becoming the victim of some dubious driving practices.

No Camping signs have been erected: one at the Sportsground and one at the beginning of Forsyth Rd.

No one that we know of has been camping at the Sportsground. 'Coastcare' camped at the Sportsground from Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> till Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> and conducted a clean up of the shoreline from West Point to One Fella Creek. Encouragingly, not nearly as much rubbish was picked up as last year.

#### **2.8 Unscheduled Jobs**

Undertaken during the above period:

- Attach latches to Medical Clinic door
- Census undertaken
- Begin Fitness Track at Sportsground
- Punctures on ute and trailer repaired
- Repair fence RUA Delissa Dr.
- Prune tree opposite Club

Received and Noted

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**SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT  
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**1. GENERAL MATTERS**

1.1 Nil

**2. SPORT & RECREATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

Over the past month there have been less sporting activities due to my taking sick leave and restricted available time caused by football and other commitments. I'm working on evening out the two so there is more time for sporting activities. There have still been after school activities, movie nights and Friday night sports over the past month.

I have recently been in too see Amanda Brian at Charles Darwin Uni about my certificate III in sport and recreation. I have four more units to complete until I have completed the certification. We have planned for a meeting next month to review my work book.

There are no events planned for September but there will be the usual after school sports, weekend sports, movie nights and night sports.  
Received and Noted

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE REPORT**  
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**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 August (Refer Attachment Pg 28 )

**Draft Resolution**

**That the August 2009 Monthly Financial Reports be accepted.**

**2. GENERAL MATTERS**

**2.1 2009-10 EnvironmeNT Grants Program**

Council's application for funding from the above program has been successful.

The Council has received a grant of \$10,000 for the provision of storage containers at the refuse dump for the purpose of collecting recyclable materials, undertaking a community waste audit and community education on recycling.

Arrangements are currently in hand to have the storage containers constructed. Work is being undertaken in consultation with KABC and LGANT in relation to community education and the waste audit.

**Draft Resolution**

**That Council sign and seal the funding agreement for a \$10,000 grant to be used for the introduction of recycling containers at the refuse dump.**

**2.1.2 Australian Sports Foundation**

The Australian Sports Foundation assists non-profit sporting organisations including local government to raise money for sport related projects. The Foundation was established by the Australian Government in 1986 to assist sporting organisations to raise money through Corporate and public donations.

Donations to the Foundation are eligible for tax deductibility.

An opportunity is available for the Council to register a project with the Foundation, and if approved, donations may be sought from within and outside of the community. The Foundation will also list the project in their publications and allow people to make donations to the project.

All donations received are then returned to the project by way of a grant.

Should the Council be interested it may be possible to list the redevelopment of the Sportsground as a project and see what funding interest it attracts. With the tax deductibility option it may be possible to solicit funding from major companies within the Territory.

**Draft Resolution**

**That upon the completion of Sportsground Master Plan Council register the redevelopment of the Wagait Beach Sportsground as a project with the Australian Sports Foundation.**

**2.1.3 Annual Accounts**

Quotations were recently sought for the preparation of Council's 2008 – 09 Annual Accounts.

Given that the Council did not commit to my offer of \$1,500 to prepare the accounts, the only option available is to use the firm Merit and Partners. (the only other quotation received)

**Draft Resolution**

**That Council accept the quotation of Merit and Partners in the amount of \$4,900 for the preparation of Council's 2008-09 Annual Accounts.**

**2.1.4 Rates Collection**

The following is a summary of rate collections up to the 2 September 2009.

Rate Assessment Notices Issued: 390

Rate Assessments Paid 296

The Rate Assessments paid are ratepayers who took advantage of the \$50 discount period.

The remaining 94 Assessments will be charged the full rate of \$430.00.

Received and Noted