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MINUTES

1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

The meeting was opened at 7:15 pm.

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

John Kyanga	(President)	
Ann Geary	(Deputy President)	entered 8:05pm
Catherine Carton	(Councillor)	
Kenny Farmer	(Councillor)	
Annette Williams	(Councillor)	
Samantha Tarling	(CEO)	
Jean Alagappan	(Deputy CEO)	
Glenn Deocampo	(Finance & Admin Manager)	
James Alagappan	(Works Manager)	

6 members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies

Graham Harris (Councillor)

3. Response to Previous Public Question Taken on Notice

Nil

4. Public Question Time

Mr Atkinson

Q1: What is the Shire's plan for the unfinished footpath going to the School?

A1: The project has been held up due to the lack of expertise in the town to complete the job, however, that was resolved yesterday and the project will be completed in the next 6 weeks.

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

6. Notations of Interest

6.1. Interest Affecting Impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct

Councillor Catherine Carton declares an interest effecting impartiality-Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct in report – 10.1.3 Community Event Sponsorship Program.

Councillor Johnny Kyanga declares an interest effecting impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct in report – 10.1.4 Commercial lease Agreement.

6.2. Financial Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60A

Councillor Johnny Kyanga declares a financial interest in report 10.1.4 – Commercial Lease Agreement in accordance Local Government Act Section 5.60A.

6.3. Proximity Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60B

7. Petitions and Deputations

Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2009 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Tabled – Due to the Councillors present not being a quorum who attended the May OCM, the minutes will lay on the table until July OCM to be adopted as a true record of that meeting.

85/09 Council Decision

MOVED

**SECONDED
CARRIED**

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:	
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	10 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Council to receive an information report and endorse the Chief Executive Officer's actions.

Marruwayura Office

The Marruwayura Office refurbishment is complete. The lease is presently with Nooda to sign and we expect them to take up residence in the near future.

Aboriginal Medical Facility and Staff Accommodation Site

Department for Planning and Infrastructure have advised they propose to issue a Conditional Purchase Lease under section 80 of the Land Administration Act 1997 for the purpose of "Aboriginal Medical Facility and Staff Accommodation" on Lot 5001 situated on the corner of Scotia and Wells Street, Wiluna.

Women in Local Government Conference

I spoke recently at the Women in Local Government conference held at Ascot Quays. The conference provided me the opportunity to network with professional local government officers who are looking to climb the ladder in their career and encourage them to go out into the regional areas to achieve that and in particular to come to Wiluna.

Officer Recommendation

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

86/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.2. Subject/Applicant:	Minutes of the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA and GVROC
File:	04.00.11
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	10 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone (GECZ) of WALGA, held by teleconference, Friday, 29 May and GVROC held by teleconference on 22 May and to endorse the motions carried.

Background

The GECZ is a regional zone organisation of WALGA and comprises the following local governments:-

- * Shire of Coolgardie
- * Shire of Dundas
- * Shire of Esperance
- * City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- * Shire of Laverton
- * Shire of Menzies
- * Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
- * Shire of Wiluna

The GECZ meets around six times per a year to consider issues of mutual concern to the region and to make recommendations to the WALGA State Council.

Comment

On the 29 May 2009 the GECZ held a teleconference for an ordinary meeting. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this report. See Appendix D (purple pages).

I draw Councillors attention to Agenda Item 9.4 – Amalgamation of the GECZ and GVROC meetings.

On Friday, 22 May 2009 a GVROC meeting was held by teleconference. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this report. See Appendix E (gold pages).

I draw Councillors attention to Agenda Item on Page 14 – Shire of Wiluna bids for CLGF monies, Page 19 – Request for support from GVROC and GECZ for Goldfields Hwy upgrade - Wiluna to Meekatharra and Road Conditions Hotline contact number and Page 22 – emerging issues – Rail Link Proposal, Leonora to Newman.

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receive and endorse the minutes of the GECZ teleconference meeting held on Friday, 29 May 2009.
2. Receive and endorse the minutes of the GVROC teleconference meeting held on Friday, 22 May 2009.

87/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.3. Subject/Applicant:	Community Event Sponsorship Program
File:	04.00.11
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	10 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request to fund a community event.

Background

Community committee consisting of Kitty Ashwin, Lesley Kyanga, Catherine Carton and Rebecca Barnett have requested financial support to run "The Enchanted Mask Ball" on 29 August at the Recreation Centre.

The committee advised in writing, the purpose of the ball is to raise money for Princess Margaret Hospital. Ideally they would like to donate all proceeds from the ticket sales and not have to cover any associated costs. Tickets will be sold for \$25.00 each with no door sales.

The committee have a verbal agreement with Wiluna Club Hotel and Golden West Resources for funding towards the event.

Comment

The committee is seeking a donation of \$2000 to meet the cost of table snacks, paper plates, candles, serviettes, table decorations and masks and for council to consider waiving the cost of the hire of the Recreation Centre.

In the past this request would have been considered under Policy 1.10 – Donations. The policy states the following:

1. *Council policy is to not make donations to religious or charitable organisations.*
2. *Council declines under any circumstances to provide standing or annual donations, referring to re-assess the needs of individual organisations in such cases as and when appropriate.*
3. *Council will consider requests for donations from local and regional bodies and all such requests will be considered on merits.*
4. *Donations of \$100 or less may be made at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.*

However, throughout the strategic planning process it has been considered and received favourably by the community that the Shire adopt a new way of providing community events as a way of building community capacity. The model is known in the strategic plan as community event sponsorship program. This model sees the community apply to the Shire, as it has done in this case, meeting certain criteria to be eligible to host a community event and receive sponsorship from the shire.

The CEO has indicated to the committee that in keeping with council's strategies under the 2009-2014 strategic plan, it would support this request if all criteria in the application were met.

The benefits to the community under this model are:

1. Community capacity is built;
2. Public Events calendar is determined by and meets community wishes;
3. Shire officers are not solely responsible to deliver the community event calendar, given the often limited resources; and
4. A fixed community events calendar is in place and complimented by a flexible calendar of events that see benefits for the whole community.

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Policy 1.10

Consultation

Councillors

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the CEO's commitment to sponsor the "The Enchanted Mask Ball" in on 29 August at the Recreation Centre to the value of \$2000 under the corporate strategy of Support Community-Generated Initiatives in the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan.
2. The Shire waive the fees for the hire of the Recreation Centre to sponsor the "The Enchanted Mask Ball."

88/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr K Farmer

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.4. Subject/Applicant:	Commercial Lease Agreement
File:	05.00.16
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	12 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the lease agreement terms and conditions between Shire of Wiluna and Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation for the rental of the northern building of the premises known as Maruwayura Office on Lots 36 & 37 Wotton Street, Wiluna.

Background

Council set a rental value of \$250 per week for the northern side of the Maruwayura office in 2008, when it was resolved the building would be refurbished. The rental of both sides of this building were advertised as available. Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation was the only interested party to take up the space offered and agree to the rental value of the northern side.

With the below-mentioned delegation outlined in Policy 18 - Management – Engagement of Professional Services I spoke to a valuer at Landgate about the expected rental in Wiluna in the commercial zone and he advised the amount set is a fair market value. I engaged Shire solicitors to draw up the commercial lease to be presented to Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation and future

tenants. The terms and conditions are normal market conditions. See Appendix C (gold pages).

Policy 18 - Management – Engagement of Professional Services
Council delegates its authority to the Chief Executive Officer to take the action deemed necessary with view to engaging the services of legal, financial and technical advisors, valuers and media consultants to provide the appropriate services to facilitate and /or promote the conduct of Council business.

Comment

Council currently does not have a delegation policy for the CEO to execute this lease. I propose that a policy be developed in the future and brought to council to endorse. In the interium if council is satisfied with the terms and conditions of this lease, Council authorise the CEO and Shire President to execute the lease if all terms and conditions are agreed with Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation in the negotiations.

The Shire president is an employee of the Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation and will declare an interest in the minutes of the meeting under Interest Affecting Impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct and Financial Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60A.

I draw council's attention to:

1. Point 3.6, Page 9, Payment of Utility Charges – separate meters will be installed to ensure the lessee pays for use of utilities.
2. Part 5 – Page 11, Operation and Use of Leased Premises
3. Schedule 1, Page 25

See Appendix F (yellow pages)

If the terms and conditions are not satisfactory to Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation and they are varied, it is proposed that council delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate terms and conditions that are agreeable by both parties and a report of the changes and execution be reported at the following Council meeting.

Policy Implications

Policy 18 – Management – Engagement of Professional Services

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolve that the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President has delegated authority to execute the lease between the Shire of Wiluna and Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation for the rental of the northern side of the building currently known as the Marruwayura Office on Lot 36 & 37 Wotton Street, Wiluna as outlined in the attached draft lease.
2. If the terms and conditions are not satisfactory to Nooda Ngulegoo Aboriginal Corporation and they are varied, council delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate terms and conditions that are agreeable by both parties and a report of the changes and execution be reported at the following Council meeting.

89/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr K Farmer

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 4/0

10.2. RPA Coordinator Report

10.2.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	
Reporting Officer:	Alan Stewart – RPA Coordinator
Date of Report:	11 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Activities for May/June 09

Aboriginal Community engagement:

A community meeting was arranged for Monday 15 June 2009 to ask the community to nominate 8 people (2 from each of the major groups – Windidda, Bondini, Kutkububba and Town) who are prepared to attend RPA meetings and work with Alan Stewart to prepare the Aboriginal community's position on a wide range of social, economic and cultural issues that the RPA partners might be able to help with.

Key Meetings

Wiluna RPA Steering Group Meeting - held 13 April 2009 in Wiluna. The membership of the Steering Committee was agreed (limited to 15 people)

being key government and industry representatives and the 8 community reps hopefully to be nominated at the 15/6/09 community meeting.

Wiluna RPA Management Committee meeting - planned for Wednesday 24 June 2009. This is the larger meeting where project convenor will report on progress of the 24 current RPA projects. This meeting has become a reporting and information meeting, whereas the Steering Committee will be more about strategic direction an administration, including guiding the activities of the RPA Coordinator.

Aboriginal Justice Agreement - the Department of the Attorney General is keen to re-start work on a Local justice Plan for Wiluna. The agencies involved will be Police, Courts, Corrective Services, Child Protection, Drug and Alcohol Office, Office of Crime Prevention; NAHS and the Shire are important too. The meeting to re-start the work was held on 10 June 2009 in Wiluna.

The Department of the Attorney General (DOTAG) will manage the AJA from now on, conducting community consultations about justice issues over the next month or so, with the first full Wiluna Local Justice Forum meeting to be held in early August 2009. The AJA and the RPA are complementary activities and Alan Stewart will work closely with Cheryl Soggee from DOTAG as the AJA progresses.

Paint Sniffing - There have been 5 meetings of a special Substance Misuse committee made up of community reps, teachers, police, NAHS workers and the DCP officer. This committee will work with community and the 20 or so children who are involved in high risk behaviour, sniffing paint and petrol. A planning meeting will be held at NAHS at 3.00pm, Wednesday 17 June 2009 to which all interested community members are invited.

It will take a really strong whole of community effort to beat the sniffing problem.

Development of the Wiluna Aboriginal Workforce - Nooda Ngulegoo (the CDEP manager) and other key parties will hold a community meeting on Friday 12 June 2009 in Wiluna to let people know what the CDEP changes will be and what Nooda's services will be from 1 July 2009. The RPA partners are very interested in working with Nooda to ensure all unemployed Aboriginal people in the Shire get the help they need to reach their personal aspirations, both mining and non-mining related.

Aboriginal Enterprise Development - Indigenous Business Australia and DEEWR met with the Small Business Centre (Geraldton) on Wednesday 10 June 2009 to join together to provide an Aboriginal enterprise development capacity in Wiluna. These agencies will assess business ideas people have, conduct feasibility studies and help people develop business plans and access finance. It is expected that a business advisor will start work in Wiluna in early July 2009 to talk to everyone who has a business development aspiration.

Housing and Bondini - The RPA industry partners (Nickel West, Yeelirrie, Mega, Toro, Newmont, Golden West Resources and Magellan) met in Perth on 8 June 2009 and endorsed industry's further involvement in partnership with Bondini residents and government to explore how all parties can work together to redevelop Bondini community. Further meetings will be scheduled to take this project forward over the next 12 months.

Land Management/Land Care Project - the first meeting of this new project, led by the Central Desert Native Title Service was held Tuesday 9 June 2009. A project outline will be presented at the RPA Management Committee meeting 24 June 2009. This project is the best example yet of one that will return social, economic and cultural outcomes for Martu people on their own terms.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the RPA Coordinator's information report.

90/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Williams

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 4/1

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:	15 May 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Subject: Fire Affected shed
File: Lots 714, 715, 716
Location: Lots 714, 715, 716 Woodley Street, Wiluna
Date: 22 May 2009

Following my letter to the owner of the shed identified above, I received a phone call from Doug Johnson and I urged him to send me an email in regard to what his proposal was for the fire damaged shed. On the 22 May I received the following Email from Doug:

"Thanks for the opportunity to speak with you this morning with respect to the above lots in Wiluna.

As I indicated on the telephone, we have reviewed the photographs that a Kalassay employee took on a recent trip to the facility and advise that we intend to demolish those sections of the building(s) that are unstable/dangerous due to the fire last year.

I have attempted to contact McMahon Burnett Transport, as tenant of the building, that we intend to demolish some or all of the facility and that they will need to vacate the premises. Despite promises of calls being returned and getting back to me this has failed to eventuate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries directly.

Regards

*Doug Johnson
General Manager
Inspectorate Australia*

I indicated that urgent action is required and he assured me that action will occur as soon as they can have some input from the current tenants. I indicated that the issues was that the building is unsafe in parts and is required to be dealt with as soon as possible. This matter will be monitored on a regular basis.

Subject: Development Lot 179 Wotton
File: Lot 179
Location: Wiluna
Date: 26 May 2009

There was much discussion that took place over this week with both Gail and Monty on a number of issues in regard to the proposed development of Lot 179 Wotton Street. I received some paperwork from them in regard to the development, but after discussions with them, I asked for an up to date proposed layout plan to be submitted, along with an official application to develop the land identified.

There have been some changes to the proposal which I felt required this information. It appears now that another building will be used for the CentreLink building to be placed on the front of the Lot facing Wotton Street, two of the dongas that are currently stored on the Lot are to be upgraded and used for the Cultural/Craft room, and the toilet block is to be also upgraded to the required standard with access for people with disabilities.

The remainder of the original dongas that were placed on the Lot will be removed and not used. That is 4 halves of buildings. So all that will be on the Lot after completion will be the CentreLink building, the Culture/Craft room building, and the toilet block. I feel that this will be a much better situation once all the buildings have been refurbished and renovations completed as required by the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and the Shire.

I will also contact CentreLink, as there has been an indication that they will oversee or dictate what changes or modifications are required to bring the building (which I have been told they have seen) into conformity with the requirements of CentreLink. I have been told that the CentreLink people are happy with the building. This needs to be confirmed, as access for people with disabilities is required, which will mean the door to the office part will be required to be changed.

I sent the following email to CentreLink (29th May 2009):

"Hello Debranne.

I am the Town Planner and Building Surveyor for the Shire of Wiluna. Over the past week I have had discussions with Monty and Gail in regard to the development of the Lot identified above, which includes the CentreLink building. This building is to be renovated and modified to your requirements, and also to the BCA requirements and the requirements of the town planning scheme.

Gail and Monty informed me that you have viewed the building to be renovated and that you are happy with it, but that you will require specific changes or modifications in order for it to be acceptable to your organisation and to be in conformity with the standards set by CentreLink.

Could you please inform me of what modifications you are requiring, and whether or not you will be carrying out these modifications yourself. Could you also provide me with drawings that show the modifications, as I will need to assess these as I am required to make recommendations to the Shire in the form of a report at the Town Planning stage. At this point in time the Shire has not received an official application from Gail and Monty, but it is anticipated that this will occur very shortly.

Your input is vital at this point, and I would appreciate your reply."

As yet I have not received any application from the owners in regard to an application for a Planning Permit.

I have received an email from CentreLink in regard to their involvement:

"Further to our telephone conversation, I confirm my advices that Centrelink has nothing to do with the new building. This is a matter for the Host Organisation of which I am their Contract Manager.

My understanding is that the building is, an intact transportable that will be placed on the block next to the existing Centrelink Agency.

We will be supplying furniture etc and doing the installations of the phones, computers etc.

We have to do this installation by 30th June 09”

Subject: Dwelling Stored on Lot 702
File: Lot 702
Location: Woodley Street - Wiluna
Date: 26 May 2009

I inspected the dwelling that has been placed on Lot 702 Woodley Street. While this house is not yet serviceable as a dwelling, the people responsible for placing it there were advised that permits were required before this was done. As a result I have sent the following letter to Nooda to make things perfectly clear to them of what is required, and the problems that they will have if they proceed.

“It is noted that you have placed a building (dwelling) on Lot 702 Woodley Street contra to advice given to you from the Shire of Wiluna’s CEO Samantha Tarling. This matter has been referred to me as I am the Town Planner and Building Surveyor for the Shire.

This land is zoned LIGHT INDUSTRIAL Under the Wiluna Town Planning Scheme. As such the zoning table of uses for this zone states the following:

- *Residential Building is Not permitted*
- *Single house is Not Permitted*
- *Caretakers dwelling is Not permitted unless the Local Government has exercised its discretion by granting Planning Approval.*

The definition of a caretaker’s dwelling means “a dwelling on the same site as a building, operation, or plant and occupied by a supervisor of that building, plant or operation.”

It is therefore imperative that you consult with the Shire before any development commences on this or any other allotment within the Shire of Wiluna. If you were proposing that the land be used just for residential use, then I inform you that under the Town Planning Scheme, this would not be permitted, and that the Shire has no discretionary powers in regard to this.

If you were to establish a business with ancillary buildings, and include the house as a caretaker’s residence, then the Shire can, if it believes it is suitable, use its discretionary powers under the Town Planning Scheme, and approve such.

Once Town Planning approval is given, then you are required to make application for a building license in order to commence construction.

The buildings will then be assessed for compliance with the Building Code of Australia (BCA) which does include energy efficiency ratings, footings, structural soundness certification of the building, etc etc.

In the meantime, please ensure that you contact the Shire Chief Executive Officer, Samantha Tarling, or myself for any further clarification on any matters of concern in regard to building in Wiluna.”

Subject: Development at Desert Gold
File: Location 17
Location: Nabberu Location 17 – Desert Gold
Date: 26-28 May 2009

There has been a number of contentious issues and negative feelings that surround development and future occupation of the area known to us as Desert Gold.

The RPA Coordinator and I have had discussions with Mr Burgess from the Department of Lands in order to clarify a number of points, in order to ensure the great work that is being carried on out there can continue and that people have secure occupation or tenure of the land.

Mr Burgess informed us that:

“WDPAC held a lease with this Office over Nabberu Location 17. WDPAC apparently had an arrangement with Gail and Monty Allison over a portion of Location 17 but no formal lease was ever registered.

Papers recommending forfeiture of the lease have been submitted to the Minister for Lands for approval. Once forfeited the lease to WDPAC over the whole of Location 17 will cease to exist and this Office will then consider new proposals for leasing all or parts of Location 17 to new proponents. As Gail and Monty Alison are already situated on part of Location 17 it is possible that this Office could offer them a lease over that portion. This is still to be determined.

To answer the questions below:

- Yes sound business cases are required for me to consider how best to deal with Location 17 after forfeiture is registered.*
- Yes Gail and Monty are at risk at the present as they have no registered lease*
- This Office does not intend to take any action at this time with respect to Gail and Monty’s occupation until the matter of forfeiture and possible issue of new leases is resolved.*
- If a new lease is issued to Gail and Monty there will be conditions in the lease requiring that they comply with any Local Government planning and building conditions that may apply.”*

We spoke to Steve Burgess, DPI, Midwest Manager, and he informed us that the Minister has signed off on the forfeiture of the lease held by WDPAC and that the Department will soon move on the issue of land tenure for Gail and Monty, and deal with other applications as presented to them.

I have spoken to Gail on the issue and I feel that she is aware now of what is happening, and that the Shire is not working against them. This will continue as required by the State Lands.

Subject: Water discharge from Evapourative Cooler

File: Lot 1568 and Lot 64

Location: Lot 1568 and Lot 64 Wotton Street - GUNBARREL GROCERIES

Date: 29 May 2009

I was asked to investigate the excessive discharge from the water cooling system to the shop. The water pooling is excessive and I have written to the owner of the property to have the matter resolved.

I wrote the following:

"I have noticed that water is again pooling on the Northern side of the building, adjacent to the overflow of the evapourative cooling system installed. This water is not only an ideal breeding site for mosquitoes, but can also adversely affect the footings and foundations of the premises.

You are therefore requested to have the unit fixed, so that the overflow is restricted to only necessity. I understand that you have had this unit fixed earlier and that the situation was resolved. However, more regular maintenance may be required.

Could you please investigate the situation and take all remedial steps immediately to fix the unit so that it is operating as it is designed, and stop the excessive overflow resulting in the pooling of water. I have attached a photo for your information.

If there is any matter contained within this letter to you that you require further clarification, or if you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 040 998 1144."



Subject: Unfinished work claimed – Demolition of House
File: Lot 95
Location: Lot 95 Lennon Street - Wiluna
Date: 28 May 2009

I spoke with the owners of this allotment, as in November 2005 the Shire was commissioned to demolish the burnt-out house on this Lot and the Shire has yet to receive payment for this service. The owners were not satisfied with the state the land was left in after the works had been completed and have refused to pay until their concerns were addressed.

It was noted at the time of the demolition that a significant amount of soil was actually removed, as it was considered that some of the soil could be contaminated following the fire. Not all of this was replaced at the time, and it has been a contentious issue since.

After speaking with the owners it was decided that the Shire would clean the block up a little and fill in a few holes and then they would be happy to pay the account which has been outstanding.

Subject: Strategic Waste Management Plan – Yalgoo Group
File: Waste Management
Location: Wiluna/Various

I have attached the document with the changes I feel should be made to the language and timelines of the document. This is presented to the members for their information and comment and changes as required. The document I have attached does look a “mess” but it should show members what was proposed and also the proposed changes I have put forward. See Appendix G (white pages).

The finished document will be much neater, and will be forwarded to the consultants, and they will then work through it with us. This document has also been forwarded to the other members of the Yalgoo Group for comment and changes as they feel. Once all the changes and comments are in, I will make the changes and present a final copy for members to comment on.

I feel the most important thing for all of the Shires at this moment is the waste audits of each Shire, and funding will be applied for in order for these to be carried out.

I will work through this with the CEO and make whatever changes felt necessary.

Subject: Inspection of Big Red Kitchen
File: Lot 27 and 28
Location: Lots 27 and 28 Wotton Street - Wiluna
Date: 26 May 2009

I inspected the kitchen located at the above address. The kitchen does not sell to the public but does meals for the elder people. As such then it comes under the regulations and the Food Act.

The inspection revealed that it is compliant, although some of the flooring and other fixtures will soon need replacement or re-furbishing. The kitchen was clean, and I could see no evidence of rodents as has been insinuated. The kitchen is therefore compliant.

Subject: Excessive Discharge of Water – New houses
File: Lot 1475
Location: Lot 1475 Scotia Street - Wiluna
Date: 29 May 2009

In the presence of Homemaker, Meleoni Nariro, I inspected the cause of excessive water discharge at Lot 1475 Scotia Street (Sharon Ashwin). It was found that excessive water was being discharged from the hot water system of the house onto the area of land adjacent to the house. I was also informed that there were other houses had the same problem and they were all the newer houses that have been constructed for State housing.

I then emailed the area manager for the region with my concerns and requested action to be taken immediately.

"I have looked at Kitty Ashwin's house here in Wiluna this morning as there are concerns over the excessive discharge of water from the hot water systems. I have attached a photo which indicates the extent of this. The water pools on the ground and is of concern in regard to mosquito breeding and the general wastage of water and it pooling next to the house.

It appears that the hot water system discharges over the roof to the ground alongside of the house, and this seems excessive. Perhaps there is a problem with the release valve or overflow mechanism, I am not sure.

Could you please have your contractor look at the problem and make the necessary repairs that are required. It is not just Kitty's house, and was informed that Dallas Harris was experiencing the same problems with her hot water system".

I will follow-up on this and other matters when I am next in Wiluna.

Officer Recommendation

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

91/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr K Farmer

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 5/0

10.4. Deputy CEO Reports

10.4.1 Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	13.00.04
Reporting Officer:	J Alagappan, Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	10 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils endorsement of the use of the Common Seal during this reporting period.

Comment

The Common Seal was stamped on the 21 May 2009 for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire of Wiluna and the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.

Consultation

CEO

Statutory Implications

The Shire of Wiluna Local Law (Standing Orders) 1999

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation

For Council to endorse the use of the Common Seal to stamp the Memorandum of Understanding between the Shire of Wiluna and the GVROC.

92/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 5/0

10.4.2 Subject/Applicant:	Council Chamber Furnishings Capital Expenditure Budget to Administration Office Maintenance
File:	05.00.12
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan – Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	11 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council to move savings of \$5,000 in the Council Chamber Furnishings capital expenditure budget to Administration Office Maintenance operating cost budget.

Summary

The Council Chamber Furnishing budget has not been spent for the year 2008/09. We have this savings available to us for changing the old curtains in the Admin office to wooden window blinds.

Consultation

CEO

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, s6.8

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council approve the transfer of \$5,000 savings from *E160234 Council Chamber Furnishings* to *E142422 Admin Centre Maintenance*.

93/09 Council Decision
MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 5/0

10.4.3 Subject/Applicant:	Tender of Surplus Items
File:	23.12.00.01
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan – Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	11 June
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council to accept the results of the recent tender of Shire surplus items.

Background

Council has previously approved sale of assets that have either been “junked” or have no monetary value to council and items that still have resale value but surplus to requirements.

The items have been advertised locally and the invitation to bid closed on 4 June 2009.

Tender Result

Item No.	Description	Amount	Winning Tenderer
19	Computer Monitor	\$20	Glenn Deocampo
16	Personal Computer (without Monitor)	\$40	James Alagappan
55	Assorted Office Gear	\$5	James Alagappan
4	Fire Control Unit 700L Mister	\$300	Phil Moses
6	Fire Control Unit Mister	\$200	Phil Moses
7	Hydrapower Road Sweeper	\$200	Phil Moses
8	Drilling Rig – Hard Rock	\$300	Phil Moses
11	Bitumen Sprayer Unit	\$200	Phil Moses
27	Office Desk	\$50	Phil Moses
37	4 Drawer Cabinet	\$100	Phil Moses
38	4 Drawer Cabinet	\$80	Phil Moses
39	4 Drawer Cabinet	\$100	Phil Moses
40	Storage Cabinet	\$120	Phil Moses
41	Storage Cabinet	\$120	Phil Moses
42	Storage Cabinet	\$120	Phil Moses
53	Office Chair	\$30	Phil Moses
54	Binder	\$15	Phil Moses
24	Gym Cross Training	\$90	Lavenia Ratabua
20	Computer Monitor	\$5	Melissa Reilly
31	Office Desk	\$25	Melissa Reilly
35	Lunch Room Table	\$25	Melissa Reilly
36	Lunch Room Table	\$25	Melissa Reilly
45	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
46	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
47	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
48	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
49	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
50	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly

51	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
52	Chair	\$2	Melissa Reilly
57	Baby Bed	\$20	Melissa Reilly
58	Printer	\$30	Melissa Reilly
60	Fluorescent Patents	\$20	Melissa Reilly
15	Personal Computer	\$150	Jim Allen
Unsold Items			
1	Mister Hardi BA		
5	Backblade – Allquip 3 Point Linkage		
9	Ripper for Front End Loader		
10	Kenworth Tip Truck		
12	Rotoslasher SA		
17	Personal Computer (without Monitor)		
18	Personal Computer (without Monitor)		
19	Computer Monitor		
21	Printer		
22	Gym Bench (with 2 attachments)		
23	Gym Bench (with 2 attachments)		
25	Gym Rowing Machine		
26	Gym Rowing Machine		
28	Office Desk		
29	Office Desk		
30	Office Desk		
43	Book Stand		
44	Fridge (not working)		
56	Phone		
59	Chair		

Unsold Items

The bid submitted for the Kenworth Tip Truck did not reach the reserve price of \$10,000. This item is surplus to council's requirements. It will be recommended to council that this item be reopened to the market and sold to anyone with the highest offer.

Two options for other unsold items

Option 1:

All unsold items to be carried to and destroyed at the tip.

Option 2:

All unsold items be offered to the community to be picked up at a chosen date and time on a first come first served basis.

Comment

Council's reputation is at risk if the excess sale items, without a reserved price, are destroyed at the tip to prevent any negative feedback from those that have the perception that the tender process is flawed due to unsold items being presented to the community who may bid on them otherwise.

Officers believe the community's expectation would be for council to endorse the officer's recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Accept the tender results;
2. The Kenworth Tip Truck be reopened to the market and sold to anyone with the highest offer.
3. That all other unsold items be offered to the community at a chosen date and time on a first come first served basis.

94/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 5/0

10.5. Manager Finance & Administration Officer Reports

10.5.1. Subject/Applicant:	Accounts Paid by Authority
File:	12.00.18
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Admin & Finance
Date of Report:	9 June 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 to be adopted.

Background

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

Comment

Nil

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.

Officer Recommendation

That the accounts paid by authority for the period ended 31 May 2009 totalling \$1,030,065.99 be received, endorsed and incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

95/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr A Williams

CARRIED 5/0

10.5.2. Subject/Applicant:	Financial Report
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	9 June 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 May 2009.

Background

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 May 2009 are listed as Appendix B (green pages).

Comment

Nil

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

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

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopt the Financial Reports for the period ending 31 May 2009 as presented.

96/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 5/0

10.5.3 Subject/Applicant:	Sundry Debtors for Write-Off
File:	
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	9 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information and to seek Council's approval to write-off outstanding amounts owed to the Shire by Sundry Debtors.

Background

In accordance with Section 6.12 of Local Government Act 1995, the Council is empowered to write-off monies owing to the Shire of Wiluna.

Comment

The attached schedule entitled "Sundry Debtors for Write-Off as at 31 May 2009" details monies owing by sundry debtors that are recommended to Council for write-off.

In most cases, there is very little evidence to support debts and the cost to pursue such debts are highly likely to exceed recoverable costs. Some debtors are no longer in existence or their whereabouts are unknown to the Shire. The age of the debts and lack of supporting evidence raises some doubt over the recoverability of these debts.

The costs to continue to research/investigate and pursue debts would be likely to exceed the actual amount of the debts.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.12

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The provision for Doubtful debts has a balance of \$36,972.54 as at 31 May 2009.

Amounts to be written-off \$11,159.35 leaving a balance of \$25,813.19

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute majority

SCHEDULE OF SUNDRY DEBTORS "SUNDRY DEBTORS FOR WRITE-OFF AS AT 31 MAY 2009"

Debtor Name	Total Amount for write-off	Reasons
Mitchel, Ron	\$322.35	Relates to Caravan park water charges (April 07-Dec 07). Debtor no longer exists. Cost to attempt recovery would exceed the debt.
Ashworth, T	\$212.00	Relates to rental charges- 05/03/2004. Person cannot be located at his given address. Given the nature of debt and its recovery, write off is recommended.
Mr. WJ Flint	\$15.00	Relates to painting last F/Y. Balance not paid. Given the nature of the debt write-off is recommended.
Marruwayura Aboriginal Corp	\$6,650.00 \$2,640.00	Old accounts- (FY2003-2006). Company no longer exists, therefore recommended for write off.
Wiluna General Store	\$1,320.00	Debt incurred F/Y 2004- Private works done. Given the age and nature of debt, write-off is recommended.

Presiding Member Date

Officer Recommendation

That the amounts owed to the Shire by Sundry Debtors as listed in the following schedule entitled "Sundry Debtors for Write-Off as at 31 May 2009" totalling \$11,159.35 be approved for write-off.

97/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 5/0

10.5.4 Subject/Applicant:	Fees and Charges
File:	Budget 2009/2010
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo, Manager of Admin & Finance
Date of Report:	9 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Council to adopt the annual fees and charges for 2009/10 financial year.

Background

The Fees and Charges have been reviewed for the 2009-2010 financial year. These fees and charges form part of the budget document and financial requirements.

Comment

Fees and charges have been updated in line with other councils.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Budget 2009/10

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the fees and charges as shown in the 2009/2010 Fees and Charges Schedule presented in Appendix C (pink pages).

98/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 5/0

10.6. Manager Works & Services Officer Report

10.6.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	
Reporting Officer:	James Alagappan - Works Managers
Date of Report:	13 May 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Council on the operations in the Works Department.

Roads

The contractor is doing maintenance grading on Barwidgee-Wonganoo Road at present. After completion, the grader will then proceed to Mt. Fisher Wonganoo Road and then back to Wongawol Road. Our maintenance grader is on the North Road.

The Gunbarrel Highway - was recently assessed. The findings were as follows. The works to remediate the following will be considered in the 2009/2010 budget.

1. Needs urgent maintenance. On the short term - immediate grading and road construction in the future.
2. Signage - proper safety and regulatory signage is urgently needed. A sign to indicate road status at Carnegie station end is also recommended.
3. On three major sections between Carnegie station and the Eastern border there is very dense vegetation/overgrown trees hanging onto the road that needs to be cleared using either a loader or a bulldozer.

Eagle Hwy/David Carnegie Track South of Gunbarrel Hwy

Recommend that a proper assessment be undertaken to ascertain the condition of the track and to advise tourists accordingly. The track at present is unsuitable to travel on as it is badly rutted and has overgrown vegetation.

This will be considered in the 5 year Road Maintenance plan in accordance with the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan.

Eagle Hwy/David Carnegie Track North of Gunbarrel Hwy

Spot grading up to 20kms (as it has now become an access road) up to Mungali Aboriginal reserve will be scheduled in the 2009/2010 Road Maintenance Program.

Town Bore and Reticulation

The pump supplying water from the Main tank for all of the Shire's reticulation needs was replaced. The tank beside the swimming pool was removed as it was not being used for reticulation. A new timer was installed for the park and work is in progress to reticulate the entire park area.

A trial is under way at the Recreation centre with the installation of a solar flood light at the main entrance. If the lighting is adequate and it has not been vandalized, we may explore installing solar lighting at other venues in keeping with our goals of "Green Wiluna" under our Strategic Plan.

Housing

Annual housing inspections were carried out and status reports have been submitted for assessment for next budget.

Officer Recommendation / Draft Motion

That Council receive the Works Department information report and endorse the officers actions.

99/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 5/0

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:	6 May 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Wiluna Ball

I recently attended a meeting where a small group of committed community women are going to organise a youth and adult ball to raise money for the Princess Margaret Hospital. The theme chosen for both balls is the Enchanted Mask Bush Ball and the date is set for 29 August 2009.

Tourism and Swimming Pool Development Plans

Annamaree McLeod visited the week starting 25 May 2009. Her duties were to write the development plans for the pool and tourism. Anna provided us with some insightful suggestions to improve programs and linked us with many of her support networks.

Community committee: Sniffing

I attended a meeting of a committee group who are committed to developing strategies to work with the Wiluna youth. Jen Scott from BHP Nicklewest at Mt Keith mentioned the possibility of changing paint used on the minesite to a non-toxic paint. Other committee members talked about programs such as Mt Theo that is aimed to educate youth who have issues with substance abuse, drugs or alcohol. Delvene Ashwin and Dave Malloy are the co-convenors of meetings held Wednesdays on a fortnightly basis.

Coolgardie Sports and Recreation Centre

While in Kalgoorlie for the National Environmental Health Conference with the Homemaker Officer, we visited the sports and recreation centre in Coolgardie. The centre has an indoor basketball and netball court, a gym, cooking facilities, kiosk and a fun place for youth to play table tennis. Next door to the centre, there was a huge skate park. It was good to see what other centres have and how we can develop and grow our centre in the future.

Officer Recommendation

For Council to receive the Community Development Managers information report.

100/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 5/0

Tourism Officer Report

10.7.2. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	05.00.07
Reporting Officer:	Debra McNeill – Tourism Officer
Date of Report:	8 June 2009
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.

Comment

I have been working with Annamaree McLeod a Consultant who is currently working on a Tourism Development Plan for Wiluna, which will work in with the Strategic Plan 2009-2014.

The Tourism Office will be moving down to the refurbish Marruwayura Building in the next couple of weeks and will be operating there until the old school has been refurbished and then the Tourism Office will be permanent at this centre.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the Tourism Officer's information report.

101/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 5/0

Art Gallery Manager

10.7.3. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	26.00.11
Reporting Officer:	Heather Charlton – Art Gallery Manager
Date of Report:	9 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of recent activities of the Tjukurba Art Gallery.

Comment

- Entries have been consigned from Birriliburu Artists to the Oakajee Port & Rail "Good Heart" Exhibition, showcasing works by indigenous

artists from mid-west communities. The Exhibition opens 8th-10th June in the foyer QV1 Building, St Georges Terrace, Perth.

- Planning is in progress for the Desert Mob Exhibition and Marketplace in Alice Springs. This is the first time Tjukurba Art Gallery has been invited to provide works, and in addition to paintings, we have submitted six prints from editions completed at our recent printmaking workshop.
- I am currently negotiating with a Melbourne company who are interested in reproducing a number of Birriliburu artists designs to print on headscarfs aimed at the tourist market. The garment will be made in Australia, and feature a swing tag with information about the artist and Tjukurba Art Gallery. This should prove to be a wonderful promotional opportunity and an ongoing income stream for those artists whose work is chosen.

Officer Recommendation

For Council to receive the Art Gallery Officer's information report.

102/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr K Farmer

SECONDED Cr A Geary

CARRIED 5/0

10.7.4. Swimming Pool Manager Report

Nil

Sports & Recreational Officer Report

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

Purpose

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

Report

In the past month we've maintained our numbers in the weekly night games having the usual numbers of kids attending these events, for instance Monday

night Basketball had 20-40 people participating and Tuesday night Touch Rugby had 15-25, not including the Miners from nearby mine sites. On Wednesday night footy scratch game 20-40 People participated. Netball is a big hit for the Senior School girls on Thursday. Friday night Softball games have not been attended by adults, the kids like to give it a go. Our night games are increasing in numbers with more adults at the games and lots of kids willing to learn and play.

This term Recreation and Sport has had the opportunity to participate in the Goldfield's competition for ages 10 – 17 Years old, held every Sunday, having AFL for the boys and Netball for the girls. Since starting, 10 May 2009 we have taken the Wiluna boys and girls to the out of town games and hosted one home game. All events have been a great success and I am glad to say Wiluna teams have been victors in most games. All venues who have hosted these events have generously supplied free BBQs and drinks for the players and staff.

On the 2 June 2009 we receive sad news that Adam Wiringi had resigned from his position as the Sports and Recreation Manager due to his priorities with family and work. We applaud Adam for the excellent job he has done in making the sport and recreation centre and staff to what it is now. Also to thank, is Shelly, Adams wife for all her contribution to the sport and recreation centre. Presently, Tania Wiley has taken on the role of Sports and Recreation Manager until this position can be filled. In conjunction with the help of the State Sport and Recreation Department we anticipate having a temp manager in place in the coming month.

NAIDOC meetings have been held for the organising of the week of 5 – 10 July 2009. Planning is well underway.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the Sport and Recreation information report.

103/09 Council Decision
MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Geary
CARRIED 5/0

Homemaker Officer Report

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

Purpose

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

Dog Registry List

Between 15 – 19 June, Vets from Murdoch University are visiting to do dog health checks and a sterilization program. The Homemaker Officer has visited every house in Wiluna and Bondini to create the dog vet check list for them. There are many dogs that owners have asked to be put down, sterilised, vaccinated and get a general health check.

Cooking classes

Cooking classes have been running weekly. Many women are attending and are enjoying each other's company while learning a new recipe. The classes are set for each Wednesday at the Sport and Recreation Centre at 11am and all Wiluna residents are welcome.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receive the Homemaker information report.

104/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr K Farmer
CARRIED 5/0

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 Subject:	2009-2014 Strategic Plan - Adoption
File Reference:	13.00.01
Reporting Officer:	S Tarling, Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	18 June 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan.

Background

The 2009-2014 Strategic Plan was developed early in 2009 through a series of workshops involving Councillors and staff, the CEO, residents, and representatives of local small businesses and community agencies.

A communication strategy and posters in agencies across town helped to raise awareness of the planning process, invite comment, and encourage people to attend the community meetings.

Seven community workshops were held between February and March 2009. Attended by more than 120 people, these workshops engaged the community in a conversation about their vision for the future of Wiluna.

Participants in the workshops identified many important issues, some of which were the responsibility of Council, and some that fell to other agencies. The community's priorities can be summarised as:

- Aged care housing
- Upgrades to roads, parks, sporting grounds and public facilities
- Cleaner, 'greener' and tidier streets and vacant land and particularly a clean up of disused cars
- Education and respect around traditional aboriginal culture e.g. programs for passing on traditional knowledge and getting back to country, cultural heritage centre, and sharing Martu culture and language
- Place to buy hardware, bedding, clothes, and electrical goods
- Better facilities for government services like Australia Post and Centrelink
- Improved building facilities for the health service
- Family support and entertainment activities like bush outings, film nights, camps, hunting, and fishing

- New land released for housing and business
- Access to jobs and vocational training
- New community-owned general store to provide employment and access to a wider range of products
- Women's refuge
- Waterpark and skateboard facilities
- Ways of being a part of making positive change and building for the future
- Improve the town for tourism through accommodation, attractions, tours and street beautification

Our 2009-2014 Strategic Plan responds to many of these priorities. It's our 'contract with the community'.

Comment

This Strategic Plan sets out the plans of Council and Councillors to create greater social and economic sustainability for the people of Wiluna and builds on the community's vision for harmony, culture, country, and opportunity. The Strategic Plan forms the foundation of our strategic planning and budgeting framework.

This plan responds to community expectations that Council:

- provides good quality services and infrastructure to ensure quality of life for the community and support sustainable development in the Shire
- plans and manages its resources effectively and efficiently and in a transparent and accountable manner
- supports the diversity of its community across and ensure that the needs of all are at all times considered
- keeps the Community informed about Council's progress in achieving the Strategic Plan
- ensures that the community is part of decision making processes about the future of Wiluna.

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Consultation

Councillors
Shire of Wiluna Community
Shire Staff
Government agencies in Wiluna

After a period of public review of the draft plan the verbal feedback provided by community members was they felt the Plan addressed all issues they had raised and considered important to achieve, in conjunction with the 24 RPA projects over the next 5 years. No other feedback was received.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan as presented in Appendix H (pink pages)
2. Council commit to budgeting sufficient funds over the next 5 years and seek grants where possible, to deliver on the commitments in the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan; and
3. Review the Plan annually.

105/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Geary

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 5/0

13. Public Question Time

Ms Della Booker

Q1: What is the Shire's plan for the rubbish around the town, particularly the batteries and disused vehicles on vacant lots?

1: The Shire works with the community to negotiate the removal of the vehicles and batteries to ensure a win/win outcome is achieved. Council does a day to day sweep of the town to identify areas that

need our attention to rubbish and disused materials and will continue with this approach.

Dept of Housing is the land owner and the onus is on them to remove the rubbish, however, Council's policy is not to enforce this due to maintaining a negotiated approach with the owner of the material.

Council has discontinued the black bag collection which was sub-contracted to NAHS and will redirect those savings into employment of a casual person who will join forces with the rubbish collection the gardeners currently undertake.

14. Matters Behind Closed Doors – Confidential Item

Nil

15. Closure

Meeting Closed at 9.55pm