

Minutes of the Shire of Tammin Ordinary Council Meeting held at Yorkrakine Hall, Bungulla North Road Yorkrakine, on Thursday 16 September 2010.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President Cr Stokes declared the meeting open at 2.11 pm and welcomed members and Graham Stanley Chief Executive Officer.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE

Cr R.J. Stokes	President
Cr K.L. Caffell	Deputy President
Cr B.F. Stokes	Member
Cr M.D. Greenwood	Member
Cr S.A. Uppill	Member
Graham Stanley	Chief Executive Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr S Jefferies	Member
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present during question time.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Greenwood requested leave of absence from the October meeting of Council.

MIN 077/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr R Stokes seconded Cr Uppill

That Cr Greenwood be granted leave of absence from the October 2010 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

CARRIED 5/0

6. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 19 August 2010

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.22(2) of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meeting to be kept and submitted to the next full Council meeting for confirmation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 August 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 078/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Uppill seconded Cr Greenwood

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 August 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 5/0

7.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – 30 August 2010

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.22(2) of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meeting to be kept and submitted to the next full Council meeting for confirmation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 30 August 2010, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 079/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Caffell seconded Cr B Stokes

That the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 30 August 2010, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 5/0

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

9. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COUNCILLORS

10.1 Cr R Stokes & Cr B Stokes – RTG Meeting Cunderdin

Councillors Rodney and Bernard Stokes, Council's delegates to the South East Avon Regional Transition Group (SEARTG), reported on the inaugural meeting of the group. They reported that Cr Darryl Richards from Quairading defeated Cr Dee Ridgeway from Beverley in the election for the position of Chairman of SEARTG. Subsequently Cr Rod Carter from Cunderdin defeated Cr Ridgeway for the position of Deputy Chairman. Much of the meeting was devoted to sorting out the rules of engagement of the group. It was agreed that each council is entitled to one vote and that vote will be exercised by the Council's delegate or in their absence the Deputy delegate or in the event that the deputy cannot attend another elected member in attendance from that Council. Mr Dominic Carbone from DCA was effectively appointed as the executive officer and responsible for coordinating the production of the business plan. The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the Regional Component of Royalties for Regions Funding and an in-principle agreement was achieved that would see the funds allocated to various regionally significant projects within each of the 5 participating Councils over the next 3 years. Tammin would receive its funding in the third year of the program and at this stage it will be directed either to waste management or aged housing but that can be decided at a later date.

10.2 Cr R Stokes & Cr S Uppill – Royalties for Regions Regional Funding Meeting - Northam 8th September 2010

Cr Stokes and Cr Uppill reported on the Royalties for Regions meeting held in Northam on 8th September to set Regional Priorities for the R4R regional funds. Councils that are in RTG's or are amalgamating can have their funds quarantined for projects within their Shires. Those councils not involved in structural reform will have less control over where the funds are allocated and the meeting was to try and determine regional priorities with recommendations going back to the government. In the afternoon workshops were held. Cr Stokes participated in one discussing waste management and Cr Uppill participated in the workshop dealing with aged care.

10.3 Cr R Stokes - Centrelink

Cr Stokes reported that it was good to see the Centrelink mobile office which visited Tammin in the week prior to the Council meeting. A number of people took the opportunity to access the service and it can only be of benefit to people to have the service available in Tammin.

11. AGENDA ITEMS

- 11.1 Community Arts Network WA – Kadjininy Kep Hire (ADM-19)
- 11.2 List of Payments August 2010 (FIN-05)
- 11.3 Financial Report to 31 July 2010 (FIN-05)
- 11.4 Financial Report to 31 August 2010 (FIN-05)
- 11.5 Replacement of Case Front End Loader (TN-251)

12. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

11. AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Community Arts Network WA – Kadjininy Kep Hire(ADM-19)

Author – TB Greenwood, PRO, 10 September 2010 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Nil

BACKGROUND

Correspondence was received from Ivy Penny, Strategic and Cultural Development Manager at Community Arts Network Western Australia (CAN WA), with a request for in-kind support from the Shire of Tammin for the use of the Kadjininy amphitheatre on the 27th September.

COMMENT

The event is to celebrate the release of a series of radio documentaries produced in partnership with the local Nyungar community. The event will also coincide with the programs going to air on Radio National, profiling nationally the Wheatbelt and the life stories of local Elders.

The event program will include a Welcome to Country and speeches by local Elders, performances from musicians and the presentation of individual interview CD's to participants in the Wheatbelt oral history project. The broader community will be invited to celebrate this occasion as well as encouraging the support of shire representatives and elected members throughout the region.

This event marks the culmination of one of the phases in a major community story sharing initiative involving elders from the Shire's of Tammin, Kellerberrin, Merredin, Bruce Rock and Quairading with community members investing a significant amount of time and generosity in sharing their story's and developing the programs. CAN WA has identified Tammin as an ideal location for the launch, and have acknowledged that regional celebrations tend to take place in the surrounding towns and it was also recognised that the Tammin community would like the opportunity to host the event. The launch will be a significant event for the local Nyungar Community, the Shire of Tammin and the broader Wheatbelt Region.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Waiving of \$300 Kadjininy Kep hire fees.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The following issues in the Shire of Tammin's strategic plan are addressed;

- Developing a strong community spirit, community pride and sense of belonging.
- Develop tourism.

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council waive the \$300 Kadjiny Kep hire fees for the Community Arts Network WA event on 27th September 2010.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 080/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Caffell seconded Cr Uppill

1. That the Council waive the \$300 Kadjiny Kep hire fees for the Community Arts Network WA event on 27th September 2010.

CARRIED 5/0

11.2 List of Payments August 2010 (FIN-05)

Author – Jenny Gemund, Administration Officer, 13 September 2010 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Accounts paid for August 2010 is listed totalling:

Cheque numbers	003721 – 003737 /* 003739 - 003806	
	+00309	\$114,170.42
Direct debit payments	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$7,434.13
Licensing transfers	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$11,288.80
Bank fees	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$189.89
VISA payments	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$2,068.95
EFT payments	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$75,667.91
Total payments		\$210,820.10

* Cheque 003738 was included in July's payments list as a BAS payment

COMMENT

No abnormal expenditure has occurred.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 provides that:

- (1) *If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —*
 - (a) *the payee's name;*
 - (b) *the amount of the payment;*
 - (c) *the date of the payment; and*
 - (d) *sufficient information to identify the transaction.*
- (2) *A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing —*
 - (a) *for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —*
 - (i) *the payee's name;*
 - (ii) *the amount of the payment; and*
 - (iii) *sufficient information to identify the transaction;**and*
 - (b) *the date of the meeting of the Council to which the list is to be presented.*
- (3) *A list prepared under subregulation (1) or (2) is to be —*
 - (a) *presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and*
 - (b) *recorded in the minutes of that meeting.*

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the list of accounts period for August 2010 as follows :

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be endorsed.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 081/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr B Stokes seconded Cr Uppill

That the list of accounts period for August 2010 be as follows :

Cheque numbers	003721 – 003737 /* 003739 - 003806	
	+00309	\$114,170.42
Direct debit payments	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$7,434.13
Licensing transfers	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$11,288.80
Bank fees	01.08. – 31.08.2010	\$189.89
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be endorsed.

CARRIED 5/0

11.3 Financial Report to 31 July 2010 (FIN-05)

Author – MT Henry, Senior Finance Officer, 12 July 2010 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

The Amended Monthly Financial Report to 31st July 2010 will be circulated prior to the meeting.

COMMENT

At the August 2010 Council received the monthly financial report to 31st July 2010. The report was prepared prior to the adoption of the Annual Budget. An amended financial report has now been prepared that includes the adopted budget.

The updated Financial Report for July 2010/11 is attached incorporating the 2010/11 Annual budget.

The effect of the Council's Policy decision on reporting variances is shown in the far right column – being the calculated variance between the Actual Column and the YTD Budget column figures where the variance is greater than 10% and \$5,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No significant implications.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council resolved (Item 5.2 – 30 August 2010) that in accordance with section 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* a variance percentage of 10% and \$5,000 be adopted for reporting material variances in 2010/11.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires a Statement of Financial Activity to be prepared each month, which is to contain the following details:

- (a) *annual budget estimates;*
- (b) *budget estimates to the end of the month;*
- (c) *actual amount of expenditure and revenue;*
- (d) *material variances between comparable amounts in (b) and (c) above; and*
- (e) *the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates (i.e. surplus / (deficit) position).*

The Statement is to be accompanied by:

- (a) *explanation of the composition of net current assets, less committed assets and restricted assets;*
- (b) *explanation of the material variances; and*
- (c) *such other information considered relevant by the local government.*

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Amended Financial Report for July 2010 be received.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 082/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Uppill seconded Cr Caffell

That the Amended Financial Report for July 2010 be received.

CARRIED 5/0

11.4 Financial Report to 31 August 2010 (FIN-05)

Author – MT Henry, Senior Finance Officer, 14 September 2010 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

The Monthly Financial Report to 31st August 2010 is attached.

COMMENT

The Financial Report has been prepared in the format requested by Council.

The effect of the Council's Policy decision on reporting variances is shown in the far right column – being the calculated variance between the Actual Column and the YTD Budget column figures where the variance is greater than 10% and \$5,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No significant implications.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council resolved (Item 11.10 – 20 August 2009) that in accordance with section 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* a variance percentage of 10% and \$5,000 be adopted for reporting material variances.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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- (a) *annual budget estimates;*
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- (c) *such other information considered relevant by the local government.*

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Financial Report for August 2010 be received.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 083/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Greenwood seconded Cr Uppill

That the Financial Report for August 2010 be received.

CARRIED 5/0

11.5 Replacement of Case Front End Loader (TN-251)

Author – Graham Stanley, CEO, 13th September 2010 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Nil

BACKGROUND

Council has budgeted to replace the Case 621 front end loader. This report discusses options to find a replacement and recommends that tenders be called.

COMMENT

Due to the likely value of a replacement front end loader being in excess of \$100,000 Council basically has two options in seeking a replacement machine. It can use the traditional method of calling tenders or it can choose to use the WALGA Preferred Supplier Arrangements.

The preferred supplier contracts work on a quotation basis and Council can either seek quotes from one or a number of suppliers. The plant can be either new or used. Disposal of the old loader can be by trade-in or outright sale through the Preferred Supplier panel if the value of the loader is less than \$20,000. However if it is likely to be in excess of \$20,000 it can be through the WALGA disposal process in which they conduct a weekly tender. If the Preferred Supplier has quoted a trade-in price this can be used as a reserve price and then Council can choose to accept the highest bid or take the reserve price if it is not exceeded.

The Preferred Suppliers on the panel are:

BT Equipment Loaders	- Kawasaki Loaders, Yanmar
CJD Equipment	- Volvo Construction Equipment
Earthwest Construction and Mining Sales	- Hyundai Construction Equipment
Hitachi Construction Machinery Loaders	- Hitachi and John Deere
Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd	- Komatsu
WesTrac Pty Ltd	- Caterpillar

The advantages of the Preferred Supplier arrangements include the ability to negotiate directly with the preferred supplier, saving on advertising and shorter timeframes as no need to call and consider tenders and savings through the deals negotiated by WALGA.

The disadvantage is that it limits the suppliers and brands of machine available. For instance we would not have the option of purchasing another Case loader or a number of other brands that are not covered under the preferred supplier arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within budget. \$235,000 has been budgeted for the purchase of the new loader and \$20,000 was estimated for the trade-in.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's purchasing policy stipulates that for purchases in excess of \$100,000 that tenders shall be called. Council can choose to ignore this policy if it wishes to use the Preferred Supplier arrangements.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.57. Tenders for providing goods or services States:

(1) A local government is required to invite tenders before it enters into a contract of a prescribed kind under which another person is to supply goods or services.

(2) *Regulations may make provision about tenders.*

The Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1995 state:

11. Tenders to be invited for certain contracts

(1) Tenders are to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division before a local government enters into a contract for another person to supply goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than \$100 000 unless subregulation (2) states otherwise.

(2) Tenders do not have to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division if —

- (a) the supply of the goods or services is to be obtained from expenditure authorised in an emergency under section 6.8(1)(c) of the Act;
- (b) the supply of the goods or services is to be obtained through the Council Purchasing Service of WALGA;
- (ba) the local government intends to enter into a contract arrangement for the supply of goods or services where —
 - (i) the supplier is either —
 - (I) an individual whose last employer was the local government; or
 - (II) a group, partnership or company comprising at least 75% of persons whose last employer was that local government;
 - (ii) the contract —
 - (I) is the first contract of that nature with that individual or group; and
 - (II) is not to operate for more than 3 years;and
 - (iii) the goods or services are —
 - (I) goods or services of a type; or
 - (II) (in the opinion of the local government) substantially similar to, or closely related to, goods or services of a type, that were provided by the individual (or persons) whilst employed by the local government;
- (c) within the last 6 months —
 - (i) the local government has, according to the requirements of this Division, publicly invited tenders for the supply of the goods or services but no tender was submitted that met the tender specifications; or
 - (ii) the local government has, under regulation 21(1), sought expressions of interest with respect to the supply of the goods or services but no person was, as a result, listed as an acceptable tenderer;
- (d) the contract is to be entered into by auction after being expressly authorised by a resolution of the council of the local government;
- (e) the goods or services are to be supplied by or obtained through the government of the State or the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, or by a local government or a regional local government;
- (ea) the goods or services are to be supplied —
 - (i) in respect of an area of land that has been incorporated in a district as a result of an order made under section 2.1 of the Act changing the boundaries of the district; and
 - (ii) by a person who, on the commencement of the order referred to in subparagraph (i), has a contract to supply the same kind of goods or

services to the local government of the district referred to in that subparagraph;

- (f) the local government has good reason to believe that, because of the unique nature of the goods or services required or for any other reason, it is unlikely that there is more than one potential supplier; or
- (g) the goods to be supplied under the contract are —
 - (i) petrol or oil; or
 - (ii) any other liquid, or any gas, used for internal combustion engines.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Replacement of major plant forms part of the future plan.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council calls tenders for the replacement of the Case 621 loader to close in time to be considered at the October meeting of Council.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 084/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Uppill seconded Cr B Stokes

That Council calls tenders for the replacement of the Case 621 loader to close in time to be considered at the October meeting of Council.

CARRIED 5/0

12. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 5.56 pm.

Tabled before the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 October 2010.

Cr R.J. Stokes, President

PAYMENTS LIST AUGUST 2010

Date	Reference	Supplier Name	Details	Amount
Cheque Payments				
04/08/2010	3721	City & Regional Waste Management Serv	Waste Management	2,329.24
09/08/2010	3722	Commonw ealth Retirement Savings Acco	Superannuation	121.07
09/08/2010	3723	LGRCEU	Superannuation	17.40
09/08/2010	3724	Summit Personal Super	Superannuation	130.99
09/08/2010	3725	WALG Superannuation	Superannuation	3,000.63
09/08/2010	3726	Ryan B Mitchell	Refund rent overpayment	810.00
09/08/2010	3727	Australia Post	Postage August 2010	93.24
09/08/2010	3728	Cooks Tours	Advertise "The beautiful South" book	550.00
09/08/2010	3729	Gull Tammin Roadhouse	August 2010 Account - Catering, Drinks, Papers	1,077.80
09/08/2010	3730	Perth GAS Centre	Tamma Village - HWS	152.90
09/08/2010	3731	Radio West	Promotion Jay Weston	110.00
09/08/2010	3732	Synergy	Electricity 28.05 - 27.07.2010	5,017.65
09/08/2010	3733	Tammin Hardw are	Parts & Tools	305.55
09/08/2010	3734	Tammin Post Office.	Stationary	78.10
09/08/2010	3735	Telstra	Internet & Phone 18.06 - 17.07.2010	79.85
09/08/2010	3736	Telstra	VOID incorrect amount	
09/08/2010	3737	Telstra	Internet & Phone 18.06 - 17.07.2010	573.34
18/08/2010	3739	Commonw ealth Retirement Savings Acco	Superannuation	93.37
18/08/2010	3740	LGRCEU	Superannuation	17.40
18/08/2010	3741	Prime Super	Superannuation	56.96
18/08/2010	3742	Summit Personal Super	Superannuation	137.86
18/08/2010	3743	WALG Superannuation	Superannuation	3,017.91
19/08/2010	3744	Arcus	Tow n Hall kitchen - stove, fridge	11,575.30
19/08/2010	3745	Avon Waste	Rubbish collection	1,378.30
19/08/2010	3746	Benara Nurseries	Parks - Gardens - plants	106.26
19/08/2010	3747	Bunnings	Parts - show er head, fertilizer	662.51
19/08/2010	3748	BW Truck Parts	Parts & Repairs TN302	1,584.80
19/08/2010	3749	CDA Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	Repairs 6 Russel Street	1,014.55
19/08/2010	3750	City & Regional Waste Management Serv	Waste Management	5,592.88
19/08/2010	3751	Copier Support	Tabloid Toner	147.70
19/08/2010	3752	Courier Australia	Freight	116.48
19/08/2010	3753	Coventrys	Parts TN1038,TN3,TN2	760.46
19/08/2010	3754	Cunderdin Farmers Co-operative Co Ltd	Active Kids Holiday -supplies	60.70
19/08/2010	3755	De Neefe Signs Pty Ltd	Road signs	1,572.67
19/08/2010	3756	Department of Treasury & Finance.	Lost Library DVD's	57.20
19/08/2010	3757	DKT Rural Agencies	Dog food	39.50
19/08/2010	3758	Eastern Hills Saw s & Mow ers Pty Ltd	Parts - filler cap, chain	70.05
19/08/2010	3759	F-111 Engineering Pty Ltd	Parts & Repairs various vehicles	12,013.19
19/08/2010	3760	Filters Plus	Parts - oil filter various vehicles	1,282.05
19/08/2010	3761	G.J Jones Plumbing & Gas	Gas installation kitchen Tow n Hall	1,272.57
19/08/2010	3762	Michael Greenw ood	Sitting fee & travel July Council meeting	88.08
19/08/2010	3763	Ibis Hotel	Accommodation T. Greenw ood	737.70
19/08/2010	3764	Stephen Jefferies	Sitting fee & travel July Council meeting	65.00
19/08/2010	3765	JR & A Hersey Pty Ltd	Guide posts	715.00
19/08/2010	3766	Kellerberrin Tyre Service	Repairs TN302, TN2134	55.00
19/08/2010	3767	Kleenheat Gas	Bulk Gas	371.75
19/08/2010	3768	Landgate	Rural UV interim valuation	66.00
19/08/2010	3769	Neat n' Trim Uniforms Pty Ltd	Uniforms	90.11
19/08/2010	3770	Officew orks Businessdirect	Wall screen	226.56
19/08/2010	3771	Pestex Co	Pest control Shire building & houses	19,816.50
19/08/2010	3772	Rydges Perth	Accommodation LG w eek	4,953.80
19/08/2010	3773	Scrappy Kapers	Active Kids Holiday -supplies	157.50
19/08/2010	3774	Shire of Beverley	SEARTG dinner LG w eek	720.50
19/08/2010	3775	Shire Quairading	Reimbursement bus hire - Jay Weston	91.80
19/08/2010	3776	Sigma Chemicals	Kadjininy Kep- chemicals	229.00
19/08/2010	3777	Bernard Stokes	Sitting fee & travel July Council meeting	73.89
19/08/2010	3778	Rodney Stokes	Sitting fee & travel July Council meeting	140.94
19/08/2010	3779	Sunny Sign Company Pty Ltd	Road Signs	1,123.19
19/08/2010	3780	Scott Uppill	Sitting fee & travel July Council meeting	84.69
19/08/2010	3781	Visitor Centre Association of W.A.	Annual membership	170.00
19/08/2010	3782	Water Corporation	Charges 07.05 - 03.08.2010	298.40
19/08/2010	3783	Western Australian Local Government As	Ad change of date for July meeting	238.97
19/08/2010	3784	Woodstock Electrical Services	Repairs, Oval, Kep, Chambers	8,130.43
19/08/2010	3785	Carolyn Stokes	Reimbursement Hall hire bond	300.00
24/08/2010	3786	Louise Caffell	Sitting fee & travel August Council meeting	93.95

24/08/2010	3787	Courier Australia	Freight	24.26
24/08/2010	3788	Michael Greenwood	Sitting fee & travel August Council meeting	88.39
24/08/2010	3789	Stephen Jefferies	Sitting fee & travel August Council meeting	65.00
24/08/2010	3790	Shire of Kellerberrin	Reimbursement bus hire - Jay Weston	10,693.32
24/08/2010	3791	LHA Analytical Committee	Annual fee	391.00
24/08/2010	3792	Perth GAS Centre	Tamma Village - HWS	218.00
24/08/2010	3793	Prestige Alarms	Quarterly charge 24h monitoring of alarm system	143.00
24/08/2010	3794	Bernard Stokes	Sitting fee & travel August Council meeting	73.89
24/08/2010	3795	Rodney Stokes	Sitting fee & travel August Council meeting	133.09
24/08/2010	3796	Sunny Sign Company Pty Ltd	Road signs	241.84
24/08/2010	3797	Scott Uppill	Sitting fee & travel August Council meeting	84.69
24/08/2010	3798	Western Lockservice	Locks	158.00
24/08/2010	3799	WesTrac Pty Ltd	Parts	982.52
31/08/2010	3800	Fire & Emergency Services Authority of W	ESL additional payment	43.00
31/08/2010	3801	Fire & Emergency Services Authority of W	ESL August 2010	86.70
31/08/2010	3802	Commonwealth Retirement Savings Acco	Superannuation	60.53
31/08/2010	3803	LGRCEU	Superannuation	17.40
31/08/2010	3804	Prime Super	Superannuation	97.31
31/08/2010	3805	Summit Personal Super	Superannuation	137.86
31/08/2010	3806	WALG Superannuation	Superannuation	3,026.43
31/08/2010	3809	Australian Taxation Office	BAS	1,287.00
			Sub-total	114,170.42
Direct Debit payments				
02/08/2010	Debit	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Merchant fee	64.50
04/08/2010	Debit	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	EFTPOS fee	28.42
19/08/2010	Debit	Motorcharge Limited	Fuels and oils August 2010	7,341.21
			Sub-total	7,434.13
Licensing Transfer				
02/08/2010	J3247	Department of Transport	Licensing 02/08/2010	86.10
03/08/2010	J3248	Department of Transport	Licensing 03/08/2010	963.70
04/08/2010	J3250	Department of Transport	Licensing 04/08/2010	541.30
05/08/2010	J3252	Department of Transport	Licensing 05/08/2010	590.65
06/08/2010	J3253	Department of Transport	Licensing 06/08/2010	165.25
09/08/2010	J3255	Department of Transport	Licensing 09/08/2010	778.75
10/08/2010	J3258	Department of Transport	Licensing 10/08/2010	407.95
11/08/2010	J3261	Department of Transport	Licensing 11/08/2010	206.50
12/08/2010	J3262	Department of Transport	Licensing 12/08/2010	720.45
13/08/2010	J3286	Department of Transport	Licensing 13/08/2010	15.00
16/08/2010	J3288	Department of Transport	Licensing 16/08/2010	1,804.10
17/08/2010	J3289	Department of Transport	Licensing 17/08/2010	338.60
18/08/2010	J3293	Department of Transport	Licensing 18/08/2010	889.10
19/08/2010	J3294	Department of Transport	Licensing 19/08/2010	349.50
20/08/2010	J3295	Department of Transport	Licensing 20/08/2010	884.75
23/08/2010	J3296	Department of Transport	Licensing 23/08/2010	28.75
24/08/2010	J3310	Department of Transport	Licensing 24/08/2010	169.05
26/08/2010	J3323	Department of Transport	Licensing 26/08/2010	1,162.00
30/08/2010	J3328	Department of Transport	Licensing 30/08/2010	670.15
31/08/2010	J3329	Department of Transport	Licensing 31/08/2010	517.15
			Sub-total	11,288.80
Bank Fees				
17/08/2010	Debit	National Australia Bank	NAB connect fee	50.09
31/08/2010	J3331	National Australia Bank	Account Fees for August 10 for DPI Account	20.00
31/08/2010	J3332	National Australia Bank	Account Fees for August 10 for Muni Account	98.60
31/08/2010	J3333	National Australia Bank	Account Fees for August 10 for Trust Account	21.20
			Sub-total	189.89
VISA Payments				
03/08/2010	VISA	Intelligent IP Communications Pty Ltd	Internet	119.95
03/08/2010	VISA	National Australia Bank	Credit card fees & charges	9.00
03/08/2010	VISA	Officeworks Businessdirect	Clock Shire Building, stationary	61.89
03/08/2010	VISA	Peak	Fuel	69.30
03/08/2010	VISA	Reward Distribution	Crockery & Cutlery	527.30
03/08/2010	VISA	Spotlight Midland	Decoration Hall (blue & red organza)	137.91
03/08/2010	VISA	The Good Guys	Dishwasher	876.00
03/08/2010	VISA	Westnet	Internet Depot	69.45
03/08/2010	VISA	Woolworths Petrol Northam	Fuel	89.25
03/08/2010	VISA	Gull Service Stations	Fuel	108.90
			Sub-total	2,068.95

EFT Payments				
03/08/2010		Shire of Tammin	Salaries & Wages	16,662.72
17/08/2010		Shire of Tammin	Salaries & Wages	16,175.30
26/08/2010		Belle Nominees Pty Ltd	Kitchen Upgrade	26,480.80
31/08/2010		Shire of Tammin	Salaries & Wages	16,349.09
			Sub-total	75,667.91
			Total	210,820.10

COUNCILLORS INFORMATION BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER 2010

Councillors are invited to view any of the information listed by seeking a copy of the document at the Shire Office.

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Tammin Shire received on 10 August 2010 the following letter

IB 1 SEP 2010



Please Quote:
Our ref: 10363/20101001/Performing Arts – Conditions

- 6 AUG 2010

Mr G Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin - Kadjininy Kep
P.O. Box 53
TAMMIN WA 6409

Dear Mr Stanley

REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS GRANT

I am delighted to advise you that the Premier, the Hon Colin Barnett MLA, has approved a recommendation by the Lotterywest Board for a grant of \$26,000.00 to Shire of Tammin - Kadjininy Kep.

Lotterywest is pleased to be able to support your proposal.

The following documents are attached to guide you through the rest of the grant process and help you to meet your grant obligations:

- **What Happens Now**
- **Your Grant Approval Schedule**
- **Funding Acquittal Statement**
- **Grant Payment and Acquittal Information**
- **Acknowledging Your Grant**
- **Publication on the Lotterywest Website**

Please read all of these attachments carefully. They provide important information regarding the payment, management and acquittal of your grant.

The Premier has asked me to pass on his very best wishes for your project. The team at Lotterywest congratulates you on your proposal and wishes you success with your strategies to engage your community in the performing arts.

Yours sincerely


JAN STEWART PSM
Chief Executive Officer

att

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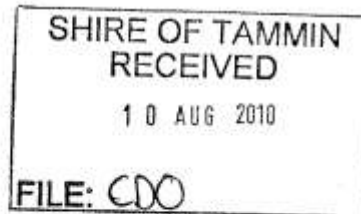
Telephone 08 9340 5270
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Country 1800 655 270
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Tammin Shire received on 10 August 2010 the following letter

IB 2 SEP 2010



Please quote
Our ref: 4167/20101605/Conditions

- 6 AUG 2010

Mr G Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin - Tammin Arts Prize Committee
PO Box 53
TAMMIN WA 6409

Dear Mr Stanley

YOUR LOTTERYWEST GRANT

I am delighted to advise you that the Premier, the Hon Colin Barnett MLA, has approved a recommendation by the Lotterywest Board for a grant of \$3,322.00 to Shire of Tammin - Tammin Arts Prize Committee.

Lotterywest is pleased to be able to support your proposal.

The following documents are attached to guide you through the rest of the grant process and help you to meet your grant obligations:

- **What Happens Now**
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Yours sincerely

JAN STEWART PSM
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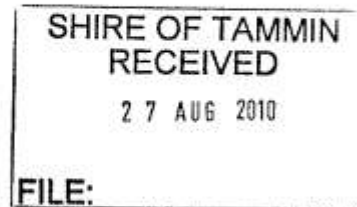
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Our Ref: 20514/RH



23 August 2010

Miss Tanya Greenwood
Public Relations and Community Development Officer
Shire of Tammin
PO Box 53
TAMMIN WA, 6409



Dear Miss Greenwood

FILE NO: 20514
PROJECT TITLE: Active Kids Holiday Annual Calendar

I am pleased to advise that your application to Healthway has been successful and a healthy participation sponsorship of \$2,500 approved.

As a condition of sponsorship you are required to acknowledge Healthway's support and address minimum policy requirements as per the attached agreement.

Your allocation is based on the information provided in your application to Healthway. Should the information change in any way we reserve the right to review or withdraw the amount offered. In this regard you are reminded that Healthway's co-sponsorship policy requires organisations to advise if there is likely to be any sponsorship or support (monetary or otherwise) that may result in the promotion of alcohol, food or drink products in association with the sponsored activity.

Please sign both copies of the attached agreement and return one copy to Healthway within 14 days from the date of this letter to advise your acceptance of this conditional offer of sponsorship. Antony Feldhusen, Healthway's Arts Sponsorship Officer, will contact you in the near future to discuss the sponsorship in more detail. Following this discussion and confirmation of the sponsorship arrangements, Healthway will pay the sponsorship by direct funds transfer to your nominated bank account. Following the completion of your event, you are required to complete and return the sponsorship acquittal form which can be located on the Healthway Website: www.healthway.wa.gov.au under Supplementary Healthway Forms.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Yours sincerely

DAVID MALONE
Executive Director

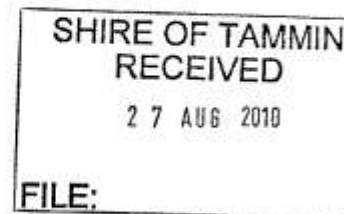
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				Statewide	1800 198 450	
				Fax	(08) 9324 1145	

IB 4 Tammin art prize

Tammin Shire received on 27 August 2010 the following letter

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Our Ref: 20506/RH



23 August 2010

Miss Tanya Greenwood
Coordinator
Tammin Art Prize
P O Box 53
TAMMIN WA, 6409

Dear Miss Greenwood

FILE NO: 20506
PROJECT TITLE: Tammin Art Prize

I am pleased to advise that your application to Healthway has been successful and a message promotion sponsorship of \$3,000 approved.

A condition of message promotion sponsorship is the requirement to provide naming rights to the Event and include the **Act Belong Commit** logo wherever the Event is advertised. In addition, you are required to acknowledge Healthway's support of this sponsorship and address minimum policy requirements as per the attached agreement.

Your allocation is based on the information provided in your application to Healthway. Should the information change in any way we reserve the right to review or withdraw the amount offered. In this regard you are reminded that Healthway's co-sponsorship policy requires organisations to advise if there is likely to be any sponsorship or support (monetary or otherwise) that may result in the promotion of alcohol, food or drink products in association with the sponsored activity.

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We look forward to working with you on this project.

Yours sincerely

DAVID MALONE
Executive Director

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5 IB XX WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT 10 SEP 2010

Road construction

Road Maintenance

Road sign programme continues

Renewal of posts throughout shire continues

Mainrenance grading

Lind road	York road	Waltham Road
Gardner road	McQueen road	Shaw road
Yorkrakine Rock road	Cemetery road	Dunne road
Yorkrakine East road	Nock road	Eleven Mile road
Turon road	Hocking road	Mackin road
Christeson road	Chappel Wheeldon road	Youering road
Doongin Peak road	Lowes road	Golflinks road
Pakham road	Barrack road South	Franklin road
Quinn Rogers road	Wyola South road	Qurtermaine road
Gardner Reserve road	Clarke road	Moore road

Spraying

Town drains

CBH drains

Projects

Kep waterfalls stripped for water leak repairs

Other

Private Works

221,222,223,224,225,226

Sub report of additional works/duties 2010

Keypad repairs

Street signs to town repairs

White posts

Town drains clean out

Mow school oval

Retic repairs throughout town

Road patching to town and surrounds

Tree pruning

Animal control

Burials incl traffic control

Tamma Village :-HWU repairs

Road repairs

Building Maintenance (shower repairs etc)

Private works

Supervisors additional work

Bi monthly traffic counts and reports

Quotes for private works

Road patching

Toilet cistern repairs

Vehicle repairs

Small plant repairs

186 SEP 2010



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Regional Development and Lands**

Our ref: D0903569, R32-10
Enquiries: Tara Whitney, ph 9217 1653

Mr Graham Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin
PO Box 53
TAMMIN WA 6409



Dear Mr Stanley

LIVING LAKES 2030 INITIATIVE – FEASIBILITY STUDY

I would like to take the opportunity to advise you of the 'Living Lakes 2030' initiative. The Department of Regional Development and Lands (RDL) is investigating the feasibility of revitalising inland lake systems in the Wheatbelt and adjoining areas, to develop recreational, social and economic opportunities.

There are two initial stages to this initiative;

Stage 1 of the initiative will involve a study to determine the feasibility, cost and benefit to the community by enhancing existing lakes systems to create permanent and accessible water bodies.

Stage 2 will involve the design of concept plans and costings for the re-development of lakes identified in Stage 1 and lakes identified as being strategically located.

Prior to going out to tender for Stage 1, RDL is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) inviting community members and interested parties to nominate lakes for consideration. The EOI will appear in the West Australian and local regional papers covering the Wheatbelt and adjoining areas appearing on either the 10, 11, 12 or 13 August 2010.

A list of nominated lakes will be included in the tender documentation for proponents to consider when selecting lakes they will propose for inclusion in the study.

In completing the study the proponent will be required to;

- Conduct an environmental, economic and social impact analysis of rejuvenating two to three lake systems in the Wheatbelt or adjoining areas.
- Undertake a high level risk assessment and mitigation analysis on any proposed works, addressing environmental, native title and heritage issues.

- Undertake a community consultation workshop for each lake encompassing the community vision for the lake, its intended use, any conflicting positions within the community and the level of support for the development of the lake.
- Engage with the relevant Catchment Councils throughout the study.

If you would like to nominate a lake system to be considered in the study or require further information, please contact Tara Whitney, Principal Project Officer, Department of Regional Development and Lands on telephone 9217 1653 or on email tara.whitney@rdl.wa.gov.au. We ask that all nominations be submitted to RDL by no later than 27 August 2010.

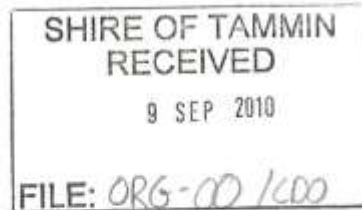
Yours sincerely



Paul Rosair
DIRECTOR GENERAL

14 August 2010

Tammin Shire received on 9 September 2010 the following letter



1 September 2010

Mr Graham Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin
PO Box 53
TAMMIN WA 6409

Dear Graham

Australia Day Awards - Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards 2011

Australia Day Awards have formed an integral part of Australia Day celebrations for the past 20 years. The Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards give you the opportunity to recognise the individuals and groups making outstanding contributions to your local community through their inspiring actions and dedicated service. The recognition of these people helps foster pride and strengthens our communities by acknowledging the positive contribution and Australian characteristics of which we are proud.

Regardless of whether you have run these awards before, or if you run them in conjunction with your own awards, we encourage you to be active in recognising the achievements of your local citizens. The awards are free and easy to administer, with full details on the process outlined in the enclosed nomination forms and posters.

The nomination period closes **Friday 26 November 2010**, however, you can extend this date if you require additional time to gather nominations. We ask only, that you have the process to determine your award recipients completed in time to advise us of their names by **Wednesday 12 January 2011**. We will then print and forward your A4 award certificates to you for presentation on Australia Day. A small postage charge may be incurred if we are required to express post your certificates to ensure delivery prior to Australia Day due to late notification.

An PDF version of the nomination form is available to download from the 'awards' section of our website www.ausdaywa.com.au or additional nomination forms can be obtained by contacting our office. Please feel free to call us if you would like to discuss the awards in further detail.

We look forward to working with you to recognise the outstanding individuals and groups who have made positive contributions to your community over the last year.

Yours sincerely

Graham Partridge
Executive Director

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9 SEP 2010

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Australia Day
Celebrate what's great!



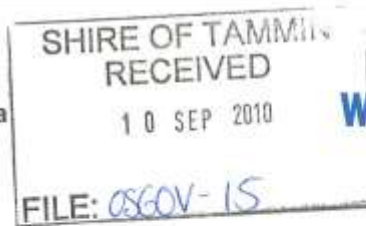
Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1 Is the recipient required to be an Australian Citizen?**
A No. Although preferred it is not necessary that recipients be Australian Citizens.
- Q2 Does the recipient of the "Citizen of the Year" award have to be over 25 years of age?**
A No. If you have an outstanding young citizen who you think is worthy, then they can be successful in either the under 25 category or the main category.
- Q3 It suits our Council better to close nominations later than the end of November and our selections may not make your deadline in January. Is this a problem?**
A The last Friday in November is a suggested closing date and can be changed to suit your requirements. This year we have extended the notification date slightly to allow you more time. However, we cannot guarantee that you will receive your printed certificates if you advise us of your award recipients names after this date. You may incur a cost if we are required to express post to ensure delivery by Australia Day.
- Q4 Is the recipient required to live within our Local Government area?**
A Your nominees or recipients should reside or work principally within the Local Government area in which they are being recognised. You may therefore, award a person who lives outside of your local government area, but who conducts work within your area, benefitting your community, which you wish to recognize.
- Q5 Do we have to present the awards on Australia Day? Our community celebration is not always held on that day.**
A Whilst we prefer the Awards to be presented on Australia Day it is not essential. Please let us know if you have an alternative date as from January 2011 we will be publishing all recipients on our website on the next working day after Australia Day and understand that some details may need to be embargoed.
- Q6 We are a small Local Government Authority and don't receive many nominations from the public. Can we nominate people ourselves?**
A Yes. If you find you don't receive many nominations from the public, the Local Government Authority can nominate people based on their local knowledge of who has been making an outstanding contribution to the community.

Tammin Shire received on 10 September 2010 the following letter



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Commerce**



Our Ref: WS0808/2009

Enquiries: Carla van IJzendoorn

8 September 2010

Mr Graham Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin
PO Box 53
TAMMIN WA 6409

Dear Mr Stanley

Campaign management of asbestos in government buildings

In 2009/2010, WorkSafe conducted a campaign focusing on the management of asbestos in state and local government buildings.

Of the 35 local government agencies visited during the campaign, 86 percent received improvement notices relating to the establishment or review of an asbestos register, labelling of asbestos containing material, and the provision of information and training on the asbestos register.

Most councils were unaware of their legal requirement to identify the presence and location of asbestos and assess the risk in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces* [NOHSC: 2018 (2005)].

Generally, asbestos containing materials do not pose a risk to health if they are left undisturbed in buildings. However, there is a serious risk of exposure to asbestos fibres during the disturbance or removal of asbestos containing material, unless basic safety precautions are followed.

The provision of information and the implementation and use of an asbestos register is vital to prevent exposure of asbestos to persons at the workplace. I encourage you to ensure that you meet legal requirements relating to the identification and assessment of asbestos hazards.

Following the results, WorkSafe will continue their campaign in 2010/2011 focusing on the management of asbestos in local government buildings.

Yours sincerely

Nina Lyhne
WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner

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31 August 2010

Our Ref: 04-003-02-0009/TP:VH

Mr Graham Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin
(DX 69476) PO Box 53
TAMMIN WA 6409

Dear Graham

Recently you would have received a letter from Fitz Gerald Strategies (Mike Fitz Gerald is an ex-employee of WALGA and now working as a consultant in the sector) advising you of the outcome of a meeting that they organized for interested country shires to discuss the 'perceived lack of representation of country Shires in respect of issues relevant to rural local government and the possibility of forming an association representing rural interests'. The meeting was held on 4th August during the Local Government Convention.

I have decided to write to you to clarify some of the misinformation that was contained within the minutes taken of that meeting. This was not necessarily generated by Mr Fitz Gerald, however, some of the views expressed by people at that meeting may not accurately reflect the facts.

One of the more interesting observations around this meeting is that while there were 22 Councils represented less than a handful of people provided the comments that were contained in the minutes.

I would like to draw to your attention that no one has contacted the CEO or myself indicating specifically what concerns they may have, or where WALGA has not provided country Local Governments with representation and support. Additionally, I have seen no substantiation to support the claims that WALGA does not have the capacity to understand country issues or that the 'bush is underrepresented'.

Of course I do appreciate why some Councils may be feeling anxious at the moment when there is such a strong push for reform. You will have heard me encouraging Councils to face these challenges and to look at ways that reform can benefit them. Reform in this sense is about doing things differently; improving systems and processes and looking at ways to share resources; improving the way we do things, and amalgamations where it makes sense. I have not supported 'forced amalgamations' nor amalgamations that simply don't make sense. However, as a sector we do need to demonstrate that we have the wherewithal to deal with this crisis of sustainability, and of course reform applies to all Local Governments, not just those in rural areas.

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The Voice of Local Government

There will always be people who see an opportunity where people are vulnerable and where it is easy to incite a level of panic amongst those who are already anxious. We all have a role to ensure that misinformation is countered and to clarify questions raised by Elected Members and Officers and inform them about the work that WALGA is doing on their behalf. To ensure accurate information is communicated within the sector, I have attached to this letter a précis of the issues raised and documented by Fitz Gerald Strategies and provided a brief comment on those issues.

The meeting appointed a working group to pursue a range of options to improve the representation of country Local Governments at a State level and it is my intention to invite the members of this group to a meeting where we can discuss for the first time what their concerns are and how WALGA can better meet their needs.

I am keen to hear from you and where possible meet with you and your Councillors. In the meantime, please take the opportunity to provide either myself, or the CEO, Ricky Burges, with your thoughts and comments about how we can continue to improve our services and representation on your behalf.

Contact details for both of us are: tpickard@walga.asn.au, mobile 0409 209 649 and rburges@walga.asn.au, mobile 0419 913 684.

Yours sincerely



Mayor Troy Pickard
President

Attachment

Issues from the Fitz Gerald Meeting and WALGA response

WALGA does not have a country focus and does not have the capacity to understand country issues

WALGA has a Local Government focus. The diverse background of State Councillors, executive and staff reflects the diverse nature of the Local Government sector.

There are significant issues with country representation.

The Association has a long list of issues that demonstrate strong country representation eg – responding to the GP crisis in the country and arranging a GP Health Forum; responding to the closure of Country Police Stations and arranging for a deputation of Presidents/Councillors to meet with the Commissioner of Police; responding to and working with Councils who provide services to Indigenous Communities etc.

WALGA people have no concept of how country Shires work and do not understand the issues of distance.

The past President and current Deputy President have a country background. Senior staff within the organization have worked in country Councils. The CEO has represented country Local Government for more than 10 years and has a deep appreciation of the difficulties that rural Shires face.

Country Shires are not being heard

This is actually a criticism of the State Councillors. In reality this is suggesting that the State Councillors can't argue their case. It is the Zone that determines who represents them as their delegate – not WALGA. There has never been a time in State Council where country votes were not supported by metropolitan councils.

WALGA needs to be audited as to its effectiveness

It's difficult to audit for effectiveness – perhaps WALGA could provide a list of achievements across its policy units and its business units each year. These could be assessed against metropolitan interests and country interests.

Lack of information in the annual financial statements

What specific information are members seeking?

WALGA does not understand the impact of one-vote-one-value

At the end of the day it's about resources and service provision in the regions regardless of the voting system.

WALGA needs to know that we are not happy

WALGA can only support and assist country Local Government if they are able to identify exactly what it is they are unhappy about? We are continually looking at improving the communication between Councillors, CEOs and WALGA and are keen to hear the issues that members are concerned about.

Loss of regional road group money

WALGA did not take regional road group money away – the then Minister of Transport, the Hon Alannah MacTiernan, removed the funding. The Past President, Bill Mitchell pursued this vigorously to have the money reinstated and it was!

Previous State Councillor didn't get a fair hearing

The issue that was provided was on the road-rail grain freight issue which is still being vigorously pursued and argued on behalf of country Local Government. WALGA has never simplified the issue into one of 'we like trains'. It is insulting to the Local Government Councillors who have been pursuing this issue. It is a complex issue that is being fought hard by those involved. It is also fair to say that country Councils themselves are split over this issue, depending on their own proximity to the various rail lines and local road conditions.

The current 12/12 voting entitlement is not representative as it is weighted towards metropolitan-urban areas

In the 10 years that the Associations have been amalgamated into a single Association there has not been a country issue that has not been fairly debated and more often than not it is the metropolitan State Councillors who are responsible for supporting the issue and ensuring its smooth transition through State Council. There has never been a problem with either Metropolitan or Country Councils getting a fair hearing and a good outcome. It is a furphy!

The commentary in Fitz Gerald's letter also criticizes the Peel Zone as not being truly country. The question arises: "what is country? What is metropolitan?"

The country is not a uniform demographic. There are coastal locations; grazing communities; cropping communities; wine producing regions; resource sector communities; high environmental value communities; regional country centres etc.

Equally, there are metropolitan divides along coastal issues; outer growth areas; riverside/estuary communities; inner metropolitan areas; heritage locations; low socio-economic areas; industrial/commercial/residential mix; etc.

The simplification of the discussion into "country vs metropolitan" divides is indicative of the lack of understanding the authors of the letter have of the task of representing the sector and the nature of the issues we deal with.



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Update on Development Assessment Panels

As you may be aware, the *Approvals and Related Reforms (No. 4) (Planning) Bill 2009* was passed by both Houses of Parliament in August 2010. The Bill has received Royal Assent, and is due to be proclaimed in November 2010. However, development assessment panels (DAPs) will not be operating until July 2011.

The Bill requires regulations to be prepared setting out the establishment, operation and administration of DAPs. As such, DAPs cannot commence operation until these regulations come into effect.

The Department has convened a working group to provide input and advice regarding the new regulations. This working group consists of two representatives from each of the following groups:

- Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA);
- Planning Institute of Australia (PIA); and
- the development industry.

In addition, Standing Orders and a Code of Conduct for DAP members are being prepared by the Department. These documents will provide guidance on how DAP meetings are to be conducted and the standard of behaviour expected from DAP members. These documents will also be provided to the working group for discussion.

The Department is also working very hard on developing additional policy documents such as guidance manuals and document templates, which will assist local governments and the general public in understanding the new DAP process. A manual will be developed specifically for local governments, to explain the new DAP process and how it will link with the current development application process. This manual will be made available on the DAP WA website, along with a frequently asked questions document and other information. Information sessions on DAPs will be held for local governments at a later date.

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