



WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT 2014 - 2015



Wagait Beach Sports Ground Pink Stumps Day

INTRODUCTION

This report has been generated to satisfy the requirements of Section 199 (1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act* which states in part that councils must prepare an Annual Report on the preceding financial year; therefore the following information communicates council activities from 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

The report gives an account of council's performance in achieving the goals and objectives of the Wagait Shire Council (WSC) plan 2014 - 2018 and includes;

- The President's report for the year summarising council achievements during the year as well as the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) report on the financial performance.
- Council's audited financial statements for year ending 30 June 2015 are included in this report.

Any matters of significance to the date of this report that may affect the delivery of council programs and delivery of services to the shire, are mentioned in this report.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

In July 2014 Council commenced a scoping and research project on the possibilities of expanding our boundaries and / or amalgamation with other councils. This involved extensive community consultation including a survey and public meetings.

Results of the survey found that 51% of respondents said extend boundaries without incorporating other communities, 31% said extend boundaries including the existing community of Belyuen. Only 5% said extend boundaries to include the majority of Cox Peninsula region, including existing communities / Councils of Dundee Beach, Coomalie and Belyuen; 13% said maintain boundaries with no expansion.

As a result of these findings, in October a submission was sent to The Chief Minister, who was also the Minister for Local Government, Adam Giles and copied to the local Member for Daly, Gary Higgins as well as the Shadow Minister for Local Government and Regions.

This submission outlined our request for an extension of the shire boundaries to include presently unincorporated land to the south and west of Wagait Beach Community. This request was acknowledged by the Chief Minister and the response was that it would not be considered until after the formation of a Belyuen, Wagait and Coomalie Community Advisory Group and the outcomes of this group's collaboration were considered and discussed. The Department of Local Government continue to apply pressure for Wagait to amalgamate with other councils into the proposed "top end shire" which includes Litchfield. However, the community decided that this is neither desirable nor beneficial and council will continue to hold this line. This advisory group is looking at options to form one or more councils on the Cox Peninsula. It meets regularly and is currently ongoing.

The Memorial Garden was completed in July due to the large voluntary contribution from many community members. It was officially opened by Member for Daly Gary Higgins on 26 July. The memorial garden looks really good.

A submission to the NT Liquor Licencing branch was made by WSC and supported by NT Police requesting a restricted licence for the jetty. Anti-social behaviour at the jetty had significantly increased since the closure of the Mandorah Beach Hotel. This application was subsequently approved and implemented in 2015.

Numerous complaints have been received regarding unrestrained domestic dogs in the community. It was resolved that Council establish a voluntary animal registry, and that we initiate the process of developing by-laws for animal management – this is also ongoing.

As a result of the resignation of Cr Ian Crawshaw, new Councillor VJ Thorpe was sworn in November 2014.

President Lisa-Maree Stones resigned from the position in early 2015 and Councillor Peter Clee was elected as the President. Cr Stones remains on council.

Soon after President Clee's election to the position the CEO submitted his resignation and a committee was elected to recruit a new CEO. The selection process was difficult and finally a decision was made to employ Deborah Allen from South Australia. Deborah commenced work at the end of May. The new CEO has hit the ground running and has been extremely effective in turning around the community. I look forward to working with her over the term of her contract.

As always I enjoy speaking with members of the community and listening to their issues. I am only ever a telephone call away.

Peter Clee
President
Wagait Shire Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

The majority of this report was prepared by Michael Campaign who resigned from the position of CEO WSC on 15 May 2015. I am Michael's replacement and started work on 01 June 2015. My last place of employment was in South Australia and I have a background that includes local government roles similar to that of my current position, military service that revolved around logistics and aviation as well having been self-employed for many years.

On behalf of council, I wish to acknowledge the proactive work of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in lobbying the Federal Government to call to an end the freeze to indexation of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). This general purpose funding provided to councils by the Federal Government is salient to local government's capacity in providing communities with an acceptable and ongoing level of municipal services.

Council set rates at \$515 per annum in the reporting year of 2014 - 2015, an increase of \$15 per rateable allotment compared to the previous financial year's rates of \$500. This facilitated, along with the \$65,372 received from FAG's, in meeting operational requirements. FAGs continues to be of the utmost of importance in assisting council to deliver basic municipal services and maintain local infrastructure.

As a result of the rate increase, Council expected to receive an extra \$5820 into the budget but due to improvement in the collection of rates from ratepayers who were in arrears, \$7537 was receipted.

The reserves of the council for ongoing projects and delivery of services in the shire have remained at a similar level to the previous financial year and are likely to be called on should WSC have to provide waste management services as per other councils. With low investment returns, it is important to keep the bulk of the reserve funds in an investment account for future needs and development in the time of emergency. Additional grant money from the NT Government saw major improvements to the sports and recreation areas.

Major achievements during the year were:

- improvements in the Sports ground and its facilities
- increased community events and participation
- improved budget control and no shortfalls
- better rate management and collection processes
- bringing Wagait Beach to compliance level for Local Government
- improved workshop equipment
- support to local volunteer groups (Firies/ES)
- increase in grants for community work

The month of June saw me working on developing the council plan and budget for 2015 -2016 financial year and rectifying outstanding compliance breaches.

I look forward to continued support from the community of Wagait Beach and meeting the challenges that arise in providing the services and meeting the needs of residents during the next year.

Deborah Allen
Chief Executive Officer

STRUCTURE

Council currently has the following seven elected members.



Peter Clee
President January 2015 – June 2015
Councillor July 2014 – January 2015



Lisa-Marie Stones
President July 2014 – January 2015
Councillor January 2015 – March 2015
Vice President March 2015 – July 2015



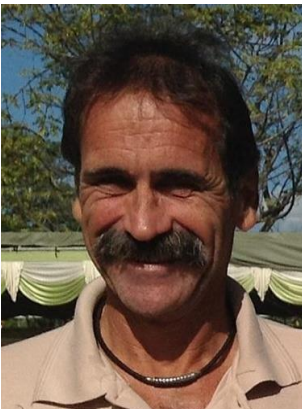
Shenagh Gamble
Councillor July 2014 – June 2015



Ally Richmond
Councillor July 2014 – June 2015



VJ Thorpe
Councillor July 2014 – June 2015



Brad Irvine
Councillor June 2014 – June 2015



Kurt Noble
Councillor June 2014 – June 2015

Mathew Prouse Vice President July 2014, resigned March 2015

Ian Crawshaw Councillor July 2014 – January 2015

MEETINGS

Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

Meeting agendas are available online in the week prior to the Tuesday meeting.

A hard copy of the summary of the agenda is available upon request from council chambers.

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of any that require in-camera proceedings.

Copies of minutes of the meetings are available at the council chambers and the local store within 10 business days after the date of the meeting; they are also shown on the council website. A summary of the meetings have been provided publication in the Wagaitear.

COUNCIL STAFF

Council employs a full time CEO, administration officer, works supervisor, machinery operator/labourer, part-time cleaner and a casual sports and recreation officer. In addition to this, Council sources local contractors to assist with specified jobs such as electrician, welding, builders etc.

There has been no staff changes this financial year other than CEO Michael Campaign resigning and being replaced by Deborah Allen

Council has continued to obtain grant funding for the position of sports and recreation officer, Robyn Presley.

MEET YOUR COUNCIL STAFF

Michael Campaign **CEO (resigned 17/5/2015)**

Deborah Allen **New CEO commenced 01 June 2015**

Deborah's last place of employment was in South Australia where she worked for the Outback Communities Authority for three years as Community Administrator for the town of Andamooka and Town Manager for Iron Knob. She was in the Royal Australian Navy for almost 12 years and self-employed prior to her enlistment.

Pam Wanrooy **Administration Officer**

Pam began working for Council in November 2012. Pam has a strong background in administration with Simon National Carriers, Mandorah Hotel and tourism in the Tiwi Islands. Pam has made a huge impact on the improvement of office services and accountability.

Angela Adams **Cleaner**

Angela joined the council team in December 2008 and has the role of cleaner for all the Wagait Shire's properties. Angela is in charge of maintaining the cleanliness of the sports ground ablution block, the community centre and council chambers. Angela also assists with setting up for many community events.

Gary Zikan**Works Supervisor**

Gary commenced employment with council in August 2005. He previously worked in the maritime freight industry and has also been employed by companies operating regular public transport ferry services to Mandorah. Gary as been Supervisor since 2007 and supervises council's works crew including council contracts held with government departments and other organisations.

Rowan Robinson**Machinery Operator / Labourer**

Rowan (Robbo) commenced in December 2011. He previously worked at the Radio Australia site as a storeman and served long term with the Royal Australian Air Force.

Robyn Presley**Sports & Recreation Officer**

Robyn commenced on 26 Mach 2013 and her position is funded via grants and she has been running a very successful program with our youth since stepping into the role.

Mick Daly and Jack Pilkington are two casuals who are employed when needed.

ASSESSMENT OF COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

SERVICE DELIVERY

The *Local Government Act* articulates that councils must deliver certain core services, although our council is not compelled to do so where circumstances do not permit.

Council resolved in its Shire Plan 2013/18 to deliver the following services to Wagait residents:

Core Services

Services identified within the *Local Government Act* that council has agreed to provide are:

- Advocacy and Representation on Local and Regional Issues
- Asset Management
- Civic Cultural and Sporting Events
- Companion Animal Welfare and Control
- Council Planning and Reporting
- Financial Management
- Governance
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- Library and Cultural Heritage
- Local Emergency Management
- Local Roads Maintenance
- Local Roads Upgrade
- Maintenance & Upgrade Council Buildings
- Maintenance & Upgrade Parks & Reserves
- Public and Corporate Relations
- Records Management
- Revenue Growth
- Risk Management
- Traffic Management
- Training & Employment
- Waste Management
- Weed Control & Fire Hazard Reduction
- Memorial Garden

Agency Services

Services that are provided when external funding is available are:

- sport and recreation
- aged and disabled care
- family (including child care)

Council is in receipt of funding that facilitates the employment of a part time sports and recreation officer.

Commercial Services

Services that provide income to council.

- Power and Water contract – currently subcontracted by council through Goodline Pty Ltd
- Mandorah jetty maintenance contract – council's contract with Department of Planning and Infrastructure continued throughout the year and will flow on to the 2015 - 2016 financial year
- Restricted Use Area maintenance and weed spraying – through contracts with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.
- Maintenance of heritage sites

Other Services

Services provided by council to meet community needs and expectations.

- Local Welfare and Social Services
- Seniors Program
- Wagait Beach Medical clinic
- Continued assistance to volunteer groups.



Council is required to report on service delivery activities within this Report. The report follows:

CORE SERVICES

ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES

Objective:

To participate in Regional Boards or committees to represent council views on local and regional issues.

Performance:

The Council has appointed delegates to a number of committees including, Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT), TOPROC, Restricted Use Area (RUA) Committee, and Land Waste Management Committee. Councillors and CEO attend meetings of these organisations on a regular basis without remuneration.

Performance Measurement:

Continued participation of council members and staff at representative Local Government and NT Government committees and meetings. Wagait attendance at these meetings is consistent and well represented.

CIVIC EVENTS

Objective:

To manage and support quality events and community minded ideas on behalf of the council.

Performance:

The Council undertook the organisation of various community events, including:

- Australia Day Celebrations
- ANZAC Day Celebrations
- Territory Day Celebrations
- Seniors Month Celebrations
- Walk to School Day
- Tuesday ladies group
- Christmas function/s
- Clean Up Beach Days
- **Council also assisted in the organisation/running of:**
 - MUFF Festival (Mandorah Ukulele Folk Festival)
 - Fireman's Ball
 - Arts exhibition

Performance Measurement:

It is the intention of council to continue to promote activities in the community wherever possible. The Wagait Beach community's' response to the various events and activities organised by the council has been excellent with attendance figures consistent this year. There is still a great sense of community spirit amongst the locals as well as the number of volunteers for each event.



Australia Day Ambassador "Peter McLean" with Citizen of the Year "Jackie Edwards"



Some of the younger community residents enjoying the activities of Australia Day



Sports & Recreation Children's Concert

GOVERNANCE

Objective:

Provide support and governance services incorporating:

- *Chief Executive support*
- *Civic Functions*
- *Governance*
- *Elected Member support*
- *Public relations*
- *Administration services*
- *Over 90% of elected members attended monthly council meetings*

Performance:

Elected Members of council voted not to receive councillor allowances. As previously determined in council meetings, agendas and minutes continue to be made available to the community in a timely manner, as well as being placed on the council's website and leaving copies at community store along with providing a summary of proceedings for The Wagaitear. Improvements have been made to the Council website with additional information being uploaded to it. Council representatives have met regularly with Gary Higgins, Local member for Daly.

Performance Measure:

Ongoing revision and further development of local policies along with staff workplace training and governance training for councillors.

PUBLIC AND CORPORATE RELATIONS

Objective:

To continue to communicate with the general public through media contact, press releases and local notices.

Performance:

The CEO provides local media with reports following each Council meeting and maintains public notice boards at the council office and local store. Other information of interest to the community is displayed on the ferry that travels between Mandorah and Darwin. Council minutes are copied and made available for collection from the local store.

Performance Measure:

The level of council's performance in establishing good public relations is determined by the reaction of the community to council programs and media releases which is considered to be positive.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL PEOPLE

Objective:

To provide increased training for local persons as well as employee opportunities.

Performance:

The compliment of 4 full time, 2 part time and 2 casual employees all reside locally. When specialist skills or trades are required we source what we can locally, specifically earth moving, electrical and building to assist our council labourers.

Council has provided training in various aspects of office administration and computer use and works staff continue to receive training to update skills and renew licences. Assistance has been given on a voluntary basis by an elected Councillor in computer training and set up.

Performance Measurement:

Locals currently occupy all positions at the council with the exception of the CEO. Utilisation of MYOB has improved greatly making the office more accountable and able to provide accurate information to Council and other statutory bodies.

COUNCIL PLANNING AND REPORTING

Objective:

It is the plan of council to develop long term strategic plans including business and service delivery plans to ensure the long term sustainability of Council in the delivery of services to the community.

Performance:

To support the development and performance of the plans, the council undertakes the preparation of a Shire Plan on an annual basis. The Shire Plan contains information on long term planning, service delivery objectives and Council's budget. The shire plan is prepared annually and is lodged with the Department of Local Government. The performance of the plan is addressed in the preparation of the Annual Report.

Performance Measure:

Strategic and business planning processes and systems have been established via consultation with the community. Regular reports have been provided to the community on service delivery by providing articles in the monthly local newspaper and through council minutes. Public consultation has been sought on all council plans and budgets and prompt responses to all community enquiries have been achieved. Open community meetings have been planned for the next financial year.

Council has:

- *Completed the Annual Shire Plan*
- *Produced an Annual Budget aimed at ensuring the services stated in the plan can be delivered*
- *Produced a 2013-2018 long term Shire Plan.*

The public response to council's plans and reporting will indicate the level of achievement of these plans.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Objective:

Maintain a financial management system in accordance with the Australian Accounting standards and local Government Accounting regulations including maintaining assets, maintaining internal controls, maintaining an effective rates system and regular reporting to the council.

Performance:

- *Council is to achieve compliance with all of its financial functions including day to day operations, reporting to council and preparation of the annual report.*
- *Council's financial management meets all statutory requirements.*
- *Shire budget completed and lodged with Shire Plan with the Department of Local Government in required timeframe*

Performance Measure:

It is the plan of Council to improve the efficiency and economy of the current financial accounting system. To meet this goal, council has implemented a new system that should achieve this goal.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Objective:

To ensure that the employment of all council employees is in compliance with council policy and industry award and is subject to regular reviews and training.

Performance:

The Council has a commitment to provide employees with improved and more flexible working arrangements, and to provide increased training opportunities.

The annual performance review of all employees has been completed.

The Council has developed policy for recruitment and human resource management. The policy basically provides that all employees and prospective employees be treated equally.

Performance Measure:

- *All employees receive training wherever available, and are satisfied with their conditions of employment.*
- *Performance review of all staff undertaken during the year.*
- *Retention of staff.*
- *Meet OH&S requirements.*

IT AND COMMUNICATION

Objective:

To ensure that all IT functions in council are effectively managed and that effective and timely support services are available for the operation and management of councils hardware, software and internet systems.

Performance:

MYOB running effectively and accurate input and output. Information system providing accurate information for preparation of reports and returns.

Performance Measure:

- *Action undertaken to improve IT services and reliability and less down time of computer and internet systems.*
- *Council documents lodged on website are up to date.*
- *Appointment of new IT solution firm to monitor and maintain IT system.*
- *New computerised accounting system has been installed and working well.*
- *Completion of returns/reports completed and on time.*

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Objective:

To improve council maintenance of records in accordance with statutory requirements.

Performance:

Inward and outward correspondence is recorded on a daily basis. Correspondence not requiring the attention of the Council is dealt with within four days of receipt.

Implementation of a new filing system has been introduced that provides interaction with Council Minutes and correspondence.

All Council decisions are recorded in a register and on council's computer system making it easy to access past decisions.

All financial records are maintained on an in-house server and are subject to daily backup recording.

Performance Measure:

- *Continued maintenance of council records, (reports, minutes and communications) in a timely and effective system.*
- *Adoption of a more streamlined and efficient system of maintaining records under review*
- *Archiving of documents commenced.*
- *Council has updated records which have not been kept in the past 12 months.*

REVENUE GROWTH

Objective:

To ensure that funding council operations are adequate through appropriate rating policies and maximisation of grants, fees and charges and other available income sources.

Performance:

Maintenance of rates to ensure that council services, as stated in the shire plan are achievable. The Council has always maintained that providing the Council receives the same level of grant assistance as in previous years, the financial viability of the Council will not be affected. Unfortunately the Territory Government had announced a reduction in some areas of grant support commencing in 2011 - 2012, 2012 - 2013, 2014 - 2015 and continuing to this financial year. This will require the Council to look at other strategies to ensure that the level of administration and services are maintained in accordance with the Shire Council plan and to the same standard as in previous years.

Performance Measure:

- *All services are effectively maintained with staff and funding limitations.*
- *Adequate funding resources are kept with grants continued to be sought and obtained.*
- *Level of staffing is maintained, with competitive wages.*
- *High level of rate collection is achieved with lower amount of rates outstanding.*

RISK MANAGEMENT

Objective:

To implement required level of risk management in council.

Performance:

Staff are to be trained in better risk management and improved risk control policies and procedures are adopted.

Performance Measure:

- *All appropriate insurances in place and all assets adequately insured throughout the council.*
- *Risk reduction procedures are in operation.*
- *The use of improved risk management procedures by staff in all areas of council operations.*
- *Up to date asset register maintained.*

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Objective:

To implement improved asset management planning and support services for council assets.

Performance:

The council maintains a comprehensive asset register that is updated on an annual basis. Assets are maintained in a good order as required for the various tasks and services of council. Asset register audits have been carried out this financial year.

Performance Measure:

- *Increased planning in all aspects of asset management.*
- *Annual review of assets register indicates that it is maintained and accurate.*

COMPANION ANIMAL WELFARE AND CONTROL

Objective:

To provide adequate procedures in the care, custody and control of animals in the community to protect health, safety and the environment.

Performance:

- *The Council has not deemed it necessary to introduce by-laws for the control of animals. Residents are relied upon to undertake responsible pet ownership.*
- *The Council provides assistance where possible when feral or dangerous animals are involved.*
- *Number of dangerous dogs destroyed lower than previous years.*
- *Complaints from community concerning dangerous dogs acted on promptly.*

LIBRARY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Objective:

To continue to improve the current library facilities and to support cultural heritage projects.

Performance:

The use of the library based in the council office has decreased slightly with the volunteer Saturday opening being cancelled. However the mid week use during working hours has increased. The donation of books has increased throughout the year.

Performance measure:

- *Number of books available have increased considerably.*
- *Internet access also available within the library and usage has grown.*
- *Increased use of library by community on weekdays.*



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Objective:

To support the preparation and planning for local emergency facilities in the shire through participation in relevant committees and expansion of council involvement in cyclone disaster and recovery planning areas.

Performance:

The Council maintains representation on the local Emergency Services Committee. Support as and when required provided to Emergency Services and the local Bush Fire Brigade.

The Council maintains two cyclone shelters and is represented on the Territory Cyclone Shelter Committee. Providing support for the formation and continuation of Wagait Disaster Recovery Committee with involvement from LGANT and the NT Government.

Performance Measure:

- *Continued attendance of emergency planning meetings and primary financial support as required.*
- *Ongoing support of disaster recovery and emergency planning in the shire.*
- *Satellite phones have been obtained through grant monies for both groups.*
- *A genset to cyclone shelter two has been obtained through grant money and installed.*

LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

Objective:

Maintenance of sealed and unsealed roads, footpaths and kerbing.

Performance:

- *Roads are assessed on an annual basis to determine if resealing is required. Minor repair work is undertaken by Council employees.*

Performance measure:

- This is an area that needs urgent attention and enquiries are being made for early release of monies to commence work on roads and verges.

MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF COUNCIL PARKS AND RESERVES

Objective:

Develop and maintain Council's parks, gardens and open space facilities including enhanced visual amenity quality areas and facilities and increased community leisure options.

Performance:

The main areas of Council responsibility include the sportsground, the area adjacent to the Council Office/Community Centre and beach access areas.

Maintenance of the areas is undertaken on a regular basis. The Office / Community Centre area is maintained by way of plant watering, mowing, cleaning of carpark and weed control.



The sportsground requires priority attention as the area is regularly used for sporting programs, Council events, and community functions. A caretaker is still currently residing at the Sportsground and is provided at no cost to the Council. In fact, the caretaker assists council with reporting of bad behaviour, opening and closing of amenities as well as volunteering on community events held at the Sportsground.

Beach access areas are maintained by way of provision of rubbish receptacles and clean-ups when any refuse is identified. A supply of vinegar is made available at each access point to assist with marine stings.



Performance measure:

- Sports Ground in good condition.
- Minor repairs completed on time.
- Area cleaned and well used by community.



Genset – Council Office

MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS AND ASSETS

Objective:

Manage and maintain Council's public buildings, facilities and fixed assets including effective and timely maintenance, enhanced community utilisation and compliance with statutory requirements.

Performance:

Usage of the Wagait Beach Community Centre is increasing with regular bookings for various activities. No major maintenance works have been required to be undertaken on the building. The sportsground continues to receive regular patronage. A new initiative was the local play group who utilise the sportsground during the dry season and the community centre during the wet season.

Council's other buildings have not required any major maintenance.

Plant and equipment is serviced on a regular basis.

Adequate maintenance of all buildings is provided for in council's annual budget.

Performance measurement:

- *Regular use of community centre has increased.*
- *Plant serviced and checked regularly*
- *Buildings in good condition*

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON LOCAL ROADS

Objective:

Ensuring that our roads have adequate street signage and traffic control to increase the safety of users of the road network.

Performance:

Maintain street sign and improve all areas of safety on our roads.



Performance Measurement:

The level of feedback from road users and street signs maintained and updated.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Objective:

It is the objective of council to provide facilities for the collection and disposal of domestic and commercial waste. This will be provided through the efficient management and maintenance of dump facilities and other environmental health protection services in the community including litter reduction in public areas.



Performance:

There is currently no requirement for the council to collect household refuse although council maintains a dump facility located on Cox Peninsular Road. Access to the dump is not restricted and council relies upon people to be responsible and deposit waste in the appropriate places. A waste oil facility is available as well as a recycling container facility.

Following commencement of the Wagait Shire recycling program, cans, bottles and plastics are collected in separate cages at the dump facility and transported back to council grounds prior to being transported into Darwin for recycling. The current process continues to be improved. With the support of Government funding it is planned there will be a much better and efficient recycling facility in operation later in 2015.



During the year a metal rubbish and other removed from the area designed for such rubbish at the entrance of the existing rubbish dump.

considerable quantity of (cars, household goods, disposed metal) was

Signs have been erected in the dump facility highlighting various rubbish type areas. The level of performance achievement of the council's waste management is measured by the level of effective use of the rubbish dump facilities by the community as well as the excellent use of the recycling facilities for containers provided at the rubbish dump.



Performance measurement:

- *Dump clean and well maintained.*
- *Segregation of areas maintained.*
- *Car bodies, white goods removed.*

WEED CONTROL AND FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

Objective:

Reduce fire hazards and increase the amenity of the area through the control of noxious weeds around Council controlled roads and facilities.

Performance:

The Council maintains a proactive approach in dealing with weeds and fire hazards on Council owned/controlled property. During the wet season regular spraying of weeds is undertaken upon detection and growth is also contained by way of regular mowing. Council supports the Local Fire Brigade in the eradication of all noxious weeds in the community.

During the year council completed two contracts with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the delivery of weed control activities and maintenance fire breaks in the Restricted Use Areas of the shire.

Performance measurement:

- *Weed control maintained.*
- *Fire breaks in good order.*
- *Noxious weeds eradicated, kept under control.*

AGENCY SERVICES

SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Objective:

To ensure that sporting and recreational facilities are supported in the shire and funding sought for programs for all the community.

Performance:

A sports and recreation officer was employed during the 2012 – 2013 FY and this position is now filled by Robyn Presley and her responsibility mainly focuses on the children in the community. She has been developing a diverse range of activities that includes tennis, cooking, sewing, beach activities, music and dance.



Performance measurement:

- *Youth involved in activities.*
- *Continue Sports & Recreation officer employment.*
- *Liaison with Belyuen Youth Community improved.*

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

POWER AND WATER

Objective:

Undertake ongoing maintenance and monitoring of assets on behalf of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for the jetty contract, Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment for the RUA weeds management contract and Power and Water for the water supply contract.



Water Supply area

Performance:

The water supply maintenance contract includes monitoring of bore flows, maintenance of bore compounds, mowing and weed spraying of the water tank site and taking of samples for analysis. Both contracts increased revenue with works additional to the contracts also being secured by the Council.

In the 2013 - 2014 year, council had a subcontract with Goodline (who is contracted to Power Water Corporation) for the delivery of services in respect to the maintenance of the water supply systems. Previously there was a contract directly with Power Water Corporation. The level of income to council is expected to be similar in 2014 - 2015 with a slight increase due to CPI.

The jetty contract requires regular rubbish removal, cleaning of the wharf and removal of barnacles from the stairways.

Performance measurement:

- *Contract extended.*
- *Customer satisfaction.*

OTHER COUNCIL SERVICES

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES

Objectives:

It is the aim of the council to ensure that it provides a broad range of services to the community of Wagait Beach as funding and facilities permit. This includes providing residents with access to medical services, seniors programs and other social welfare services as determined from time to time.

Performance:

The current medical centre located in Wagait Beach is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm – 8pm and has been very successful, where basic medical services are delivered by professional medical staff. Vaccinations for children available are available at the centre as well as a local District Medical Officer available outside these hours.

The community centre which was completed in 2008 is proving to be a valuable asset to the community with the local seniors' group meeting each Tuesday at 10am. It is also used for regular meetings by the Recovery Disaster Committee, the Wagait Arts Group, yoga and Pilates groups and youth activities. A Veterinary service visits on a monthly basis. The centre is also the main cyclone shelter for the area.

Performance measurement:

- *Services maintained and extended.*
- *Improvement in services.*

Annex 1: Audited financial report as at 30 June 2015
Annex 2: Approved budget 2014 - 2015