

Minutes of the Shire of Tammin Ordinary Council meeting held at Council Chambers, 1 Donnan Street, Tammin, on Thursday, 19 March 2009.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Cr R Stokes declared the meeting open at 2.04pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr R.J. Stokes	President (Presiding Person)
Cr K.L. Caffell	Deputy President
Cr M.D. Greenwood	Member
Cr S.J. Jefferies JP	Member
Cr B.F. Stokes	Member
Cr M.K. Wheeldon	Member

Mr M.G. Oliver	Chief Executive Officer
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Visitors

Daniel & Annette May	Item 4.1 from 2.30pm.
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Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Barracks Lease (ASS-1545)

Item 11.2 – 19 February 2009 refers.

An invitation has been extended to Daniel May to address this meeting at 2.30pm to discuss his expression of interest.

See after Item 11.2.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Item 11.3 Tammin Primary School – Financial Support (ADM-15)

Crs B Stokes, R Stokes and S Jefferies declared a financial interest.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 19 February 2009

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 February 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 26/09 MOTION – Moved Cr Jefferies 2nd Cr Caffell

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Cr Stokes requested Councillors to make their points etc during the meeting through the Chair.

9. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COUNCILLORS

10.1 SEA-ROC – Strategic Plan (ORG-21)

Meeting held in York on 17 February 2009 and attended by Cr Caffell together with the CEO. The purpose of the meeting was to review the August 2007 Strategic Plan.

10.2 GECZ Teleconference (ORG-02)

Meeting held on 19 February 2009 with Crs R Stokes, Caffell, Jefferies and Wheeldon together with the CEO participating.

The meeting was convened to discuss a Zone response to the Minister's announcement on amalgamations.

10.3 WE-ROC Council Meeting (ORG-15)

Meeting held in Mukinbudin on 24 February 2009 and attended by Crs R Stokes and Caffell together with the CEO. The meeting was addressed by Peter Brown, WALGA and Chris Berry, DLGRD (funding). Matters of interest to Tammin included:

- Asset management
- Video conferencing
- GMOs
- SSS Report recommendations
- WE-ROC promotion
- Royalties for Regions funding
- Structural reform
- Grain Freight Advisory Committee

10.4 Grain Freight Advisory Committee Meeting (ORG-02)

Meeting held in Northam on 26 February 2009 and attended by the CEO.

The Group, established by WALGA, met to review the draft Report prepared by Parsons Brinckerhoff titled *Grain Freight Local Government Road Evaluation Study*. The Report builds on their previous Report on local roads funded by Wheatbelt North and Wheatbelt South local governments a couple of years ago and now extends over the whole grain region.

This Report quantifies local roads that are likely to be used by B-Double/Road Trains for feeder routes for *farm gate to bin* grain haulage in 2030 that are substandard. The standard used is the minimum road standard for B-Double/Road Trains from Main Roads WA's *Guidelines for assessing the suitability of routes for multi-combination vehicles*.

The Report will be used to lobby/advocate for funds for the grain freight network.

The Report is a snap shot of the situation in an environment that is rapidly changing – which provides a risk that it will likely be out of date when it is released. As an example, the Report is written on the assumption that there will not be any rail closures. However, in such a rapidly changing environment, this is always going to be the case and that if funding is approved, further work will be required to update the sites on a year-by-year basis.

The cost of upgrading the identified road deficiencies have been calculated on average costs to estimate the quantum of the problem. The upgrade cost is not inclusive of other infrastructure issues associated with upgrading works (eg bridges) which was outside the scope of the brief.

The road deficiencies have been prioritised into a 10 year program with an extrapolated cost of some \$40m per year. The quantum of the problem is similar to that extrapolated by DPI to advise the Minister following the Wheatbelt Report.

The Report is not designed to provide an equitable distribution of funds over the road network but to address the identified deficiencies.

The draft has now been given to the Main Roads WA Regional Managers to work with the RRG Technical Committees to review and check the areas identified as being deficient.

Once verified and consolidated and signed off by the Group, the Report will be given to the State Government and released to local government. It is anticipated that this will occur around the start of April.

The meeting was also addressed by John Rossiter (Heavy Vehicles Access Planning Manager – Main Roads WA) who brought to attention the large number of concessional loading requests for grain haulage for the Restricted Access Network received in recent weeks on routes that are vastly different to historical routes.

10.5 SEA-VROC Executive Meeting (ORG-21)

Meeting held in York on 5 March 2009 and attended by Cr R Stokes and the CEO. Issues discussed relevant to Tammin were:

- Tammin's application to join has been referred to the 5 individual local governments in accordance with SEA-VROC's Memorandum of Agreement (which requires an absolute majority of member local governments to agree).
- SEA-VROC Executive Officer is available to assist the Shire of Tammin (on a fee for service basis) to complete the Local Government Reform checklists and submission.
- SEA-VROC supporting the Shire of Quairading's proposed Resource Centre.

11. AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 Local Government Amalgamations (PROP-00)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Items 5.1 – 11 February 2009 and 12.1 – 19 February 2009 refer.

BACKGROUND

Cr R Stokes has given Notice of Motion that Council determine its position regarding the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development's announcement on 5 February 2009 inviting each of the 139 Councils within Western Australia to advise him within 6 months of their clear intentions to voluntarily amalgamate and to voluntarily reduce the total number of elected members for each Council.

On 5 February, 2009 Mr Castrilli, the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development, publicly announced strategies for local government reform based on a voluntary reduction in the number of individual councils. Specifically, the Minister invited

each of the 139 WA Councils to embrace this opportunity to voluntarily amalgamate and to voluntarily reduce the total number of elected members for each council. Also, to advise him of its clear intentions for amalgamations and reductions in the total number of elected members and to form appropriate regional groupings of councils to assist with the efficient delivery of their services in line with proposed grants to local government, under the recently announced Country Local Government Fund.

Mr Castrilli made specific reference that there were 85 local councils in WA serving populations of less than 2,000 people and more than 50 councils had representation ratios of one councillor to less than 100 electors and this ratio fell as low as one to 20.

The Local Government Reform Steering Committee issued Bulletin No 1 on 19 February advising that it had met for the first time on 13 February to progress the Government's Local Government Reform Strategy. The Committee has been convened by the Minister to assist local government with voluntary structural reform, including amalgamations, to ensure that the sector is strong and viable into the future. On 27 February the Committee released Bulletin No 2 providing guidelines to assist local government reform.

The Bulletin requests local government to assess its position through a recommended decision making process along with key criteria to be considered and provide a response to the Minister by 31 August 2009. The Bulletin also requests the completion and return of the Local Government Reform Checklist by 30 April 2009.

Funding to assist in the use of facilitators and/or consultants to develop Reform submissions will be available.

The timeframe has been set out as:

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| Stage 1 | March/April 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Complete the reform checklist.* Initial exploratory meeting to confirm local government amalgamation grouping is appropriate.* Determine suitable partners for amalgamation.* Consideration of the reduction in the number of elected members.* Consideration of skill sets for the establishment of a project team to coordinate local government's reform process.* Forward completed checklist to the Local Government Reform Steering Committee by 30 April 2009. |
| Stage 2 | April/May 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Project team established.* Project team meets as required to determine preferred amalgamation structure.* Project team to determine appropriate elected member representation and methods for ensuring appropriate community representation.* Project team to consider local government regional grouping.* Seek State Government funding assistance as necessary for preparing Reform Submissions.* If required, consultant/facilitator engaged.* Community consultation undertaken within each affected local government and comments recorded. |
| Stage 3 | May/June 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Project team develops Reform Submission to include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• preferred amalgamation structure or other types of boundary adjustments;• number of elected members; and / or regional grouping; and |

- transition timeline, including timeframe and estimated additional transition costs.

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| Stage 4 | June/July 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Project team finalises Reform Submission and circulates to affected local governments. * Each council passes a resolution to proceed based on the findings of the submission. * Each council agrees to identify a date the amalgamation is to take effect. * Each council is to agree to a date at which elected member numbers will be reduced. |
| Stage 5 | August 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Local governments forward the Reform Submission to the Minister for Local Government by 31 August 2009. |
| Stage 6 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Minister provides Reform Submission to Local Government Reform Steering Committee for assessment. * Steering Committee assesses Reform Submissions and seeks further information if needed. * Steering Committee provides advice to Minister on preferred option for reform. |
| Stage 7 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Finalised proposals referred to the Local Government Advisory Board for consideration and recommendation. |

Any resultant local government will need to have a demonstrated capacity in the following areas:

- long term strategic planning;
- detailed asset and infrastructure management planning;
- future financial viability and planning;
- equitable governance and community representation;
- proficient organisational capacity;
- effective political and community advocacy for service delivery;
- understanding of and planning for demographic change;
- effective management of natural resources;
- optimal community of interest; and
- optimal service delivery to community.

The Local Government Reform Checklist provides the following questions with generally a place for a Yes/No answer and an explanatory comment:

1. Long term strategic planning

- Your local government has a five year (or longer) strategic plan in place.
- Your local government has a five year (or longer) financial management plan in place that is linked to the plan for the future.
- Your local government has detailed three/five year business plans.

2. Detailed asset and infrastructure management planning

- Your local government has an inventory of all infrastructure and assets and has an accompanying maintenance and renewal plan in place.
- Asset maintenance and replacement gaps have been identified and addressed in the financial plan.

3. Future financial viability and planning

- Your local government has adequate reserve funds for future capital works and plant replacement.
- Your local government income stream including rates, fees, charges and grants can satisfy your long term community service and operational needs and without grants represents at least 40% of your total revenue.
- Your local government has financial management plans indicating:
 - existing debt levels;
 - depreciation allocations compared to allocations on asset replacement and

- renewal;
- operating deficit compared to rates revenue;
- amount of reserve funds compared to expenses/asset values; and
- adverse financial trends.

4. Equitable governance and community representation

- Indicate the number of vacancies at the 2007 ordinary local government elections.
- Indicate how many vacancies at the 2007 ordinary local government elections were uncontested.
- Indicate the ratio of elected members to community population.
- Indicate the percentage of voter turnout at the most recent local government elections.

5. Proficient organisational capacity

- Indicate the number of staff vacancies and the period these vacancies have continued in each of:
 - senior management;
 - middle management; and
 - senior operational staff positions.
- Your local government has an employee attraction and retention strategy.
- Your current staff engage in annual professional training and development opportunities.
- Your local government currently experiences delays in meeting statutory reporting functions and / or requests extensions.
- Your local government processes residential building licence applications within 20 working days.
- Under delegations your local government processes development applications within 20 working days.
- All other development applications are processed within 40 working days.

6. Effective political and community advocacy for service delivery

- Your local government has funding or other partnerships in place with programs and services sourced by the State Government.
- Your local government has funding or other partnerships in place with programs and services sourced by the Federal Government.
- Your local government has funding partnerships in place with the private sector to enhance service delivery.
- The relationship between local government boundaries and relevant State and Commonwealth Agency boundaries are appropriate for effective decision making.
- In the past 2 years your local government has attracted investment that has led to economic growth and job creation.
- Your local government has community consultation strategies in place, both on-going and project specific.

7. Understanding of and planning for demographic change

- Your local government's population trend for the past five years has been:
 - declining
 - stable
 - growing
- Your local government's projected population for the next five years will be:
 - declining
 - stable
 - growing
- Your local government has plans in place for demographic change.

8. Effective management of natural resources

- Your local government, by itself or in partnership, has resource management plans to address changing environmental conditions.

9. Optimal community of interest

- Your local government provides services and facilities to communities with a similar community of interest.

10. Optimal service delivery to community

- Your local government has the capacity to improve / increase service delivery in response to community expectation and associated demand.

11. Membership of an effective regional grouping

- Your local government is a member of a regional grouping of two or more local governments to plan and deliver services regionally.
- Indicate your regional grouping preference, identifying participating local governments.

12. Previous Structural Reform

- Have you gained any benefits from structural reform measures taken with other local governments to date?

13. Conclusion

- After completing the checklist, are you of the view that amalgamation or any other type of structural reform is necessary for your local government?

The Committee recommends that consideration be given to the Local Government Advisory Board criteria for amalgamation, with particular emphasis on the first four.

1. Community of interest

Similarity in the characteristics of the residents of a community and economic activities

Key considerations:

- Mechanisms introduced to ensure local identity and community representation is maintained under the new structure created;
- Communities of shared interests and facilities;
- Location of commercial and social infrastructure to create sustainable centres; and
- Regional matters of interest.

2. Local government viability

Local governments to have adequate financial capacity

Key considerations:

- Capacity to efficiently and effectively exercise its proper functions and delegated powers to operate its facilities and services to an appropriate standard;
- Sufficient and diverse rate base to facilitate community and economic growth;
- Capacity to fund current and future service and infrastructure obligations;
- Ability to attract and retain appropriate professional expertise and skills to deliver local government services in a timely manner;
- Organisational capacity to undertake financial and strategic planning; and
- Appropriate community interest in providing breadth and diversity to the composition of a local government council.

3. Effective delivery of local government services

Capacity to meet community expectations

Key considerations:

- Capacity to fund existing and future service and infrastructure obligations;
- Governance and administrative mechanisms to review and refine service provision to ensure effective service delivery;
- Revenue generation to meet operating demands and provide funds to maintain community assets; and
- Financial planning to respond to impacts of cost shifting.

4. Financial assessment

Capacity to increase financial resources and derive long term cost efficiencies

Key considerations:

- Combined costs, asset evaluation and improved financial efficiencies;
- Revenue and expenditure of combined local governments; and

- Indicative savings expected from the proposal and ways the savings can be used to benefit the community.

5. Economic factors

Characteristics of economic factors and resources in the area

Key considerations:

- Industries within the local area;
- Distribution of community assets;
- Diversification of business mix; and
- Infrastructure and asset maintenance.

6. Demographic trends

Appropriate planning for current and projected population characteristics

Key considerations:

- Population forecasts, including assessment of immigration and interstate and intrastate migration and implications for local human capital;
- Demographic composition; and
- Classification of high growth and low growth areas.

7. Transport and communication

Identifiable transport linkages to support connectivity between regions

Key considerations:

- Neighbouring towns' road and rail infrastructure;
- Telecommunication infrastructure; and
- Port access.

8. History of the area

Historical Community ties

Key considerations:

- Historical links between neighbouring communities in adjacent local governments.

9. Physical and topographic features

Structures and boundaries to facilitate the integration of human activity and common land use

Key considerations:

- Catchment boundaries;
- Water features; and
- Coastal plain and foothills.

It is appropriate for Council to address Stage 1 at this meeting and in April 2009. The issues for consideration are:

- * Complete the reform checklist.
- * Initial exploratory meeting to confirm local government amalgamation grouping is appropriate.
- * Determine suitable partners for amalgamation.
- * Consideration of the reduction in the number of elected members.
- * Consideration of skill sets for the establishment of a project team to coordinate local government's reform process.
- * Forward completed checklist to the Local Government Reform Steering Committee by 30 April 2009.

COMMENT

The Leader of the Opposition has written clarifying Labor's position – that Labor is strongly in favour of reform of the local government sector, through a collaborative process aimed at sustainability – and noting that this was the position of both the Liberal and National Parties up until Minister Castrilli's announcement.

The GECZ resolved on 19 February that WALGA:

1. Lobby all Members of State Parliament seeking opposition to forced amalgamations of Local Governments and a commitment to the Principles and Actions of the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) Report.
2. Coordinate a Local Government response to the State Government's reform proposals.
3. Endorse the reformation of the State Council SSS Taskforce to oversee Local Government's response to this issue.
4. Advise the State Government of Local Government's commitment to work together with the State Government towards a voluntary reform process.

The process places the obligation to consult with the community, consult with amalgamation partners, make a decision on reform and if appropriate, to request amalgamation with other individual local governments. Being a voluntary process, the ultimate responsibility for the decision is Councils.

Whilst the Minister has referred to a population of 2,000, the Committee encourages local governments to consider the largest combination of councils in the first instance. Once identified, an initial exploratory meeting should be undertaken to confirm whether the proposed grouping of local governments is appropriate.

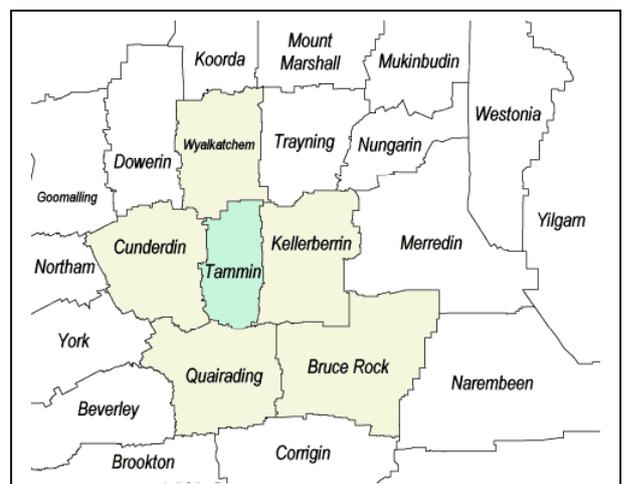
The Committee has suggested that the following criteria for amalgamation, with emphasis on the first four:

1. Community of interest - Similarity in the characteristics of the residents of a community and economic activities.
2. Local government viability - Local governments to have adequate financial capacity.
3. Effective delivery of local government services - Capacity to meet community expectations.
4. Financial assessment - Capacity to increase financial resources and derive long term cost efficiencies.
5. Economic factors - Characteristics of economic factors and resources in the area.
6. Demographic trends - Appropriate planning for current and projected population characteristics.
7. Transport and communication - Identifiable transport linkages to support connectivity between regions.
8. History of the area - Historical Community ties.
9. Physical and topographic features - Structures and boundaries to facilitate the integration of human activity and common land use.

Population figures (Local Government Directory) for the Shire of Tammin's neighbours are:

Shire of Tammin	450
Shire of Cunderdin	1,490
Shire of Kellerberrin	1,165
Shire of Quairading	1,022
Shire of Wyalkatchem	620

Both SEA-ROC and WE-ROC executives have offered their services (on a fee for service basis) to assist with the necessary processes. Similarly, WALGA has offered its services.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Significant but unknown.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Significant but unknown.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Local Government Act would need to be overridden (new legislation) to for the Government to force amalgamations.

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Significant but unknown.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Shire Notes in the Tammin Tabloid have alerted the community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council commence Stage 1 of the Local Government Reform Steering Committee's process to respond to the invitation on amalgamation by the Minister by:

- considering accepting the offer of either SEA-ROC or WE-ROC executives or WALGA to assist with the necessary processes;
- appointing the Project Team;
- determining partnering opportunities; and
- considering the response to the reform checklist.

Simple Majority Required

See after Item 11.2.

11.2 2009/10 Draft Budget (FIN-04)

Author – MG Oliver, CEO, 3 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

It is appropriate that Council give consideration to the 2009/10 Budget process, including an inspection of roads to determine the roads program and an inspection of properties to determine any works required.

COMMENT

Councillors last inspected roads on 15 April 2008 and properties on 4 June 2008.

It is not considered appropriate that the internals of rented houses be inspected by all Councillors. An outside inspection would be appropriate with a full inspection being conducted by the CEO.

Councillors are also asked to provide details of items to be included in the draft 2009/2010 Budget, changes to the status quo etc. to allow costing etc.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That:

- an inspection of roads be carried out on _____ commencing at ____; and
- an inspection of the Shire of Tammin's property, with the exception of rented houses, be held on _____ commencing at ____ am.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 27/09 MOTION – Moved Cr B Stokes 2nd Cr Caffell

That:

- an inspection of roads be carried out on 22 April 2009 commencing at 8.00 am; and
- an inspection of the Shire of Tammin's property, with the exception of rented houses, be held on 15 April 2009 commencing at 8.00 am.

CARRIED 6/0

4.1 Barracks Lease (ASS-1545)

Messrs Daniel and Annette May entered the Chamber at 2.30pm and addressed Council on their Expression of Interest before leaving the Chamber at 2.56pm.

11.1 Local Government Amalgamations (PROP-00)

The CEO was asked to leave the Chamber by the President as the discussions could affect the CEO's employment. The CEO left the Chamber at 3.40pm and returned at 4.03pm.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council commence Stage 1 of the Local Government Reform Steering Committee's process to respond to the invitation on amalgamation by the Minister by:

- considering accepting the offer of either SEA-ROC or WE-ROC executives or WALGA to assist with the necessary processes;
- appointing the Project Team;
- determining partnering opportunities; and
- considering the response to the reform checklist.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 28/09 MOTION – Moved Cr R Stokes 2nd Cr B Stokes

That the offer from the SEAVROC Executive Officer to assist with the necessary processes be accepted.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

MIN 29/09 MOTION – Moved Cr R Stokes 2nd Cr S Jefferies

That the Project Team consist of Crs R Stokes, B Stokes and S Jefferies.

CARRIED 6/0

MIN 30/09 MOTION – Moved Cr Jefferies 2nd Cr Caffell

That the Project Team undertake initial discussions with the Shires of Kellerberrin, Cunderdin, Wyalkatchem and Quairading.

CARRIED 6/0

Crs R Stokes, B Stokes and S Jefferies declared a financial interest and left the Chamber at 4.15pm

Cr Greenwood nominated Cr Caffell to Chair the Item.

11.3 Tammin Primary School – Financial Support (ADM-15)

Author – MG Oliver, CEO, 9 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Correspondence seeking financial assistance to hire a bus to transport the children to swimming lessons.

The request is in addition for the use of the community bus and follows on from the TALEC bus no longer being available.

Whilst a specific amount has not been sought, it is implied that a cost of \$830 is involved for bus hire.

COMMENT

This is a 2009/10 Budget issue and needs to be considered with other Budget submissions.

However, given the likelihood of there not being a quorum if Councillors declare a pecuniary interest, the request is being brought forward at this time.

The issue brings back into focus Council's previous decision to look after the School oval at no charge and the understanding that further funding requests would not be made.

It also raises the question of direct cost shifting by the State Government onto Local Government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2009-10 Budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.7 of the Local Government Act provides that:

- (1) The Minister may reduce the number of offices of member required for a quorum at a council meeting specified by the Minister if there would not otherwise be a quorum for the meeting.
- (2) The Minister may reduce the number of offices of member required at a council meeting to make a decision specified by the Minister if the decision is one which would otherwise be required to be made by an absolute majority and a sufficient number of members would not otherwise be present at the meeting.

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the request for funding from the 2009/10 Budget lay on the table until considered by Council.

Simple Majority Required

Not considered due to concerns regarding a quorum.

Crs R Stokes, B Stokes and S Jefferies entered the Chamber at 4.20pm

11.4 Tammin Primary School – Donnan Park (ADM-15 & ASS-1158)

Author – MG Oliver, CEO, 9 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Correspondence seeking the waiving of the outstanding account for the annual ground hire of Donnan Park noting that the School restricted its use to the athletics carnival only.

COMMENT

Invoice 2123 – 12 February 2009 relates.

Over and above the general preparation of the oval, Staff also provided temporary sand pits and markings for the athletics carnival.

The issue brings back into focus Council's previous decision to look after the School oval at no charge and the understanding that further funding requests would not be made.

It also raises the question of direct cost shifting by the State Government onto Local Government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2008/09 Budget (Account I113040) provided for \$100 income.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Tammin Primary School's application for write off of invoice number 2123 – 12/2/2009 – for \$100 be declined.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 31/09 MOTION – Moved Cr Caffell 2nd Cr Jefferies

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

11.5 Royalties For Regions Funding (FIN-25)

Author – MG Oliver, CEO, 11 March 2009 Interest – Nil

PREVIOUS REFERENCE

Item 11.4 – 19 February 2009 refers.

BACKGROUND

The Hon Brendon Grylls has announced, as part of the State Government's Royalties to Regions commitment, funding of \$400m over 4 years for the Country Local Government Fund from which the Shire of Tammin will be eligible to receive \$565,828 in 2008/09. Further funding will be provided for the next 3 years. In year 2, 35% (\$198,040) and in years 3 and 4 50% (\$282,914 each year) has to be spent regionally. The use of the funds is restricted to asset renewal and asset creation.

Over the 4 years the Shire of Tammin will receive a total \$2,263,312 of which \$1,499,444 is directly under the control of Council whilst \$763,868 is required to be spent regionally.

Support for asset renewal and new asset creation is to focus on funding:

- to individual local governments for infrastructure asset renewal and creation of new infrastructure assets;
- through regional local government groups for new infrastructure asset creation;
- through regional local government groups to be expended by mutual agreement of the member councils;
- that will not reduce local government's own infrastructure spend from other sources of revenue and reserves; and
- through efficient allocation systems using existing mechanisms based on need.

The Country Local Government Fund is to be applied to expenditure against the following local government asset classes:

- Buildings
- Infrastructure
 - Roads
 - Bridges
 - Drainage
 - Parks, Gardens and Reserves
 - Footpaths and Cycle ways
 - Airports
 - Sewerage
 - Other

The funding is conditional on:

- It not being spent on non-infrastructure assets, purchase of plant, employment of staff, engaging of consultants, retiring of debt;
- Completion of a CLGF acceptance form outlining the community's infrastructure priorities for the financial year;
- 2009/10 allocations will not be made until the 2008/09 funds have been declared allocated (required by 29 May 2009). Financial reporting for 2008/09 is required to be completed and provided to the Department by 30 November 2009;
- Fund expenditure is required to be audited with separate documentation forwarded to the Department and included in the Annual Report.
- Acknowledgement of funding is to be made on information and signage associated with the provision of the funds, including correspondence and promotional material.

The funding is regarded as a supply – as such GST is applicable. Grant allocations will be increased by the amount of the GST.

Council resolved in February 2009 that the priority for the first year's funding (with guesstimates) be:

- Hall kitchen (remove and replace floor, create servery's from the kitchen into the Town Hall, Lesser Hall and new alfresco area to the north of the kitchen, cool room) (\$100,000).
- Lesser Hall (replace ceiling, carpets and repaint) (\$50,000).
- Donnan Park (refurbish grandstand, extend concrete path the full length at the same level, home change room carpet, repaint all change rooms, shade over playground) (\$70,000).
- footpaths (\$50,000).
- street lighting (\$50,000).
- Kadjininy Kep change rooms / toilets (\$80,000).
- a two bedroom unit.

COMMENT

An issue noted at the WE-ROC meeting by Chris Berry is the fund guidelines restricting the funding to being used for certain infrastructure and assets.

In relation to Tammin's proposals, removable furniture and equipment for the hall kitchen will be a funding issue which will need to be monitored.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The funds are not required to be matched – but must be expended without reducing the Shire of Tammin's infrastructure spend.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be noted.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 32/09 MOTION – Moved Cr B Stokes 2nd Cr Jefferies

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

11.6 DEC – Strategic Waste Management Plan (ENVH-15)

Author – MG Oliver, CEO, 11 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

WE-ROC commissioned Dallywater Consulting to prepare a Strategic Waste Management Plan for the WE-ROC local governments plus the Shire of Nungarin.

The draft (140 pages) has now been received and requires adoption by Council prior to submission to the Department of Environment and Conservation (by 31 March 2009).

COMMENT

The Report is generic in design and will ultimately require additional sections on the individual local governments.

The Report has been funded by the Stage 2 Towards Zero Waste grant funding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the draft Strategic Waste Management Plan be adopted.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 33/09 MOTION – Moved Cr Caffell 2nd Cr Wheeldon

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

11.7 Tender – Tractor (TEND-28)

Author – MG Oliver, CEO, 11 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Staff have researched options for the replacement of the Chamberlain 3380 tractor and determined that consideration should be given to purchasing *new* as opposed to *second hand*. Tenders have been called for the supply and delivery of a tractor with specifications:

- approximately 100hp
- 1.2m³ – 1.5m³ bucket – with quick release desirable
- 3PL
- ROPs cab – with airconditioning desirable

and indicating that the decision would be made on:

- price 80%
- features & equipment 20%

COMMENT

Tenders close on 18 March 2009 and will be tabled.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Provision of \$75,000 was included in the 2008/09 Budget (Account E1685**) for the purchase of the tractor with a cash provision (ex GST) of \$5,000 for the sale of the Chamberlain 3380.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The tractor is planned to be replaced in 2008/09.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council consider the tenders received.

Simple Majority Required

The CEO tabled the tenders received indicating an inspection of the equipment was required to make a recommendation.

MIN 34/09 MOTION – Moved Cr R Stokes 2nd Cr Greenwood

That the CEO be delegated authority to resolve the Tender in consultation with the Works Supervisor and Crs R Stokes and Greenwood.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

11.8 Financial Report (FIN-05)

Author – JS Oliver, Senior Finance Officer, 11 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

The Financial Report for 2008/09 to 28 February 2009 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 11.8 – 23 August 2007) 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* 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.

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Financial Report for February 2009 be received.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 35/09 MOTION – Moved Cr Jefferies 2nd Cr Caffell

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

11.9 List Of Payments (FIN-05)

Author – C Wilks, Administration Officer, 11 March 2009 Interest – Nil

BACKGROUND

Accounts paid and for payment for February 2009 are listed totalling:

Municipal Fund	Voucher numbers 2457 – 2534	\$330,500.48
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COMMENT

No abnormal expenditure has occurred.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations* 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.

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the list of accounts for February 2009 be endorsed.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 36/09 MOTION – Moved Cr Wheeldon 2nd Cr Greenwood

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

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

12.1 Social Functions

Cr B Stokes has given Notice of Motion that Councillors be extended invitations to all Shire of Tammin social functions.

COMMENT

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors be extended invitations to all Shire of Tammin social functions.
Simple Majority Required

MIN 37/09 MOTION – Moved Cr B Stokes 2nd Cr Jefferies

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

12.2 Frearson Park – Fence Replacement (ASS-1062)

Cr B Stokes has given Notice of Motion that the asbestos fence at Frearson Park be replaced.

COMMENT

The fence divides the front section of lots 12 and 19 from the adjoining lots 13 and 18 and the rear of lots 12 and 19.

Approximately 48m of Hardy *Super Six* is involved.

It is estimated the replacement cost is \$5,000 (if colourbond panel fencing is used or more if *Super Six* – or it's replacement *Hardifence* – is used).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no provision in the 2008/09 Budget for this proposal.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil

FUTURE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the need for the replacement of the fence around Frearson Park be referred to the annual property inspection.

Simple Majority Required

MIN 38/09 MOTION – Moved Cr B Stokes 2nd Cr Jefferies

That the Staff Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED 6/0

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

Nil

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 5.27 pm.

Tabled before the Ordinary Council meeting on 16 April 2009.

Cr R.J. Stokes, Chairman

COUNCILLORS INFORMATION BULLETIN – MARCH 2009

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

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IB 1 Status Report

The following is an update on items considered relevant to Council either in progress or completed. Those items marked with an asterisk (*) are new for this month.

	Council Resolution	Officer	Action
	Consolidated Emergency Services Building Item 11.2.2 – 7/12/2005 That the Shire of Tammin proceed to acquire 15m of the rear of the lot for the Consolidated Emergency Services building lot for amalgamation into the Hydrology Model land for the purposes of change rooms and infrastructure for the model.	CEO	FM Surveys Northam quoted \$6,150 (November 2005) and have been requested to prepare the necessary documentation for the acquisition. Application has been made to DLI who have prepared the amending documents and are waiting on FESA's approval.
	Storage & Catchment Dams Item 11.6 – 20/4/2006 That the gravel bund at the corner of Shields Street and Station Road be replaced with a concrete wall with an emergency removable section.	WS	Concrete wall with removable gate constructed installed. Levelling off the drain (to remove puddling) is still to be completed.
	Properties Inspection Item 11.18 – 20/4/2006 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate memorabilia or small cardboard buildings for historic photo cabinet. Seek advice from Ron York regarding displaying the existing photos.• Prepare septic and storm water drainage plans for the Hall.	CEO CEO	
	Roads Inspection Item – 20/4/2006 That pedestrian ramps (concrete slab) over curb be provided at the intersection of Ridley & Redmond Streets (south west corner).	WS	Alex Peron requested to complete. Discussions also held with Darryl Warner.
	Statements & Plans Item 11.13 – 21/6/2006 That the CEO research and complete/update draft plans when time permits for Council's consideration. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Municipal Inventory• Health & Safety Plan• Review of Wards & Representation.	CEO	Completion of Municipal Inventory has been commenced with the undertaking of assistance of the National Trust.
	Item 10.7.17 – 19/4/2007 That Staff clear the existing prunings and carry out further clearing to allow Mr Ralston to replace the section of fence. Note to keep the culvert clear and avoid the water pipe running through the culvert.	WS	Waiting on a request from Mr Ralston.

	<p>Item 10.7.22 – 19/4/2007 That a crossover be installed into the School vehicle gate off Booth Street and a footpath crossover in Ridley St across Redmond St (both sides) to allow gopher on the footpath.</p>	WS	Alex Peron requested.
	<p>Properties Inspection Item 10.3 – 17/5/2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-nail timber slat in lesser hall ceiling and also in kitchen. • Replace missing tiles in Donnan Park umpires room. • Replace broken floodlight (250W/500W) in Donnan Park carpark (protect with mesh). • Install saddles on reticulation wiring in TALEC west accommodation wing. 	CEO CEO CEO CEO	Tall ladder required. Mr Alcock may be able to complete with other work. Job issued to Warner Hutchinson. Job issued to Peter Mitchell.
	<p>House Inspections Item 10.3 – 17/5/2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Russell St – timber skirting fallen off eaves. • 11 Nottage Way – smoke alarm required. • 9 Nottage Way – smoke alarm required. 	CEO CEO CEO	
	<p>Equipment Hire Item 11.9 – 18/7/2007 That Staff provide details of items of equipment that should not be available for hire together with items of equipment that are available for hire but are currently not on the fees and charges list for further consideration by Council.</p>	CEO	Items identified todate include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladder • PA system • Pie warmer • Warmer oven • Survey level
	<p>Outstanding Projects Item 12.1.3 – 21/12/2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dam completion – plan to stabilise inlet to catchment dam and plan to transfer of water to storage dam are required. • Donnan Street off street parking – power supply to be resolved. • Building maintenance program – program to consider heavy maintenance and improvements to the Shire’s buildings. • 4 Russell St – bathroom refit. • Painting – 4 Russell St interior 	CEO CEO CEO CEO CEO	Budget provision required. Peter Mitchell requested. Job issued to Warner Hutchins Job issued to Warner Hutchins

IB 2 WALGA – Issues Update No 6.09 (OLGOV-11)

Correspondence providing an update on issues including:

- WALGA Deputy CEO Recovers in Hospital
- Local Government Reform Response
- Victorian Bushfire Aid
- Ministerial Council Progresses New Road Safety Strategy
- Energy Procurement Project

- Trucks and Associated Equipment
- Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS)
- Corporate Travel management
- WALGA ECO-News
- Disability Future Directions 2025

IB 3 Walter Turnbull – Roads To Recovery (ENG-28)

The Audit of the Shire of Tammin's records was carried out in Tammin on 4 February 2009 with subsequent information being provided to Perth.

The Auditors reported three areas (indicating that 1 and 2 are systemic and applicable to all local governments audited):

1. In the quarterly reports the "Forecast expense next period" for number of project items over the audit period was the difference between total estimated cost and actual spend. For these projects the end total cost upon completion was less than the original estimated amount.

Implication

Forecasting inaccuracies may lead to excessive draw down of funds and the council are at risk of not complying with the following subclauses of the AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005, the Act:

Subclause 1.3 of the Act: Funding recipient must first obtain approval of the Department of the expenditure of those payments on that other project.

Subclause 1.4 of the Act: payments are spent within six months of receipt of the payment.

Recommendation

Forecast estimated spend should reflect what the council intends to spend in the following quarter.

Comments

The Shire of Tammin was never paid in advance – despite the Audit findings relating to forecasting.

2. For 2007-08 the September quarter report was not submitted to the department as required per Subclause 4.9.

Implication

Funds are not paid by the department until all necessary reports are lodged by the council as per Subclause 4.11 of the Act. Funding shortfalls are met by the council until all reporting requirements are complied with.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the council lodge quarterly reports by the due dates as required by the department.

Comments

The report was a Nil return. It is now understood that Nil returns are required.

3. In relation to projects specified in the works schedule not funded wholly under the Roads to Recovery program, the "total project cost" does not agree to the general ledger.

Implication

As per subclause 4.2(g) of the Act projects not funded wholly from AusLink Roads to Recovery payments must specify the estimated total cost of the project.

Recommendation

It is recommend that the council update the works schedule to accurately reflect the total project expenditure incurred as per their general ledger.

Comments

When a project is effected over more than one period, the system does not allow the total project cost to be amended.

IB 4 National Trust – Granite Way (ORG-16)

A letter of support has been provided to the Trust for a *Granite Way Indigenous Culture Trails Research Project*.

IB 5 WALGA – Issues Update No 7.09 (OLGOV-11)

Correspondence providing an update on issues including:

- WALGA Honours 2009
- Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program
- WALGA Breakfast: Councillor Conduct and the CEO/Councillor Relationship
- Speedy Visa Approvals for Local Governments
- Workshop on Guidelines for Assessing Heavy Vehicle Access to Local Roads
- Aware Funding Announced
- National Packaging Covenant (NPC) – Funding Available

IB 6 WALGA – ROMAN II

On 20 February 2009 the CEO attended the launch of ROMAN II in Perth – the proposed replacement for the aging ROMAN system.

IB 7 Department of Housing – Teacher Accommodation (ADM-33)

Item 11.8 – 21 August 2009 and Information Item 8 – 18 September 2008 refers.

Correspondence advising, in relation to the provision of accommodation for the teachers at Tammin Primary School, that the Government Regional Officers' Housing (GROH), a division of the Department of Housing, is responsible for the provision of additional housing to the Department of Education and Training for allocation to its employees. GROH has advised that it will provide a three bedroom transportable house in Tammin.

The site survey plan and Geotech report has been received and provided to the building company and GROH is now awaiting the design of the home for approval. GROH anticipates that construction of the home in the builder's yard will commence in approximately four weeks. GROH has placed an estimated completion date of 30 August 2009 on this project.

Comment

The correspondence is as a result of the matter being followed up following the announcement of Royalties for the Regions funding.

The information has been passed onto the Principal.

IB 8 WALGA – 2009 Association Honours (OLGOV-03)

Correspondence inviting nominations for Association Honours (closing on 6 May 2009).

IB 9 Be-Active – Funding (SPREC-04)

Correspondence advising that the Healthway funding application for the Central & Eastern Wheatbelt 'Be Active' Scheme has been successful. The funding is for the next three years with an increase of \$5,000 to \$30,000 p.a. This funding period will begin 1 July this year bringing the schemes financials in line with the financial year. The current funding agreement will now be completed 30 June instead of 30 November.

IB 10 WALGA – Issues Update No 8.09 (OLGOV-11)

Correspondence providing an update on issues including:

- Local Government Reform Bulletin
- Vacancies on Boards and Committees
- WALGA Breakfast: Councillor Conduct and the CEO/Councillor Relationship
- Electricity Price Increases
- Training and Development Update
- The Search for Integrity – Challenging the Culture of Organisations
- Funding Applications for Airstrip Upgrades in Remote Australia
- Blessing of the Roads 2009

IB 11 UHY Haines Norton FBT Workshop 2009 (FIN-13)

Held in Fremantle on 25 February 2009 and attended by Mrs Oliver.

The Workshop provided an update on the requirements for the 2009 FBT return.

IB 12 WALGA – Issues Update No 9.09 (OLGOV-11)

Correspondence providing an update on issues including:

- Special State Council Meeting – Local Government Reform Response
- Meeting with Minister for Environment; Youth
- Introduction of the New ROMAN II
- Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) Fact Sheet
- Emergency Services Levy (ESL) Grants Manual 2009/2010
- New Copyright Compliance Guide and Training Course
- Release of Austroads Publications
- Stylecorp

IB 13 DPI Training

Held in Perth from 9-13 February 2009 and attended by Ms Wilks.

IB 14 LGMA Finance Professionals Conference (OLGOV-00)

Held in Perth on 26-27 February 2009 and attended by Mrs Oliver.

The theme of the conference was “Money’s too tight to mention” and the focus was on the current economic crisis, amalgamations (the financial implications), topical accounting and auditing issues and tax updates. There was a strong emphasis on the well being of Staff.

IB 15 Be-Active (SPREC-04)

Meeting held in Southern Cross on 10 March 2009 and attended by Mrs Oliver.

Restructured funding year from December-November to July-June with a Budget to be prepared in July. A funding increase from \$25,000 to \$30,000 pa has also been made from Healthways.

Discussions on the future of the Wheatbelt Sports Council.

Healthways funding is now available for other than physical activities – making Seniors groups eligible for trip funding.

Focus for next 12 months will be core sports – football, hockey, netball, tennis and bowls.

IB 16 WALGA – Heavy Vehicles

Workshop to review Guidelines For Assessing Heavy Vehicle Access To Local Roads prepared by Austroads held in York on 10 March 2009 and attended by the CEO and Mr Findlay.

The guidelines have been prepared to assist local governments and operators involved in applying for and assessing applications for access to local roads by heavy and restricted access vehicles.

IB 17 WALGA – Self Insurance (ADM-34)

Correspondence forwarding details of the revised Trust Deed and Scheme Rules for LGIS group self insurance schemes and inviting comment by 10 April 2009.

IB 18 Works Supervisor's Report – March 2009

Road Construction

- York Rd
- Update signs to Cubbine South Tammin Rd and Finey
- Livesey Crossing completed and signposted

Road Maintenance

- Town road patching south side

Spraying

- Roadside verges in progress
- Town Drain and road in progress
- Town lanes completed

Projects

- Reticulation to Town Hall rear carpark lawns installed
- Bus stops identified and signposted

Other

- Staff undertaking training courses
- Installed "tradesman" gate to Kep

Works in Progress

- Replacing guide posts to roads

Private Works

- Various plant hire

IB 19 CDO Report – March 2009

Clean Up Australia Day

Held on 1 March 2009. Thanks Cr. M Wheeldon, Cr. S Jefferies and President's great support and participation in this event. Particularly Cr. M Wheeldon, always takes initiative and actively contributing her ideas and efforts into community service.

On that morning, eighteen volunteers including seven children turned up and cleaned the town. Bags and bags of rubbish were picked up. Bottles of water, ice cream for children, gloves and sausages provided to volunteers. It is great to see there are people cared about where they live and take actions to keep it clean.