

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President Cr Stokes declared the meeting open at 2.48 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 S.A. Uppill	Member
Cr S.J. Jefferies JP	Member
Graham Stanley	Chief Executive Officer

Tanya Greenwood Public Relations Officer (3.37pm – 3.45pm)

APOLOGIES

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr M.D. Greenwood Member

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 S.J. Jefferies JP requested leave of absence for the November meeting of Council.

MIN 085/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr R Stokes seconded Cr Uppill

That Cr Jefferies be granted leave of absence from the November 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 – 16 September 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 16 September 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 086/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Caffell seconded Cr Uppill

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 September 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 Caffell – Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Nungarin 30th September 2010

Councillor Caffell gave the following report:

Several guest speakers, including Eric Ripper, Dexter Davies & Steve Martin (Dep Pres WALGA)

David McFerran----Regional Development Assistance Program spoke about sustainable communities i.e. land availability, housing affordability, level of amenity, infrastructure. They take applications once a yr for land development in towns. Round 2011 opens in Dec 2010 until last day in March 2011.

Dexter Davies---- Dry Season Advisory Committee

Identify hot spots

Carting water at Nannup-- no feed

Broomehill/Tambellup---no feed

Water is a massive problem

Fallout is worse than 2006, with no chance of a catch up since.

Banks have been reasonable as they are the biggest investors.

Throughout the Shires-- What are the most critical things?

There is no Politics in this.

WAFF --Agistment register, with the availability of feed almost non-existent up til the dairy country.

CBH--seed register "reasonable prices"

trying for Multi Peril Crop Insurance (cost of production)

Drought Pilot--1000 people in the trial, training given, grants to \$60K up to \$2.2m net

assets, with some \$ up to \$4.4m.Centerlink assistance, health card & Aust study help. Also Rural Financial Councillors.

Community Grants---- 2X \$5,000 to put on a show or entertainment. Yes there will be some acquittals.

\$\$\$ for Wheatbelt Men's Health.

Steve Martin

Water Corp will turn down the flow of water.

2 x 50,000 lt tanks at stand pipes to help with supply

G.P's need to know what is happening.

ZONE---Country Loc Govt Fund (CLGF) re support for retention of an individual loc govt component.

We as a Council need to write direct to ministers.

Annual Convention--re length etc.

Cessation of Joint Venture Housing mentioned, with executive to seek clarification.

Delivery of health services in rural areas. 76 doctors needed.

Local govt Grain Infrastructure Working Party using Cardno consultants to do business plan- costings for roads and where do we want grain to go.

10.2 CEO G Stanley – Local Government Reform Meeting at Melville 20th October 2011

The CEO reported on a forum of Local Government involving councils participating or who have expressed a desire in participating in the structural reform process. The forum held in Melville was convened by the Minister for Local Government and was a workshop style of program and appeared to be aimed at providing the Minister with a demonstration of support to further his reform agenda. Approximately 70 local authorities were represented as well as WALGA, LGMA and the Department of Local Government. Councils opposed to amalgamation were not invited.

10.3 Cr Uppill – Clean up Tammin Day

Cr Uppill reported the recent “Clean Up Tammin Day” was a success with a good turnout of volunteers. A large amount of rubbish was collected on the day and both sides of the highway within the Town Boundary were cleaned up. Cr Uppill thanked the Community Development Officer, Tanya Greenwood, for her efforts in making sure it all ran smoothly. Cr Uppill is hoping to make next year’s Clean up Tammin Day bigger and better.

10.3 Cr Uppill – Lotterywest Grant Funding Meeting

Cr Uppill reported that he attended a meeting in the Council Chambers with representatives from Lotterywest, the Community Development Officer and various clubs and organisations from Tammin. The meeting was to provide a briefing to local groups on the Lotterywest grant processes and to help the groups with possible applications. Cr Uppill reported that it was well appreciated by those in attendance.

11. AGENDA ITEMS

- 11.1 List of Payments September 2010 (FIN-05)
- 11.2 Financial Report to 30 September 2010 (FIN-05)
- 11.3 Rate Collections – Early Payment of Rates Competition (PROP-14)
- 11.4 Construction of Staff House – 12 Russell Street Tammin (FIN.25)
- 11.5 Proposed Representation for South East Avon RTG Business Case (ORG.22)
- 11.6 Tender 03/10 Replacement of Case Front End Loader

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

Nil

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

- 13.1 Scholarships for Young People Program

11. AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 List of Payments September 2010 (FIN-05)

Author – Jenny Gemund, Administration Officer, 12 October 2010 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Accounts paid for September 2010 is listed totalling:

Cheque numbers	003807 - 003808	
	003810- 003862	
	003872	\$130,360.59
Direct debit payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$17,922.73
Licensing transfers	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$12,320.35
Bank fees	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$191.59
VISA payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$719.94
EFT payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$33,495.48
Total payments		\$195,010.68

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 September 2010 as follows:

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Licensing transfers	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$12,320.35
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EFT payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$33,495.48
Total payments		\$195,010.68

be endorsed.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 087/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr B Stokes seconded Cr Caffell

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

Cheque numbers	003807 - 003808	
	003810- 003862	
	003872	\$130,360.59
Direct debit payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$17,922.73
Licensing transfers	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$12,320.35
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VISA payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$719.94
EFT payments	01.09. – 30.09.2010	\$33,495.48
Total payments		\$195,010.68

be endorsed.

CARRIED 5/0

11.2 Financial Report to 30 September 2010 (FIN-05)

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

BACKGROUND

The Monthly Financial Report to 30th September 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

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 Financial Report for September 2010 be received.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 088/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Caffell seconded Cr B Stokes

That the Financial Report for September 2010 be received.

CARRIED 5/0

11.3 Rate Collections – Early Payment of Rates Competition (PROP-14)

Author – GP Stanley, CEO, 14 October 2010 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Rates collected at the close of the Early Payment of Rates Competition (due date or end of discount period – 12 October 2010) were:

	Arrears	Levies & Interim	Sub-Total	Collection Including Discount	Collection Percentage
Rates	\$18,192.89	\$681,675.50	\$699,868.39	\$516,488.79	
Rubbish	\$1,797.28	\$16,770.00	\$18,567.28	\$11,041.63	
ESL	\$1040.33	\$16,250.00	\$17,290.33	\$12,546.76	
Total	\$21,030.50	\$714,695.50	\$735,726.00	\$540,077.18	73.4%

This compares with 78% in 2006, 90% in 2007, 80.5% in 2008 and 74.3% in 2009.

Two prizes are available for the early payment of rates draw:

- The Melbourne Hotel Perth - two nights' accommodation for two people in a Balcony Suite including a cooked breakfast.
- Esplanade River Suites – 1 night breakaway for 2 people including buffet breakfast in the Pagoda Restaurant Bar.

COMMENT

Last year the prizes were drawn at the Ordinary Council meeting (15 October 2009) by Mr Glenn Bone (without an interest in property (rates) in the Shire of Tammin).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Early Payment of Rates competition prize draw be conducted at the Ordinary Council meeting on 21 October 2010 by the President of the Shire of Tammin assisted by a Staff member without an interest in property (rates) in the Shire of Tammin. Further, that the prizes be awarded by draw in the order listed in the Agenda.

Simple Majority Required

Mr Greg Wyllie, the Shire's auditor entered the chambers at 3.17 pm

MIN 089/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Uppill seconded Cr Jefferies

That the Early Payment of Rates competition prize draw be conducted at the Ordinary Council meeting on 21 October 2010 by the President of the Shire of Tammin assisted by a the Shire's Auditor Greg Wyllie. Further, that the prizes be awarded by draw in the order listed in the Agenda.

CARRIED 5/0

The Shire President invited Mr Greg Wyllie to draw the prize winners.
Mr Greg Wyllie drew the following winners:

The Melbourne Hotel Prize: DM O'Brien & LA Pentleton

The Esplanade River Suites Prize: Tammin Developments Pty Ltd

Mr Greg Wyllie left the chambers at 3.22pm.

11.4 Construction of Staff House – 12 Russell Street Tammin (FIN.25)

Author – Graham Stanley, CEO, 14th October 2010 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Items 11.17 15th July 2009 & 11.4 19th February 2009 refer.

BACKGROUND

Council previously decided to build a two bedroom transportable staff house at 12 Russell Street with part of the funds from Royalties for Regions. The 2010-11 budget contains an allowance of \$175,430 for the construction of a staff house.

COMMENT

Council has indicated a desire to construct a new house every two years and dispose of the older houses in an effort to reduce the maintenance costs on housing and also as a way to provide more housing in Tammin. Ideally we would like to sell them to someone who is establishing a new business or expanding an existing business in Tammin and requires the house for their staff. The houses that council has flagged for future sale are 4 and 6 Russell Street. These houses are both 3 bedroom houses. By constructing 2 bedroom houses Council will be limiting its flexibility to provide suitable housing if they require a house for a family with children. Down the track they will also be limiting the saleability of the house when the time comes to dispose of it.

Bedrooms are generally the lowest cost rooms in a house because they do not require plumbing so the additional cost of adding a bedroom is not overly significant compared to the average square metre cost of the house.

It was intended that this house be a transportable house however with the new home building market currently being in a downturn following the ending of the increased First Home Owners Grant good value may be obtained by also considering a house either fully or partially constructed on-site.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Within budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council calls tenders for the design and construction of a three bedroom, two bathroom house at 12 Russell Street Tammin with transportable home builders being encouraged to tender.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 090/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Jefferies seconded Cr Caffell

That Council calls tenders for the design and construction of a three bedroom, two bathroom house at 12 Russell Street Tammin with transportable home builders being encouraged to tender.

CARRIED 5/0

11.5 Proposed Representation For South East Avon RTG Business Case (ORG.22)

Author – Graham Stanley, CEO, 15 September 2010 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Item – 11.1 22nd July 2010.

BACKGROUND

At the July Ordinary Meeting Council agreed to sign the Draft South East Avon Regional Transition Group (SEARTG) Agreement and appointed Cr Rodney Stokes as Delegate and Cr Bernard Stokes as Proxy Delegate for the Shire of Tammin. The agreement included a requirement that initially the new Local Government that may be formed as a result of the amalgamation of the 5 participating councils will have 5 wards based on the existing Shire boundaries. This arrangement is to remain in place for two full electoral cycles (8 years) prior to any changes being made as a result of the compulsory review of ward boundaries required by the Local Government Act.

Subsequent to this the SEARTG has met twice. At the first meeting Cr Darryl Richards from Quairading was appointed Chairman and Cr Rod Carter from Cunderdin was appointed Deputy Chair. Mr Dominic Carbone was appointed as the Executive Officer responsible for coordinating the production of the Regional Business Plan.

At the second meeting the primary topic and point of greatest contention discussed was a model for elected member representation to a future amalgamated Council. The Executive Officer had put forward a model with 9 members (being the Minister's preferred maximum number of elected members per council). Based on the 2009 council electoral rolls this would give the following ratio of members per elector:

Amalgamated Local Governments	No. of Electors	No. of Councillors	Elector to Councillor Ratio	% Deviation
Beverley Ward	1294	2	1:647	-4.0%
Cunderdin Ward	824	1	1:824	-32.5%
Quairading Ward	782	1	1:782	-25.7%
Tammin Ward	251	1	1:251	+59.6%
York Ward	2444	4	1:611	+1.8%
Total	5595	9	1:622	0

Cunderdin suggested a model with 10 members as follows:

Amalgamated Local Governments	No. of Electors	No. of Councillors	Elector to Councillor Ratio	% Deviation
Beverley Ward	1294	2	1:647	-15.5%
Cunderdin Ward	824	2	1:412	+26.4%
Quairading Ward	782	2	1:391	+30.2%
Tammin Ward	251	1	1:251	+55.2%
York Ward	2444	3	1:815	-45.5%
Total	5595	10	1:560	0

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet with various models and scenarios that have been developed by the CEO from York.

COMMENT

The argument put forward by Cunderdin in favour of their proposed model was that it would ensure that it would take at least 3 Councils (Wards) members to agree to achieve a majority. This assumes of course that the elected members from a ward would vote the same way which is not a given. Beverley in particular seemed to have a problem with the

possibility of being under represented. They argue that they are a growing council and their under representation will only get worse over the 8 year period. Because of Tammin's small population it is likely that on a 1 vote 1 value basis Tammin will always be over-represented unless the council has around 22 members with Tammin only having one. Clearly this would not be permitted.

York CEO Ray Hooper has presented a spreadsheet with various models and scenarios of various combinations of amalgamation of Councils. One of the models put forward was for Cunderdin and Tammin to be treated as a combined ward. This could result in either of the two councils, more likely Tammin, not having any representation on the amalgamated Council. This is contrary to the agreement that all councils signed and was a pointless exercise as it would not be acceptable to either Tammin or Cunderdin.

Clearly the issue of representation is the critical issue to the success of the RTG and if it proceeds; the amalgamated Council. That fact has been recognised by the chairman of the RTG, Darryl Richards. He has emailed all CEO's and Presidents to make that point and suggests a compromised position of 12 members as follows:

Amalgamated Local Governments	No. of Electors	No. of Councillors	Elector to Councillor Ratio	% Deviation
Beverley Ward	1294	3	1:431	-7.5%
Cunderdin Ward	824	2	1:412	+11.6%
Quairading Ward	782	2	1:391	+16.1%
Tammin Ward	251	1	1:251	+46.1%
York Ward	2444	4	1:611	-31.1%
Total	5595	12	1:466	0

He has also suggested that the delegates from each council be given delegated authority from their respective councils to be able to negotiate and make decisions on behalf of their councils to keep the process moving and enable the required timeframes to be met. This request for delegated authority has much merit as things will go around in circles unless that can be achieved.

Cunderdin's argument about 10 members is a good one because if the ward members do vote in blocks then it will make it more difficult for an East/West divide to form. It is the only one where it will require all off the councillors from at least 3 of the councils to vote as a block to achieve a majority. All other proposals will create the situation where York and Beverley combined can outvote the other three councils. The arguments put forward by Beverley and York on their disadvantages due to the inequality of their votes are the same ones that they would argue against if they were going into an amalgamation with either Mundaring or Northam and it is the same one that the city argues over with the country.

The communities that have the most to lose out of amalgamation if it is not handled properly are the smaller communities. It is therefore logical that we seek comfort in having greater representation. Eight years after the amalgamation the voting irregularities will have to be reviewed and reconsidered and changes will naturally occur. If Beverley and York are serious about making the RTG work then it might be something that they have to accept. If they don't or another compromise can't be reached then that will effectively put an end to the group as there is little point in going further with the business plan. Councils would do better to look at other alternatives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs except for elected members and staff time, travel and catering will be met by the State Government

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil at present as the structural reform process is voluntary at this stage other than the commitment to participate in the business plan and the Regional Transition Group.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York,

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) endorses the elected member representation model of 10 members for the SEARTG business plan as put forward by the Shire of Cunderdin; and
- b) Gives authority to the Council Representatives to make decisions on behalf of Council at SEARTG meetings including the ability to negotiate on the issue of elected member representation numbers on an amalgamated council.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 091/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Uppill seconded Cr B Stokes

That Council:

- a) endorses the elected member representation model of 10 members for the SEARTG business plan as put forward by the Shire of Cunderdin; and
- b) Gives authority to the Council Representatives to make decisions on behalf of Council at SEARTG meetings including the ability to negotiate on the issue of elected member representation numbers on an amalgamated council.

CARRIED 5/0

Note: Council indicated that it committed to the success of the RTG and its preference is that the full group remains together should an amalgamation proceed.

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

Nil

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

That item 13.1 as urgent business be considered.

MIN 092/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Jefferies seconded Cr B Stokes

That item 13.1 as urgent business be considered.

CARRIED 5/0

The Public Relations Officer/Community Development Officer, Tanya Greenwood entered the chambers at 3.37pm

13.1 Scholarships for Young People Program

Author – TB Greenwood, PRO, 19 October 2010 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Nil

BACKGROUND

Correspondence has been received from the Department of local Government bringing to the Shire's attention the availability of scholarship funding of \$11,500 towards a twelve-month job placement (or part time equivalent) for a young person, preferably from the Indigenous community. This funding is available on a competitive basis to assist local governments located in areas of socio-economic disadvantage with a relatively high Indigenous population. The intent of the funding is to provide an opportunity for a trainee to take on a key role in the community. Departmental funding of the scholarship must be matched on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis by the Shire.

To satisfy the eligibility criteria the shire must have an Indigenous population of 7.5 per cent or more and a Socio Economic Indices for Areas (SEIFA) of lower than 1,000. Tammin has a total Indigenous population on 12.6 percent and a SEIFA index of 904.

COMMENT

The scholarship is designed to give young people living in areas of low employment an opportunity to work in local governments and is intended to enable a young person to have direct input into community development and social planning activities. This criteria is reflected in Councils approval of the employment of a Youth Development Officer should funding be approved.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Departmental funding of the scholarship must be matched on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis by the Shire.

Scholarship funding can be allocated towards;

- Salaries and wages
- Training costs
- Superannuation
- Workers compensation
- Annual leave
- Uniforms

Included in the 2010/11 is the sum of \$5,184 which Council approved as their contribution to the employment of a Youth Development Officer. Should the Indigenous Partnership Fund be declined and the funding from Scholarship for Young People is utilised, cost to council will increase to \$13,684.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This funding allows the Shire of Tammin to address one of the major challenges highlighted in our Strategic Plan; Employment, especially for young people.

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That council permits the PRO to submit an application on behalf of the Shire as a fall back should the Indigenous Partnership Fund application be declined.

Simple Majority Required

Tanya Greenwood left the chambers at 3.45pm

MIN 093/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Caffell seconded Cr Uppill

That council permits the PRO to submit an application on behalf of the Shire as a fall back should the Indigenous Partnership Fund application be declined.

CARRIED 5/0

The meeting adjourned at 3.47pm for Afternoon tea.
The meeting resumed at 3.55pm

11.6 Tender 03/10 Replacement of Case Front End Loader

Author – Graham Stanley, CEO, 21st October 2010 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Item 11.5 16th September 2010

BACKGROUND

The 2010/11 budget includes a provision to replace the 1997 Case 621B front end loader. At the September 2010 meeting Council resolved to call tenders for the replacement of the loader to close in time to be considered at this meeting.

COMMENT

Tenders closed at midday on Wednesday 20th October 2010. A large number of tenders were received and a spreadsheet with details is attached. Copies of the documentation, including details and specifications will be tabled at the meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2010/11 budget has a provision of \$235,000 for the purchase of the replacement machine and income of \$20,000 from the trade of the old loader. This gives a net changeover of \$215,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

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 shortlists the preferred loaders for further investigation and delegates to a sub-committee of Cr Rodney Stokes, Cr Scott Uppill and the CEO to award the successful tender.

Absolute Majority Required

MIN 094/10 MOTION – MOVED Cr Jefferies seconded Cr B Stokes

That Council shortlists the Liugong 856 & 856 Series III and the JCB 426HT for further investigation and delegates to a sub-committee of Cr Rodney Stokes, Cr Scott Uppill and the CEO to award the successful tender.

Carried by an Absolute Majority 5/0

Attachment - Item 11.6

SHIRE of TAMMIN - TENDER 03/10 Replacement of Case 621b Wheel Loader

SUPPLIER	BRAND	MODEL	PRICE INC GST	TRADE INC GST	CHANGEOVER	Net of GST
McIntosh & Son	Case	621E XT	\$ 245,179.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 201,179.00	\$ 182,890.00
Baxters Rural Centre	Liugong	CLG842	\$ 149,600.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 122,100.00	\$ 111,000.00
Baxters Rural Centre	Liugong	CLG 856	\$ 174,900.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 147,400.00	\$ 134,000.00
Baxters Rural Centre (Alternative)	Liugong	CLG 856 III	\$ 206,250.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 178,750.00	\$ 162,500.00
BT Equipment	Kawasaki	702V-2	\$ 291,500.00	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 247,500.00	\$ 225,000.00
GCM Agencies	Longking	CDM835E	\$ 168,300.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 118,800.00	\$ 108,000.00
GCM Agencies	Longking	CDM835E	\$ 151,470.00	No Trade Basis	\$ 151,470.00	\$ 137,700.00
Hitachi Construction Equipment	John Deere	624K Powerllel	\$ 273,900.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 224,400.00	\$ 204,000.00
Hutton & Northey Sales	SDLG	LG938L	\$ 155,320.00	\$ 33,220.00	\$ 122,100.00	\$ 111,000.00
Clark Equipment	DOOSAN	DL200	\$ 196,500.00	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 123,636.36
CJD Equipment	Volvo	L60F	\$ 247,500.00	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 211,200.00	\$ 192,000.00
CJD Equipment	Volvo	L90F	\$ 282,700.00	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 246,400.00	\$ 224,000.00
JCB Construction Equipment Aust.	JCB	426HT Series II	\$ 248,050.00	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 187,550.00	\$ 170,500.00
Komatsu Australia Limited	Komatsu	WA 250PZ-6	\$ 282,204.30	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 243,704.30	\$ 221,549.36
Westrac Pty Ltd	CAT	924H - New	\$ 227,700.00	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 203,500.00	\$ 185,000.00
Westrac Pty Ltd	CAT	924H - Used 2341 Hrs	\$ 202,464.90	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 178,264.90	\$ 162,059.00

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 4.20 pm.

Tabled before the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 November 2010.

Cr R.J. Stokes, President

PAYMENTS LIST SEPTEMBER 2010

Date	Reference	Supplier Name	Details	Amount
Cheque Payments				
02/09/2010	3807	Carpet Court Merredin	Carpet Donnan park change rooms	4,795.00
02/09/2010	3808	Telstra	Internet & Phone 23/07 - 22/08/2010	713.91
15/09/2010	3810	Synergy	Street Lighting 24/07 - 24/08/2010	1,232.50
16/09/2010	3811	Australia Post	Postage & Freight	64.96
16/09/2010	3812	Avon Waste	Rubbish collection	1,102.64
16/09/2010	3813	Bunnings	Parts for Kep, globes,	300.58
16/09/2010	3814	Cardno (WA) Pty Ltd	Road network data capture	9,350.00
16/09/2010	3815	Congress Funeral	Reimbursement hall hire bond	300.00
16/09/2010	3816	Cooinda Economy Shop	Community grant	5,000.00
16/09/2010	3817	Corporate Express	Toner cartridge	172.77
16/09/2010	3818	Courier Australia	Freight	35.84
16/09/2010	3819	Coventrys	Parts TN6, TN154	318.08
16/09/2010	3820	Dexion Balcatta	Filing material & Freight	51.08
16/09/2010	3821	Dominic Carbone & Associates	Consultant Fees	6,424.00
16/09/2010	3822	Earthstyle Contracting	Roller & operator RPF Rd	1,232.00
16/09/2010	3823	Eastern Districts Display Committee	Financial support Centenary Pavillion	350.00
16/09/2010	3824	Eastern Hills Saws & Mowers Pty Ltd	Parts TN SS	22.00
16/09/2010	3825	F-111 Engineering Pty Ltd	Parts & Repairs TN482,302,TR,246,221,6,	4,560.71
16/09/2010	3826	Great Eastern Freightlines	Freight	132.86
16/09/2010	3827	Gull Tammin Roadhouse	August 2010 Account - Catering, Drinks, Papers	832.03
16/09/2010	3828	Kellerberrin Tyre Service	Parts & Repairs TN221, TN246, TN1038	408.00
16/09/2010	3829	Kleenheat Gas	Bulk gas	259.48
16/09/2010	3830	Landgate	Valuation Expense	32.20
16/09/2010	3831	LGIS Insurance Broking	Insurance	18,727.62
16/09/2010	3832	LGIS Liability	Insurance	561.52
16/09/2010	3833	LGIS Property	Insurance	12,386.82
16/09/2010	3834	Peerless Jal Pty Ltd	Toilet paper	72.22
16/09/2010	3835	Perth GAS Centre	Repairs HWS	349.80
16/09/2010	3836	Radio West	Radio interviews	110.00
16/09/2010	3837	Synergy	Electricity 10/07 - 06/09/2010	78.85
16/09/2010	3838	Tammin Art Prize Committee	Community grant	1,000.00
16/09/2010	3839	Tammin Bowling Club Inc	Community grant	18,182.00
16/09/2010	3840	Tammin Camera Club	Community grant	400.00
16/09/2010	3841	Tammin Community Christmas Tree	Community grant	650.00
16/09/2010	3842	Tammin CWA	Community grant	600.00
16/09/2010	3843	Tammin Golf Club Inc.	Community grant	875.00
16/09/2010	3844	Tammin Hardware	plants, cement, paint brushes, tubes	185.50
16/09/2010	3845	Tammin Post Office.	Stationary	37.95
16/09/2010	3846	Toucan Display Systems	Lights for conference panels	515.00
16/09/2010	3847	Water Corporation	Water usage 23/04 - 24/08/2010	11,752.00
16/09/2010	3848	WA LG Association	LG week Ceo & 6 registrations	8,731.80
16/09/2010	3849	Zee Tags	Dog Tags 2011-12-13	326.78
17/09/2010	3851	LGRCEU	Union fee	17.40
17/09/2010	3852	Summit Personal Super	Superannuation	137.86
17/09/2010	3853	WALG Superannuation	Superannuation	3,055.71
22/09/2010	3854	City & Regional Waste Management	Waste management	2,886.94
22/09/2010	3855	TB Greenwood	Reimbursement Kids Holiday calendar	93.26
22/09/2010	3856	Shire of Tammin	Petty cash recoup	277.75
22/09/2010	3857	Phillip Brent Krakouer	Krakouer fee	500.00
28/09/2010	3858	Commonwealth Retirement Savings Acc	Superannuation	154.93
28/09/2010	3859	LGRCEU	Union fee	17.40
28/09/2010	3860	Prime Super	Superannuation	45.88
28/09/2010	3861	Summit Personal Super	Superannuation	137.86
28/09/2010	3862	WALG Superannuation	Superannuation	3,025.10
30/09/2010	3872	Australian Taxation Office	BAS	6,777.00
Sub-tota				130,360.59
Direct Debit payments				
01/09/2010	Debit	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	Merchant fee	36.50
03/09/2010	Debit	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	EFTPOS fee	22.26
21/09/2010	Debit	Motorcharge Limited	Fuel & Oil	5,703.53
23/09/2010	Debit	Western Australian Treasury Corporation	Loan repayments	12,160.44
Sub-tota				17,922.73

Licensing Transfer				
01/09/2010	J3337	Department of Transport	Licensing 01/09/2010	1,327.40
02/09/2010	J3345	Department of Transport	Licensing 02/09/2010	632.75
03/09/2010	J3347	Department of Transport	Licensing 03/09/2010	692.85
06/09/2010	J3348	Department of Transport	Licensing 06/09/2010	296.40
07/09/2010	J3351	Department of Transport	Licensing 07/09/2010	1,046.80
09/09/2010	J3358	Department of Transport	Licensing 09/09/2010	219.60
10/09/2010	J3359	Department of Transport	Licensing 10/09/2010	21.00
13/09/2010	J3366	Department of Transport	Licensing 13/09/2010	755.80
14/09/2010	J3367	Department of Transport	Licensing 14/09/2010	25.00
15/09/2010	J3372	Department of Transport	Licensing 15/09/2010	21.00
16/09/2010	J3376	Department of Transport	Licensing 16/09/2010	1,647.55
17/09/2010	J3390	Department of Transport	Licensing 17/09/2010	1,579.20
20/09/2010	J3391	Department of Transport	Licensing 20/09/2010	219.60
22/09/2010	J3394	Department of Transport	Licensing 22/09/2010	84.40
23/09/2010	J3395	Department of Transport	Licensing 23/09/2010	1,604.95
24/09/2010	J3396	Department of Transport	Licensing 24/09/2010	730.40
28/09/2010	J3397	Department of Transport	Licensing 28/09/2010	538.10
29/09/2010	J3398	Department of Transport	Licensing 29/09/2010	236.65
30/09/2010	J3400	Department of Transport	Licensing 30/09/2010	640.90
			Sub-total	12,320.35
Bank Fees				
17/09/2010	J3377	National Australia Bank	Fee - Deposit Book Deducted out of trust	5.00
21/09/2010	Debit	National Australia Bank	NAB connect fee	49.79
30/09/2010	J3401	National Australia Bank	Account Fees for September 2010 for Muni Account	95.60
30/09/2010	3402	National Australia Bank	Account Fees for September 10 for Trust Account	21.20
30/09/2010	J3403	National Australia Bank	Account Fees for September 10 for DPI Account	20.00
			Sub-total	191.59
VISA Payments				
02/09/2010	VISA	1stChoice Liquor Superstore	Refreshments	175.69
02/09/2010	VISA	44 King St Cafe	Food & refreshment LG week	252.90
02/09/2010	VISA	Gull Service Stations	Fuel	86.35
02/09/2010	VISA	Intelligent IP Communications Pty Ltd	Internet	119.95
02/09/2010	VISA	National Australia Bank	Credit card fees & charges	9.00
02/09/2010	VISA	Westnet	Internet depot	76.05
			Sub-total	719.94
EFT Payments				
07/09/2010	EFT	TB Greenw ood	Reimbursement TN1 service	450.65
14/09/2010	EFT	Shire of Tammin	Salaries & Wages	15,880.49
23/09/2010	EFT	Tom Findlay	Reimbursement parts	557.00
23/09/2010	EFT	Graham Stanley	Reimbursement refreshments	71.35
28/09/2010	EFT	Shire of Tammin	Salaries & Wages	16,535.99
			Sub-total	33,495.48
			Total	195,010.68

SHIRE OF TAMMIN			
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SHIRE OF TAMMIN
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

		2010/11	2010/11	2010/11
	NOTES	ANNUAL BUDGET	JULY-SEPTEMBER BUDGET	JULY-SEPTEMBER ACTUAL
EXPENDITURE		\$		\$
General Purpose Funding		80,901	24,896	959
Governance		247,284	91,929	135,750
Law, Order, Public Safety		19,287	5,365	2,450
Health		76,057	26,720	1,877
Education and Welfare		100,601	22,258	12,750
Housing		-	-	-
Community Amenities		114,102	12,750	24,299
Recreation and Culture		432,314	177,523	123,202
Transport		740,654	270,609	121,443
Economic Services		95,023	47,812	20,176
Other Property and Services		63,706	22,409	14,215
		1,969,929	702,270	457,120
REVENUE				
General Purpose Funding		(1,731,276)	(897,972)	(694,157)
Governance		(8,563)	(4,965)	(999)
Law, Order, Public Safety		(2,320)	(1,205)	(325)
Health		(46,118)	-	(1,463)
Education and Welfare		(73,770)	(37,900)	(14,727)
Housing		-	-	-
Community Amenities		(69,800)	(63,020)	(32,154)
Recreation and Culture		(81,188)	(3,985)	(27,695)
Transport		(324,065)	(2,000)	(86,236)
Economic Services		(9,955)	(1,946)	(4,920)
Other Property & Services		(59,950)	(10,095)	(20,450)
		(2,407,005)	(1,023,088)	(883,126)
	<i>Increase(Decrease)</i>	(437,076)	(320,818)	(426,006)
DISPOSAL OF ASSETS				
Land		-	-	-
Plant and Equipment		13,760	-	-
Furniture and Equipment		-	-	-
	<i>Gain (Loss) on Disposal</i>	13,760	0	0
ABNORMAL ITEMS				
Prior Years Adjustment		-	-	-
Rounding				
	<i>Total Abnormal Items</i>	-	-	-
<i>Change in net assets resulting from operations</i>				
	<i>Gain/Reduction</i>	-423,316	-320,818	-426,006

SHIRE OF TAMMIN
FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

	2010/11 ANNUAL BUDGET	2010/11 JULY-SEPTEMBER BUDGET	2010/11 JULY-SEPTEMBER ACTUAL	MATERIAL VARIANCES YTD
OPERATING REVENUE	\$	\$	\$	
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Governance	(8,563)	(4,965)	(999)	
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LESS OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
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	\$1,969,929	\$702,270	\$457,120	
<i>Increase(Decrease)</i>	(\$437,076)	(\$320,818)	(\$426,006)	
ADD				
Principal Repayment Received -Loans	-	-	-	
Profit/ Loss on the disposal of assets	13,760	-	-	
Depreciation Written Back	(430,820)	(129,246)	-	
Book Value of Assets Sold Written Back	(94,760)	-	-	
	(\$511,820)	(\$129,246)	\$0	
<i>Sub Total</i>	(\$948,896)	(\$450,064)	(\$426,006)	
LESS CAPITAL PROGRAMME				
Purchase Tools	-	-	-	
Purchase Land & Buildings	649,108	-	24,559	
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	635,208	152,450	-	
Infrastructure Assets - Recreation Facilities	18,905	-	-	
Infrastructure Assets - Other	55,360	-	-	
Purchase Plant and Equipment	510,460	-	-	
Purchase Furniture and Equipment	40,443	-	1,740	
Repayment of Debt - Loan Principal	64,263	-	15,703	
Transfer to Reserves	21,092	-	-	
	\$1,994,839	\$152,450	\$42,002	
ABNORMAL ITEMS				
Prior Years Adjustment	-	-	-	
Prior Years Doubtful Debts Provision	-	-	-	
Prior Years Trust Receipts Transferred	-	-	-	
Bad Debts - Written Off	-	-	-	
	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Plus Rounding				
	\$1,994,839	\$152,450	\$42,002	
<i>Sub Total</i>	\$1,045,943	(\$297,614)	(\$384,004)	
LESS FUNDING FROM				
Reserves	(289,500)	-	-	
Opening Funds	-	-	-	
Closing Funds	(756,443)	(756,443)	(768,911)	
	(\$1,045,943)	(\$756,443)	(\$768,911)	
NET (SURPLUS)DEFICIT	(\$0)	(\$1,054,057)	(\$1,152,915)	

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

This section analyses the movements in assets, liabilities and equity between 2009/10 and 2010/11.

	Actual 2009/10 \$	Actual 2010/11 \$	Variance \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,163,851	992,299	-171,552
Trade and other receivables	153,755	662,421	508,665
Inventories	0	0	0
Other assets	0	0	0
Total current assets	1,317,606	1,654,719	337,114
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	0	0	0
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	24,106,899	24,137,557	30,658
Total non-current assets	24,106,899	24,137,557	30,658
Total assets	25,424,504	25,792,276	367,772
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	98,686	56,155	42,531
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	64,264	48,561	15,703
Provisions	26,919	26,919	0
Total current liabilities	189,869	131,635	58,235
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	249,927	249,927	0
Provisions	28,161	28,161	0
Total non-current liabilities	278,088	278,088	0
Total liabilities	467,957	409,722	58,235
Net assets	24,956,547	25,382,554	426,007
Equity			
Accumulated surplus	3,581,832	4,546,562	964,730
Change in net assets resulting from operations	964,869	426,007	-538,862
Asset revaluation reserve	20,039,815	20,039,815	0
Other reserves	370,031	370,170	139
Total equity	24,956,547	25,382,554	426,007

**SHIRE OF TAMMIN
RESERVES FUNDS
HELD AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Information and Technology Reserve (Cash Backed)

Purpose - Established to Fund IT requirements.

The transactions of the Reserve Fund are summarised as follows:

	Adopted Budget 2010/11	Actual 2010/11
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	0	13,203
Plus Transfer from Accumulated Surplus		
- Interest Received	0	5
Less Transfer to Accumulated Surplus		
CLOSING BALANCE	0	13,208

Plant Reserve (Cash Backed)

Purpose - Acquisition of Major Plant and machinery

The transactions of the Reserve Fund are summarised as follows:

	Adopted Budget 2010/11	Actual 2010/11
	\$	\$
Opening Balance	0	296,746
Plus Transfer from Accumulated Surplus		
- Interest Received	0	111
Less Transfer to Accumulated Surplus		
- Plant Purchases	-	0
CLOSING BALANCE	0	296,858

SHIRE OF TAMMIN								
TRUST FUND								
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010								
PARTICULARS	OPENING BALANCE 01.07.2010	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 2010/2011	ACTUAL RECEIPTS 2010/2011	ESTIMATED PAYMENTS 2010/2011	ACTUAL PAYMENTS 2010/2011	ESTIMATED CLOSING 30.06.2011	ACTUAL CLOSING 31.08.2010	
	\$	\$		\$		\$	\$	
DEPOSITS								
Abattoir Security Deposit	0	11000	11,000	0	0	11,000	11,000	
Nomination Deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Housing Bonds	1,480	1680	640	560	600	2,600	1,520	
Tammin Tourist Promotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Best Memorial Trust	544	100	0	500	0	144	544	
Sale of Land - Non Payment of	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Alcoa Area Promotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Prepaid Rates	14,000	14000	0	14000	14,000	14,000	0	
TOTAL	16,024	26,780	11,640	15,060	14,600	27,744	13,064	

SHIRE OF TAMMIN										
LOAN SCHEDULE										
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010										
Program	Loan No.	Principal 01.07.10	Loans Raised		Interest		Loan Repayment		Principal 30.6.2011 Budget	Principal 31.08.2010 Actual
			Budget 2010/2011	Actual 2010/2011	Budget 2010/2011	Actual 2010/2011	Budget 2010/2011	Actual 2010/2011		
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recreation	76	171,048	0	0	9603	2664	38881	9496	132,167	161,552
Transport	77	143,142	0	0	7876	2143	25382	6207	117,760	136,935
Other Property and Services	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		314,190	0	0	17,479	4,807	64,263	15,703	249,927	298,487
PLUS Change in Net Accrual					0					
TOTAL		314,190	0	0	17,479	4,807	64,263	15,703	249,927	298,487

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Safe System News

TOWARDS ZERO

getting there together

Creating safe roads and roadsides for motorcyclists

Motorcycle and scooter use in Western Australia has been steadily growing in recent years, with the number of registered motorcycles in the state increasing by 26,000 between 1998 and 2007. The number of motorcycle rider casualties in WA is also rising, from 247 recorded in 2001, to 380 in 2007.

As outlined in the safe system approach, a combination of factors are usually at play in any crash. These include the behaviour of the drivers of the vehicles, the riders themselves, speed choice and other factors such as the influence of fatigue, alcohol or drugs. Vehicle factors include the presence of absence of active and passive safety features that can assist in averting a collision or protecting the rider in the event of a crash.

The engineering of the road surface and the environment also contribute, having an impact on both the possibility of avoiding a crash and on the severity of injury to a motorcyclist.

In August 2009 the Motorcycle and Scooter Safety Action Group and its stakeholders endorsed a set of key actions designed to address the increasing trend in motorcycle and scooter involvement in serious crashes in WA.

These actions are based on safe system principles, which take into account the vulnerability of road users to create a road system that is inherently safe and forgiving of human error.

As a result, WALGA in collaboration with Main Roads WA are adapting a VicRoads publication to produce a motorcycle friendly maintenance guide for Western Australian practitioners. The guide aims to improve road design, construction and maintenance practices and encourages Local Government engineers and technical staff to consider specific hazards for motorcyclists that can be avoided.

For further information on this publication please contact Jenna Andrews, Road Safety Project Officer on phone 9213 2070 or via email jandrews@walga.asn.au.



Towards Zero is a long term aspiration which does not accept road trauma as a fact of life. It aims to design and build a road transport system that, in the longer-term, will protect road users and prevent crashes that result in death and serious injury.

Towards Zero does not ignore risk taking, but acknowledges that we need to do more to cater for when people simply make mistakes on our roads.

To aspire towards zero means applying a safe system approach - a holistic view which seeks to manage the interaction between road users, the road, travel speed and the vehicle.

Source: Towards Zero, Road Safety Strategy for WA 2008-2020




Safe system workshops update

Safe system workshops for Local Government have been held in the Perth metropolitan area and the Great Southern region during the last two months, with very positive feedback from participants.

Representatives from twenty Local Governments have taken part in the workshops held to date, which are the first in a series that will be held in all regions.

Local Government staff and Elected Members who have attended the workshops have learnt more about *Towards Zero* and the role of Local Government in creating a safe system. Participants had the opportunity to discuss some of the issues they encounter when working towards the goal of a safe road transport system.

Participants discussed a range of issues, including the limitations of funding and resources to implement a safe system approach; the need for better planning and coordination; and for road safety to be recognised as a shared responsibility.

Local Governments identified that they have capacity to work with staff and Elected Members to increase safe system knowledge and understanding; improve coordination between

internal business units; and improve data collection and analysis to assist in setting priorities.

All participants have found the workshops increased their understanding of *Towards Zero* and the safe system approach to road safety.

Participating Local Governments will receive a summary report from their workshop in the near future. The information collected in the workshops will assist the Local Government Safe System Project in determining the level of support that Local Governments need in implementing the safe system approach.



Back: Cr Ken Richardson-Newton, Sharon Bracknell and Rob Whooley (Shire of Denmark). Front: Kendra Green & Andrea Smithson (WALGA RoadWise).



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Geraldton
16 September 2010
(for Regional Road Group delegates)

Donnybrook
23 September 2010

For more information or to reserve your place, contact the LGSSP team on the details below.

Contact us:

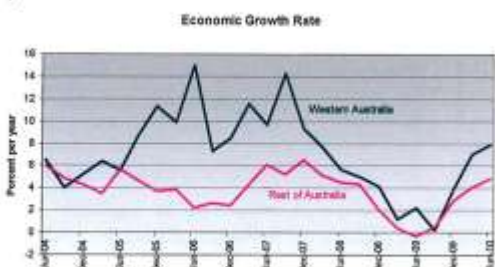
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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY ON THE REBOUND

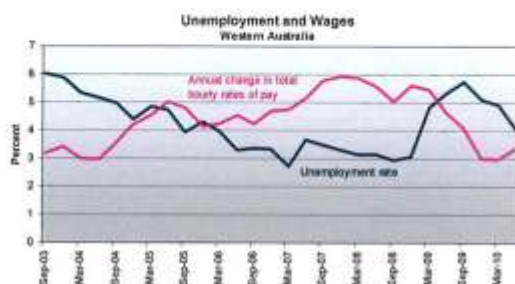
August 2010

The Australian economy grew 3.3% over the year to June 2010 (as measured by Gross Domestic Product). State Final Demand in Western Australia grew 7.9% in the year to June indicating a more rapid recovery in economic growth relative to the average across all other states. Economic growth in WA was driven by strong growth in both private and public capital expenditure.



Comparing annual economic growth (State Final Demand seasonally adjusted) in Western Australia with the other states and territories. Source: ABS Cat No 5208.0

The most immediate impacts of a strengthening Western Australian economy for the Local Government sector will include in a tightening labour market, continued migrant inflow and above national average inflation. Evidence of this is starting to emerge



Unemployment rate in WA has fallen and wage rates are increasing at an increasing rate. Source: ABS Cat No 6345.0 and 6202.0

A TWO SPEED ECONOMY AGAIN?

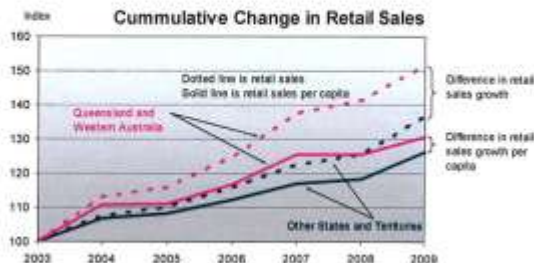
Throughout 2006 and 2007 there was frequent reference to the emergence of a "two speed economy" in Australia. In essence economic growth (as measured by Gross State Product) in Western Australia (WA) and Queensland (Qld) (the so called Mining States) was much higher than in the other states, New South Wales in particular. However, this was very much driven by business investment, particularly in a small number of very large projects. During the more recent downturn, economic growth in the Mining States returned to similar

levels or even below that in the non-mining states.

Following the strengthening commodity prices and the commencement of large mining and petroleum projects in WA and Qld there is again discussion of how to manage the negative impacts of a "two speed" economy.

However, a closer look at the statistics used as evidence of the out-performance of the mining states indicates that when the difference in population growth (or more importantly working population growth) is taken into account there is much less difference between the mining and non-mining states.

For example, a first look at the data shows that retail sales in WA and Qld grew 51% between 2003 and 2009, while in the other States and Territories retail sales grew just 36% in the same period. However, between 2003 and 2009 the population of Queensland and WA grew 16%, while the other States grew just 8%. So expressed on a per capita basis, the difference in retail sales is much less than might be implied. Add to this the fact that inflation was higher in the Mining States than elsewhere in Australia and that the workforce participation rate was higher, there is arguably much less difference in the economic outcomes per person between the mining and non-mining areas of Australia.



Growth in retail sales turnover. Source: ABS Cat No 8501.0

There is a danger that failure to understand the impact of demography on economic measures may drive a perception that Australia has a major issue with a "two speed" economy. Policy responses to this "fact" are potentially harmful to the Australian economy in general and Western Australians in particular.

DEMOGRAPHY AND DESTINY

Updated population estimates, including age and gender profiles at Local Government level were recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics¹. The value in this data is not only in total population size and growth trends,

¹ ABS Cat No 32356.0

but in the demographic details of the people in each area. For example when considering allocation of resources for services to young people it is of limited value to know that 19.5% of the Western Australian population is under 15 years of age. At a local level it is more important to recognize that the proportion of the population under 15 years of age is highest in the northern part of Western Australia including Halls Creek (29.1%), Derby-West Kimberley (27.3%) and Ashburton (27.2%). More than a quarter of the population of the Shire of Capel is under 15 years of age. In contrast, the cities of Perth, Subiaco and South Perth and the Towns of Victoria Park, Vincent and Claremont all have less than 14% of their resident population under 15 years of age.

11.9% of Western Australian residents were over 65 years of age at June 2009. However, in the City of Mandurah and Town of Claremont, over 20% of the resident population is over 65 years of age.

Differences in current and projected demographics at the local level are important in ensuring that the resource allocation and service delivery mix are targeted to the local community (one size does not fit all). With the next Census now less than 12 months away, it is important to support efforts to ensure that this achieves the most accurate and complete results possible in every area.

RATEPAYERS' COST OF LIVING

The CPI is sometimes loosely referred to as the "cost of living index". This is not strictly correct as a cost of living index would need to ensure that a constant standard of living was maintained and that households were able to substitute between goods and services to maximize their standard of living when faced with changing prices for different items.

Furthermore the CPI is based on the consumption patterns of an "average" metropolitan household. The actual expenditure patterns of different types of households differ significantly, and so these face different rates of inflation. The analytical living cost index for different households was recently published for the year ending June 2010².

Principal Source of Income	Change in Analytical Living Cost Index in year ending June 2010 (%)
Employee	4.5
Age Pensioner	3.3
Other Government Transfer	4.2
Self Funded Retiree	3.0

For comparison, the national CPI increased 3.0% and the CPI for Perth increased 3.5% in the year ending June 2010.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S "COST OF LIVING"

The **Local Government Cost Index (LGCI)** increased 1.1% in the year ending June 2010. Following a number of years when the LGCI was above (and at times significantly above) the

Consumer Price Index (CPI), it is important to understand what has changed and what this means for Local Governments.

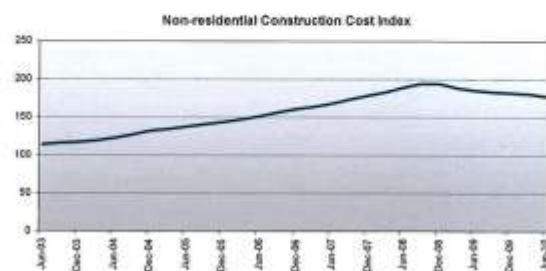
Between 2003 and 2008 annual increases in non-residential construction costs were on average seven percentage points higher than annual movements in the CPI. As non-residential construction costs are the equal second largest expenditure item for the average Local Government (after employee costs) this has a major impact on the LGCI.



Comparison of prices movements for household goods and services (CPI), non-residential construction activities and aggregate Local Government expenditures.

Source: ABS Cat No 6401.0; 6427.0; 6345.0 and WALGA calculations

Since June 2009 the published index shows that non-residential construction costs are falling at around 5% per annum. This subtracts from the LGCI. This 5% per annum fall in construction costs is significant and implies that tender prices for non-residential construction jobs should now be around the same level observed in late 2007. We would be interested in your observations concerning the reality of this.



Cumulative change in non-residential construction cost index.

Source: ABS Cat No 6427.0

The LGCI seeks only to measure changes in the cost to purchase a basket of goods and services used by Local Governments. It does not measure or account for changes in the mixture of goods and services purchased by Local Governments or in the level of service delivered to communities.

For further information, or to comment please contact Economist, Ian Duncan on 9213 2040 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au

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**IB 3 Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering;
Women's Interests – Thank a volunteer day grants program 2010**

Tammin Shire received on 08 October 2010 the following letter



**Minister for Child Protection; Community Services;
Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests**

Our ref: TAVD15/2010

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

Dear Ms Greenwood

THANK A VOLUNTEER DAY CELEBRATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2010

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved funding of \$1 000 for the Shire of Tammin to conduct the 'Thank a Volunteer Day—Hats Off to You!' event.

The funding will be electronically credited to the Shire of Tammin's bank account in the coming weeks.

I enclose the Department for Communities' Marketing Guidelines which outlines the department's requirements for media and other acknowledgements, for your information.

Should you require additional information, please contact Ms Nicola Dunstone, Grants and Contracts Officer, Department for Communities on (08) 6217 8420.

I wish you well with your Thank a Volunteer Day event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robyn McSweeney".

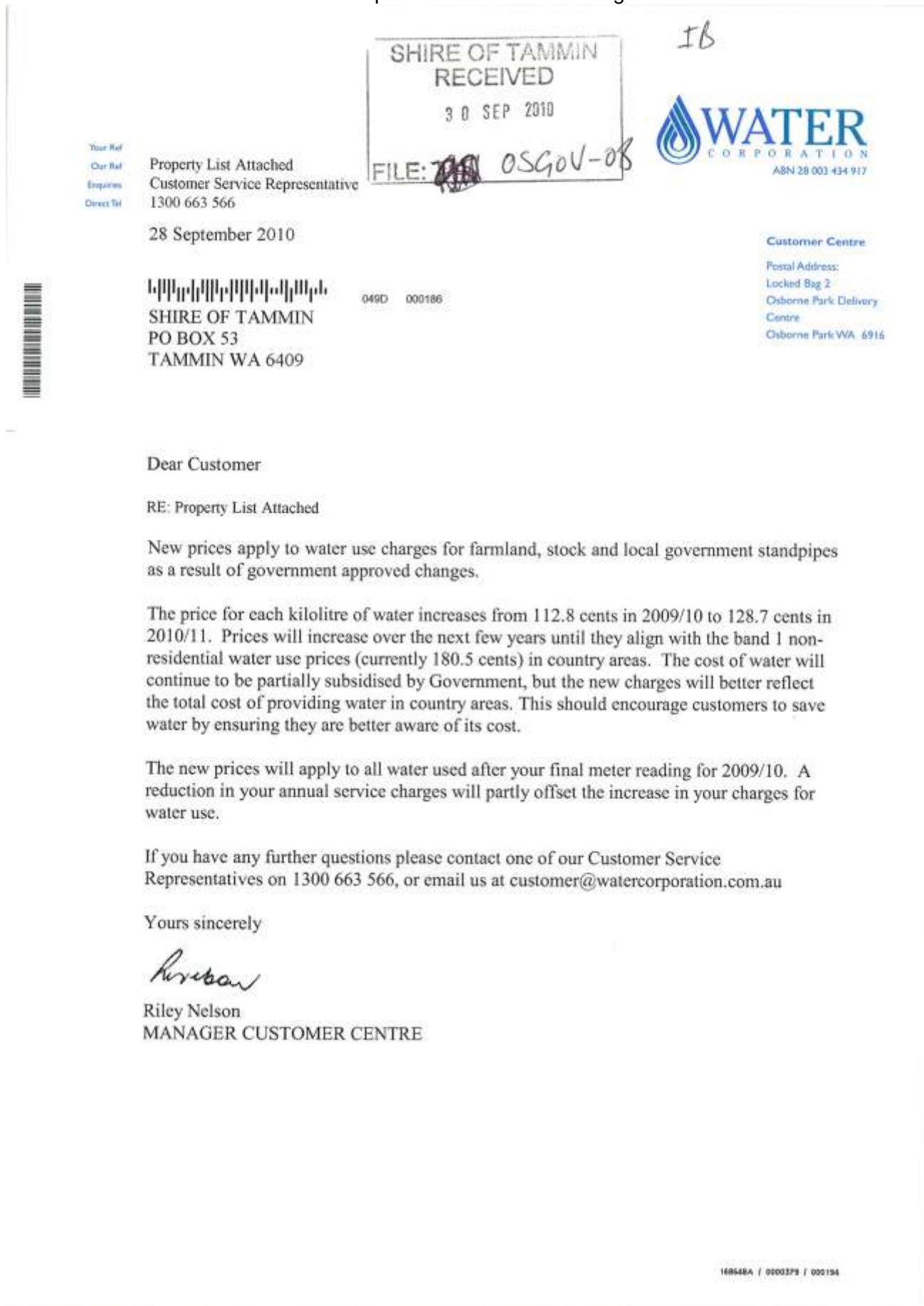
Robyn McSweeney MLC
**MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION; COMMUNITY
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08 OCT 2010

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IB 4 Water Corporation – New prices for water use charges (OSGOV-08)

Tammin Shire received on 30 September 2010 the following letter



IB 5 Department of Local Government – Strategic Plan 2010-2015 (OSGOV-26)

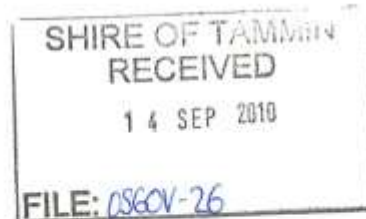
Tammin Shire received on 14 September 2010 the following letter

A copy of the Strategic plan will be tabled at the meeting.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Local Government

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Mr Graham Stanley
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin
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Dear Mr Stanley

Strategic Plan 2010-2015

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Department of Local Government's Strategic Plan 2010-2015.

The Plan sets a clear direction for the Department over the next five years across the Department's three portfolio areas of local government, multicultural interests and heritage.

Our Strategic Plan has a real community focus and this is a common theme across the portfolio areas. That community focus is reflected in the Department's vision, mission and goals.

The Department has set clear goals in relation to the local government sector over the next five years. These include to:

- Increase the economic, social and structural viability of local governments; including through the Government's local government reform agenda
- Ensure policy settings and financial models support innovation and sustainability in the sector
- Build good governance in the local government sector and provide effective regulation
- Strengthen the capacity of local government to meet community aspirations, and
- Achieve sustainable improvements in municipal services to Indigenous communities.

There is important work being undertaken across the Department in support of these goals. This includes providing support to those local governments undertaking important structural reform through amalgamations, Regional Transition Groups and Regional Collaborative Groups.

In addition, the Department is working on a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening capacity in the sector in areas such as integrated strategic planning and asset management. These initiatives will be rolled out in 2010 and 2011 and will provide an opportunity for local governments to significantly improve the way they plan for their communities over the longer term.

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Department of **the Premier and Cabinet**

**Premier; Minister for Regional Development;
Minister for Police, Emergency Services;
Minister for Commerce**

6/9/10

Joint Media Statement

\$120million for emergency services and mobile telephone network.

Premier Colin Barnett has unveiled a \$120million plan to deliver improved mobile telephone and emergency service coverage to regional Western Australia.

Following today's State Cabinet meeting in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, the Premier, along with Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls, Police and Emergency Services Minister Rob Johnson and Commerce Minister Bill Marmion, announced the Royalties for Regions funding that would deliver two essential regional communications projects.

Mr Barnett said the building of communication towers and upgrading of services in strategic areas of the State would dramatically improve mobile phone coverage as well as emergency services for WA Police and the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA).

"Anyone living or travelling in regional Western Australia understands the frustration of trying to use a mobile phone in dead spots," the Premier said.

Mr Grylls said the project was announced in the 2010-11 State Budget and tenders would now be sought for both projects so they could start as soon as possible.

"Priority areas under consideration include the Pilbara, Mid-West, Gascoyne, Kimberley and Wheatbelt regions and benefits will also extend to the Goldfields-Esperance, Great Southern, Peel and South-West regions," Mr Grylls said.

"\$40million will go towards eliminating phone black spots, while the remaining \$80million will be spent on improving communications for police and emergency services."

Mr Johnson said the \$80million Community Safety Network Project would replace the current police regional radio network with a purpose-built, secure and reliable radio communications network that would allow police and other emergency services to better serve regional WA.

"The present regional radio network is obsolete and does not meet the needs of our police and emergency service officers in dealing with calls for assistance from the public," Mr Johnson said.

"The new network will ensure that WA Police and FESA have access to a secure and reliable network, significantly improving the ability of police and fire officers to communicate during an emergency or incident."

Mr Marmion said the work undertaken for this project would provide an expanded communications network infrastructure platform in regional WA to enable access by other Government, non-government and commercial carriers to improve service delivery.

Building and improving governance in the local government sector will be an important priority for the Department. A number of initiatives are underway that are aimed at creating greater transparency and certainty for local governments and the community. Initiatives include a Good Governance Guide, a guide that will combine all local government accountability obligations into a single and simple framework and the Better Practice Review Model, an assessment tool that enables individual local governments and the Department to highlight innovation and good practice within a local government and to identify opportunities for improvement.

As an agency, the Department also provides leadership on multiculturalism within the public sector, with industry and the wider community, creating partnerships for a more inclusive and productive society. The Office of Multicultural Interests became part of the Department in March 2009. This supports the many synergies across local government and multiculturalism and will ensure the continued delivery of quality services to Western Australian communities.

The Department's heritage goal is to recognise, protect, promote and celebrate heritage for the benefit of the community. While the Heritage Council is an independent statutory body, the Department provides important support in the areas of governance and administration to support the achievement of heritage outcomes.

I encourage you to read our Strategic Plan in the context of your organisation and invite you to contact the Department's Corporate Executive Team should you wish to discuss any aspects of the Strategic Plan in further detail.

Department of Local Government - Corporate Executive

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Executive Director, Office of Heritage	Graeme Gammie	9220 4122
Executive Director, Strategic Business Management	Alan Shaw	9217 1668

For more information about the Department and activities and projects being undertaken please visit our website at www.dlg.wa.gov.au

I look forward to working with you as we progress these important initiatives.

Yours sincerely




Jennifer Mathews
DIRECTOR GENERAL

10 September 2010

IB 7 WALGA – Infopage: WA Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) – (OLGOV-06)

Tammin Shire received on 04 October 2010 the following letter

INFOPAGE		SHIRE OF TAMMIN RECEIVED 4 OCT 2010			
To:	Chief Executive Officer Chairs – Regional Road Groups	FILE:	OLGOV-06	From:	Warren Pearce, Policy Manager Transport and Roads
Organisation:	All Councils	Date:			1 October 2010
Reference:					
Subject:	Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA)			Priority:	High

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Government claims through WANDRRA are now being assessed differently by the Fire and Emergency Services (FESA). Recovery of costs for 'ordinary' local government expenses will be no longer accepted. Ordinary costs include staff wages, and the operation of plant and machinery.This will result in a substantial reduction in costs recovered through WANDRRA for disaster relief.Costs no longer recovered through WANDRRA will have to be met through the State Roads Fund to Local Government Agreement.WALGA is discussing with Main Roads, FESA and ALGA to determine how this issue can be addressed.
Action Required:	For information

The question over what costs can be claimed and recovered by Local Governments under the Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) has arisen following the recent refusal of parts of a Local Government claim.

The Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) has sought clarification from the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department, Emergency Management Australia (EMA) in respect of the eligibility of 'ordinary' costs including local and state government staff wages.

EMA has advised that these costs are excluded, and cannot be claimed, under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA – which provide funds for WANDRRA) Determination clause 5.2.5 which states that the amount claimed must not include "d) amounts attributable to salaries or wages or other ongoing administrative expenditure for which the state would have been liable even though the eligible measure had not been carried out."

Previously, these claims, provided to Main Roads from Local Governments, and then submitted to FESA have been paid. It is now considered, that over a number of years claims by Local Governments have been over-recovered, outside the scope of WANDRRA funding. Now that these payments for ineligible expenditure have been recognised, all future claims through WANDRRA will be closely scrutinised, to ensure only eligible expenditure is recovered.

It is therefore extremely important for Local Governments to understand what is and what is not eligible expenditure, in order to properly make claims.

Examples of expenditure which are eligible include:

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- overtime for council staff used while undertaking an eligible measure (e.g., where counter disaster operations or restoration of essential public assets activities occur outside of 9 to 5 'normal' hours)
- backfilling council staff used in recovery activities with outside resources (e.g., contract staff)
- additional contracted assistance for recovery activities (e.g., assistance from intra/interstate or overseas)
 - includes travel expenses, allowances, accommodation etc., and
- associated on-costs (e.g., workers compensation premium, payroll tax etc, for the overtime and backfilling).

As a result, Main Roads WA will only be able to process claims where an assurance has been given that the claims do not include 'ordinary' costs including local and state government staff wages.

Local Governments who have submitted or will submit claims will no longer receive full recovery of costs under WANDRRA. However, these Local Governments will still be able to recover all costs through the Supplementary Fund of the State Roads Fund to Local Government Agreement.

The State Roads Fund to Local Government Advisory Committee under the current Agreement must ensure that the Supplementary Fund (for repairing roads affected by abnormal rainfall) commences each financial year with a minimum balance of \$4 million.

Each year Local Government claims under WANDRRA exceed \$4m (sometimes twice over). Until this time, very little of the funds in the Supplementary Fund have been required to have been used, as the vast majority of costs have been recovered through WANDRRA.

From this point forward, Local Governments will still be able to submit a claim to recover the full costs for natural disaster relief, but it is anticipated that more funding will now come from the State Roads Fund to Local Government Agreement Supplementary Fund. Under current arrangements the Supplementary Funds are at a cost to the Regional Road Project Grants Pool.

This means additional costs that will need to be funded out of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement and will reduce the amount of funds available to each RRG through Road Project Grants.

Local Governments should ensure that they are aware of the requirements for eligible expenditure under WANDRRA, so that as far as is reasonable, the Local Government may recover the costs through this program.

WALGA is aware of the impact of this change on undertaking works in response to flood damage, in particular the inequity in relation to the use of contractors compared to undertaking the work in-house through the deferment of other works. It would seem that a move towards a position where contractors are effectively required to recover costs under WANDRRA is a move towards a potentially more expensive and less efficient system, in particular when Local Governments are able to undertake the works in response to an emergency through rearranging their works programme. WALGA is talking with Main Roads, FESA and ALGA to discuss how this matter might be addressed, and if a change to the NDRRA determination is possible to allow this funding stream to remain available to Local Governments.

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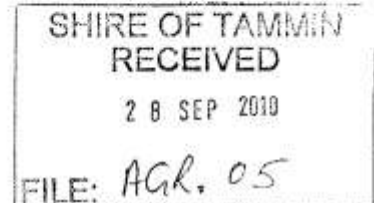


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**Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry;
Minister Assisting the Minister for Education**

Ref: 39-08462

Chief Executive Officer
Graham Stanley
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9th September, 2010

WA Agriculture Stakeholders

I wish to take this opportunity to inform you of some recent decisions by the Western Australian Government that may impact on the members of your organisation and the people in rural communities it serves.

The Liberal National Government has agreed to establish a Dry Season's Advisory Committee (DSAC) for the 2010 season. The purpose of this Committee is to provide advice to government on measures that could be put in place to assist farmers, pastoralists and rural communities to respond to the impact of the poor season that is being experienced. The Committee members are:

- Mr Dexter Davies Chair and Rural Business Development Corporation of Western Australia member
- Cr Steve Martin Deputy President, Western Australian Local Government Association
- Mr Rob Gillam President Pastoralists & Graziers Association
- Mr Mike Norton President WA Farmers Federation
- Mr Chris Pinkney Vice President, Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (WA) Inc
- Mr Crawford Taylor Representing the Western Australian agri-business banking sector
- Ms Juliet Grist WA Rural Financial Counselling Service
- Mrs Natalie Manton Member, Rural, Remote and Regional (RRR) Women's Network of Western Australia (WA)
- Ms Pam l'Anson Regional Manager, Department of Agriculture and Food

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I have asked the Chair of the Dry Season's Advisory Committee to:

1. Gather and assess information and intelligence from a range of sources as the 2010 season progresses and provide valuable information to me and the Department of Agriculture and Food, and other Government Departments such as Water, Transport and Regional Development.
2. Provide an independent viewpoint on the progress with the 2010 season.
3. Provide advice on the implementation of the Drought Reform Pilot.
4. Identify other strategies involving on farm operational and businesses activities to assist farmers and pastoralists to manage the dry seasonal conditions.

You may be aware that in May this year, the Western Australian and Federal Government's announced a \$23 million pilot of drought reform measures aimed at preparing farm businesses, families and rural communities for the difficulties of variable seasons.

The drought pilot has three broad aims; to strengthen farm businesses, sustain farming families and build resilient rural communities. The crux of these trial measures is about preparation and helping to build resilient businesses, families and communities instead of waiting for a crisis and reacting after the fact.

The pilot is also a chance for eligible Western Australian farmers, their families and communities to immediately access more generous support through training and grants, and access to the social welfare safety net, rather than waiting for a slow, bureaucratic EC application process.

With the drought pilot having commenced on 1 July 2010, eligible farm businesses, families and communities in agricultural, pastoral and horticultural industries in the pilot region are now able to access a range of measures that would otherwise not be available under normal EC rules, as well the more generous Centrelink assistance, which is usually only triggered with an EC declaration.

The trial consists of seven major components:

- **Farm Planning:** assistance for eligible farmers to undertake a program of training to enhance their skills in business planning.
- **Building Farm Businesses:** grants of up to \$60,000 to help eligible farmers better manage and prepare for future challenges.
- **Farm Family Support:** income support for eligible families.
- **Stronger Rural Communities:** grants of up to \$300,000 for eligible local groups experiencing significant hardship due to an agricultural downturn to build the resilience of their rural community and assist them to manage future hardship. The applications for this grant close on 15 September and need to be made through a Local Government Authority. For more information contact the drought hotline on 132 316 or go to <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought-pilot/stronger-rural-communities>.
- **Farm Social Support:** a better coordinated social support network to meet mental health, counselling and social needs of farming families and rural communities.
- **Farm Exit Support:** grants of up to \$170,000 to support eligible farmers exiting farms, including retraining and relocation expenses.
- **Beyond Farming:** a program for farmers who want to know more about business and family opportunities that arise when they sell up or retire.

In addition to the pilot, the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) is already working closely with the farmers and the agribusiness sector to ensure timely, tactical and relevant

advice is provided to growers and communities adversely affected by the current dry seasonal conditions. If you or your organisation is interested in receiving the DAFWA AgTactics Newsletter, contact naremail@agric.wa.gov.au for the Northern Agriculture Region and ashlea.owczarski@agric.wa.gov.au for the Central Agriculture Region.

For more information on the Federal/State pilot and the measures available, please see www.daff.gov.au/droughtpilot or phone the hotline on 13 23 16. Information sessions for farmers and communities in the pilot region were held during July and August with over 500 attendees at Gascoyne Junction, Paraburdoon, Wiluna, Meekatharra, Morawa, Geraldton, Dalwallinu, Merredin, Kondinin, Esperance, Lake Grace, Narrogin, Carnarvon, Leonora, Mt Magnet and at Murchison. If you or your organisation requires a more detailed briefing on any aspects of the drought pilot scheme, please contact the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food on 1800 198 231 or wapilot@agric.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



TERRY REDMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

IB 9 WALGA – Infopage: Consultation Draft Discussion Paper – Is Waste Management an ‘Essential Service’? – (OLGOV-06)

Tammin Shire received on 14 September 2010 the following letter

INFOPAGE		SHIRE OF TAMMIN RECEIVED 14 SEP 2010	<i>IB</i>	
		FILE: <i>OLGOV-06</i>		
To:	Chief Executive Officer	From:	Erin Fuery, Waste Policy Coordinator	
Organisation:	All Councils	Date:	8 September 2010	
Reference:				
Subject:	Consultation Draft Discussion Paper – Is Waste Management an ‘Essential Service’?	Priority:	MEDIUM	

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Waste Management
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) has developed a Draft Discussion Paper on whether or not waste management activities should be categorised as an ‘essential service’• MWAC is seeking comment on the Draft Discussion Paper to assist in further development.
Action Required:	Comment on the Draft Discussion Paper by COB Friday 5 November 2010.

Background

The term ‘essential service’ is often applied to waste management activities by representatives from Local Government and the waste industry although this title is not reflected officially in state or federal government policy. MWAC has developed a Draft Discussion Paper with the purpose of attempting to understand what an ‘essential service’ is, and what services are considered as such and why. The Paper aims to describe what an ‘essential services’ is, to ascertain whether or not waste management activities should be categorised as an essential service, and what this will mean for the industry. It is intended that the research and recommendations found within this document will be used to inform WALGA future advocacy activity.

Draft II of the Waste Strategy for Western Australia includes an action by the Waste Authority to consider the development of regulations that would see the collection and management of solid waste an essential service. In the WALGA Submission to the draft Strategy, it was recommended that the Authority undertake a comprehensive investigation of the possible implications of these potential regulations. The Draft Discussion Paper seeks to investigate the potential implications of essential services legislation for Local Government in particular, and whether or not this formal recognition will adequately address the concerns of Local Government and the waste industry.

Discussion Paper Contents

The primary aim of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* is to ‘contribute to sustainability, and the protection of human health and the environment’. The Act outlines that Local Governments are responsible for the collection of ‘local government waste’. In practice, many Local Governments are taking responsibility for a far greater range of materials than they are legally obliged to under the Act.

Local Governments and Regional Councils face a number of challenges in providing these services to their communities. Despite the social, environment and economic benefits of these services, a major concern of Local Governments is the impact of outside forces on the operation of waste services. Many believe that formal recognition of waste services as an ‘essential service’ will better manage these problems. As the Discussion Paper outlines, these concerns include:

- The lack of consideration of waste management infrastructure and services in planning.
- Governance arrangements at the State Government level.
- The ability of Local Governments and Regional Councils to provide and maintain expensive infrastructure.
- The lack of consideration of waste services in emergency management and contingency planning (to ensure continuity of service).
- The potential impacts on waste services due to economic crises or market failure.

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As 'essential service' appears to be a subjective term, the recognition of waste services as such by State Government bodies may not achieve the status deemed necessary to solve these issues. In addition, 'essential service legislation', as it appears in other states in Australia, is concerned mainly with the protection of these services in the case of industrial action, and the Draft Discussion Paper demonstrates that the pursuit of similar legislation in Western Australia may not adequately address the concerns of the waste industry or Local Governments and Regional Councils.

Proposed Actions

The Draft Discussion Paper proposes a number of Actions in answer to the Recommendations made in the Paper. The Actions are concerned primarily with the role the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) will play in addressing Local Government concerns.

Examples of the proposed Action include that:

- MWAC engage with the Local Government representatives on the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (ICC) in order to ensure adequate consultation of Local Governments and Regional Councils in regards to the planning of waste services.
- MWAC engage with the Local Government representatives on the WAPC and the ICC in order to increase awareness of issues such as residential encroachment on buffers and delays in planning approval of new infrastructure.
- MWAC works with the Department of Environment and Conservation and Local Governments to aid consistent data collection, and to assist the Federal Government where appropriate.
- MWAC continues to advocate for the inclusion of waste management in the allocations of the Federal Assistance Grants for Local Government.

Consultation with Local Government

MWAC is encouraging Local Governments to comment on the Draft Discussion Paper. In particular, MWAC is interested in receiving feedback on the proposed actions to be driven by MWAC, as well as consideration of the role the State Government should play in forwarding this agenda.

The Draft Discussion Paper is available on the WasteNet website at <http://www.wastenet.net.au/>

Please send comments through to Waste Policy Coordinator, Erin Fuery at efuery@walga.asn.au before **Friday, 5 November 2010**.

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IB 10 Department of Environment and Conservation- Bushfire Contact Details for the Department of Environment and Conservation Wheatbelt Region – (ENVH-52 / BUSH-00)

Tammin Shire received on 12 October 2010 the following letter

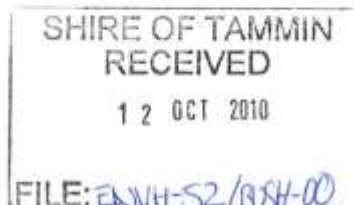


Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Environment and Conservation**

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Mr Graham Stanley
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Dear Mr Stanley

**Bushfire Contact Details for the Department of Environment and Conservation
Wheatbelt Region**

I would like to advise you of this Department's arrangements for the 2010/11 fire season and would appreciate it if you could forward this letter to your bush fire brigades.

The DEC Wheatbelt Region covers 13.5 million hectares and includes the 45 shires shown on the attached map. We value our relationship with Shires, Bush Fire Brigades and the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) as this relationship has supported successful pre-fire and bushfire suppression programs.

As with previous years, the DEC Narrogin Office is the point of contact for reporting all bushfires on or threatening DEC managed lands within both your shire and throughout the Wheatbelt Region.

The contact telephone number at Narrogin is the same both during and after normal office hours (8.00 am to 4.30 pm). After hours calls to the office are re-directed to the rostered duty officer.

Narrogin Office **9881 9200**

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm the arrangements for bushfire suppression on DEC managed lands, Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) and Unmanaged Reserves.

DEC's wildfire suppression objectives

DEC's primary objective in wildfire suppression is the protection of life followed by the protection of property. DEC will liaise with the local Fire Control Officer to ensure important biodiversity issues are considered and necessary protection measures implemented.

Entry onto DEC managed lands to suppress a bushfire

DEC encourages bushfire brigades to access DEC managed lands to control bushfires. As soon as practical it is requested that the fire is reported to the Wheatbelt Duty Officer in Narrogin.

Payment of machinery costs in suppressing fires on DEC managed lands

Following authorisation and agreement, DEC will pay for the contract machinery costs that a shire or bushfire brigade incurs on its behalf to suppress a fire on DEC managed lands.

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Tammin Shire received on 15 October 2010 the following letter



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

Consumer Protection

Our Ref: A190306874955



13 October 2010

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin
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Dear Sir/Madam

In a letter dated 12 July 2010 the Department of Commerce advised regional Local Governments of the 2010 Christmas trading package approved for the Perth metropolitan area by the Hon Bill Marmion MLA, Minister for Commerce.

The approved package in part included provision for trading by general retail shops from 8.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 1 January 2011, New Year's Day.

In the course of recent negotiations by Government on the passage of the *Retail Trading Hours Amendment Act 2010*, it was agreed that all general retail shops in the Perth metropolitan area, (including those in the Special Trading Precincts, but not those in the Holiday Resorts), will now remain closed on Saturday 1 January 2011, New Year's Day.

All other aspects of the metropolitan area Christmas trading package conveyed to you on 12 July 2010 remain unchanged, as do the options available to regional Local Governments, in respect to this issue.

Should you require further information in relation to this advice please contact this Office on 9282 0643.

Yours sincerely

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IB 12 MONSANTO – Information about Roundup Ready 2 canola

Tammin Shire received on 15 October 2010 the following letter



Graham Stanley
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Friday 8th October, 2010

Dear Graham,

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about an application we have submitted to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (also referred to as the OGTR) to conduct a limited and controlled release (regulated field trials) in Australia of Roundup Ready® 2 canola.

Roundup Ready 2 canola is the second generation of the Roundup Ready weed control system in canola. The new trait offers farmers improved crop tolerance therefore extending the current range of benefits Roundup Ready canola delivers farmers. Roundup Ready 2 canola will be able to tolerate applications of Roundup Ready Herbicide in its vegetative and reproductive stages, thereby allowing better timing of Roundup Ready Herbicide. This will be beneficial in the southern Australian farming system, especially for control of difficult weeds (e.g. Wild Radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum*)) or in situations where multiple germinations of weeds occur through the season.

Undertaking field trials is an important part of the regulatory data collection process required to progress an application for commercial release of a new genetically modified organism in Australia.

If approved, this application would provide a 4 year licence to conduct field trials of canola containing this second generation herbicide tolerance trait.

Our application is currently being reviewed by the OGTR and as part of the review process shire councils will receive a written notification letter from the OGTR. This letter forms part of a comprehensive consultation process for all shires in canola growing regions where such trials may take place, however it is important to note that this does not mean that a field trial will definitely take place in your shire.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our canola products please visit www.monsanto.com.au or contact us on 03 9522 7122. For information on Australia's oilseed industry visit www.australianoilseeds.com.

Further information on the application can also be obtained directly from the OGTR website – www.ogtr.gov.au or specifically - <http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/ir-evaluation-1>

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keryn McLean".

Keryn McLean
Corporate Affairs Manager