

**WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
AGENDA
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOT 62, WAGAIT TOWER ROAD
7PM 15 September 2015**



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1.0 PRESENT

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING and chaired by:.....

1.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Resolution No. 2015/

**That the apology of Cr
approved.**

be accepted and

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LOT 64 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD

18 August 2015

- 1.0 PRESENT:**
- President Peter Clee
 - Vice President Brad Irvine
 - Cr Kurt Noble
 - Cr VJ Thorpe
 - Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
 - Cr Shenagh Gamble
 - Deborah Allen - CEO

1.1 MEETING OPENING

- 1.2** President Peter Clee declared the meeting open at 7.00pm at the Council Conference Room and welcomed all Councillors and visitors to the meeting.

1.3 APOLOGIES: -

Resolution No. 2015/206 – That the apology of Cr Alex Richmond be accepted and approved.

Moved: President Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Vote: AIF

2.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 3.1** Two meetings were held during the month of July. The monthly Council Meeting was held 21 July 2015. A special meeting was held on 30 July 2015 to discuss the 2015-16 Shire Plan, 2015-16 Rates and the 2015-16 Budget. President Peter Clee has asked that these resolutions be combined.

Resolution No. 2015/207 - That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 21 July 2015 and the minutes for the Special Meeting of 30 July 2015 as tabled be confirmed.

Moved: Vice-President Brad Irvine
Seconded: Cr VJ Thorpe
Vote: AIF

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- 3.2** Cr Kurt Noble queried item 6.19 “Multiple Dwellings on single blocks” from the 18 August 2015 Agenda. Cr Kurt Noble said the response received was that an inspection had been carried out by Development Assessment Services from South Australia and that these buildings are in compliant. Cr Kurt Noble believed the question was not whether they were compliant or not, but it was about how many dwellings are allowed on a single block. President Peter Clee explained that Council has no jurisdiction over this matter, however council will need to consider sometime in the future whether or not the rates for multiple dwellings on single blocks will need to be increase. CEO Deborah Allen will be attending a rates workshop in September and this topic will be discussed then.

4.0 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC

- 4.1** One question was received from the public about use of regulatory orders by councils. A response by CEO Deborah Allen has been written up. As this resident did not attend the meeting, the response will be mailed to him.

5.0 INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE – AUGUST MEETING 2015

- 5.1** Refer to the August 2015 Agenda for a copy of the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence for the July 2015 Council Meeting..

Resolution No. 2015/208 - That the Inwards Correspondence be accepted and the Outwards correspondence be endorsed and that the correspondence for the month of July 2015 be noted.

Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Seconded: Cr VJ Thorpe

Vote: AIF

6.0 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

6.1 President Peter Clee’s report

Firstly I want to congratulate Deborah Allen on a great job at settling into the role of the CEO under difficult conditions. It was a mammoth effort to get the shire plan and the budget published and a rates declaration done in a timely manner. Well done.

Councillor Noble attended an alcohol workshop representing council and he will report on that workshop to the council meeting.

On 29th July I was invited by the Minister to attend a briefing by the Department of Local Government. Councillor Irvine attended. He will report on this at the August meeting. At our last meeting the Northern Territory Government provided us with a time line for the proposed closure of our landfill rubbish dump. The time line was very tight and there were serious doubts that it was achievable. Since that time we have had a number of people working on the project and things are looking up.

Our CEO and Councillor Thorpe have been working with the Belyuen Council on the proposal to use the Belyuen rubbish dump. They also did some valuable initial work on identifying a suitable sites for a transfer

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station to be established. The Department of Local Government, CEO Deborah Allen and Local Government Association's Peter McLinden have been working on the costing and layout of a suitable transfer station. This work and the joint co-operation between councils has been most helpful in trying to keep costs down and investigate good economies of scale. It is desirable to create a transfer station that can be utilised by both Belyuen and Wagait Shires into the foreseeable future.

The CEO, Councillor Irvine and myself have met with NT Government to ascertain legal and operational matters as well as funding possibilities. These meetings will be ongoing. The Northern Land Council (NLC) along with the traditional owners have inspected proposed sites and decided against the initial site at the old Power Station near Belyuen Community. Two alternative sites have been identified and are under consideration by the NLC and we will await the results of their discussions with the Traditional Owners as to the preferred site. The NLC will then negotiate a lease over the preferred site with the NT Government Solicitor.

The Department of Local Government has advised the following:-

- "In regards to funding – DLGCS is positive about receiving a Special Purpose Grant (SPG) application for a solution which moves towards to closure of landfill sites and does not involve unincorporated land. DLGCS will expedite consideration of a grant application which has a costed proposal agreed to by both WSC and BLC. Peter McLinden from Local Government Assoc. has expressed he is willing to assist in the design and costing. Peter McLinden can also assist in considering the operation model and responsibilities. The initial cost estimates which Peter McLinden provided were considered reasonable."
- "In regards to operation, we agreed the preferred scenario to explore is **that kerbside pick-up is arranged for both Belyuen and Wagait**, and a compactor truck is used to take the waste immediately to Shoal Bay. This outcome limits the pressure on the transfer station, means that waste doesn't get double handled, potentially creates economies of scale, and offsets landfill management / remediation costs. However, it is understood there may be additional challenges in achieving this, including a potential reluctance from some residents regarding costs of the new service, and pre-existing contracts for the service in Belyuen"
- "It is noted that in regards to the transfer station, a best practice design and operation would make a large improvement in environmental management and also present some income opportunities (e.g. sale of scrap metal, mulch, recycled containers etc). The income may offset some of the additional costs as residents adapt to paying for a best practice waste management system through their council."

In my opinion it is doubtful that a kerbside pickup service can be implemented this financial year, however this will need to be costed by our CEO and introduced at the earliest.

Progress on this matter has been significant to date and there is now a very positive attitude to work towards achieving the desired goals. I thank all those involved. Hopefully we will have some more news and firm proposals in the next 2 weeks so that the community can be updated as soon as matters have been resolved. I would hope that we can publish an update in the next issue of the Wagaitear.

I have had a lot of positive feedback as a result of my lobbying Sealink NT for free transport to TIWI as part of the school vacation program. This was a very successful event with approximately 25 people taking the trip to TIWI and I thank Sealink NT for there generous community support and assistance.

I have also recently been successful in Lobbying TELSTRA for and on behalf of the Cox Country Club. Telstra and the Telstra Shop Palmerston have generously provided a WIFI internet connection and T-Box to the Club free of charge for a period of 2 years. This is a very generous contribution by TELSTRA and is a significant service which can now be provided to the community through the Cox County Club. On Friday 14th I attended a TOPROC meeting at Palmerston City Council. The meeting reported on:

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- the implementation of new alcohol sales programs.
- Darwin advised that they have developed a master plan for the city and are lobbying government to have this incorporated into the NT master plan.
- If Darwin City Council are successful then other master plans could be developed by Local Government for their areas.
- The Draft TOPROC Regional Development plan was presented by KPMG.
- Coomalie reported they have installed number plate recognition system at their transfer station. This might be an option for our site.
- Litchfield Council reported they are looking at supplementary rating for multiple residential dwellings on the one allotment.

On Monday 17th August I will be attending a meeting of the Mayors and Presidents with the Chief Minister Adam Giles to discuss Territory Day and other matters of importance to Local government.

6.2 Vice President Brad Irvine - will submit a report from the meeting on the "Mayor and President's" meeting to councillors for the next Council meeting. Vice President Brad Irvine said that the focus at this meeting was on presentation and receiving information from the Department of Local Government and co-ordinating all the agencies to work in remote areas at the same time. The department that works for the Government Acts also had a presentation.

6.3 Cr Kurt Noble was unable to attend the Alcohol Workshop as mentioned in the President's report due to illness.

6.4 Cr VJ Thorpe – Attended the meeting with Belyuen including other informal meeting with Belyuen Community Council to continue to build good relationship and rapport.

7.0 OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report – Deborah Allen – refer to the August 2015 Agenda for the Chief Executive Officers report.

7.2 Works Supervisors Report – Gary Zikan - refer to the August 2015 Agenda for the Works Supervisor's report.

7.3 Sports & Recreation Officers Report – Robyn Presley – Refer to the August 2015 Agenda for the Sports and Recreation Officer's report.

Resolution No. 2015/209 - That the Officer's reports' for the month of August 2015 be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr President Peter Clee

Seconded: Vice President Brad Irvine

Vote: AIF

8.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 8.1** Refer to the August 2015 Agenda for a copy of the Financials presented to the council meeting.
- 8.2** 2015/16 Rates and Grant monies are starting to be paid into the account. Pam Wanrooy received assistance from a MYOB consultant to assist in tidying up the costs Centre's in MYOB.
- 8.3** President Peter Clee questioned an attachment circulated to councillors called "New Allocation R2R Fuel Excise NT" and asked how this relates to road recovery and the NT fuel exercise. CEO explained that we had an allocation of \$113,605.00 for the years 2015-2019 and the funding had increased by \$60,015.00 to \$173,620.00. The fuel Excise that was charged previously is being returned back to the NT Government and the NT Government has filtered this back to Councils, so Wagait Shire Council has approximately an extra \$60,000 over the next 5 years.
- 8.4** Vice President Brad Irvine questioned an invoice to Jardine Lloyd Thompson for \$22,090.78. CEO Deborah Allen explained that JLT is our insurance brokers and this is money that was paid for all of our insurance policies. Council will expect another invoice as we have had all the buildings had been re-valued.

Resolution No. 2015/210 - That the financials for the month of July 2015 be received and accepted.

Moved: Vice President Brad Irvine

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: AIF

9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 9.1 Roads 2 Recovery** – CEO Deborah Allen has circulated to all councillors her recommendations for Maintenance of Wagait's Road Network. In the report CEO Deborah Allen has asked that Council endorse recommendations 1-4 of the report and note recommendation 5. This is ongoing.

9.1.1 Roads to Recovery Recommendation



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Agenda Item No:
Report Title: Maintenance of Wagait's Road Network
Attachments: 1

Summary:

LGANT Manager Transport & Infrastructure was asked to undertake a review of the sealed road network within the WSC town boundary. The report includes recommendations to council on concrete spike down kerbs (white storm water barriers), open drains, private drive ways, protection of corners, resealing and traffic management.

Recommendations:

1. THAT Council receive and note LGANT's road network report.
2. THAT Council approve the aggregation of five years Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding with the total amount being \$173,620 for use on Wagait's road network this FY.
3. THAT Council endorse recommendations 1 – 4 of the report and note recommendation 5.

Background:

The R2R program runs over five years from 2015 – 2019. Wagait's allocation for those five years is \$173,620 and has been budgeted to be delivered in the following amounts:

2015 – 2016	\$54,162
2016 – 2017	\$62,655
2017 – 2018	\$18,934
2018 – 2019	\$18,934
2019 – 2020	\$18,935

Councils can apply to R2R for aggregation of the total amount for one large project to be completed in one year. Council will also receive a FAA Roads Grant of \$56,020 which can be utilised for smaller local projects such as repainting roadside barriers or post wet season maintenance.

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Links with Strategic Plan:

The issues identified in the report address KPI's outlined in the Service Delivery Plan under Local Roads Maintenance.

Financial Implications:

Council approved expenditure of \$56,800 under the R2R program and \$56,020 for a FAA Roads Grant in its 2015 – 2016 Budget. Aggregation of the R2R allocation will see expenditure increase in 2015 -2016 from \$56,800 to \$173,620 but with no requirement to move funds from reserves or any requirement to review other cost centres. Should Council agree to expend the entire five years of R2R funding, it is anticipated the community won't be left under resourced to carry out ad hoc maintenance due to the FAA Grant funding.

Risks:

If WSC does not approve aggregation of the entire R2R funding allocation for a large one off project, smaller projects spread over several years will accrue significant re-deployment costs for roadworks team to return to Wagait.

Recommending Officer: DEBORAH ALLEN – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment/s Title: Wagait Shire Council Road Network Report (pdf format)

- 9.2 Overdue Rates** – there are 4 rate payers who are many years overdue. All four have been sent to the debt collectors and only 2 have been served with a notice. One of the owners has made a \$100 payment on each of two properties. Cr VJ Thorpe reminded councillors that at the July meeting, these rate payers noted that payment was going to be made fortnightly. CEO Deborah Allen explained that was the agreed payment plan and she has reminded the rate payer via email. Another payment will be made next week. This is ongoing.
- 9.3 Mandorah Ferry Service** – This is Ongoing.
- 9.4 Access to all areas to film festival** – This is ongoing.
- 9.5 Animal Management** – CEO explained to Councillors that LGANT are drafting up By-Laws for one of the NT Shire's and this should be ready by the end of the year. Council will review these By-Laws once it has been written up. This is ongoing.
- 9.5.1** Cr Kurt Noble raised his concerns that he was under the impression that council had their discussions and made the decision to put money aside to progress this issue and have a system put in place. This was reversed at the Council Special Meeting on July 30 2015. Cr Kurt Noble expressed his concerns that there was a large emphasis on who owns these dogs as being the centre of the discussion rather than public safety and responsibility. Cr Kurt Noble suggests that in future when council starts talking about animal control, these discussions should revolve around the protection and safety of the entire community.
- 9.6 Dog By-Laws** – refer to Item 9.5 above.
- 9.7 Boundary Reform** – At the July Council meeting, councillors asked for a copy of the Submission from the President to the Chief Minister. This has been circulated to all councillors and loaded to their Google Drive. This is ongoing.

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At 7.20pm Cr Shenagh Gamble attends the meeting and apologises for being late.

9.8 Remediation Project – CEO Deborah Allen will be getting a visit from Hannah Fenneley, Adrian Curry and Shaun Hardy from the NT Government who are still keen on having the transfer station located at the old Belyuen Power Station site on Wednesday morning. CEO Deborah Allen has received feedback that the Traditional Owners have opposed the Waste Transfer Station being located at the old Belyuen Power Station site and they have come up with some alternatives. The first alternative is a location about 1km behind the water tank and the second alternative is about 4km south of the existing dump site. President Peter Clee told council that the Traditional Owners would consider a lease to someone for this site and it will be from 2 to 4 years. The Traditional Owners have suggested that the site behind the water tanks would be an ideal spot as it is close to the township and it is on unincorporated land which is subject to the Kenbi Land Claim. President Peter Clee has told councillors that the NT Government are very keen for Wagait Shire to move to a kerbside waste collection similar to a system Belyuen has running at the moment to bring costs down. Council is working with the NT Government, Belyuen Council and all concerned in order to expedite the matter. This is ongoing.

9.9 Request from Rate Payer-copy of Dog Management plan (refer July 2015 minutes) – The plans for Dog Management have not been written up. This is ongoing.

9.10 Darwin Duchess – This is ongoing.

9.10.1 President Peter Clee has explained that we have expended our budget for transport of the Darwin Duchess to its current site. As this had not been included in the budget, Council will need to have a motion to cover the transportation costs for relocation to Wagait Beach. This will be a variation to the current 2015/16 Budget as we currently have a freight component of \$200. The transportation cost is \$2,250.00.

Resolution No. 2015/211 - That the freight component be extended to cover the cost of removing and relocation the "Darwin Duchess" to Wagait Beach.

Moved: President Peter Clee

Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones

Vote: AIF

9.11 Asset Write-Off – This is Ongoing

9.12 Solar Panels – CEO has received a quote from Country Solar NT. They have done a site inspection of the premises and CEO Deborah Allen has circulated her recommendations to councillors. CEO Deborah Allen told Councillors that council hold two power bills. The first one is at Cloppenburg Park and the second one is at the Council Grounds. The bulk of the bill feeds the Office, Community Centre, Workshop, CEO house and soon the Furies shed, CEO Deborah Allen provided a report for Councillors with her recommendations. If council decides to approve this, council will recover approx \$10,000/year back into the budget. This is a 20Kw system and will cover what we are using at the moment. The next unit up is a 30Kw system and there is a requirement of zero export, which is very costly.

Resolution No. 2015/212 - That Council adopts recommendations 1 to 4 as per the Country Solar Site Assessment report.

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Moved:	President Peter Clee
Seconded:	Cr Shenagh Gamble
Vote:	AIF

9.12.1 Country Solar Site Assessment Report

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Agenda Item No:
Report Title: Country Solar Site Assessment
Attachments: 1

Summary:

A site assessment and quote was requested from Country Solar NT (CSNT) to assist council to make an informed decision about the viability of installing a grid connected solar system. The CSNT Sales Manager carried out a site visit and WSC power bills were provided from the previous year to assist the company with its assessment. The quote is based on:

- supply and fit 66 solar panels to the works depot roof
- 20kWp solar system
- 3 phase connection
- no requirement for trenching from existing meter box on Wagait Tower Road to solar panels
- anticipated savings of \$xxxx per day which would see the total cost of \$xxxx returned in under xxxx years

Recommendations:

1. **THAT Council receive and note Country Solar NT quote.**
2. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$xxxxx from its reserves account for the purchase of a grid connected solar system**
3. **THAT Council agrees the anticipated savings from reduced electricity bills of \$xxxxxx per annum will be returned to the reserves account for the next four years**
4. **THAT Council note the requirement of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations Part 13, Division 1, Section 28 to obtain 3 quotes if it proposes to obtain supplies at a cost of more than \$10,000 but not more than \$100,000 or provide reasons in writing if 3 cannot be obtained.**

Background:

During the FY 2014 -2015 WSC was invoiced \$12,000 for the provision of power to Lot 10 Forsyth St (Cloppenburg Park) and Lot 62 Wagait Tower Road of which the majority was for the supply to Lot 62. Lot 10 is charged at the domestic rate of \$0.2688 p/kw and Lot 62 is charged at the commercial rate of \$0.3128 p/kw and has the Community Centre, Council Office, CEO's house and works depot all running off a 3 phase power supply.

Jacana is the energy provider for WSC and their buy back rate is the same as the charge rate of \$0.3128 p/kw although the system is not expected to generate a credit as it considered just adequate to cover current power consumption with an anticipated small draw from the provider in the months of January and February.

A larger 30kWp system was researched but the costs increased significantly and also required a zero-export limiter to be installed. The device ensures the solar system generates only as much energy as a site requires at any given time during daylight hours so there is no chance of any excess energy feeding back into the local distribution network which may cause adverse impacts within that network. The limiter also requires hardwiring so trenching from Wagait Tower Road to the works depot would also increase the cost of installation. The 20kWp system quoted on operates wirelessly.

Links with Strategic Plan:

This project will align with Local Government Objectives from WSC Strategic Plan to seek to ensure that council resources are used fairly, effectively and efficiently.

Financial Implications:

Financing a conversion to a grid connected solar system has not been budgeted for and there is no capacity within the 2015 -2016 budget to accommodate purchase and installation of the system. WSC currently has \$812,000 in its investment account (reserves), and its larger plant and equipment such as vehicles is relatively new. Aside from acts of God, the only municipal service that has the potential to impose operational costs that have not been budgeted for is the closure of the Wagait tip. This is an ongoing matter involving the NT Government but is an issue that should be considered when making a decision about this project.

Risks:

It is unrealistic to expect the cost of electricity to decrease overtime and while small savings can be made with efficient power usage practices at a local level, electricity will be an increasing burden on the budget.

Supply of electricity from traditional power stations that operate on fossil fuels has a well-known impact on the environment. While measuring the benefit of converting to solar from an environmental impact point of view will be difficult to report on, this project is one that can be championed by WSC as fiscally and environmentally responsible.

Recommending Officer: DEBORAH ALLEN – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Attachment/s Title: Country Solar NT Quote (pdf format)

9.12.3CEO Deborah Allen to obtain 2 more quotes from other Solar Companies before a decision is made. CEO Deborah Allen to ask for a calculation rated on a 5 day payback rather than a 7 day payback. CEO to ask for a quote to have the Inverter warranty extended for more than 10 years. This is ongoing.

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10.0 AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Areas of Interest - The areas of Interest was updated in the council meeting. Below is a copy of the "Areas of Interest".

Areas of Interest	2015 Councillor(s) delegated	Areas of Interest	2015 Councillor(s) delegated
Belyuen/Coomalie Shared Services	Peter Clee, VJ Thorpe	Emergency Services	Lisa-Marie Stones, Kurt Noble
Community Projects	Whole Council	Community Events	Whole Council
Disaster Recovery	Cr Lisa-Marie Stones, Peter Clee	TOPROC	Brad Irvine, Peter Clee
LGANT	VJ Thorpe, Peter Clee, Brad Irvine	Shire Budget	Whole Council
Shire Planning	Whole Council	Council Wrap Up	Lisa-Marie Stones
Seniors	Peter Clee, Lisa-Marie Stones	Animal Management	Lisa-Marie Stones, Shenagh Gamble
Fire Brigade	Kurt Noble, Brad Irvine	Small Business	Peter Clee, Brad Irvine
Weed Management	Shenagh Gamble, Alex Richmond	Cox Country Club	Lisa-Marie Stones, Kurt Noble
Cullen Bay Terminal	Peter Clee, Brad Irvine	Mandorah Ferry Committee	Brad Irvine, Peter Clee
Waste Management	Whole Council	Meeting Procedures	Whole Council

10.2 Green Army Round 4 Grant Application – The Green Army Round 4 Grant application closes 16 September. This is ongoing.

10.3 Special Purpose Grant 2015-16 –This is an opportunity for Council to apply for funding to improve community infrastructure and local government service delivery outcomes.

The three things council would like to consider applying for are:

- Solar System
- Animal Management
- Waste Management

10.4 Wagait Clinic Service Agreement –An invoice to help cover costs for the Clinic was sent to the Health Department and they have come back and queried the invoice. Miriam Heath from the Health Department visited our clinic last week and would like council to work on agreement that would suit both parties to help . Miriam explained that the Health Department is funded to provide a service for Belyuen Community, however they have made their services available to the Wagait residents as well. For the Health department to carry out their services after work hours, 2 nurses will have to be deployed to carry out this service for safety reasons. This is a costly exercise for the Health Department. As most of the patients are Seniors and living here Miriam would like to have the services changed to day time hours only, this way only one nurse is required and this will help reduce costs. CEO Deborah Allen to talk to Miriam from Health Department and to come up with a recommendation for council and to see if we can come into a long term agreement.

11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

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11.1 Seniors Outing – 18 August 2015 – Council has received some positive feedback. The seniors outing was a visit to the museum at Adelaide River followed by lunch.

11.2 WAGS (Wagait Arts Group) – 28-30 August – The WAGS will be holding their

12.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

12.01 ALGWA (Australian Local Government Women's Association) – Cr Shenagh Gamble would like Council to apply for a ALGWA corporate membership fee which allows for a whole organisation to become a member. The cost is \$120 for a corporate membership. This is open to anyone who supports women in Local Government. Cr Shenagh Gamble would like to suggest Wagait Shire Council be the first corporate member of the ALGWA

Resolution No. 2015/213 – That council pay the subscription of \$120 to join the ALGWA Corporate membership.

Moved: Vice President Brad Irvine

Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Vote: AIF

12.02 Great Northern Clean-Up – The Great Northern Clean Up will be held in September.

12.03 Wagaitear – Anna Greer from the Wagaitear has notified council that her last edition will be September unless she can find someone else to take over her business.

12.04 Jetty Passenger Shed Upgrade – The upgrade has commenced this should be finished 28 August 2015.

13.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

13.1 Council discussed the Media Policy

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 The next Council meeting is to be held Tuesday 15 September in the Council Chambers at 7.00pm

15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

15.1 President Peter Clee declares the meeting closed 8.40pm

Resolution No. 2015/.....

That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of August 2015, as amended be confirmed.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

3.1 Matters arising from August 2015 Minutes

4.0 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC

4.1 Nil

5.0 INWARDS AND OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER MEETING 2015

5.1 Inwards Correspondence for September 2015 meeting

12/08/15	Deborah Allen	CEO Recommendations - Principal & Deputy Principal Members allowances	admin	
12/08/15	Deborah Allen	CEO Recommendations - Rates declaration 2015/16	admin	
12/08/15	Deborah Allen	CEO Recommendations - R2R	admin	
12/08/15	Dept of Health	Licence Agreeemtn dted 2007 for Health Clinic	admin	
12/08/15	Green Army	Green Army Round 4 now open, due 7/8/2015	admin	
12/08/15	Dept Local Government	Special Purpose Grants 2015-2016	admin	mail
12/08/15	Westpac	Community Solutions Account Statement	admin	mail
12/08/15	Westpac	Mastercard Statement	admin	mail
13/08/15	MVR	Registration - Holden Rodeo (works Ute)	admin	mail
13/08/15	JLT Insurance	Insurance Policy Document - Workers Comp	admin	mail
13/08/15	NT Grants Commission	Grant outcomes for 2015-16	admin	email
20/8/21015	Ray Nicholls - Firies	Firies shed kit, plans and drawings	admin	delivered
20/08/15	Territory Conveyancing	Notice of Sale of Transfer of Land	admin	fax
20/08/15	Airpower	Tax invoice - \$385.92	admin	email
20/08/15	Dept of Local Govt	FAA - 1st qtr general purpose 2015/16 - \$1,104.00	admin	email
20/08/15	Dept of Local Govt	FAA - 1st qtr Roads - \$6,490.00	admin	email
21/08/15	Charmaine Woods - Sports & Rec	confirming the acquittal for the Facilities Grant has been approved for \$50,000	admin	email
25/08/15	Aust Local Gov Assoc	ALGA's 2015 National Local Roads & Tpt Congress 17-19 November	admin	mail
25/08/15	Rate payer - return of rates notice	returned 2015/16 rates	admin	mail
25/08/15	Dept of Local Government	Audit - Confirmation request	admin	mail
31/08/15	LGANT	Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government	admin	mail
31/08/15	Warren Snowden's Office	Grants - Stronger Community Programme	admin	mail
4/09/15	Dept of Local Government	Conflict of Interest & Compliance desktop reviews	D Allen/Peter Clee	mail
4/09/15	Minister for Housing - Bess Price	Invitation - Dept of Housing Review consultations - Dwn	P. Clee	mail

4/09/15	WAGS	Thank you letter for support	Wagait council	email
4/09/15	Aust Day Council	Conference Registration Form	Wagait Council	email
4/09/15	Office of Valuer-General	Valuation Roll - unimproved Capital values - August 2015 reconcilliation	admin	email
4/09/15	LGANT	Rating Workshop - 16 September 2015	admin	email
4/09/15	LGANT	Finance Reference Group Meeting - 17 Sept	admin	email

5.2 Outgoing Correspondence for August 2015 Meeting

21/08/15	ALGWA	Corporate membership fee	email
21/08/15	Jack Ellis	Response to his question on animal management	email
31/08/15	Bureau of Meteorology	Rainfall reading for month of August 2015	mail
1/09/15	R. David - Merit Partners	Audit - Confirmation request - General Purpose/Roads	email
1/09/15	Michael Campaign	Letter to Apple confirming that M Campaign purchased iphone/ipad from Council.	email
7/09/15	LGANT	Rates Workshop 16 Sept for P Clee and D Allen	email

Resolution No. 2015/.....

That the correspondence for the month of August 2015 be noted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

6.0 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

7.0 OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1 Chief Executive Officers Report – Deborah Allen

7.1.1 Meetings CEO attended:

11 August – Northern Land Council, Wagait

13 August – Department of Health District Manager, Wagait

18 August – CouncilFirst, Palmerston

19 August – Waste management stakeholders, Wagait

01 September – Infinity Solar, Wagait

7.1.2 Community:

Quotes have been received from Fin Bins for two different household waste disposal services. A report with details and recommendations has been provided for council to discuss as an agenda item during this meeting.

Tidying the estate has been the primary activity for the Works team with painting of storm water barriers ongoing. The memorial garden and council grounds have had excess leaves collected and deposited at the tip. Refurbishment of the jetty shelter was meant to be completed by 28 August but the project has taken longer than the contractor advertised. Removing barnacles from the stairs will be undertaken when the shelter project is completed. Snipping around the gun turrets has been completed and payment received.

Council accepts donations for photocopying and faxing throughout the year and then distributes funds evenly between the NTES and Cox Peninsular Volunteer Fire Brigade. \$432.60 was collected and the Fires have accepted their portion with the NTES still to collect \$216.30.

Council has started to advertise its annual community clean-up to be carried out on Tuesday 29 September. This is a free service for Wagait residents and is a proactive activity to keep our community safe in preparation for the cyclone season.

Two site assessments have been carried out for the installation of a solar system to power the council buildings on Lot 62 with quotes received from Infinity Power and Country Solar. Quality Solar NT is the third company that has been requested to carry out a site assessment and this ongoing.

7.1.3 Compliance:

Barry Hansen Chartered Accountants will be carrying out the 2014 - 2015 FY audit during the period 21 – 23 September.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Community Services (DLGCS) Chief Executive Mike Chiodo has strongly urged all Councillors and staff members to familiarise themselves with Section 107 of the *Local Government Act*. It concerns conflict of interests and has been added to the google drive of every councillor for their reference. Council staff have been briefed during a weekly toolbox meeting.

Of the 7 issues identified in the 2014 Compliance Review of WSC, 1 still remains extant; that is to create an electronic election register. This will be completed prior to the auditor returning in September.

7.1.4 Office/Staff:

To ensure council staff have adequate opportunity for respite, family time and to reduce leave balances at an important time of year, I ask Council for permission to close the Council Office for three weeks over the Christmas / New Year with the times being: close 21 December 2015 and reopen 11 January 2016. I will be available for the entire period although I do intend on going interstate for about 6 -7 days after Christmas and for the New Year.

The Admin Officer has received two days onsite training in MYOB and book keeping and she has been able to align MYOB with the budget. Future financial reports will line up with the approved annual budget making it easier to identify over or under spending at any time throughout the year and with little effort. The trainer will be onsite for one more day to check final cost centre codes and data entry processes to ensure consistency and compliance is being met.

CEO was on leave 25 - 28 August, Works Supervisor was on leave 12 - 21 August, Works Offsider on leave 31 August – 13 September, Sports Officer was on leave 31 August – 03 September.

7.1.5 Maintenance:

- The local electrician has completed his test and tag on council equipment in use at the office, community centre and works depot.
- Replacement of the rusted sections of guttering on the community centre and council office will be completed by mid-September. The gutters are also being cleaned and overhanging branches cut back from the buildings.
- The water pump supplying the community centre is continually cutting in and out. It will either be repaired or replaced, council has three spare pumps in the office.

7.1.6 Other:

A Special Purpose Grant application has been submitted to the Department of Local Government and Community Services requesting \$16,500 to fund a once off gratis issue of one (1) Sulo bin per rateable property for the community. This is in anticipation of a kerbside pickup being required while the transfer station is being established and identifying what level of service the community would like to see put in place on a long term basis.

7.2 Works Supervisors Report – Gary Zikan

The majority of our time has been taken up by the preparation and painting of our Roadside Barriers. The Brick Kerbing around the Council Carpark is also being prepared and painted.

We have had two Powerwater callouts during August.

The Boatramp has been cleared of all Algae growth.

Our Contractual Obligations with the Jetty, Powerwater and RUAA have been met.

7.3 Sports & Recreation Officer – Robyn Presley

We have been busy during the last month; preparing and performing at the WAG's opening ceremony. The 'uke' kids (and Dave) performed three songs with eight of the children giving them a helping hand with the singing side of it. They were very well received by the audience and once again I am very proud of them. Then there was a big surprise! The children performed their dance routine to 'Uptown Funk'; unbeknownst to me! That got the crowd clapping along. Brought me to tears. We really have a great bunch of kids in Wagait Beach!! Saturday was another busy day with another dance and sewing and tie-dyeing calico bags amongst other things at the WAG's family day at Cloppenburg Park. We are looking forward to next year!

The date for our next dance concert hasn't been set yet but will be as soon as the children are ready. The children are really enjoying their cooking sessions on Friday afternoons with our 'Wagait Junior Master Chef'. I have been given a big cut-down water tank which we will be using for a community garden very soon. I want to encourage the children to grow their own produce and cook with it. School holidays are fast approaching and I will be asking the children if they have any ideas of things for us to do.

ATTENDANCES:

MONDAY	3/8- Dance 4	10/8- Dance 10	17/8- Dance 9	24/8- Sewing 3	31-Aug Leave
TUESDAY	4/8- Tennis 4	11/8- Tennis 2	18/8- Seniors 17	25/8- Tennis 3	1-Sep Leave
WEDNESDAY	5/8- Ukulele 4	12/8- Netball 3	19/8- Ukulele 6	26/8- Ukulele 4	2-Sep Leave
THURSDAY	6/8- Dance 3	13/8- Dance 6	20/8- Dance 9	27/8- Dance 2	3-Sep 0
FRIDAY	7/8-Cook 20	14/8-Cook 18	21/8- Cook 12	28/8- WAG's 16	4/9-Cook 9
8/8- Littlies SATURDAY -NRL game	1 4	15/8- Clean 4		29/8- WAG's 24	5/9-F/D Cards 3
SUNDAY				30/8- Market 4	

Resolution No. 2015/.....**That the Officer's reports' for the month of August 2015 be received and accepted.****Moved:****Seconded:****Vote:**

8.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL - Income & Expenditure Report - 30 August 2015							
	Month to Date			Year to Date			Full Year
	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Actual \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Budget \$
INCOME							
Rates and charges	\$69,769.50	\$16,984.70	\$52,784.80	\$82,882.15	\$33,969.40	\$48,912.75	\$203,816.40
Outstanding Rates	\$400.00	\$950.00	-\$550.00	\$400.00	\$1,900.00	-\$1,500.00	\$11,400.00
Grants	\$7,594.00	\$23,193.75	-\$15,599.75	\$111,293.00	\$46,387.50	\$64,905.50	\$278,325.00
Grant - Sports & Recreation		\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00		\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00	\$24,000.00
Grant - Sports Ground - Carried Over		\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00		\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00
Contract Income	\$8,713.26	\$10,786.00	-\$2,072.74	\$17,026.00	\$21,572.00	-\$4,546.00	\$129,433.00
Rental	\$200.00	\$834.15	-\$634.15	\$1,300.00	\$1,668.30	-\$368.30	\$10,010.00
Interest Received	\$931.97	\$1,000.00	-\$68.03	\$1,882.81	\$2,000.00	-\$117.19	\$12,000.00
Professional Assistance for CEO		\$666.66	-\$666.66		\$1,333.32	-\$1,333.32	\$8,000.00
Other Income	\$63.64		\$63.64	\$63.64	\$-	\$63.64	
TOTAL INCOME	\$87,672.37	\$57,415.26	\$30,257.11	\$214,847.60	\$114,830.52	\$100,017.08	\$688,984.40
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
Employment	\$24,542.09	\$31,841.00	-\$7,298.91	\$61,769.36	\$31,841.00	\$60,686.36	\$382,100.00
Accountancy		\$1,083.00	-\$1,083.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,083.00	\$4,083.34	\$13,000.00
Animal Management		\$416.66	-\$416.66		\$416.66	-\$2,100.00	\$5,000.00
Administration	\$3,915.08	\$2,100.00	\$1,815.08	\$8,185.10	\$2,100.00	\$7,018.44	\$25,200.00
Community Dlvpr & Support		\$1,166.66	-\$1,166.66		\$1,166.66	-\$1,541.66	\$14,000.00
Community Events	\$680.61	\$1,541.66	-\$861.05	\$13,112.86	\$1,541.66	\$12,817.03	\$18,500.00
Consultants fees, mtg exp	\$108.61	\$295.83	-\$187.22	\$1,585.31	\$295.83	\$835.31	\$3,550.00
Professional Dlvpr		\$750.00	-\$750.00		\$750.00	-\$1,541.66	\$9,000.00
Services- gas, elect, water, pest	\$666.47	\$1,541.66	-\$875.19	\$5,930.72	\$1,541.66	\$4,841.36	\$18,500.00
Repairs, Maint - Town Assets	\$1,713.79	\$1,089.36	\$624.43	\$3,116.43	\$1,089.36	-\$6,327.07	\$21,712.40
Roads	\$1,625.00	\$9,443.50	-\$7,818.50	\$1,799.36	\$9,443.50	\$1,282.70	\$113,322.00
Telephone	\$520.72	\$516.66	\$4.06	\$1,217.03	\$516.66	\$717.03	\$6,200.00
Vehicle & Plant Maint.		\$500.00	-\$500.00		\$500.00	-\$1,250.00	\$6,000.00
Vehicle & Plant- fuel, oil, rego	\$1,201.63	\$1,250.00	-\$48.37	\$1,813.70	\$1,250.00	-\$219.63	\$15,000.00
Insurance	\$1,380.11	\$2,033.33	-\$653.22	\$21,589.38	\$2,033.33	\$20,464.38	\$24,400.00
Contracts & materials	\$90.86	\$1,125.00	-\$1,034.14	\$865.61	\$1,125.00	\$865.61	\$13,500.00
Other			\$-		\$-	-\$56,694.32	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$36,444.97	\$56,694.32	-\$20,249.35	\$125,484.86	\$56,694.32	\$43,937.22	\$688,984.40

OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$51,227.40	\$720.94	\$50,506.46	\$89,362.74	\$58,136.20	\$56,079.86	\$-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
July - CEO Samsung Tablet	\$399.20			\$399.20			
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$399.20	\$-	\$-	\$399.20	\$-	\$-	\$-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$50,828.20	\$720.94	\$50,506.46	\$88,963.54	\$58,136.20	\$56,079.86	\$-

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

Financial Report for period ending 31August 2014

Cash at Bank & on hand					Total
Petty cash					\$318.20
Westpac Operational Account					\$120,460.75
Westpac Cash Management Account					\$813,765.01
Total Cash at Bank & onHand					\$934,543.96
Debtors	Current	over 30 days	over 60 days	over 90 days	
Trade	\$10,814.00				
Rates	\$119,102.42			\$8,719.04	
Total Debtors	\$129,916.42	\$-	\$-	\$8,719.04	\$138,635.46
Creditors	Current	over 30 days	Over 60 days	Over 90 days	
Trade	\$4,612.60				
Total Creditors	\$4,612.60	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$4,612.60

8.3 Supplier Payment History

Wagait Shire Council
PMB 10
Darwin NT 0801

Supplier Payment History

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Cheque #	Chq Date	PO #	Date	Supplier's Inv.#	Purchase Total Amt	Amount Applied
Barry Hansen Chartered Accountant						
eft	4/08/2015	00000658	27/07/2015	14228	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$4,950.00
Bunnings						
eft	4/08/2015	00000657	23/07/2015	2315/01163985	\$95.05	\$95.05
Total for Payment eft:						\$95.05
Comuni'co						
b/pay	17/08/2015	00000659	31/07/2015	112.20	\$112.20	\$112.20
Total for Payment b/pay:						\$112.20
COSA Cranes and Engineering						
eft	21/08/2015	00159477	6/08/2015		\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$2,250.00
Darwin Fibreglass						
eft	4/08/2015	00000655	22/07/2015	9427	\$175.00	\$175.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$175.00
Dept of Lands and Planning						
b/pay	17/08/2015	00000661	6/08/2015	749003643	\$2,681.89	\$2,681.89
Total for Payment b/pay:						\$2,681.89
Dulux Trade Centre						
P. Clee	6/08/2015	00159479	6/08/2015	SC20-0262160	\$1,787.50	\$1,787.50
Total for Payment P. Clee:						\$1,787.50
M Kiem & D Harry						
eft	4/08/2015	00000662	28/07/2015	G61	\$420.00	\$420.00
eft	17/08/2015	00000663	13/08/2015		\$700.00	\$700.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$1,120.00
Marks Rural Services						
eft	17/08/2015	00000662	9/08/2015	77	\$120.00	\$120.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$120.00
Motor Vehicle Registry						
b/pay	17/08/2015	00000664	14/08/2015	28347138	\$703.15	\$703.15
Total for Payment b/pay:						\$703.15
NT News						
eft	5/08/2015	00000658	5/08/2015	1000302	\$1,069.20	\$1,069.20
Total for Payment eft:						\$1,069.20
Officeworks						
402151	4/08/2015	00157962	21/07/2015	801309819	\$11.33	\$11.33
Total for Payment 402151:						\$11.33
eft	17/08/2015	00000667	16/08/2015	801317784	\$14.23	\$14.23

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Cheque #	Chq Date	PO #	Date	Supplier's Inv.#	Purchase Total Amt	Amount Applied
Officeworks						
Total for Payment eft:						\$14.23
Power Water						
b/pay	17/08/2015	00000666	17/08/2015	62944082	\$69.90	\$69.90
Total for Payment b/pay:						\$69.90
Project Building Certifiers Pty Ltd						
eft	17/08/2015	00159478	31/07/2015	3277-2	\$220.00	\$220.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$220.00
Telstra Corporation						
b/pay	17/08/2015	00000668	16/08/2015	P7001096701	\$440.79	\$440.79
Total for Payment b/pay:						\$440.79
The NT General Store						
eft	4/08/2015	00000657	22/07/2015	08607	\$130.00	\$130.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$130.00
The Wagaitear						
eft	17/08/2015	00000665	16/08/2015	101374	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total for Payment eft:						\$150.00
Totally Work Wear						
eft	17/08/2015	00000653	31/07/2015	100024184	\$116.40	\$116.40
Total for Payment eft:						\$116.40
Wagait Beach Supermarket						
eft	17/08/2015	00008976	17/07/2015	228478	\$45.62	\$45.62
eft	17/08/2015	00008980	18/07/2015	228592	\$10.10	\$10.10
eft	17/08/2015	00008998	21/07/2015	229498	\$98.92	\$98.92
eft	17/08/2015	00229537	21/07/2015	9000	\$55.00	\$55.00
eft	17/08/2015	00229702	22/07/2015	9005	\$43.74	\$43.74
eft	17/08/2015	00158737	23/07/2015	9012	\$54.00	\$54.00
eft	17/08/2015	00230290	25/07/2015	9017	\$10.10	\$10.10
eft	17/08/2015	00230939	28/07/2015	9028	\$108.85	\$108.85
eft	17/08/2015	00159476	31/07/2015	9042	\$5.81	\$5.81
Total for Payment eft:						\$432.14
Yacca Gold						
eft	17/08/2015	00000660	11/08/2015	SA00125545	\$156.01	\$156.01
Total for Payment eft:						\$156.01

Resolution No. 2015/.....

That the financials for the month of August 2015 be received and accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 Rates Workshop – CEO to attend meeting in September – This is ongoing.

9.2 Use of regulatory orders by councils – CEO to send response to resident

9.3 Roads 2 Recovery – Councillors to endorse recommendations 1-3 of CEO Report “Maintenance of Wagait’s Road Network” and note recommendation 5 which was presented in the August 2015 meeting.

Recommendations:

- 1. THAT Council receive and note LGANT’s road network report.**
- 2. THAT Council approve the aggregation of five years Roads to Recovery (R2) funding with the total amount being \$173,620 for use on Wagait’s road network this FY.**
- 3. THAT council endorse recommendations 1-4 of the report and note recommendation 5.**

9.4 Overdue Rates – This is ongoing

9.5 Mandorah Ferry Service – This is ongoing

9.6 Access to all areas to film festival – This is ongoing

9.7 Animal Management – This is ongoing.

9.8 Boundary Reform – This is ongoing.

9.9 Remediation Project – This is ongoing.

9.10 Request from Rate Payer – copy of Dog Management plan (refer July 2015 minutes) – This is ongoing.

9.11 Darwin Duchess – This is ongoing.

9.12 Asset Write-off – This is ongoing.

9.13 Solar Panels – 2 more quotes to be obtained by CEO for councillor’s consideration.

9.14 Green Army Round 4 Grant Application – closes 16 September – This is ongoing

9.15 Special Purpose Grant 2015-2016 – funding to improve community infrastructure. The three things council would like to consider are:

- 1. solar system**
- 2. Animal Management**
- 3. Waste Management**

9.16 Wagait Clinic Service Agreement – CEO to come up with long term agreement with Health

9.17 Media Policy

10.0 AGENDA ITEMS

10.1 Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government

Resolution No. 2015/

That the Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of councils services and infrastructure;**
- 2. Acknowledges that the council will receive \$9,352.00 in the 2014/15;**
- 3. Will ensure that this federal funding, and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs, is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in council publications, including annual reports.**

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

10.2 Firies Shed – approval of building on council land and discussion of level of services council is prepared to provide to the shed. Electronic copy of plan on google drive for councillors to review.

Resolution No. 2015/

That Council retrospectively approves the building of the Firies shed on council land.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

10.3 Waste Management



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MEETING!DATE:! 7PM!15!SEPTEMBER!2015!

MEETING!TYPE:! ORDINARY!

FILE!REF:! ! \\Server\data\Council!Meetings\2015\September!2015!

ATTACHMENTS:! YES!

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Any\$member\$of\$Council\$who\$may\$have\$a\$conflict\$of\$interest,\$or\$a\$possible\$conflict\$of\$interest\$in\$regard\$to\$any\$item\$of\$business,\$to\$be\$discussed\$at\$a\$Council\$meeting\$of\$a\$Committee\$meeting\$should\$declare\$that\$conflict\$of\$interest\$to\$enable\$Council\$to\$manage\$the\$conflict\$and\$resolve\$it\$in\$accordance\$with\$its\$obligations\$under\$the\$Local\$Government\$Act\$and\$its\$policies\$regarding\$the\$same.\$

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Agenda!Item!No:!!10.3\$

Report!Title:!Waste!Management!!

Attachments:!!2!

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Summary:!

During!the!period!following!closure!of!the!Wagait!waste!landfill!and!the!while!a!transfer!station!is!being!established,!an!interim!solution!is!required!to!ensure!Wagait!Shire!Council!(WSC)!provides!an!efficient!land!effective!waste!collection,!waste!disposal!and!recycling!service!for!the!community.!

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WSC!did!not!budget!for!a!change!in!its!delivery!of!waste!management!services!this!FY!as!the!closure!date!of!the!landfill!was!communicated!after!the!community!plan!and!budget!had!been!consulted!on!and!approved!by!council. The!NT!Government!have!indicated!they!will!assist!with!the!funding!of!an!interim!service. At!the!time!of!writing!this!report,!the!level!of!funding!had!not!been!communicated!but!a!meeting!to!discuss!this!matter!will!have!been!held!on!08!September!between!the!Department!of!Local!Government!and!Community!Services!(DLGCS)!and!WSC; an!update!will!be!provided!during!the!council!meeting.!

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Recommendations:!

- 1. THAT! Council! acknowledge! the! requirement! for! an! interim! waste! management! service!until!such!time!as!a!waste!transfer!station!is!developed!**
- 2. THAT!Council!agree!to!carry!out!a!community!consultation!to!determine!what!level!of!long!term!waste!management!services!the!community!wish!to!have!WSC!deliver!**

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Background:!

As!part!of!the!Kenbi!Land!Claim,!the!Australian!Federal!Government!requires!closure!of!the!existing!WSC!waste!landfill!by!the!target!date!of!October!31. The!DLGCS!and!Department!of!Chief!Minister!communicated!to!WSC!the!requirement!to!close!the!landfill!in!July!of!this!year. Since!then,!council!has!been!working!with!the!NT!Government!and!Belyuen!community!to!identify!a!site!for!a!transfer!station!to!replace!the!landfill. A!site!has!been!proposed!by!the!area's!traditional!owners!that!is!acceptable!to!the!shire!council!and!the!development!of!plans!for!a!small!transfer!station!is!underway.!

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Consultation with the Wagait community is required to determine what level of long term municipal waste management services it wishes to have delivered by WSC, for example, individuals disposing of their own rubbish into skip bins at the transfer site or kerbside pickup from a contractor. Either way, all waste will be deposited at the Shoal Bay Waste Facility.

Legislative Requirements:

It is likely an Environment Protection Licence will take 4-6 months to complete, longer if there are objections or complications. Advice to date is that the proposed site for the transfer station will not be approved until this process is completed.

Links with Strategic Plan:

1.10 ~~777~~ Effective waste management strategies

1.10.1 Provide efficient and effective waste collection, disposal and recycling services.

1.10.2 Develop an integrated approach to managing waste including landfill, collection and when practical, the provision of transfer stations.

Financial Implications:

There are financial implications for WSC but they will be discussed in camera as disclosure of the current quote to provide skip bins and kerbside pickup may disadvantage the contractor should there be a requirement for a public tender process. The meeting between DLGCS and WSC regarding levels of funding support will also be discussed.

Risks:

During this period, if kerbside pickup or skip bin disposal option is not implemented, we do not currently have an interim solution. This is likely to result in surface and groundwater contamination, increased roadside litter; increased feral animal activity; negative impacts on native flora and fauna and general decrease in the visual appeal of our community.

Recommending Officer: DEBORAH ALLEN - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment/s Title: 1. Wagait Quote Dump at Shoal Bay 2015 2. Wagait Quote Skip bins 2015

11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

11.1 Australia Day Forum – 22 & 23 October 2015

11.2 Australia Day – January 20 2015

12.0 LATE ITEMS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

13.0 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

13.1 Consider interim waste management quotes

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20 October 2015 in the Council Chambers, 64 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach.

15.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at pm.