

Shire of Wiluna

CONFIRMED MINUTES



Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held

Wednesday 19 May 2010

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Minutes

1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

The meeting was opened at 10.20am.

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

John Kyanga	(President)
Graham Harris	(Deputy President)
Jim Quadrio	(Councillor)
Chris Webb	(Councillor)

Samantha Tarling	(Chief Executive Officer)
Glenn Deocampo	(Manager, Finance & Administration)

Apology

Ken Farmer	(Councillor)
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3. Response to Previous Public Question Taken on Notice

Nil

4. Public Question Time

Nil

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil

6. Notations of Interest

6.1. Interest Affecting Impartiality Shire of Wiluna Code of Conduct

Nil

6.2. Financial Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60A

Nil

6.3. Proximity Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60B

Nil

7. Petitions and Deputations

Nil

8. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

8.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 April 2010 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

56/10 Council Decision

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0**

9. Announcement Presiding Member without Discussion

President Kyanga announced the sad news of fellow Cr Zac passing away recently.

10. Reports of Committees and Officers

10.1. Chief Executive Officer Reports

10.1.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling – Chief Executive Officer
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Sealing of Goldfields Highway

Shire of Meekatharra has written to council thanking council for including them in the development of the Road/Rail Corridor Strategy Report – Sealing of Goldfields Highway, Wiluna to Meekatharra section. Their council met and agreed to contribute half the costs associated with the preparation of the report (approx. \$8000) subject to Meekatharra Council approving the final report. Letter attached for information. Appendix D – Red pages

Wiluna Development Project

Hon John Bowler, MLA has honoured his promise to council made on his recent visit to Wiluna and forwarded a copy of the Wiluna Development Project Continuance proposal to the Premier, Colin Barnett to have ongoing funding of this worthwhile project fast-tracked through Treasury and not through the normal beauracatic process. A letter is attached for information. Appendix E – Orange pages

Local Government Week 5 – 7 August 2010

2010 WA Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition, commonly known as Local Government Week will be held Thursday 5 – Saturday 7 August at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

With the underpinning theme of ‘Better Local Government’ the conference program has been designed around best practice, with conference streams addressing the community, governance and improving performance, the challenging aspects of transitional change, trends in technology, and a look at the multicultural society that makes up our local communities today.

Attached is an information and registration handbook.

Councillors wishing to attend need to advise CEO in the near future.

Proposed Introduction of a Works Group

To enhance the operations of council it has been proposed that council consider forming a Works Group a 6 month trial.

The Works Group purpose would be to have a working party made up of councillors, staff and contractors (discretionary) to monitor works projects and finances including plant and equipment replacement and make recommendations to the CEO for consideration as required.

Due to the competing duties and tasks that councillors are currently undertaking it is proposed that the Works Group meeting is not formalised into a Works Committee at this time, to allow it to be flexible in its meeting time and regularity, development of the agenda items to be discussed and the development of a framework around the agenda items including roles and responsibilities.

It is proposed that the meeting will have an agenda tabled on the day and informal notes taken, including actions assigned of the members. The Works Manager will be responsible for briefing the CEO in writing (notes from the meeting) and verbally of the outcomes of the monthly meeting.

It is proposed that the trial begin in July 2010 and the first meeting be held at the depot and a site inspection take place.

Western Australian Transport Infrastructure Summit

Councillors have shown interest in attending this Summit. Attached is the program for information and discussion. Appendix F – White pages

For Councillor's consideration.

57/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr J Quadrio
CARRIED 4/0**

For Council to receive the Chief Executive Officer's report for information and endorse the Chief Executive Officer's actions.

10.1.2. Subject/Applicant:	Differential Rating
File:	00297
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling, CEO
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek council's approval to commence differential rating of mining tenements for the forthcoming budget and for future years.

Background

Australia has three tiers of government, Federal, State and Local. All governments need money to operate and raise this money in the form of taxes. In local government our tax is known as "rates".

A rate works by multiplying the 'value' of a property, by a Rate in the Dollar to arrive at an amount each ratepayer must pay to contribute to the operation of the Shire of Wiluna. Rates are separated into two areas; Gross Rental Values (GRV) and Unimproved Values (UV).

GRV's represent the amount you may expect to receive if you were to rent out the property. (The value of the improvements on the property will increase the amount that the property can be rented for). GRV's are generally applied to town sites.

Unimproved values (UV) are the value of the land regardless of any improvements. They are generally applied to rural areas, such as farms, stations, mining tenements etc.

The value of a property whether GRV or UV is set by the Valuer General (State Government Department). The value is outside the control of Council, although individual ratepayers may appeal directly to the Valuer General if they are aggrieved by the value set.

Council's input is to determine a rate for every dollar of valuation to generate enough income (revenue) to allow the Shire to operate. This is set annually at the time of the budget. Currently (2009/2010) council has imposed a rate of 6.091 cents for every dollar of valuation for GRV and a rate of 11.52 cents for UV's. These rates in 2009/2010 generated an income of \$2,085,124.00 for the Shire of Wiluna.

Spot GRV

As mentioned above, GRV rates are generally applied to town sites, however there are some exceptions. A GRV represents the value of the improvements on the land, not the value of the land itself. Therefore the shire, currently rates mining camps and mining plant (The Mill) as a spot GRV to better reflect the actual use the land is being put to.

Differential Rating

There is another option available to Council – Differential Rating - simply put, differential rating gives Council the ability to have different rates within the GRV or UV range.

As an example, Council would normally set a standard GRV rate throughout the town site. However it is possible to have one rate for residential, another for commercial and yet another for industrial. Within UV rates, Council could impose one rate for pastoral properties and another for mining.

The Local Government Act provides guidance on the types of differential rates and the procedures for implementing them.

Comments

Currently the Shire of Wiluna applies;

Gross Rental Values at the same rate in the dollar to properties within the Wiluna town site and mining camps and plant, and

Unimproved Values at the same rate in the dollar for pastoral properties and mining tenements.

For next year and in future years it is proposed to introduce differential rating for the mining industry.

Rationale

Town site and pastoral properties represent the backbone of the Shire. They have been here for many years and will remain so for many years to come. They are the reason for the existence of the Shire of Wiluna.

Mining companies, although some have been around for some years are temporary. They arrive, they mine the wealth of the Shire and they leave, taking their profits with them and providing little benefit to the community in which the mine is located.

Previously some mining companies did take an active interest in the Shire and provided much help in infrastructure projects. However times change and this is no longer true today. It is considered that the mining sector should pay an increased contribution to the Shire in relation to other sectors.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

58/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation
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MOVED Cr G Harris

**SECONDED Cr C Webb
CARRIED 4/0**

That the Shire of Wiluna adopts differential rating commencing 01 July 2010 to reflect the value that mining derives from the Shire.

10.1.3. Subject/Applicant:	Proposed Rate 2010 – 2011 Budget
File:	00297
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer - Samantha Tarling
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve proposed rate in the dollar for the 2010 – 2011 budget and advertisement calling for public submissions in response to this proposal.

Background

Every budget adopts a rate to generate sufficient revenue for the Shire's operations. This year Council is utilising differential rates and is required to advertise its proposed rate for public comment.

Submissions close after a 21 day period and Council may then review submissions and either adopt the proposed rate or amend it.

Comment

Each year we provide Council with several rating options and make recommendations as to the preferred rate.

The chart attached shows the different options and the recommendation follows. Appendix G – Pink pages

It is proposed to increase GRV General and UV General (Pastoral) by 5%, increase GRV mining and UV Mining by 50% and increase GRV and UV Minimums from \$200 to \$250.

59/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council imposes the following rates for the 2010 – 2011 financial year and advertises for public comment.

Rate Category	Rate in Dollar (c)	Minimum
Gross Rental Values – General	07.256	250
Gross Rental Values – Mining	10.635	250
Unimproved Values – Rural	12.100	250
Unimproved Values – Mining	17.280	250

10.1.4. Subject/Applicant:	RSMS – Glenn Deocampo
File:	00191
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling, CEO
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek council's endorsement for the sponsorship of the Manager, Finance and Administration as a permanent Australia Citizen and meet the costs of the application and visas.

Background

Manager Finance and Administration, Mrs Glenn Deocampo was sponsored by the Shire of Wiluna in 2009 on a 457 Visa.

Glenn is now seeking approval for her and her family to become permanent citizens of Australia through the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme.

The Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme (RSMS) allows employers in regional or low population growth areas of Australia to fill skilled positions that they are unable to fill from the local labour market. Any employer can participate in the scheme as long as their business and the position being filled is in an area covered under the RSMS. All areas of Australia are covered except Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong, Melbourne and Perth.

As the first step under RSMS, the Shire must seek certification of the nomination by the Regional Certifying Body (RCB). This is the Mid West Commission. They certify that:

- there is a need for a paid employee in the nominating Business that is actively and lawfully operating in regional Australia;
- the position is a genuine full-time vacancy;
- the position requires qualifications equivalent to at least the Australian diploma level (unless the nomination is 'exceptional').

All statutory requirements have been met by the Shire.

Comment

The Shire sponsoring Glenn Deocampo, Manager Finance and Administration to apply for permanent status as an Australian resident will require Glenn to

continue in her position for a minimum of two years. This will give stability to Shire operations in the finance department and fill a role that would otherwise be difficult to fill in the current economic environment in WA.

When Glenn Deocampo applies for her permanency she automatically becomes eligible for Medicare. This is a benefit to council due to council currently meeting her husband's medical bill that resulted from a traffic accident in 2009 and we are responsible for as the sponsor of a person on a 457 visa.

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

\$6500.00 for WALGA to provide specialist assistance for the application and payment of permanent visas.

Terminates the ongoing medical costs that are met by Medicare.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

60/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr G Harris

**SECONDED Cr J Quadrio
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council:

1. Endorse the sponsorship of employment of Glenn Deocampo as the Manager Finance and Administration to enable her to apply to become

- a permanent resident of Australia under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme;
2. The Shire to appoint WALGA as the migration agent for the application; and
 3. Council meet the costs for the application, engaging WALGA as the migration agent and securing visas.

10.1.5. Subject/Applicant:	Wiluna Walk Trails and Interpretation Concept Plan
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File:	00110
Reporting Officer:	Samantha Tarling, CEO
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek council's endorsement of the concept plan of the Wiluna Walk Trails and Interpretation Concept Plan and include costings for consideration in the 2010/11 budget.

Background

In 2009 council worked together with the community to chart a vision for the future of Wiluna. Many spoke about the need to have a major Streetscaping Beautification program including street art and tourist attractions to share the stories and history of Wiluna.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan 2009-14 objective Go-Ahead Wiluna, Boost tourism planning and initiatives to promote Wiluna as a unique tourist destination, the Wiluna Walk Trails and Interpretation Plan was born.

Comment

In March 2010 Jesse Brampton came to Wiluna and engaged the community in 4 community consultation workshops to receive their direction in what they saw as the best fit in promoting Wiluna. All the ideas and suggestions have been captured in the Wiluna Walk Trails and Interpretation Concept Plan.

Consultation

Community of Wiluna

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Budget consideration to the estimated value of \$500,000.00

Strategic Implications

Strategic Plan 2009-14, Go-Ahead Wiluna, Boost tourism planning and initiatives to promote Wiluna as a unique tourist destination

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

61/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr G Harris

**SECONDED Cr J Quadrio
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Wiluna Walk Trails and Interpretation Concept Plan; and
2. Give budget consideration to the estimated value of \$500,000.00 for the design, manufacturing and installation of proposals in the 2010/2011 budget.

10.2. RPA Coordinator Report

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

Purpose

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

Key Activities to Date (April/May)

1. Engineers Without Borders - established contact with EWB, who are interested in connecting with RPA projects, providing the assistance of volunteer professional engineers. Particularly interested in contributing to the new Shire playground project.
2. Many Rivers Opportunities (MRO) – MRO Chairperson, CEO and Project Manager visited Wiluna 19-22/4 and met with 6 Martu people who are interested in developing business ideas. MRO is a micro financier, linked to Westpac Bank, who are in negotiation with RPA Industry Partners about providing a regular service to Aboriginal people Wiluna interested in starting their own businesses.
3. Durack Institute of Technology - RPA Coordinator sat on selection panel for new Wiluna Campus manager. Three applicants, currently awaiting referee reports to finalise selection (outcome should be known by cob 14/5/2010).
4. Martu Co-Coordinator - Conducted interviews for Martu Coordinator to work alongside RPA Coordinator. Two applicants for the part time position, outcome will be announced by cob 14/5/2010, expected commencement date is Tuesday 18/5/2010. NAHS will be the host employer (many thanks to Richard Whittington for agreeing to this arrangement).
5. Indigenous Land Corporation – ILC staff visited Wiluna to look at the Desert Gold proposal and how they might become involved. Some of the Martu proponents will meet the ILC in Perth 19/5/2010 to continue this discussion, facilitated by Centrefarm who conducted the Scoping Study for Lot 17.
6. MEEDAC – Geraldton-based MEEDAC have taken over as the CDEP manager, following the demise of Nooda Ngulegoo (now in liquidation – some Nooda assets like the old store in Wotton St are for sale). There are some teething problems with MEEDAC’s settling in, but these are being addressed by MEEDAC management in discussion with the Shire CEO and the RPA coordinator.
7. Skill Hire, Max Employment and MEEDAC – these 3 agencies are responsible for looking after the work readiness and job placement needs of unemployed people in Wiluna. RPA Coordinator met with the managers of these agencies 7/5/2010. They are willing to work collaboratively with employers and trainers in Wiluna to achieve the best possible outcome for Martu. The outcome of that meeting was to plan a conference in Wiluna May/June 2010 to bring those services together with

miners, other employers and trainers (eg DIT) to create the necessary supported pathways to employment and enterprise development.

8. Mid West Development Commission_– discussion with Steve Douglas, CEO MWDC about his membership on the RPA Steering Committee, to create a closer link between Wiluna and activities in the rest of the Mid West to ensure Wiluna’s interests are routinely included in MWDC activities (especially access to Royalties for Regions, road and rail development and other special measures being considered in the region).

Key Activities Planned (May/June)

1. **17-19/5** follow up visit by Many Rivers Opportunities.
2. **19/5** visit by Cliff Weeks, senior DIA officer assigned to the Wiluna RPA.
3. **24/5** Police Commissioner’s visit to Wiluna
4. **24/5** RPA Coordinator to Kalgoorlie meeting with ICC to refresh the involvement of the Australian government in the RPA, especially the development of child care arrangements.
5. **1/6** Commissioner for Children and Young People, Michelle Scott to visit Wiluna for one day. Great opportunity to get the needs of Wiluna’s young on the agenda.
6. **1/6** Kapikarnpi Community Fund. RPA Coordinator to Leonora to attend the launch of the Kapikarnpi Community Fund, which is to be managed by the WA Community Foundation. Nickel West is the founding contributor (\$500k) and the event in Leonora is to attract investment by other miners in the region. The intention is that the fund be drawn on by organizations throughout the northern goldfields, including Wiluna. This fund could well be the vehicle for, or a model for the Wiluna Future Fund that has been discussed under the RPA. The Shire President and CEO and all miners in operating in the Shire are invitees to this event.
7. **4/6** RPA Industry Partners meeting in Perth. One of the regular quarterly meetings of this group. Attended by the RPA Coordinator and the new Martu Co-coordinator.
8. **5-6/5** Football game – return match between the Nedlands Dalkeith Juniors and the Wiluna Eagles Juniors. Sponsored by the RPA Industry partners and planned with Shire.

Involvement (Cr Harris), but to be promoted as an RPA event to draw attention to the RPA's intent to bring industry, community and government together.

The event will feature the young players from Perth and Wiluna spending time together socially and on visits to Golden West, Apex and Jundee mine sites.

62/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr G Harris

SECONDED Cr J Quadrio

CARRIED 4/0

For Council to receive the RPA Coordinator's information report.

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:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

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

Subject: Wiluna Club Hotel - Wiluna
File: Club Hotel
Location: Wotton Street - Wiluna
Date: 20 April 10

I conducted an inspection of the Hotel on the 20 April 2010, following a number of complaints with requests to inspect. As a result of this I concluded the following, and sent the attached letter to the Hotel and forwarded to the Liquor Licensing Commission for their information. Appendix H – Purple Pages

While this report highlights a number of issues, I feel the main issues revolve around the failure of the owners and managers of the hotel instigating a strict regime or schedule of thorough cleaning and maintenance of all parts of the hotel. The owners are negligent in that they have allowed the standards to significantly deteriorate over time, and it is not acceptable.

The owners must immediately take all steps possible to address the issues raised here, and to put in place a strict cleaning schedule, and an ongoing maintenance program. Failure to do this and address all issues raised will result in the issue of work orders and Notices under relevant legislation, which will then be forwarded to the Liquor Licensing Commission for their information and action.

My next visit to Wiluna will be on or about the 17 May 2010, when I will conduct a further inspection of the premises to ascertain whether or not the owners have taken any action in regard to the matters identified here.

Follow up will occur and appropriate action will be taken.

Subject: Town Planning - Proposed Introduction of Development Assessment Panels (DAP)

File Town Planning

Location: Wiluna and for whole of State of WA

Date: 22 April 10

In November 2009 I reported to Council many concerns in regard to the State's proposal to introduce Development Application Panels to cover the State.

As a result of those comments on the proposal and those of many others, the Minister for Planning has issued the following policy changes that will change the original proposal. However, it has been stated that they will be formed. The changes will make things fairer and address our major concerns in regard to the local government not being able to make decisions in regard to developments within their respective Shires.

Subject: Lots 1499 and 1568 Wotton Street - Amalgamation

File: Lot 1499 and Lot 1568

Location: Wiluna

Date: 23 April 10

State lands have asked for comment from Council in regard to the proposed amalgamation of Lots 1499 and 1568. It has been proposed that Gunbarrel Groceries land and the adjoining Lot are to be amalgamated.

I spoke with the CEO and we discussed the proposal, and concluded that Council would not have any objections to the amalgamation as it would give greater flexibility to the owners to develop the amalgamated Lots, and at the same time allow for the utilisation of the adjoining Lot that has been just a storage Lot for many years.

The land involved in the amalgamation has the same zoning in accordance with the Town Planning Scheme, so there would be no issues as such to consider.

Any expansion and improvement in this area would be welcomed by all within the community.

63/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0**

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

10.4. Deputy CEO Reports

Nil

10.5. Manager Finance & Administration Officer Reports

10.5.1. Subject/Applicant:	Accounts Paid by Authority
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Admin & Finance
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
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 30 April 2010 are listed as Appendix A – Blue pages

Consultation

Nil

Statutory Environment

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

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

64/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr G Harris

**SECONDED Cr J Quadrio
CARRIED 4/0**

That the accounts paid by authority for the period ended 30 April 2010 totalling \$1,030,902.79 be received endorsed and incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting.

10.5.2. Subject/Applicant:	Financial Report
File:	Finance
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Financial Reports for the period ending 30 April 2010.

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 30 April 2010 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

65/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council adopt the Financial Reports for the period ending 30 April 2010 as presented.

10.5.3. Subject/Applicant:	Fees and Charges
File:	Budget 2010/2011
Reporting Officer:	Glenn Deocampo – Manager, Finance & Admin
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the annual fees and charges for 2010/11 financial year.

Background

The Fees and Charges have been reviewed for the 2010-2011 financial year. These fees and charges form part of the budget document and financial requirements.

Comment

There is a minimal increase on highlighted items per Fees and charges 2010-2011 schedule to match with the increase costs of utilities and materials.

There were new fees and charges added to the schedule such pool hire, permit for building demolition, colored photocopying, lost/damaged library books/tapes/DVDs. These services were often provided for in the previous year.

Consultation

CEO

Statutory Environment

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Budget 2010/11

Strategic Implications

Nil

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

66/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr J Quadrio
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council adopts the fees and charges as shown in the 2010/2010 Fees and Charges Schedule presented in Appendix C – yellow pages

10.6. Manager Works & Services Officer Report

10.6.1. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Various
Reporting Officer:	James Alagappan - Works Managers
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive the Works Managers report and endorse the Works Managers actions.

Roads

Ullula

The maintenance grader has completed the section between Goldfields Hwy and Golden West Resources and is working on the intersection between Meekatharra Road and Ullula turnoff. A section of this road requires clearing on either side as vegetation is converging on the road reserve.

10kms of construction will commence shortly. Gravel has already been pushed up and the camps have been set up.

North Road

Road resheeting on North Road has been completed and the costs have been kept to budget estimates. The contractor, Northern Goldfields Earthmoving, exceeded the total kilometres budgeted for and completed a few additional kilometres at no extra cost to council.

Wongawol Road

A 40km section of road between Carnegie Station and Mingal Springs was badly washed away due to heavy downpours. Carnegie station manager informed the Shire that the road was impassable to heavy traffic and subsequently was closed for two weeks. The contract maintenance grader has completed repairing damaged sections and the road has been reopened to all traffic.

Grids

Two 8 meter grids have been installed on the Granite Peak-Lake Violet Road. The new grids are 4x2.4m which replaces existing single 4mx2.1m grid.

Wongawol

A 4m grid has been replaced by a new 8m grid at the 83km mark on the Wongawol Road. This has significantly opened the bottleneck that used to exist on that section of the road.

Backhoe

An order for a new backhoe was placed last year as part of the asset replacement program. It is due to arrive at the depot this week.

Oval

The oval renovation project is going according to plan with some slight glitches. The growth of the couch grass has slowed significantly with the arrival of the cold weather. Sections of the oval have been mowed, and the entire playing surface rolled using a steel roller. We are continuing to work with the reticulation contractors to sort through some issues with reticulation.

Transmitters

The new GWN TV transmitter failed briefly and had to be returned under warranty to be repaired. All TV channels are now fully functional. Red FM transmitter has failed and a new one has been ordered.

New staff

Julia Middeke has joined our casual staff as a horticulturalist/gardener. She is originally from Germany but enjoys the outback and loves Wiluna.

Fire extinguishers

All fire extinguishers have been checked and updated through Mercury making the Shire's compliant with the Fire Safety Regulations.

Stray Animals in town

There has been an increase of cows roaming the town precinct, causing significant destruction to plant and reticulation infrastructure. Quite a large amount of flowering plants in front of the shire office have been destroyed along with high rise sprinklers and damage has been caused to the fence around the main office compound as well.

67/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr J Quadrio
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council receives the Works Department information report and endorses the Works Manager's actions.

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:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for council to receive the Community Development Manager (CDM) report and endorse the Manager's actions.

Swimming Pool break-in

The CDM was summoned on 4 May, 2010 to appear in court to give evidence of items stolen from the January 30, 2010 break-in at the swimming pool kiosk.

Swimming Pool Support - Off Season Maintenance

Art Gallery Assistant, Dean Baumgarten is assisting in keeping the swimming pool maintained during the off season. The role consists of one hour of vacuuming the pool two days per week and a full day of cleaning, running the pool pump, checking water levels, security of fences and other checks, vacuuming pool, cleaning toilets and washing equipment.

Ranger

The Ranger has taken personal leave of three months until July, 2010. The CDM will attend to dog complaints in the community during this time.

Future of NAIDOC

A meeting was held by the community to discuss the future of NAIDOC after the Sports and Recreation Manager (SRM) and Community Development Manager (CDM) tried to hold a series of meetings with little to no community members attending. The CDM and SRM will continue the role of supporting the committee in their organisation of the NAIDOC event.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service was well received by the twenty five people who attended. A sit down breakfast (supplied by Newmont – Jundee mine) was held in the Shire quadrangle after the service.



68/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

SECONDED Cr G Harris

CARRIED 4/0

That Council receives the Community Development Manager's information report and endorses the Manager's actions.

10.7.2 Tourism Officer Report

10.7.2. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	00218
Reporting Officer:	Tourism Officer – Debra McNeill
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for council to receive the Tourism Officer's report and endorse the officer's actions.

Wiluna Shire Council Strategic Plan 2009-14

Go-Ahead Wiluna: Boost tourism planning and initiatives to promote Wiluna as a unique tourist destination

Aboriginal Tourism Strategy 2006-2010 Forum

Tourism WA invited surrounding Shire's to participate in the New State Aboriginal Tourism Strategy 2006-2010, Listening, Looking, and Learning Strategy for the plan to be revised and upgraded. In the Strategy there is, Business Development, Access to Finance, Authenticity, Employment Pathways, Lands and Waters, Market Entry, Build Industry Capacity, Monitor Performance and Support New Business.

The CEO and Tourism Officer attended this forum in Leonora to provide input into the new strategy.

Their goals are:

To ensure sustainable Aboriginal participation in the tourism industry.

To provide Aboriginal people with ongoing opportunities to add culture and commercial value to the WA tourism industry, for mutual benefit.

Their Framework for Action

Two key strategic directions;

- Industry development - support is needed to develop new, and expand existing Aboriginal tourism opportunities that will meet or exceed customer expectations;
- Marketing- greater customer awareness of Aboriginal tourism product leading to improved business performance.

The Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for Western Australia will provide leadership to the industry at a number of levels, including:

Aboriginal tourism operators; Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Committee (WAITOC); mainstream tourism business; Regional Tourism Organisations; key State Government stakeholders; Australian Government- especially Indigenous Tourism Australia, Indigenous Business Australia, Indigenous Land Corporation; Local Governments; and Regional Development Commissions.

Progress with the Strategy will be monitored and an Aboriginal Tourism Reference Group has been established to coordinate Government involvement and to communicate with all stakeholders.

Tourism WA has 59 registered Aboriginal Business on their books and are keen to have more.

Wiluna Shire will continue to liaise closely with Tourism WA to advance the untapped potential in Wiluna.

*Wiluna Shire Council Strategic Plan 2009-14
Go-Ahead Wiluna: Participate in regional tourism strategies*

Memorandum of Understanding between the Kalgoorlie Goldfields Visitors Centre (KGVC) and the Shire of Wiluna

In accordance with the action of participating in regional tourism strategies under Go–Ahead Wiluna in the Strategic Plan, the CEO has signed off on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kalgoorlie Goldfields Visitors Centre (KGVC) and the Shire of Wiluna. Appendix I – Peach pages

Following the success of the Kalgoorlie’s Display at the Perth Royal Show in 2009, the KGVC was keen to open up the doors of communication between their surrounding key tourism bodies so they can best promote the region.

Our recently updated brochures have been received by KGVC and we will continue to work collaboratively to achieve the best marketing outcomes for Wiluna and the region.

69/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr G Harris

**SECONDED Cr C Webb
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council receives the Tourism Officer’s information report and endorses the officer’s actions.

10.7.3 Art Gallery Manager Report

10.7.3. Subject/Applicant:	Status Report
File:	Art Gallery
Reporting Officer:	Heather Charlton – Art Gallery Manager
Date of Report:	12 May 2010
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for council to receive the Art Gallery Manager report and endorse the Manager’s actions.

Wiluna Shire Council Strategic Plan 2009-14

Proud Wiluna: Provide an annual program of arts and cultural events

Beanie Making

As a diversion from the usual painting activity, a Beanie Making Workshop was held in April to test the artist’s creative imagination. Siri Omberg from Alice Springs led the artists to a world of make-believe, as wonderful animals and birds were sculptured in felt to adorn the beanies. The completed beanies have been forwarded to Alice Springs for display in the Beanie Festival in June, representing Wiluna as part of the competition.

Wiluna Shire Council Strategic Plan 2009-14
Proud Wiluna: Provide an ongoing program of art exhibitions in partnership with local mining companies.

Jundee Art Exhibition and Sale

On 28 April, two artists accompanied the Art Gallery Manager to Jundee for an Exhibition and Sale on site. Sales for the day amounted to \$7,160, returning just over \$5,000 to the community.

Wiluna Shire Council Strategic Plan 2009-14
Proud Wiluna: Provide an annual program of arts and cultural events

Basil Hall Editions – Printmaking Workshop

A very busy week with Mats Unden BHE and Curtin volunteer Patricia Dumitro ended with the completion of twenty-two Birriliburu artist print editions. This year the medium was linocut, and a wonderful new range has been produced. Unfortunately the number of artists attending was diminished by the Native Title trip to Mungali, which coincided with the workshop.

Wiluna Shire Council Strategic Plan 2009-14
Go-Ahead Wiluna: Facilitate opportunities for artists to promote and sell their work

Headsox

Our fourth design in the Headsox range has now been produced and is selling well. "Hunting for Mallee Fowl", is a design by Tracey Latu-Kuli-Kefu.

70/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation
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MOVED Cr C Webb

**SECONDED Cr G Harris
CARRIED 4/0**

That Council receives the Art Gallery Manager information report and endorses the officer's actions.

10.7.4. Swimming Pool Manager Report

Nil

10.7.5 Sports & Recreational Officer Report

Nil

10.7.6 Homemaker Officer

Nil

10.7.7 Ranger

Nil

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. Endorsement of Shire President attending CSR National Opening

71/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr C Webb

SECONDED Cr G Harris

CARRIED 4/0

That Council approve the Shire President attending the official opening of the CSR Project Exhibition at the National Gallery in Canberra, 27-30 July 2010, with seven Birriliburu artists and the Tjukurba Art Gallery Manager, representing the Shire and Policy 1.12 – Councillor Training and Expenses being applied.

12.1.2. Old School Site Report

That the CEO bring back a report to the June OCM on the options open to council in regard to the available use of the old school site.

72/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr J Quadrio

SECONDED Cr G Harris

CARRIED 4/0

12.1.3. Council's official position on uranium

That the CEO bring a report back to council that will prompt discussion of points of relevance on council's official position in regard to mining uranium. Council to take an official position on uranium mining at or by the September OCM.

73/10 Council Decision and Officer Recommendation

MOVED Cr J Quadrio

SECONDED Cr C Webb

CARRIED 4/0

12.1.4. Review Policy 1.12 - Councillor Training and Expenses

That council review Policy 1.12 - Councillor Training and Expenses at the next June OCM.

13. Public Question Time

Nil

14. Matters behind Closed Doors – Confidential Item

Nil

15. Closure

The meeting was closed at 12.30pm.