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MINUTES

1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

The meeting was opened at 3:15pm

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence Previously Approved

John Kyanga (President)
Graham Harris (Councillor)
Ken Farmer (Councillor)
Annette Williams (Councillor)

Samantha Tarling (CEO)
Jean Alagappan (Deputy CEO)
Glenn Deocampo (Manager, Administration and Finance)

5 members of public were in attendance

3. Response to Previous Public Question Taken on Notice

Nil

4. Public Question Time

Questions asked by Della Booker

Q1. What is the Shire's short term plan for the litter around the town?

A1. Council has allocated funds in the Works Dept. wages schedule to pay a casual employee for this specific job. Currently the job is vacant and all are invited to apply for the position

Q2. The budget for the rubbish collection is \$54,000, why does the Shire spend \$14,000 only?

A2. This was last year's budget and actual. This is the case due to a reduced number of black bags being collected in comparison to the number anticipated.

Q3. When is the "free day" for the public to pick up the unsold items which were tendered?

A3. The Shire will post an advert for the schedule for the public in the near future.

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

6. Notations of Interest

6.1. Interest Affecting Impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct

Nil

6.2. Financial Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60A

Nil

6.3. Proximity Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60B

Nil

7. Petitions and Deputations

Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

8.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 August 2009 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

138/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

9. Announcement Presiding Member without Discussion

Nil

10. Reports of Committees and Officers

10.1. Chief Executive Officer Reports

10.1.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	11 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council of its operations and seek endorsement of the Chief Executive Officer's actions.

Local Government Elections

Nominations closed at 4.00pm Thursday 10 September 2009. Five nominations were received and accepted. The ballot paper position is as follows:

Anne Geary
Chris Webb
Jim Quadrio
Zac Koroicure
David McCutcheon

Early and Absent voting booths will be set up at Millrose Station, Ululla Station, Kutkububba, Bondini and Old Marruwayura Office, Wotton St between 10-11am commencing Monday, 12 October 2009 and each day thereafter at the respective sites. The Chief Polling Place will be the Shire Offices.

Early voting opens Monday 28 September and closes 4.00pm Friday, 16 October 2009.

4th Indigenous Economic Development Forum

Mega Uranium has offered to pay for Shire President and CEO to attend the 4th Indigenous Economic Development Forum in Alice Springs, 6 & 7 October 2009. In consultation with the President the offer has been accepted. We will attend the conference and take the opportunity to have organised meetings in Perth with RPA partners regarding a number of issues on our return route. See Appendix C pink pages.

Visit from the Police Commissioner

Two years ago Council took a delegation to meet with the Police Commissioner and at that time he promised Councillors that he would visit Wiluna. I have followed this up at the request of Cr Geary and the Commissioner's office has advised that he looks forward to honouring that promise in the next 6 months and if his busy schedule allows it, sooner rather than later.

Minister Local Government to visit Wiluna – 3 December 2009

Hon John Castrilli, Minister for Local Government has offered to visit Wiluna and launch our 2009-14 Strategic Plan. It is not known at this time how long he will be staying, however, arrangements for his visit and the launch are underway.

2009-14 Strategic Plan

Copies of the Strategic Plan have gone out to all residents in the Shire and partners of the Shire and RPA.

Feedback to date has been very positive and the commitment from the residents to participate in the community projects has been an unexpected but welcomed outcome, namely the Streetscape Beautification Project.

139/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the CEO's report for information and endorse the CEO's actions.

MOVED Cr A Williams

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

140/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council approve for General Michael Jefferies to select a painting from the Art Gallery as a gift from the community of Wiluna.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

10.2. RPA Coordinator Report

10.2.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	14.00.12
Reporting Officer:	Alan Stewart – RPA Coordinator
Date of Report:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Nil

10.3. Principal Environmental Health Officer Report

10.3.1 Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Bill Atyeo – Environmental Health Officer
Date of Report:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council in relation to Environmental Health and Building Surveyor's Department and requests Council receive this report as information and endorse Officer's actions.

Subject: Fencing of the Septage Waste Disposal Area
File: Wiluna Landfill Site
Location: Wiluna
Date: 19 August 2009

I accompanied the Works Manager on an inspection of the septage waste disposal area at the tip in order to discuss the options in regard to the fencing and possible layout of the facilities there. As a result I sent the following memo to the respective officers for their deliberation with recommendations to

be formulated for a Council decision on the matter. This follows my report from last meeting:

Currently the Shire has 6 channels at the tip positioned away from the general public into which raw sewage from septic tanks is placed. There is some absorption and evaporation of the fluid once the liquids are placed in the trenches, and the solids that are not broken down remain in the trenches.

The provision of two ponds is essential so that while one is drying out, we have the other pond to discharge into. Once the pond is dry, then the pond can be remediated ready for use when required. When this pond is being used then the other one can be drying and also remediated as required.

The DEC has indicated that the ponds are required to be fenced and secured to stop access from unauthorised persons, including the general public. With this in mind the Works Manager and I went to the tip to discuss our options. There are three options:

- 1. From the existing trenches we could create 2 ponds measuring 20 x 15 metres, and fence them. This would require removing the bund wall in between two trenches to create one pond, blocking off the ends, and also the same for another two trenches to create the other pond with the dimensions as stated. Fencing for this option would be approx **166 metres**.*
- 2. Also using the existing trenches we could create 2 ponds but make them longer, which would reduce the amount of earth works required significantly as we would only have to bund one end of each. If we made the ponds 30 metres long, then this option would require approx **150 metres of fencing**.*
- 3. This option is the simplest and doesn't require any earthworks to be done. Fence off two of the existing trenches where no earthworks are required, but the fencing increases to a total of approx **290 metres of fencing**.*

It was noted also that it would require some extra works (no matter what option was settled on) would be required to improve the facility offered. They are as follows:

- Provide concrete or some other material blocks that the disposal vehicles can reverse up to which will stop them from going too far and possibly ending up in the trench/pond.*
- Provide protection to the dumping face to stop the erosion and destruction of the bunds and ponds through the force of the*

discharging effluent. This could be conveyor belt anchored appropriately, or could be concrete.

I am unsure of the costs per metre for the fencing, but Meekatharra just recently had their ponds fenced and it equated to approx \$71 per metre, with the fence being supplied and erected by a contractor. The costs therefore for the options for fencing only (note that there is a cost for the earthworks as required, and these would be better estimated by the Works Manager) are as follows:

- 1. Option 1 = 166 metres x \$71 = \$11,786*
- 2. Option 2 = 150 metres x \$71 = \$10,650*
- 3. Option 3 = 290 metres x \$71 = \$20,590*

My preferred option is number 2, but understand that there are other matters that need to be considered. I respect the decision of Council.

If any matters need clarification or expansion, please contact me.

Subject: Proposed Development – Light Industrial

File: Lots 714, 715, 716

Location: Woodley Street - Wiluna

Date: 19 August 2009

I was contacted by the new owner of the above property and we arranged to meet on-site and discuss the proposed development of these lots. All lots are zoned "light industrial" and so there are some restrictions to what can actually happen on the lots. Generally speaking the only permitted development or "use" of the lots is restricted to "light industry".

After discussing many issues with the owner, I drafted and sent to him the following letter of advice:

Thank you for meeting me on site and discussing the forward steps you are taking to clean up the three lots after the fire some time ago. Your efforts to make the area safe and productive again are sincerely appreciated.

Your proposal which we discussed on-site on the 18th August 2009 will need to be the subject of a Town Planning application which will be placed before Council for a determination. Your proposed new development will see the "use" of the property changed from a Transport Depot to an industrial use in the form of storing material used for the production of concrete and ancillary uses such as the shedding of other trucks and machinery.

In order to process this for you through the Shire I will require from you a complete layout plan of the three properties with the identification of the buildings and proposed silos for storage of the materials you spoke about, plus movement of traffic, and an outline of the improvements you

intend to make to the property such as fencing and the beautification of the entrance to your properties.

This would also need to include caretaker accommodation if you envisage developing this as well on the property. As you are aware, Council has moved to restrict the use of second-hand donga type accommodation which does not meet with the expectations of the Shire in regard to dwellings. This caretaker accommodation would require full drawings, structural certification, and Energy Efficiency Rating certification from an approved assessor in order to be permitted to be built or developed on the land. While not all of these are required to be submitted as part of the Planning process, they will be required for the Building License part of the process.

In regard to building approvals which we also spoke about, you are required to make an official application for a building license to cover all repairs you are making to the burnt sections of the existing buildings, and the sections you are intending to rebuild.

I trust that you understand all that is stated here, and I request that you contact me if this is not the case, and I will be happy to clarify for you.

In the meantime, if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Subject: Change in Government Policy – Planning and Building
File: Department of Housing
Location: Wiluna and all over the State of WA
Date: 19 August 2009

The Shire has received two letters from the Department of Housing which states a major shift in policy which will affect all Shires. The Department has informed us that they will no longer apply to the Shire for Planning approvals for housing within the Town, or make application to the Shire for the issue of Building Licenses where public works (such as housing, TAFE centre, Police Stations etc etc) are to be constructed within the town.

In the past they have afforded us the courtesy by applying for both, even though they were not required to by Law. This has meant that the Shire had the opportunity to request certain changes if deemed appropriate under the Town Planning Scheme, and also to issue licenses at a fee for building works. The monies received would go a long way to offset the costs for my services as a Building/Planning Officer, and will affect the overall status of the budget for Wiluna.

For instance, the Department paid fees of approx \$15,000 for the 12 houses they built in Wiluna. This money went to balancing my services. Next year they intend to build another 8 houses, and this could also have been in the vicinity of \$15,000 given Planning fees would be charged as well as application fees for Building Licenses. This will no longer be the case.

They will supply us with a copy of the plans of the buildings for our information, but there will be no fees levied by or received by us. This is their Departments 3% cuts that each Department is required to trim under the request of the State Government.

For Council's information.

Subject: Final Draft of the SWMP – Strategic Waste Management Plan
File: SWMP – Waste Management
Location: Wiluna
Date: 21 August 2009

Council should be aware that the Shire joined with 5 other Councils to form the Yalgoo Group in the formation of a Strategic Waste Management Plan for the region. This has been through the Phase 1 and the adoption of the Plan is now placed before you for adoption, or has been adopted if the CEO has been delegated the power to sign off on it.

The first review was done in consultation with the CEOs, and Councils were informed. The first draft of the plan was scrutinised by me and I found the language and timelines stated needed to be changed, which I did and forwarded to the Councils/CEOs for comment. Table 32 was the focus, as future actions to be taken by the Group and individual Councils were highlighted here, and this was the "Action" plan.

This was then forwarded to the Consultants for changes, with a note requesting that in the "body" of the document there should be a statement which formed an "out" for the Shires should the finances and actions required, not be supported by them.

I am pleased to say that the consultant has made the changes suggested by me, and has included the following paragraph under Clause 7.4 of the Plan which clearly states what we were looking for. That is:

***"IT SHOULD BE NOTED** that adoption of this document by the participating LGs does not reflect in any way approval of the likely expenditure indicated against the various actions. The adoption and/or implementation of any action under this plan (i.e. Regional of LG specific) would be required to be presented to each individual LG's Council for consideration of any required expenditure, to allow for LG specific decisions to be made on any matters impacting on their annual budgets and expenditure."*

Subject: Building License BL03/09 – Yeelirrie Camp – BHP Billiton
File: BL03/09
Location: Yeelirrie Station - Wiluna
Date: 19 August 2009

I have processed the application by BHP Billiton to construct a camp at their mine site on Yeelirrie Station (Crown Lease 4566 or 1966). It is an exploration

camp and will cater for approx 50 persons, and may be replaced after two years as they consider it to be a temporary camp.

I will issue the license BL03/09 once all fees are paid, and any further documentation is presented.

141/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council receive and endorses the Environmental Health and Building Surveyor's action and information report.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

10.4. Deputy CEO Report

10.4.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan
Date of Report:	8 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council of its operations and seek endorsement of the Deputy CEO's actions.

Tender for Road Construction

The capital road works, mainly gravel re-sheeting is due for tender this year as the previous 2-year tender has expired at the end of the 2008/09 financial year. The new tender will be a 2-year tender with an option to award the contract to the winning tenderer for another 2 years subject to an agreement on rates between the Shire and the contractor. This tender will be advertised on 12 September 2009 and the deadline is 30 September 2009. Tender opening will be on the same day.

Superannuation increased to 10%

As directed by council and per inclusion in the 2009/10 Budget, the Shire has increased all of the Shire employees' superannuation employer contribution to 10% from 9% which is the super guarantee required by law. This was implemented during pay period ending 1 September 2009. Council policy regarding voluntary employee contribution up to 5% and matched by the Shire for the same amount has not changed.

142/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

For Council to receive the Deputy CEO's information report and endorse her action.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer

CARRIED 4/0

10.4.2 Subject/Applicant:	Use of Common Seal
File:	13.00.04
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan – Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	8 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform council that the Common Seal was attached to the following document during the reporting period.

Date: 8 September 2009

The Shire of Wiluna Common Seal was affixed to the Regional Grants Scheme grant agreement between the Shire of Wiluna and the Mid West Development Commission. The agreement covers MWDC grant funding contribution for the update of the Wiluna Telstra Exchange to ADSL2 Broadband.

Consultation

CEO

Statutory Implications

The Shire of Wiluna Local Law (Standing Orders) 1999

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

143/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

For Council to endorse affixing of the Common Seal on the Regional Grants Scheme grant agreement between the Shire of Wiluna and the Mid West Development Commission.

MOVED Cr A Williams

SECONDED Cr G Harris

CARRIED 4/0

10.5. Manager Finance & Administration Officer Reports

10.5.1. Subject/Applicant:	Accounts Paid by Authority
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Admin & Finance
Date of Report:	10 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

In accordance with the Financial Management Regulations, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is presented to Council for adoption.

Comment

The list of accounts for the period ending 31 August 2009 are listed as Appendix A (blue pages).

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 13. (*Reprint 2: The regulations as at 17 February 2006*)

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

144/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That the accounts paid by authority for the period ended 31 August 2009 totalling \$328,453.72 be received, endorsed and incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

MOVED Cr K Farmer

SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0

10.5.2. Subject/Applicant:	Financial Reports
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	11 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s adoption of the Financial Reports for the period ending 31 July 2009 and 31 August 2009.

Comment

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires the CEO to prepare monthly/quarterly financial reports in accordance with the provisions of regulation 34 and 35 of the Local Government Act (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The reports for the period ending 31 July 2009 and 31 August 2009 are listed as Appendix B (green pages).

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996 – Regulations 34-35.

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

145/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council adopt the Financial Reports for the periods ending 31 July 2009 and 31 August 2009 as presented.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.5.3. Subject/Applicant:	Fees and Charges
File:	12.00.11
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo
Date of Report:	10 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Fees and Charges for the Year 2009/10.

Comment

The water charges have been downgraded from \$50 to \$4 per kilolitre. This is to reflect the charge closer to Water Corp charges plus plant maintenance and repairs. We have been overcharging and this was recently brought to our attention, hence the downgrade.

Consultation

Jean Alagappan – Deputy CEO

Financial Implications

STATUTORY DOG REGISTRATION FEES

	ONE YEAR	Pension Concession	THREE YEARS	Pension Concession
Unsterilized Male/ Female	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$75.00	\$37.50
Sterilized	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$18.00	\$9.00

STATUTORY BUILDING FEES

Application Fees	(The value of the construction divided by 11 multiplied by 10) * 0.20% for buildings classed other than Class 1 and 10 Or multiply the above by 0.35% for buildings classed as Class 1 or 10
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WATER CHARGES

Annual Service Fee	\$200.00
Usage	\$4 per kilolitre

Statutory Environment

W.A. DOG ACT 1976
 Building Code of Australia

Voting Requirement

Absolute majority

146/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

For Council to adopt the Fees and Charges stated above for the year 2009/10.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

10.6. Manager Works & Services Officer Report

10.6.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	James Alagappan - Works Managers
Date of Report:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report Council's operations in the Works Department and request Council receive this report as information.

Roads

The Wiluna North Road up to Kutkububba community was recently graded. The grader however, needs replacement parts and is out of commission at present.

Reticulation

Due to a new reticulation pump and an old piping system, there have been numerous incidents of burst pipeworks over the last month. Several new gauges have had to be replaced along with new piping and constant monitoring of pressure levels. More work is being carried out to ensure a smooth operation.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool was refilled after repairs to the cracks were completed. Water was taken from the town bore and a permanent system has been installed for topping up the pool using bore water in the future.

Oval

Several sections of the fencing at the oval were damaged during NAIDOC week. One 15m section has been completely replaced with new chain mesh, while other damaged sections are being repaired or replaced.

147/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the Works Department information report and endorse the officer's actions.

MOVED Cr A Williams

SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0

10.7. Community Development Manager

10.7.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	05.00.07
Reporting Officer:	Tania Wiley – Community Development Manager
Date of Report:	11 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information of the Council’s operations in the Community Development Department.

Swimming Pool Repairs

AVP Commercial Pools sent two workers to determine why the pool has been leaking and make any repairs needed. It was resolved after a pipe pressure test, that there was a broken pipe plus two holes in the vinyl floor. The pipe was replaced; vinyl floor holes repaired and seals were re-banded to the pool vinyl panel joints and floor. The pool is now in good condition.

Pool and Sport and Recreation Manager Positions

Skill Hire and Trans Remote have been employed to seek the above positions to be filled. It is hoped that we will get some applications over the next couple of weeks from prospective employees.

DESART Conference in Alice Springs

The Community Development Manager and Art Gallery Manager attended the DESART conference in Alice Springs mid September. Half of our local artist’s paintings were sold on market day. Both staff met with Art Gallery managers from other Art Centres, visited Papunya and Yuendumu art galleries and looked at the quality and quantity of art work produced in the region. The visits gave staff an insightful look at how other art galleries are working and many networking opportunities to carry into the future.

148/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

For Council to receive the Community Development Manager’s information report and endorse the Officer’s actions.

MOVED Cr A Williams

SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0

10.7.2 Tourism Officer Report

10.7.2. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	08.00.12
Reporting Officer:	Debra McNeill – Tourism Officer
Date of Report:	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report Council's operations in the Tourism Department and request Council receive this report as information.

Location of Tourism Office

The Tourism Office will be staying at the Shire Office due to the Job Service Providers and Industry Partners interested in entering into a lease with the Shire to set up a hotdesk in the Southern building of the Old Marruwayura Office.

Radio Etiquette on the Canning Stock Route

Over the last few months I have received complaints about people using different channels on the Canning Stock Route (CSR). The Shire promotes the use of channel 40. I recently placed an article on Westprint web page which is published every Friday and accessed by four wheel drive enthusiasts.

Channel 40 is recommended by the Shire of Wiluna and Halls Creek, and ExplorOz. ExplorOz is a worldwide reputable webpage for four wheel drive and remote travelling enthusiasts. They have this information listed under the code of conduct page so if travelling on the CSR, people are aware that the drivers on the CSR use channel 40 not channel10. ExplorOz advises on their web site that channel10 is the preferred channel to use for the Simpson Desert. I think this has caused the confusion in regards to the CSR using Chanel 40 or 10.

149/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

For Council to receive the Tourism Officer's information report.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

10.7.3 Art Gallery Manager Report

Nil

10.7.4. Swimming Pool Manager Report

Nil

10.7.5 Sports & Recreational Officer Report

10.7.5. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Tania Wiley – Community Development Manager
Date of Report:	11 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council regarding the operations in the Sport and Recreation Department.

Sport and Recreation Program – Update

The new sports and recreation program has been overwhelmingly successful. The range of sporting activities has had up to 50 children attending each night of the week. In the evening there are adult's sports, the response for adults to attend the activities has been limited. Currently volleyball has been most popular with adults turning up each week.

Martu Eagles go to Perth

Earlier this month 24 boys aged 12-17 went to Perth to play against the Dalkeith Junior Football Club. Prior to the big game, both teams attended Ern Holiday team building skill activities which were enjoyed by all.

150/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the Sport and Recreation information report.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams

CARRIED 4/0

10.7.6 Homemaker Officer Report

10.7.6. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	03.00.07
Reporting Officer:	Meleoni Nariro – Homemaker
Date of Report:	11 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information of council's operations in the Homemaker Department.

Kids After- School Cooking Class

In September the Homemaker Department held a cooking class after school at the Rec Centre for all community children. A total of 16 children attended the cooking class. These classes have been beneficial to the children as it

teaches them about hygiene, preparation and cooking of food, safety in the kitchen and cleanliness.

For the month of September a total of 36 children attended the Tuesday cooking classes.

Women's Cooking Class

In September the Homemaker Department held cooking classes at the Rec Centre for Women of our community. A total of 15 women and 2 men attended the cooking class.

Training Room

The hours allocated for internet banking assistance by the Homemaker Officer at the Training Room has been altered. The Training room is open to anyone from 8.30am to 4 pm weekdays, however the Homemaker Officer will only be available to assist the public between 11am to 12pm and 1pm to 2pm, Monday to Friday.

During the month of September, a total of 78 community members and 15 tourists attended the training room. The Homemaker Officer assisted 8 people with internet banking.

151/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the Homemaker information report.

MOVED Cr K Farmer

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.8. Committee Report

Nil

11. Elected Members Motion of Which Previous Notice Has Been Given

Nil

12. Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision of Council

12.1.1 Shire of Wiluna 2009 Local Government Structural Reform submission

12.1.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	13.00.26
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling, Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	16 September 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to discuss and adopt Council's submission to the Minister Local Government on Structural Reform.

Comment

The following is a snapshot of the submission covering the 3 critical areas outlined by the Minister required to be considered in the process of structural reform:

- Amalgamation
- Councillor Numbers
- Regional Grouping

The Shire of Wiluna does not support amalgamation with another local government.

This position is based on councillors and the community's view that:

- A strong and unique Community of Interest exists within the Shire of Wiluna. Our Community of Interest is based on the history of the Wiluna region, the cultural heritage of the Martu people of Wiluna, the relationships between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous people of Wiluna, their interaction with the mining and pastoral industries and the nature and delivery of programs and services provided in the Shire by the Shire;
- The Martu people within the Shire and the town of Wiluna are comfortable with the relationships they have built with the Shire and the Martu people would be disadvantaged if they were to be amalgamated in a Shire that they did not identify with, that they did not respect and that may not understand the processes required to build community capacity and community engagement in a culturally sensitive way;
- If the Shire was amalgamated, the Martu people of Wiluna would become a silent majority and their interests and priorities would inevitably be minimised or ignored;
- Amalgamation would not deliver economies of scale in relation to the cost or effectiveness of service delivery;
- Amalgamation with other local governments is unnecessary and would have a negative impact on the community of Wiluna.

In mid 2009 the Shire wrote to all residents to seek their views on the issue of amalgamation. The feedback from residents strongly opposed any amalgamation with other local governments. Additionally, at the July 2009 Council meeting a business owner and ratepayer advised that he would rather pay higher rates than amalgamate. He also stated that his views on amalgamation were also held by many other people in Wiluna.

In March 2009 Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to meet with the Chief Executive Officers of neighbouring Shires to discuss the Shire of Wiluna and neighbouring local government's position(s) in relation to amalgamations and the other structural reform issues. From the ensuing visits to other Shires and meetings and teleconferences with neighbouring Shires (i.e. Ngaanyatjarraku, Leonora, Laverton, Meekatharra and Sandstone) and other Shires in the Goldfields and Mid West, it is very clear that council and neighbouring Shires have no interest in voluntary or forced amalgamations.

While the Shire does not support amalgamation, some minor adjustments to the Shire's boundaries could be considered due to the fact that some of the pastoral stations within the Shire also extend into the neighbouring Shires of Leonora and Laverton. However, it was conveyed to the Chief Executive Officer that this was not the desire of the station owners or the adjoining shires.

The Shire currently has seven Councillors and there is true representation of the community given five of the Councillors are Martu and one non-Indigenous, (one seat is currently vacant but previously held by a Martu person). The representation of each of the family groups helps to facilitate involvement in the Shire's activities by the Martu of the Shire.

The Shire believes that having seven Councillors is quite adequate and does not need to be reduced.

The Shire is a member of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council (GVROC). The GVROC was established in July 2008 to carry out projects that can be undertaken on a regional basis to minimize expenditure to all member councils and to enhance service delivery and infrastructure for the collective and individual communities and to achieve a sustainable, cost effective model for sharing of resources. The GVROC comprises:

- Shire of Coolgardie;
- Shire of Dundas;
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder;
- Shire of Laverton;
- Shire of Leonora;
- Shire of Menzies;
- Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku;
- Shire of Wiluna; and
- Shire of Esperance.

The GVROC works collaboratively and strategically on:

- The retention of infrastructure and community services;
- Acquiring funding from government grants;
- Economic development initiatives and private sector funding; and
- Establishing and maintaining effective communication and consultative mechanisms between the participating local governments on policy and processes.

The Shire councillors endorsed the following recently in discussion with the CEO. Wiluna would like to see the role and functions of the GVROC extended and for it to take on the coordination of specific programs and services within the GVROC boundaries in much the same way as the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council does in Perth. For instance, the GVROC could coordinate:

- The tendering of road construction and maintenance within the various local governments;
- The preparation and submission of various Government and non-Government grant applications;
- The delivery of environmental health services to the Indigenous communities of the region;
- Regional development initiatives (e.g. regional tourism strategies); and
- Other projects common to all of the local governments of the GVROC region.

Consultation

Neighbouring Councils
Department Local Government

Statutory Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Undetermined if structural reform is placed on Shire of Wiluna.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

152/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

For Council to adopt and submit the Shire of Wiluna 2009 Local Government Structural Reform submission as attached and forward to the Minister Local Government.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

12.1.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

153/09 Council Decision & Officer Recommendation

That Council adopt to hold a Special Council Meeting on 1 October 2009 to approve the Road Construction Tender.

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

13. Public Question Time

Nil

14. Matters Behind Closed Doors – Confidential Item

Nil

15. Closure

Meeting Closed at 4:45pm