

MINUTES

1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

The meeting was opened at 7.15pm

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

John Kyanga	(President)
Graham Harris	(Councillor)
Catherine Carton	(Councillor)
Annette Williams	(Councillor)

Samantha Tarling	(CEO)
Jean Alagappan	(DCEO)
Glenn Deocampo	(Manager, Administration and Finance)
Debra McNeill	(Tourism Officer)
Alan Stewart	(RPA Co-ordinator)
Bill Atyeo	(Health Officer)

Apologies

Kenny Farmer	(Councillor)
Anne Geary	(Councillor)

3. Response to Previous Public Question Taken on Notice

Questions asked by David Betteridge

Q1. Could the CEO explain the logic behind the closure of the swimming pool during the school holidays and why thousands of dollars have been spent to have the pool heated and yet it is to be closed over the winter period.

A1. The swimming pool was closed due to the cooler change in the weather which has seen attendance drop to one person a day. The solar panels were installed with the knowledge and understanding that they were not meant to heat the pool so it could stay open all year round but heat the pool water so it extended the life of the season by 6 weeks a year. Three weeks at the beginning and 3 weeks at the end. This has been successful.

Q2. What if anything is being done about the dog problem around town?

A2. The Works Manager is available to be contacted to deal with any dog problems being experienced in town. The Shire has a partnership with the NAHS and the Police to manage problem dogs in town.

Further to the abovementioned, a local person is currently being trained to be a ranger to work on a casual basis to combat dog problems. This person has recently returned after spending a one week work experience training opportunity with the Shire of Roebourne Rangers.

Q3. Would the council give consideration to building warehouse type units to rent out at nominal rent to attract more trades people to town as the current ones we have are either on holiday or not interested in providing quality workmanship for a reasonable price.

A3. Due to the National Competitive Policy and the recession that is likely to affect the return on investment it is unlikely council would seriously consider this proposal.

Question asked by Marilyn Betteridge

Q1. Is there any chance of the Shire building or making a skate board area for the children of Wiluna?

A1. It can be considered in the Strategic Plan. The final Plan will be resolved in the near future.

4. Public Question Time

Nil

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Council Draft Motion:

Council grant Leave of Absence to Cr Anne Geary for 3 Ordinary Meetings, April, May and June 2009.

41/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr A Williams

SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0

6. Notations of Interest

6.1. Interest Affecting Impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct

Cr G Harris declared an interest affecting impartiality in item 10.3.1, page 22 – complaint regarding flying debris - of the Council Meeting Agenda for 22 April 2009.

6.2. Financial Interest 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 19 March 2009 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

42/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

9. Announcement Presiding Member without Discussion

President Kyanga acknowledged Lai Ratabua resignation as Pool Manager and thanked him for his service to Wiluna in his four years tenure with the Shire.

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:	8 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Structural Reform - Amalgamations

Attached are a set of guidelines setting out the recommended decision making process along with key criteria to be considered by Council in developing our Reform Submission. **See Appendix A (yellow page).**

The Checklist referred to in Stage 1 will be forwarded to the Local Government Steering Committee by the 30 April 2009 deadline and a copy will be reported to Council.

Initial exploratory meeting to confirm local government amalgamation grouping was endorsed at the March OCM meeting and determined as GVROC.

Council resolved there are no suitable partners for amalgamation, however, will contact neighbouring councils to discuss the matter and gauge their response and respond accordingly.

Council currently have seven councillors and this is within the range desired by the Minister and will not be further considered by Council.

Meetings in person and by teleconference have been scheduled throughout April and May with neighbouring councils to follow the process outlined by the Minister to be followed.

The Shire President and CEO are having these discussions with the neighbouring shires.

Marruwayura Office

The Marruwayura Office refurbishment has commenced. A commercial lease with Nooda for the northern side of the building is being drafted. No other independent party has indicated their interest in renting space at this time.

Council has reached its capacity with office space use at the Shire Administration Office and it is my recommendation that Council consider utilising the southern office, to house the Tourism Officer, as an interim measure before she goes to the new Heritage and Cultural Centre after its refurbishment, and the Manager Community Development on a permanent basis until a tenant is found for the southern building.

Wiluna Landscaping and Beautification Program

This project has been commenced with Urbis group visiting and talking with Cr Geary to gain an insight into what an iconic Aboriginal town would look like in design. Urbis were contracted to write a brief to be tendered for the undertaking of the Wiluna Landscaping and Beautification Program. This is in progress. When the brief is complete, I will seek Council's endorsement of what is proposed in undertaking and staging this major project which Royalty for Regions funds will contribute towards. A tender will then be advertised and the project will commence.

The project is a major undertaking from writing the brief to the completion of the project. With competing priorities, ie Refurbishment of the Old School Site and the introduction of the RPA, that was not planned for in the 2008/09 year, back in April 2008, this has held up the progress on this project.

I look for Council's endorsement of holding over this project to the 2009/10 year and carry the budget forward.

CEO attendance at the Murchison Executive Group and GVROC Technical Officers Group

I attended the GVROC Technical Officers Group and the Murchison Executive Group meetings held on 6 and 11 March respectively. Attached are the minutes from those meetings. See Appendix B (Blue Pages) and Appendix C (pink pages) respectively.

The matters raised in those meetings affecting Wiluna Shire in summary are:

1. Zero Waste Management Plan;
2. Royalties for Regions, Country Local Government Fund;
3. Asset Management;
4. Goldfields Highway – Wiluna to Meekatharra section;
5. Local Government Structural Reform; and
6. Hotline Number for local road closures.

A number of CEO's from each zone were able to comment on the position their council will be taking in response to structural reform. Tentative arrangements were made to have councillors from each council to meet and speak about their position on the matter.

Meekatharra CEO and I raised the issue of the sealing of the Goldfields Highway between Wiluna and Meekatharra and sought the group's support in presenting an item to the Murchison Zone of WALGA to lobby the government to upgrade this road as per the Petition signed by both communities and presented to Parliament, 11 November 2008. The group supported this and suggested a formal request come through Council before being submitted to Murchison Zone of WALGA. I have prepared a separate report in this agenda to deal with this matter.

At the MEG meeting I raised the issue of investigating the feasibility of having a hotline number similar to the one Main Roads have, that people visiting the region can contact to enquire about the condition of local roads. The group supported this initiative and suggested a formal request come through Council before being submitted to Murchison Zone of WALGA. I have prepared a separate report in this agenda to deal with this matter.

Councillors are advised that Cue Parliament will be sitting on 7 May 2009. This is a Murchison Zone meeting that often attracts State parliamentarians to partake.

Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting

Due to competing priorities and a change-over of a new Sgt to Wiluna, the quarterly LEMC meeting scheduled to be held in March did not occur. When Sgt McCutcheon has settled into his new position I will make contact and

continue the development of the Emergency Management Plan with him and call a meeting of LEMC members.

Strategic Plan Schedule

The Strategic Plan Schedule is attached for Councillors information. [See Appendix D \(purple page\).](#)

I am currently reviewing the first draft of the Plan. Councillors will meet again with Bret Menison in the week of 20 April 2009.

Leonora – Newman Rail link

Mr Jim Quadrio, resident of Wiluna, has written to the Shire requesting Council investigate and pursue the concept of a rail link from Esperance to Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Wiluna, Newman and Port Hedland.

Mr Quadrio believes in today's current economic climate it may be opportune to investigate this or other proposals which could fit well with the Federal Government's National Building strategy and infrastructure projects. I have attached Mr Quadrio's letter for Councillors information. [See Appendix E \(gold pages\).](#)

I have asked the Mid West and Goldfields Esperance Development Commission to consider this position and write an information report for me to present to Council. When this is received, Council and the CEO will be in a more informed position and be able to pass comment on the matter. Thereafter, Council may resolve to take a position on the matter and progress this request through the WALGA country zones to lobby the government.

Community Information Night on Uranium

I met with Toro Energy Managing Director, Greg Hall recently and he outlined the proposals on the Lakeway site over the next four years. He has offered to bring an independent consultant to Wiluna to have an evening information session with the community, to explain all those unanswered questions about uranium.

After I have checked the references of the presenter, I recommend the Shire bring this information session to the community in the near future.

Work for the Dole Program

I have agreed to engage in a partnership with Work for the Dole and have 10 participants come and work at the Shire for the next 6 months. At present, we have four women working, one with the tourism officer, two in Tjukurba Gallery and one with the cleaning staff. It is anticipated that most of the other six remaining participants will work in the art gallery. They will participate as artists and this will include a program of engaging them in different facets of running an art gallery.

The Shire has entered into a contract with Bridging the Gap Inc. to act as their sponsors for the Work for the Dole program. Council will receive \$17 950 to be the sponsors. All associated costs are borne by Bridging the Gap Inc. The Shire is only responsible for the supervision of the participants whilst in the workplace and submitting timesheets back to the agency to make payment to the participants. The Shire is not responsible for ensuring participants actively engage in the program if they choose not to.

CEO's Appraisal

The CEO's appraisal is due and arrangements are being made for Councillors and the CEO to carry this out. A process for the appraisal will be written in a brief for Councillors to approve. You will be receiving this in the near future. Councillors need to set a date for this appointment.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the CEO's report and endorse the CEO's actions.

43/09 Council Decision
MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.2. Subject/Applicant:	Minutes of the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA
File:	04.00.11
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 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 in Esperance, Friday, 30 January, Special Meeting held in Kalgoorlie, 19 February and Ordinary Meeting held in Kalgoorlie, Friday, 27 March 2009 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
- * Shire of Ravensthorpe

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 30 January 2009 the GECZ met for an Ordinary meeting at the Shire of Esperance. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this report. See [Appendix F \(yellow pages\)](#).

At the January meeting a determination was considered to appoint a regional organisation to manage the allocation of Local Government funds for all Goldfields-Esperance projects funded by the Regional Infrastructure and Royalties for Regions program.

I draw Councillors attention to Agenda Item 8.1 – Royalties for Regions, Background, paragraph 2 – Based on the advice from the State Government, over the next three years allocations for the GECZ will be approximately \$13M. These allocations will be made through a regional council only. Hence, Council's decision in November 2008 to become a member of the GVROC.

The Zone endorsed:

“Approve Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils as the regional grouping for determining regional funding priorities.”

On the 19 February 2009 the zone delegates attended a special meeting held in Kalgoorlie via teleconference. The Special Meeting was called to discuss local government's response to the Minister for Local Government announcement of proposed amalgamations – structural reform. The minutes are attached. [See Appendix G \(pink pages\)](#).

The zone resolved:

That the GECZ of WALGA endorse the following draft WALGA motion:

1. Lobby all Members of State Parliament seeking opposition to forced amalgamations of Local Governments and a commitment to the principles and actions of the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) Report.

2. Coordinate a Local Government response to the State Government's reform proposals.
3. Endorse the reformation of the State Council SSS Taskforce to oversee Local Government's response to this issue.
4. Advise the State Government of Local Government's commitment to work together with the State Government towards a voluntary reform process.

On the 27 March 2009 the GECZ met for an Ordinary meeting at the Cities of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this report. **See Appendix H (purple pages).**

At the March meeting Dr Chris Berry, Regional Policy Unit, DLGRD gave a presentation on the Local Government Reform initiative as announced by Minister Castrilli, and Mr Robert Hicks, CEO, Goldfields Esperance Development Commission gave an overview of the Royalties for Regions Grant application process.

Councils were asked to table their position on uranium for discussion. As a result of this, a report will come to Council to resolve the Shire of Wiluna's position. Recently, I have met with a number of CEO's of uranium mining companies in the area and discussed their future intentions in the Shire. At this stage they are all exploratory and are targeting production by 2010-12.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Resolution

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of the GECZ meeting held on 30th January, 19 February and 27 March 2009.
2. Endorse the approval of Goldfields Regional Organisation of Councils as the regional grouping for determining regional funding priorities.
3. Endorse the GECZ of WALGA draft motion in the minutes of the Special meeting as outlined above.
4. Resolve the Shire of Wiluna's position in the near future on uranium and table at the next GECZ Ordinary meeting.

44/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.3. Subject/Applicant:	Request of Support from Murchison Zone of WALGA and GVROC to Upgrade Goldfields Hwy – Wiluna to Meekatharra and MRWA to provide a Hotline Contact Number giving Local Road Condition Report
File:	04.00.12
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to formalise its request of the Murchison Executive Group (MEG) and Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council (GVROC) to support the Shire of Wiluna in lobbying the State government in advancing the sealing of Goldfields Highway, Wiluna to Meekatharra section and to request MRWA investigate the feasibility of partnering with local government to introduce a 24 hour customer contact hotline number for giving local government road condition report.

Background

A petition was presented in Parliament in November 2008 by Hon John Bowler, MLA on behalf of the Meekatharra and Wiluna communities petitioning the government to upgrade the Goldfields Highway to Type 5 in the next 5 years. Letters from the Minister for Transport have been received but no further action has been corresponded to the Shire.

A request from Gunbarrel Groceries business owner who interacts with many visitors to Wiluna and is asked about the conditions on the roads, brought forward the suggestion to Council, that a telephone hotline for local road conditions, the same as the one offered by MRWA, be available to allow road users one easy number to remember, versus having to ring all Shires the road runs through.

Discussion has taken place with other Shire staff and whilst it seems logistically complicated, it is agreed that the idea has merit and with technology today it may be able to be achieved quite simply and the benefits to the wider community would be evident immediately.

Comment

I raised the issue of the sealing of the Goldfields Highway between Wiluna and Meekatharra at the Murchison Executive Group in February and sought the group's support in presenting an item to the Murchison Zone of WALGA to lobby the government to upgrade this road as per the petition signed by both communities and presented to Parliament, 11 November 2008.

The group supported this and suggested a formal request come through Council before being submitted to Murchison Zone of WALGA.

At the same meeting I also raised the issue of investigating the feasibility of having a hotline number similar to the one Main Roads WA have that people visiting the region can contact to enquire about the condition of local roads. I believe the proposal needs to identify who would be the best positioned and resourced agency to deliver this service.

At the GVROC meeting I attended on 27 March 2009 I raised this proposal informally and support was given to presenting it to the next meeting for discussion.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation/Council Motion:

1. That the Murchison Executive Group (MEG) and Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council (GVROC) be requested to support a request from the Shire of Wiluna to the Murchison Zone and Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA respectively, to request MRWA to investigate the feasibility of them partnering with local government in introducing a 24 hour customer contact hotline number giving a local government road condition report.
2. That the Murchison Executive Group (MEG) and Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council (GVROC) be requested to support a request from the Shire of Wiluna to the Murchison Zone and Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA respectively, to lobby the State Government to seal the Goldfields Highway between Wiluna and Meekatharra.

45/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.4. Subject/Applicant:	Minutes of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils
File:	04.00.12
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 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 Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC), held on Friday, 30 January and 27 March 2009.

Background

In November 2008 I reported that Council had not actively participated in regional meetings of executive officers, GVROC or the WALGA country zone meetings over the last 4 years. Council resolved that Shire of Wiluna become a member of the GVROC and nominate two delegates for the GVROC. The President and the CEO were nominated delegates.

The Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council (GVROC) was established in July 2008 and has taken on the same structure as the GECZ of WALGA. It has been established to carry out projects that can be addressed on a regional basis to minimize expenditure to all member councils.

The GVROC is a voluntary regional organisation established 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 the following local governments.

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
Shire of Esperance

The objectives of the GVROC is to work collaboratively and strategically towards the retention of infrastructure and community services, acquiring funding from government grants, economic development initiatives and private sector funding, whilst establishing and maintaining effective communication and consultative mechanisms between the participating local governments on policy and processes using a management strategy.

The meeting of the 30 January 2009 was held at Shire of Esperance in person and future meetings are scheduled to coincide with the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone meetings which occur approximately six times per year.

Comment

The President and I were unable to make the January meeting in person, and unfortunately the technology of the phone hook-up was not working that day so I was unable to participate, however, ordinarily I partake by phone hook-up if I am unable to attend in person. Being a member of this group gives value to the Shire by having collective support from other councils in the region for projects that Wiluna Shire would like to advance. Membership of this group is imperative if the Shire wishes to have a voice in other government arenas.

I draw Councillors attention to report 6.6 of the Minutes – Royalties for Regions Funding. [See Appendix I \(gold pages\)](#).

GVROC Council meeting minutes 27 March 2009 - [Appendix J \(pink pages\)](#).

I draw Council's attention to item 6.2 Allocation of the Regional Component of the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) – Royalties for Regions funding.

Currently there are no guidelines available for the allocation of funds. They are being developed, however, it is understood that Minister Grylls wants the allocation of funds for the region spent on coordinated regional infrastructure projects and the funds not divided among the member councils to work in isolation of each other.

The GVROC will determine the methodology by which it will allocate the regional component of the CLGF.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Policy 1.16 - Regional Alliance

The Council of the Shire of Wiluna considers that it has far more in common with the region centred on Kalgoorlie, and at all times will endeavour to have this objective met when participating in any regional activities, organisations, promotions, etc

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:

That the minutes of the GVROC Meeting of Council held 30 January and 27 March 2009 be received.

46/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0

10.1.5. Subject/Applicant:	Update Policy 1.11 – Nomination to Boards and Committees
File:	04.00.08
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse an amendment to Policy 1.11 – Nomination to Boards and Committees.

Background

In November 2008 Council resolved to become a member of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council (GVROC). At that time Policy 1.11 was not amended to reflect this membership.

Policy 1.11 currently reads as follows:

It is Council policy that the Council will be represented, as shown below, on the following external organisations:

Organisation	Delegate	Proxy	Staff
Murchison WALGA	President Councillor	Councillor	CEO
Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group	President	Councillor	CEO
Murchison Health Group	Councillor	Councillor	CEO

Nominations for and the election of delegates to the above organisation is to be carried out at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held May of each year.

That delegates representing Council at Association Conferences (WALGA) shall vote and move motions as they see fit and as they believe reflects the views of Council. This authority be granted subject to the delegates reporting back to Council the proceedings of the Conferences at the next Ordinary Meeting.

Comment

This report amends Policy 1.11 to align it with Council's November resolution to become a member of GVROC and nominate the Shire President and CEO to be the Council's delegates.

At present Council do not attend the Murchison Country zone of WALGA, as shown in the current Policy 1.11, however, it may be advantageous to leave this option open to attend in the future, in case of the need for support from the Murchison member councils for an issue that may have more synergy with Murchison than GVROC.

GECZ of WALGA has been added also because the GVROC minutes and actions are referred to the GECZ for further action if required.

Policy 1.16 Regional Alliance reads - The Council of the Shire of Wiluna considers it has far more in common with the regions centred on Kalgoorlie and at all times will endeavour to have this objective met when participating in any regional activities, organisation, promotions, etc.

Policy Implications

Amend Policy 1.11 – Nomination to Boards and Committees
Policy 1.16 - Regional Alliance

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation/Council Resolution:

That Council amend and adopt Policy 1.11 – Nomination to Boards and Committees as follows:

It is Council policy that the Council will be represented, as shown below, on the following external organisations:

Organisation	Delegate	Proxy	Staff
Murchison WALGA	President Councillor	Councillor	CEO
Goldfields Voluntary Regional Operational Council	President	Councillor	CEO
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA	President	Councillor	CEO
Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group	President	Councillor	CEO

Nominations for and the election of delegates to the above organisation is to be carried out at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held May of each year.

That delegates representing Council at Association Conferences (WALGA) shall vote and move motions as they see fit and as they believe reflects the views of Council. This authority be granted subject to the delegates reporting back to Council the proceedings of the Conferences at the next Ordinary Meeting.

47/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
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:	8 April 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.

Report Activities for March/April 2009

The RPA Coordinator spent most of the past month promoting the RPA, further establishing useful contacts in government and industry and working with the RPA Management Committee to refine the governance of the RPA. This work is ongoing.

Aboriginal Community Engagement

This most important aspect of the RPA continues to be a challenge. We do not have the level of engagement required, although there have been some useful meetings with various individuals and traditional owners represented by the Central Desert Native Title Service.

It would be very useful and helpful to the RPA if the Aboriginal Councillors could accept a more prominent role in this work and assist the RPA Coordinator in his efforts to establish effective community engagement in Wiluna.

Key Meetings

RPA Industry Partners Meeting – held 13 March 2009 in Perth, attended by 7 of the 8 miners operating in the Shire, this meeting initiated the industry partners consideration of an overall industry position on the following issues. This work is ongoing.

- Future Fund/Community Trust models
- Education and training
- Cross cultural training, accessing local people as providers.
- Building a shared understanding – perception and skills audit surveys; baseline data to inform future decision making.
- Identification of what industry can achieve in the broader social and economic development context.

Wiluna RPA Management Committee Meeting – held 18 March 2009 in Wiluna, attended by 38 people. The main success of this meeting was the greatly improved attendance and interest of industry and government.

As noted above, establishing community engagement to match is critical and our greatest challenge.

Midwest Mining Aboriginal Employment Development Partnership – held 26 March 2009 in Geraldton, a similar exercise to the RPA, but concentrating on iron ore mining, sponsored by the Midwest Development Commission. This work has a regional focus that includes the Shire of Wiluna and so the RPA will benefit from aspects of research being conducted under the Midwest Mining Aboriginal Employment Development Partnership that will support and supplement work being done under the Wiluna RPA, such as:

- Regional skills audit
- Human services delivery audit
- Indigenous gateway organization – a one stop shop

The Wiluna RPA is further advanced in terms of actual projects being undertaken and progressed.

Key Activities and Achievements to Date

- **Child Protection** - An MOU was signed on 18/3/09 between the Department of Child Protection, the Ngangganawili Aboriginal Health Service, the Wiluna Remote School and the Wiluna Police that lays out child protection procedures for these agencies to follow. Part of the MOU is the establishment of a permanent Dept. Child Protection worker's presence in Wiluna.
- **New Clinic** - A meeting initiated by the RPA and held in Perth 23/3/09 between NAHS and WA Country Health Services, Australian government Health and Lotterywest will see the stalled new Clinic development progress. Another meeting is planned for 24 April 2009 to plan implementation following the outcome of WA Country Health Service submission to State Treasury. The expected outcome is \$8.6m committed to this project, supplemented by additional community access and amenity funds from Lotterywest.
- **New TAFE Centre** - Slow progress on this project has now been overcome and plans are in place to see this TAFE facility constructed for an opening in January 2010.
- **Housing** - The Department of Housing announced that it has transferred its program planned for Ravensthorpe to Wiluna, resulting in a number of new houses to be built here (awaiting further details from DH).

- **Land Access and Leasing** - Steve Burgess from Department of Planning and Infrastructure attended a very useful community meeting on 18 March 2009. The outcome was a much better understanding of the status of land in the township and the status of the "Desert Gold" area. The DPI will work closely with the Shire and the community to resolve these matters, including taking expressions of interest from parties with specific land use proposals.
- **Sport and Recreation** - The Department of Sport and Recreation has provided a strong response to the Shires request for support for its sport and recreation program, especially in terms of planning and training for staff.
- **Collocation** - This project is progressing with input from various parties about possible tenants for a renovated facility at the old Marruwayura building.
- **Enterprise Development** - The state Department of Commerce, Aboriginal Enterprise Development Unit will assign an officer and a contractor to begin a systematic assessment of potential new Aboriginal businesses in the Shire of Wiluna. The success of this work will depend greatly on the quality of engagement with the Aboriginal community.
- **Bondini** - The RPA has commenced background work to support the recently established Bondini residents' committee to establish exactly where responsibility lies for furthering improvements to this community. The Aboriginal Lands Trust is the key agency involved and they will be asked to come to Wiluna to help develop a strategy to advance required improvements at Bondini.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the RPA information report.

48/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams

CARRIED 4/0

10.3. Principal Environmental Health Officer Report

10.3.1 Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	William Atyeo – Environmental Health Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Subject: Extensions to Central Desert NTS
File: Lot 1489
Location: Woodley Street – Wiluna
Date: 16 March 2009

Information was given to a logistic officer for the Central Desert Native Title Services Ltd in regard to additions they would like to do to their complex at Lot 1489, Woodley Street in Wiluna. They queried the number of toilets required, and whether toilets for people with disabilities were required. My Email response was as follows:

"I assure you that 2 toilets will be adequate, but you must supply one of these as a facility for people with disabilities.

May I suggest that both toilets be Uni-sex, and one of them disabled. That way you cover it all. Also the access to the toilets and to the property must comply with the Australian Standard 1428. Given that you are anticipating approx 50 people on occasions, this will be critical, and when you submit your plans for approval, these factors will be accessed, along with structural soundness.

With the addition of "sails" it is important that they are designed well, and with strength."

Further to this I gave all the required details to a representative of a consulting company in regard to the specifications required in a disabled toilet facility, and stressed that the access to the facilities are required to conform with the Australian Standard given to them.

I will be contacted should they continue to develop such a facility on their land

Subject: Development Lot 179 Wotton
File: Lot 179
Location: Wiluna
Date: 19 March 2009

Further discussions with the owners of this proposal to develop a Cultural Centre and Craft training facility have progressed. I met with Gail and Monty on the Lot on the 19th March 2009. We discussed the renovations to the buildings at length, and discussed the proposed layout of the buildings and the provision of facilities on the Lot.

We also went over the processes required to make an application to the Shire for Planning Approval for their proposed development. Although this seemed complicated, after discussion I felt that the owners were more at ease with the process. I have recommended that the Shire CEO be fully informed of what is intended and the processes they will be going through to ensure the development complying with the Town Planning Scheme and the Building Code of Australia.

The owners are now in the process of having the layout plans drawn-up ready for submitting to Council. I will need this information in order to submit an agenda item to Council for consideration.

Since this time I have received plans of the footings that are to be installed to support the dongas on the Lot. I advised the person that the footings would be approved once the Shire had issued a Planning Permit for the proposed development and an application for a Building License was lodged with the Shire.

I further advised that no footings were to be constructed until such time as the planning permit was issued and the application for a building license was received. The time this takes is dependent upon the proposed developers submitting the proposition to the Shire, when all will be assessed against the Town Planning Scheme.

Subject: Proposed Building License – BL01/09
File: Lot 80
Location: Lennon Street - Wiluna
Date: 19 March 2009

An application was received from owner Dianne Stott in relation to the addition of a carport on the northern side of the existing dwelling. The information supplied with the application was incomplete, and I made an on-site inspection and spoke with Dianne Stott on a couple of matters.

There was confusion as to the position of the side boundary, and I suggested that if she was not certain of the exact boundary that she should engage the services of a land surveyor to clearly identify such. At the moment there is no

access to the shed which is located on the rear boundary, with access across the adjoining allotment, and this is accessed through the hotel grounds and part of the caravan park.

There is a rear laneway, but the shed is positioned so that there is no direct access from the laneway, thus the need to provide a carport. Once the carport is built, then the owners can access the property from Lennon Street. In order for this to be possible, Council will be asked to remove the dead trees in front of the house, located on the footpath.

Following on from the meeting held in the Council Chambers on the night of 18 March 2009, I also advised her to contact Steve Burgess from DPI to discuss those issues relevant in regard to Lot 81.

I also made it clear to Dianne Stott that she is required to draw-up the plans of the proposed carport, with all specifications of the materials to be used and submit this to the Shire for further assessment.

This is ongoing.

Subject: **Recreation Centre Building**
File: Recreation Centre
Location: Scotia Street - Wiluna
Date: 19 March 2009

I accompanied shire staff on an inspection of the premises in preparation of matters which may or will need the attention of the Shire to ensure health and safety of the people using the facilities and also the building itself.

The major issues that were identified were in relation to the movement of people from the building in an emergency situation. All defined or designated "Exit" doors were defective in a number of ways, and were in contradiction with the requirements of the BCA (Building Code of Australia), and also the Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992. A list of the requirements needed was made and will be action in time.

It was also noted that the "BioCycle" that services the facility is indicating that the biomax has faults associated with the air, and with the disposal cycles of the unit. These will be referred to the Works Manager for attention.

There were also other areas that will also be referred to the Works Manager for attention.

It was noted that there has been very good work in regard to the tidiness of the storerooms and other rooms within the complex. This is very pleasing to see, and the responsible staff are to be commended for this extra attention given to these areas.

Subject: Meetings Attended
File:
Location: Wiluna
Date: 18 March 2009

Department Planning Infrastructure

The meeting between the community members and Mr Steve Burgess was a really worthwhile one, in which I learnt a lot about some of the land issues, and the procedure required to release land within Wiluna. I have also had several comments from people who attended, and it was the knowledge and professionalism of Mr Burgess that impressed many of the people who attended, and they stated that they now have a clearer understanding of the procedure.

There was some confusion as to a number of individual issues, which were not the responsibility of the DPI, but more the responsibility of the organisations in which certain lands were vested. Mr Burgess and myself stayed after the meeting to discuss issues that individuals had, and I would say that most of the confusion was dealt with.

A very worthwhile, productive and informative meeting, with a lot of valuable information given to people. Was a long day but rewarding for all I feel.

Subject: Gunn Cafe
File: Lot 64
Location: Wotton Street - Wiluna
Date: 19 March 2009

I inspected the cafe and found it to be very clean and tidy. It was a pleasure to find that the new floor coverings have been laid and that this complies with the relevant regulations governing the standards for a Class 1 Food premises.

Subject: Complaint Regarding flying Debris
File: Lots 1051 to 1055
Location: Woodley Street - Wiluna
Date: 20 March 2009

The Shire received a written complaint that states that they advise the Shire that a dangerous situation has arisen at this address as a result of high winds. They have witnessed several sheets of tin being picked up and carried by the wind over the fence. This is dangerous and if the material struck someone the results would be extremely severe.

In the first instance I believe this matter should be addressed by the DPI, as the land is leased to the occupier, and I am sure that there would be conditions on that lease that would address the state of the property. Council

has made attempts in the past to have the yards cleaned up, but although some action was taken, the yard still appears to be untidy and is not aesthetically pleasing to the adjacent areas.

The complainant asks what can be done to have the matter addressed. Another similar property within the town has erected full screen fencing which hides the contents from the view of the general public.

I have spoken to the owner of the land, Mr Graham Harris, in reference to the complaint, and was assured by Mr Harris that the matter will be dealt with accordingly and in due course. I also informed him that I had referred the complaint to the DPI for consideration as well.

The Shire may proceed to address this issue and similar ones within the Shire by reference to the Town Planning Scheme and the Act that gives the Scheme its power to prosecute offenders. However, I feel that the DPI first need to advise the Shire of what it can achieve.

Officer Recommendation / Draft Motion

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

49/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.3.2 Subject/Applicant:	Strategic Waste Management Plan (SWMP) 2009 – 2013
File:	31.00.01
Reporting Officer:	William Atyeo – Environmental Health Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption the Strategic Waste Management Plan (SWMP) 2009 – 2013 and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign off on the final document submitted to the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Summary

The Shire has received a draft of the Strategic Waste Management Plan (SWMP) 2009 – 2013 from Dallywater Consulting Pty Ltd for the region known as the Yalgoo Group for adoption by the Shire. The Group was formed by the Shires of Wiluna, Meekatharra, Sandstone, Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, and Cue, and at a meeting with the consultant in August 2008 met to discuss issues in regard to Waste Management.

The Plan formulated from this meeting and with site visits by the consultant is now required to be “signed off” on by the six (6) Shires in order for the Group to be eligible for a further \$35,000 to be spent on action(s) identified in the SWMP by December 2009.

I will be recommending that the Shire of Wiluna adopt the draft Strategic Waste Management Plan on the understanding that the SWMP is in draft format, has the status of a working document, and on the basis that it is subject to ongoing review at a regional level by the participating local authorities.

Background

The Yalgoo Group Formed in order to maximise the receipt of funding from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), and to compile a Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the six member Shires are situated. This funding was used to engage Dallywater Consulting to prepare what we now call the Strategic Waste Management Plan (SWMP), and we are to understand that there will be surplus after this (figure not supplied).

The SWMP has been given to all the Shires, and it takes a lot of time to go through this 129 page document, and we are required to sign off on it by the end of April 09. The main parts that are of interest to the Shires are the Executive Summary, and Table 32 which maps out the Recommendations and Action Plan of the SWMP.

This SWMP has been developed in alignment with the WA Waste Authority's “Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme. The purpose of the Plan is to provide strategies and actions to guide the Local Governments and communities of the Yalgoo Group region to improve waste management practices consistent with the State's vision of “Towards Zero Waste 20/20” in order to protect human health and the environment.

At a workshop of the members of the Group in August 2008 there were three priority projects identified for immediate action should funding become available:

1. Audits of all the landfill sites within the region which would inform each Shire what waste types, how much of each, and how much could be recovered from disposal at the landfills, as a minimum.
2. The rationalisation of landfill sites and collection services

3. Investigations into Best Practice management of the SWMP.

All the Local Governments are required to formally adopt the SWMP document at their respective April Ordinary Council Meetings. It is important for Council to know that:

- The document is a Working Draft only, and is sufficiently complete for the DEC's review purposes, but cannot represent future (final and revised) versions of the document, which may include various amendments once the full consultation process is undertaken and the Group decides whether it agrees with the actions there-in and confirms or alters the priorities (i.e. year of action) in the Action Plan.
- That shortly the consultation process will be undertaken via a workshop on the Action Plan (Table 32 in the SWMP) to confirm or alter the dates of the various actions through a "scoring system" the DEC has already devised.
- The workshop and subsequent community consultation on the final version of the SWMP will be undertaken concurrently with the development of a working document, called a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

And so we have:

The SWMP which contains an Action Plan from which the Local Governments may choose specific actions to carry out during the ensuing 12 months, and this forms an Annual Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). The annual WMMP will then be presented to the CEOs and full Councils for ratification, adoption, and required funding.

Comments:

The whole document is daunting when reading it, but feel that the major areas are the Executive Summary and the Recommendations and Action Plan Table contained within see **Appendix M (white pages)**. I will be concentrating on it over the next couple of weeks and hope to have some changes in regard to timing (dates), and change some of the language to "investigate" rather than "shall" or "will" .. etc etc.

I have spoken or communicated with other members of the Yalgoo Group and it appears that they too have the same concerns. I am also disappointed at the little time we were given from when we received the SWMP and the time in which we have had to review and adopt such an extensive document.

I advise you that I have slightly revised the recommendation that was presented to the HBTP Committee after re-reading the timelines and in the interests of expediency in meeting the deadlines imposed on the Group by the DEC. I felt it was important for the CEO to be able to endorse or confirm the Plan after amendments have been made, which may not be before the April meeting of Council.

Consultation

Mr Gordon Houston – Consultant for Dallywater Consulting Pty Ltd
HBTP Committee – Trenfield, Burrows, and Burgemeister.
Mr Roy McClymont – Chief Executive Officer - Meekatharra
Mr Cameron Watson – Corporate and Development Services Manager –
Meekatharra
Mr Bill Atkins – Chief Executive Officer – Sandstone
Ms Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer – Wiluna
Mr David Burton – Chief Executive Officer – Mount Magnet

Statutory Environment

Waste Avoidance and Recovery Act 2007 – Section 25 – Waste Authority to
prepare draft waste strategy.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

There are non at this stage, however, in the future there may be the
requirement to spend monies on some of the actions taken, but these should
be sourced from external sources or will be fully budgeted for at the time
actions are taken.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation/Council Motion

1. That the Shire of Wiluna adopt the Strategic Waste Management Plan (SWMP) 2009 – 2013 which has been prepared for the Yalgoo Group of Councils by Dallywater Consulting on the understanding that SWMP is in draft format, has the status of a working document, and on the basis that the SWMP is subject to ongoing review at a regional level by the participating local authorities.
2. That the Shire of Wiluna authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign off on the final document submitted to the Department of Environment and Conservation providing the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that the interests of the Shire are served by that document following any amendments that may be made to the SWMP following the review

processes. Should the Chief Executive Officer not endorse the final document, then the matter is to be referred to full Council for a decision.

50/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.4. Deputy CEO Reports

10.4.1. Subject/Applicant:	Air Travel Tax
File:	30.00.01 & 12.00.06
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan, Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	7 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

For council to consider the amount that the Shire will charge head tax per air passengers on the RPT for this to be included in the Fees and Charges Schedule in accordance with budget preparations for 2009/10.

Comment

Council needs to raise funds for the ongoing airport maintenance and future capital upgrading. Wiluna currently does not collect head tax from air passengers. Council is asked to consider an amount to be included in the 2009/10 budget specifically for the Schedule of Fees and Charges. Council may wish to set aside this income to build up the Airport Reserve.

The Shire of Leonora currently charges \$10.00 per head in taxes which are invoiced to Skippers. Council may wish to charge the same amount in Wiluna.

Consultation

Samantha Tarling, Chief Executive Officer; Brad Pepper, Shire of Leonora DCEO; Denise Barr, Skippers Network Manager

Statutory Environment

LG Act 1995 s 6.16

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation:

That Council:
Include in the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2009/10 an amount of \$10.00 airport tax per passenger.

Councils Motion:
For the Shire staff to seek further information about collecting airport tax from other airlines such as those chartered and bring to council for further discussion.

51/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.4.2. Subject/Applicant:	Budget Alteration for Various Items
File:	05.00.02 & 28.00.12.03
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan, Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	7 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to alter the budget for expenditure involving emergency aerodrome maintenance, flood damaged sections on Wongawol Rd and repair to end of sealed road past Bondini where it meets the gravel.

Summary

Water has made parts of the airstrip swell and had to be ripped up and rebituminised. Work has started but we have run out of budget for maintenance of the airport.

Sections on the Wongawol Rd have been damaged by flood and has become a safety issue.

Gaps have formed underneath the sealed end of the road which will continue to break off if not addressed immediately. This will result in a greater capital cost to council the longer it is not addressed.

Comment

Costs for all the above expenditure are as follows:

Emergency aerodrome maintenance - \$7,500 + other regular maintenance work at the airport for the rest of the year - \$7,500
Flood damage repair on Wongawol Rd - \$7,500
Repair of end of sealed road to Bondini - \$8,000

Council is requested to approve transfer of funding from the Streetscape Beautification Project for the above expenditure totalling \$30,500.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer; Works Manager

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, S 6.8

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

Officer Recommendation:

That Council approve the transfer of \$30,500 from the Streetscape Beautification Program for:

1. Airport maintenance - \$15,000
2. Repairs on Wongawol Rd for flood-damaged sections - \$7,500
3. Repair of end of sealed road to Bondini - \$8,000

52/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.4.3. Subject/Applicant:	Use of Common Seal
File:	13.00.04
Reporting Officer:	Jean Alagappan, Deputy CEO
Date of Report:	7 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the use of the common seal. The Common Seal was attached to the following document during the reporting period:

Date: 7 April 2009

Agreement for the Shire to be a sponsor contractor for Bridging the Gap Inc, Work for the Dole program for ten people.

Consultation

CEO

Statutory Implications

The Shire of Wiluna Local Law (Standing Orders) 1999

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Officer Recommendation:

That Council endorse the use of the Common Seal during the reporting period as outlined above.

53/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.5. Manager Finance & Administration Officer Reports

10.5.1. Subject/Applicant:	Accounts Paid in by Authority
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Admin & Finance
Date of Report:	6 April 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 March 2009 are listed as Appendix K (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 March 2009 totalling \$604, 438.89 be received, endorsed and incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

54/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

10.5.2. Subject/Applicant:	Financial Report
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	6 April 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 March 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 March 2009 are listed as Appendix L (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 March 2009 as presented.

55/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.6. Manager Works & Services Officer Report

10.6.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	
Reporting Officer:	James Alagappan - Works Managers
Date of Report:	12 March 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

To report Council's operations in the Works Department and request Council receive this report as information.

Roads

Neds Creek Road is being realigned by the contractor with windy sections being straightened out. Our maintenance grader has completed grading close to Kutkabubba but was cut short due to the grader braking down. The grader is being repaired.

Carnegie-Wongawol Road flood damaged portions have been repaired/regraded and no longer pose a danger to motorists.

Aerodrome

More segments of the taxiway needed to be repaired. Some sections have been completed and work on others pending on budget reallocation to airport maintenance.

Apex Mine have partnered with the Shire and allowed the Shire to reconnect to their water source at the old mine manager's house (south of the town) to the airport. Shire employees will no longer be required to cart water to the airport. This is a saving of 6 hours a week to the council. In return, we have permanently fixed the overflow from the water tank at the old mine manager's house to save water.

Wild Weeds

Three areas in and around the town have been completely cleared of noxious cacti that was taking over the local fauna. The three areas are: beside the Shire Office facing the old settlement, behind the old mine manager's house and close to the old tip.

Playground Equipment

The playground equipment located next to the pub has been ripped up and found to be unsafe for reselling. They were taken straight to the tip.

Old Sewerage Pond next to Old School

The dead blackboys have been disposed of. The redevelopment of this area is proposed to be included in the Streetscaping and Beautification Program.

Bondini Reserve

As per the Bondini Committee request, rocks have been placed beside the dips to avoid overspeeding and removed all old cars from surrounding houses and placed them in designated areas.

Casual Employee

We have had two casual employees with us this month to assist us in reducing our backlog of work.

Equipment

The streetsweeper has been recommissioned and the streets have been swept and have been picking up unacceptable level of pieces of smashed glass. The following plant and equipment are currently undergoing repair:

1. Grader
2. Presssure Cleaner
3. Town Reticulation Pump

Officer Recommendation / Draft Motion

That Council receives the Works Department information report.

56/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

10.7. Community Development Manager

10.7.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	05.00.07
Reporting Officer:	Tania Wiley – Art Gallery
Date of Report:	6 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report Council's operations in the Tjukurba Art Gallery and request Council receive this report as information.

Relieving in Art Gallery

Art Gallery Manager, Heather Charlton is on holidays until 15 April 2009. I have been working from the gallery, meeting the artists and learning the systems and processes involved in running the Gallery as part of my professional development and the Shire’s commitment to staff development.

Printmaking

Mr Basil Hall will visit the Gallery Monday 20 - 24 April and run printmaking workshops.

Art Exhibition in Perth

There is an Oakajee Port and Rail Art Exhibition on in Perth and the gallery has been asked if they would like to be part of the exhibition. Oakajee Port and Rail will pay for the artwork to be framed or stretched and the Premier is going to be opening the exhibition. This is a great opportunity to draw attention to Wiluna’s talented artists and build Tjukurba Art Gallery representation on the National art scene.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the Manager Community Development’s information report.

57/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

Tourism Officer Report

10.7.2. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	08.00.12
Reporting Officer:	Debra McNeill – Tourism Officer
Date of Report:	8 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report to Council the operations of the Tourism department and request Council receive this report as information.

On the 27 March I met with Danielle Robertson, General Manager of the Visitor’s Centre in Kalgoorlie and the Membership Officer. They are

more than happy to promote Wiluna at the Centre and to network with me in whatever we are going to do in the future. They would both like to come to Wiluna and see what we have to offer so they know firsthand what we are doing.

On the 7th April the Manager Community Development and I went to the Northern Goldfields Tourism meeting held in Leonora. The group has taken a regional approach to promoting tourism. In the Northern Goldfields region. The outcome for Wiluna is the Famils are coming to Wiluna between the 1st to 2nd May. The Famil party will include a representative from Vic (RAC) WA (RAC) and the Perth Visitor's Centre. They will be taken to all Wiluna's great tourist spots, i.e. heritage listed Shire Admin Office (Old Wiluna Hospital), Tjukurba Art Gallery, North Pool, CSR Well 1, the Clay Pans, Lake Violet, Bowanoo Pool, Red Hill, Gunbarrell Laager and the Town.

On 3 May, community Development Manager, Tania Wiley will take them to the Shire of Sandstone where the CEO, Bill Atkinson will spend time showing their sights before going onto Leonora.

Officer Recommendation / Draft Motion

That Council receives the Tourism Officers information report.

58/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

Swimming Pool Manager Report

10.7.3. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	05.00.13
Reporting Officer:	Lai Ratabua – Pool Manager
Date of Report:	07 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Swimming Pool Closing Date

Swimming pool will be closing on Thursday 10 April 2009 until next summer.

A flyer has been placed around the town notifying the community of the pool closing date.

Swimming Carnival at Leinster

Several students that have attended the swimming lesson were chosen to represent Wiluna School in the inter-school swimming carnival held at Leinster on the Friday, 3 April 2009. Those who participated had a great time and won several swimming events.

Swimming Pool Income

The total income received in pool entrance fees for the month of March is \$347.00. Total of pool entrance income from 30 October 2008 to 27 March 2009 is \$4,325.00.

The total income received in kiosk sales for the month of March is \$590.00. Total of kiosk income from 05 November 2008 to 27 March 2009 is \$5,510.00.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the Swimming Pool Manager's information report.

59/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
CARRIED 4/0

Sports & Recreational Officer Report

10.7.4. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	
Reporting Officer:	Adam Wiringi – Manager Sport & Rec
Date of Report:	6 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Report

Department Sports and Rec in Geraldton are partnering with us in organising referee and coaching courses for all codes of sport for our employees. This is organised for May. This will be a major professional development program for all staff. Currently some staff don't know the rules of games we are running in our sports program. With this coaching it will take the sport and rec program to a new level of professionalism.

Basketballer, Ricky Grace attended recently and ran a short clinic for basketball staff.

Occupational Health and Safety Officer inspected the Rec Centre and problems were identified. Improvement list developed and these works will be carried out in the near future.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the Sport and Recreation information report.

60/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

Homemaker Officer Report

10.7.5. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	03.00.07
Reporting Officer:	Meleoni Nariro – Homemaker
Date of Report:	1 April 2009
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Bondini Community Meeting

We have continued with our meetings out at Bondini to clean up homes and the community. The Shire has met with Bondini residents twice this month to see how we can help to assisted with a range of problems indicated by the Bondini community.

In Home Practical Support Program (IHPS)

Throughout the month of March, we have had 6 clients' houses that we visited to demonstrate our cleaning program. There were problems with some tenants not being at home when going to conduct the demonstration at the arranged time.

For those 6 tenants, they have completed the three month program. We are now starting the three month program with the next group of tenants. We have also done our tri monthly report to DoH, regarding their tenants. Prizes consisting of a hamper basket were given to our best tenants who we feel who have improved throughout the last 3 months. Ruth Wongawol was the winner of the hamper and has done a great job in improving her housing conditions.

Tenants housing issues

Throughout the month of March we have seen about 7 homes regarding the same problem as the previous three months. The drainage problems from one of the houses is hopefully going to be fixed soon as it is a priority issue listed by DoH. It is meant to be fixed within seven hours.

Environmental Health Officer

The Environmental Health Officer will be visiting houses that we deem to be a priority to be fixed once a month and will provide us with a report.

Client issues

Internet Banking is a problem for most of the clients wanting to transfer money. It is planned that the homemaker team will develop easy to understand steps to help clients to use the internet confidently.

On a daily basis, we have clients that come in complaining that repairs at their home that have been promised to be fixed, still have not been fixed. In the future when clients come in, the homemaker team will phone DoH so the clients can talk to them about their particular problem relating to their house.

Change of Times for Homemaker Schedule

There have been some time changes in our schedule in order to suit the community and help the team to work effectively to achieve DoH and Shire objectives. For instance, cooking classes have been changed to a lunch time to encourage more mums attending while their children are at school. We will be looking at setting up more programs in the future.

Below are our new times for program

Cooking Classes - 11:00am to 12:30pm.
Internet banking - 1:00pm to 3:30 pm.

Sewing classes: to be determined after Easter

We have noticed that the numbers have dropped in the sewing classes so we are going to go back to the community to find out if this is something that people want to do and learn.

Officer Recommendation / Council Motion

That Council receives the Homemaker information report.

61/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr C Carton
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

Nil

13. Public Question Time

Nil

14. Matters Behind Closed Doors – Confidential Item

14.1 This item will be considered behind closed doors in accordance with Section 5.23 of the Local Government Act. Report to be tabled.

Recommendation

That Council resolve to consider confidential item 12.1. behind closed doors in accordance with Section 5.23 of the Local Government Act.

62/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Carton

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

The Council went behind closed doors at 9:35pm.

The Council came out from behind closed doors at 10.10pm.

Council Motion

That Council resolved to resume standing orders of Council Meeting and invite the public to join the meeting.

63/09 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

President to read aloud the resolution decided behind closed doors.

Recommendation

That Council resolved to receive the CEO confidential report pertaining to Section 5.23 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act and endorse the CEO's actions.

64/08 Council Decision

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr A Williams
CARRIED 4/0

15. Closure

Meeting Closed at 10.15pm