

SHIRE OF WILLIAMS

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2008

1.0 OPENING

1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 1.00pm

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Nil

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 PRESENT

Cr John Cowcher	President
Cr Ashley Stone	Deputy President
Cr Greg Cavanagh	
Cr Richard Johnstone	
Cr Moya Carne	
Cr David Earnshaw	
Cr Graham Prowse	
Cr Gilbert Medlen	

V Epiro	Chief Executive Officer
IR Ball	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Tony Kett	Works Supervisor (3.45 - 4.00pm)
Steve Friend	EH Officer/Building Surveyor (1.00pm – 1.25pm, 4.00pm – .35pm)

2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Deborah Bushby explained to Council details of her Development Application to establish a horse round yard on Lot 10 Pinjarra Williams Road made from second hand vehicle tyres. The tyres are to be placed offset around a steel post, held in place by tie wire then earth filled and planted with ivy creeper within and outside. Hinged metal gates will be installed on completion.

Mrs Bushby then answered several questions from Council before leaving the meeting at 1.25pm.

4.0 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5.0 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Johnstone/Prowse

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 20th August 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 48/09**

6.2 WILLIAMS PRIDE IN YOUR TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Carne/Earnshaw

That the minutes of the Williams Pride in Your Town Meeting held in the Council Chambers on 26th August 2008, as circulated, be received.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 49/09**

6.3 4WD RESOURCE SHARING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Earnshaw/Cavanagh

That the minutes of the 4WD Resource Sharing Group Meeting held in Wagin on 26th August 2008, as circulated, be received.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 50/09**

6.4 COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Carne/Medlen

That the minutes of the Community Resource Centre Management Committee Meeting held on 9th September 2008, as circulated, be received.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 51/09**

Stone/Prowse

That Council increase the contribution towards staff services at the Community Resource Centre from ten hours to twelve hours per week.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 52/09**

7.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

8.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/OFFICERS AND COUNCILLORS

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Report Reference:	8.1.1
Subject:	Nyunbuk Moorit Booja Aboriginal Corporation – Outstanding Rates
File Reference:	3.2.3
Statutory Reference:	Section 6.54 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 3 rd September 2008

Background:

Advice has been received from Corporate Advisors, Korda Mentha of their appointment as official Liquidators of the Nyunbuk Moorit Booja Aboriginal Corporation as from 4 April 2008. They also advise that the Corporation has no funds therefore outstanding rates (\$21,017.86) cannot be settled until funds are made available or the property on the Quindanning/Darkan Road is sold.

Recommendation:

That the information be noted.

Report Reference:	8.1.2
Subject:	WA Local Government Grants Commission – Final Grant Allocations 2008/2009 (See Appendix 1)
File Reference:	3.4.1
Statutory Reference:	<i>Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995</i>
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 3 rd September 2008

Background:

The fund grant allocations have resulted as follows:

	2007/2008	2008/2009	
General Purpose Grant	\$59,188	\$64,000	+8.13%
Local Road Grant	\$236, 340	\$248,689	+5.22%

The final allocation resulted in an increase of \$2,666 over the amounts budgeted.

Recommendation:

For Council information.

Report Reference:	8.1.3
Subject:	Australia’s Golden Outback – Advertising 2009 Holiday Planner (See Appendix 2)
File Reference:	13.20.75
Statutory Reference:	N/A
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 3 rd September 2008

Background:

Ever since the formation of the “Golden Outback” Tourist Region, Council has placed an advert in the Annual Holiday Planner (to be tabled) at a current cost of \$1,575. Whilst the holiday planner has a print of 80,000 copies and is distributed to 120 Visitor Centres it may be timely to review the continued advertising in the publication.

Council may consider that the advertising amount (\$1,575) may be spent on something more relevant to the promotion of Williams

Recommendation:

That Council consider the advertising inclusion in the Holiday Planner.

Johnstone/Prowse

That Council discontinue advertising in Australia’s Golden Outback Holiday Planner.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 53/09**

Report Reference:	8.1.4
Subject:	Williams Bushfires Brigades – Appointment of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy
File Reference:	5.10.1
Statutory Reference:	Section 38 of the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 4 th September 2008

Background:

Council is required to appoint the Chief and Deputy Bush Fire Control Officers prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Williams Bush Fires Brigades which will be held on Wednesday 22 October 2008.

The current office holders are Richard Johnstone (Chief) and Brian Liddelow (Deputy).

Recommendation:

That Council appoint the Chief and Deputy Bush Fire Control Officers for the 2008/2009 season.

Prowse/Medlen

That Richard Johnstone be appointed as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Brian Liddelow be appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the 2008/2009 season.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 54/09**

Johnstone/Cavanagh

That a notice be sent out to all residents encouraging them to be conscious of their responsibilities towards establishing suitable protective breaks around houses, buildings, hay stacks, fuel depots etc.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 55/09**

Report Reference:	8.1.5
Subject:	Resource Sharing Working Group 4WD – Minutes of Meeting 26 August 2008 (Included in the Agenda) and MOU (See Appendix 3)
File Reference:	4.50.25
Statutory Reference:	N/A
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 4 th September 2008

Background:

Following the completion of the report by John Gilfellow in July, the five CEOs of the “4WD” group have been meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss mainly administrative matters. However with the proposed consideration of the recommendations from the Gilfellow report, it is necessary for a Councillor representative to attend the monthly meetings. Cr John Cowcher attended the initial meetings, however meetings held in the last 12 months have only included CEOs.

Also there is a need to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalise the group.

Recommendation:

That Council appoint a delegate to the “4WD” Resource Sharing Group and also sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Prowse/Stone

That Councillor Earnshaw be appointed as delegate and Councillor Medlen as Proxy Delegate to the 4WD resource Sharing Group.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 56/09**

Johnstone/Carne

That Council endorse and authorise the signing and sealing of the 4WD Voluntary Organisation of Councils Memorandum of Understanding.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 57/09**

Report Reference:	8.1.6
Subject:	Bowman & Associates – Strategic Waste Management Plan (Zero Waste) (See Appendix 4)
File Reference:	10.10.20
Statutory Reference:	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (Zero Waste Plans)</i>
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 5 th September 2008

Background:

Bowman & Associates have prepared a Draft Strategic Waste Plan for the Wagin Group of Councils comprising the Shires of Cuballing, Dumbleyung, Lake Grace, Pingelly, Narrogin, Wagin, Wandering, West Arthur, Wickiepin, Williams, Woodanilling and the Town of Narrogin.

The report contains several recommendations, some relating to regional issues, others specifically to Councils.

Overall the cost of implementing all of the recommendations for the Wagin Group is \$6.8million over ten (10) years with funding coming from external and Council sources.

As the report is 104 pages, the pages requiring endorsement have been included in the Appendix for Council's consideration.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the recommendations contained in section 5.2.6 be noted for implementation in Council's Waste Management Plan
- (2) That the recommendations contained in section 6.4 table 6.4.1 of the report be endorsed
- (3) That sections 8 and 9 (pages 72-83) be endorsed.

Prowse/Medlen

- (1) That the recommendations contained in section 5.2.6 be noted for implementation in Council's Waste Management Plan
- (2) That the recommendations contained in section 6.4 table 6.4.1 of the report be endorsed
- (3) That sections 8 and 9 (pages 72-83) be endorsed.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 58/09**

Report Reference:	8.1.7
Subject:	WALGA – Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2006/2007 (See Appendix 5)
File Reference:	12.15.30
Statutory Reference:	N/A
Author & Date:	V. Epiro 9 th September 2008

Background:

For some years now WALGA has been publishing a report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure based on figures provided by Councils in WA. Excerpts from the report featuring Williams as part of the Wheatbelt South Road Group are included in the appendix.

Williams fares pretty well in regard to expenditure on roads from its own resources, however the report is mainly used as a tool to obtain from State/Federal Governments with limited success.

Recommendation:

For Council information.

Report Reference:	8.1.8	
Subject:	Williams Recreational Trail Committee – Feasibility Study Funding	
File Reference:	11.30.70	
Statutory Reference:	N/A	
Author & Date:	V. Epiro	10 th September 2008

Background:

The Williams Recreational Trail Committee have advised that their funding application for a feasibility study for the Darkan-Williams Rail Trail has been successful. They are now seeking input from Council as to any issues that should be addressed in the feasibility study.

In September 2007 Council agreed to support the feasibility study subject to the following issues being addressed:

- Trespassing, as the section between Josbury and Culbin is isolated from farmers' households
- Dogs that may accompany users and cause problems with stock
- Fire that may be caused from camping or smokers
- Fencing, if landowners are required to fence both sides of the reserve
- Sources of funding that would be required for upgrade of the Rail Trail
- Who would be responsible for any insurance liability claims that may be made by users of the trail
- The anticipated number of persons that would be using the trail
- Who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the trail

Recommendation:

That the above issues be included in the feasibility study.

Cr Earnshaw declared a proximity interest in this item.

Medlen/Stone

That Cr Earnshaw be granted permission to remain at the meeting during discussion on this item.

**Carried 7/0
Resolution 59/09**

Stone/Medlen

That the following issues be addressed in the feasibility study

- Trespassing, as the section between Dardadine and Williams is isolated from farmers' households
- Dogs that may accompany users and cause problems with stock
- Fire that may be caused from camping or smokers
- Fencing, if landowners are required to fence both sides of the reserve
- Sources of funding that would be required for upgrade of the Rail Trail
- Who would be responsible for any insurance liability claims that may be made by users of the trail
- The anticipated number of persons that would be using the trail
- Who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the trail

**Carried 7/0
Resolution 60/09**

Main Roads Western Australia Regional Manager Bernie Miller attended the meeting at 2.30pm

Mr Miller addressed Council on several issues including:

Brooking Street speed zone reduction from Rosselloty Street through to Growse Street.

Main Roads WA consider that road calming devices should be considered rather than implementing a 40kph speed zone. Traffic counts are to be conducted to ascertain vehicle traffic numbers and speeds.

Williams Bridge Replacement Programme

The report has been finalised and put out for comment with some feedback already received. Nominations for the reference group have been received and the following accepted onto the group:- Hedley Fowler, Greg Atwell, Jim Epiro and Joanne Jurica, Megan Holding, Bernie Miller from Main Roads WA.

The first meeting will be held on Monday 22nd September 2008.

Albany Highway townsite section between the bridges. Road surface treatment will be carried out over summer.

Williams Darkan Road/Collie Williams Road transfer between the Shires of West Arthur and Williams. Issues have been raised by both Shires regarding either an upgrade of the Williams Darkan Road or guaranteed provision of extra funding to both Shires before a transfer of the roads can be considered.

Afternoon Tea

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.20pm and resumed the meeting at 3.45pm

Works Supervisor Tony Kett attended the meeting at 3.45pm to discuss his report.

8.3 WORKS SUPERVISORS REPORT

Maintenance Grading

Narrakine Rd, Richmond St, Glenfield Rd, Congelin-Narrogin Rd, Extracts Rd, Marradong Rd, Hamon Rd

Maintenance Works

Tree mulching Collie Rd

New culvert Matthew Rd

Roadside spraying: Marradong Rd, York-Williams Rd, Narrakine Rd, Carne Rd, Glenfield Rd, Graham Rd, Clayton Rd, Old Soldiers Rd, Gillett Rd, Nash Rd, Piesseville Rd, Dardadine Rd

Construction

Ongoing construction on Narrakine Rd. Carting in gravel.

Mechanical Report

Serviced Toro Mowers

Truck WL 093 serviced and eight new tyres

Serviced Truck WL 39

Four new tyres on CAT Grader

WL 842 to Edwards Holden

Private Works

Backhoe hire to T Medlen

Backhoe hire to Tom Rowe

Traffic Counts

Darkan-Quindanning Rd north end 298 vehicles per week

Dakan-Quindanning Rd south end 306 vehicles per week

Other

Discuss trees on east side of Growse Street, they are overhanging badly and need pruning or taking out.

It was agreed by Council that the trees need to be removed and replaced with a more suitable variety.

Medlen/Earnshaw

That the Works Supervisor's Report be received.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 61/09**

Mr Kett left the meeting at 4.00pm

8.2.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cavanagh/Johnstone

That Municipal Fund cheques 101792 – 101801 and direct debits totalling \$91,512.51 approved for payment by the Chief Executive Officer be endorsed and that Municipal Fund cheques 101802 - 101860 totalling \$82,553.40 be approved for payment.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 62/09**

8.2.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Stone/Carne

That the financial statements presented for the period ending 31st August 2008 be received.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 63/09**

Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor Steve Friend attended the meeting at 4.00pm to discuss his report.

8.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER / BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Building Permits

#221	WA Country Builders	Lot 14 Albany Hwy	Double brick & Colorbond house
#222	Bulkwest Engineering	Lot 15 Albany Hwy	2 Open Bulkheads
#223	Affordable Patios	Lot 105 Richmond St	Zinc Patio
#224	M & L Topless	Lot 126 Richmond St	Colorbond Shed

Environmental Health Inspections

Williams Country Accommodation – very cleanly maintained

Water samples – Cavanagh's farm stay – result unknown at time of writing report

Development Applications

The owners of the Quindanning Inne have applied to erect a 12m x 10.5m x 5.7m high barn style shed to the north eastern corner of the site.

The proposed shed will be Colorbond steel, red in colour. The proponent wishes to site the shed 6m from the northern boundary and 12m from the western boundary (site plan attached). The lot in question (lot part 2 Pinjarra-Williams Road) is zoned Commercial and all development requires the approval of Council.

Part 2.5 "Matters Council shall consider" (see Attachment One) relates to issues that a Council is required to consider when determining a development application.

Part 2.8 “Dealing with a Development Application” also applies to the determining of an application (see Attachment One).

Lastly part (f) of 4.6 (also Attachment One) also sets out some parameters Council can consider when determining a development application.

In this particular application, the Colorbond shed will be used to store equipment at the rear of the hotel and will in fact improve the area by housing the equipment that is already on site. There is no building immediately adjacent to the proposed site so the shed should not impact on any neighbour.

Recommendation:

That the owners of lot part 2 Pinjarra-Williams Road be permitted to erect a 12m x 10.5m x 5.7m high barn style shed in the location proposed, subject to:

- a) payment of the development application fee and*
- b) the issue of a building permit.*

Stone/Prowse

That the owners of lot part 2 Pinjarra-Williams Road be permitted to erect a 12m x 10.5m x 5.7m high barn style shed in the location proposed, subject to:

- a) payment of the development application fee and
- b) the issue of a building permit.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 64/09**

Development Application – Temporary Construction Camp Facilities

The owner and manager of lot 52 Munthoola Road have applied to erect additional infrastructure to house construction workers for the proposed Munthoola Estate subdivision.

Lot 52 Munthoola Road currently operates as a farm stay and has 6 self contained cabins on site. The proponents wish to add, on a temporary basis, a 6 bed accommodation block, a self contained kitchen and a dining room. All are transportable, donga type buildings (photos attached). The kitchen and dining room will be erected on an existing concrete slab adjacent to the managers residence and the 6 man accommodation unit will be placed adjacent to one of the larger cottages on site.



Kitchen



Crib Room

The proponents will hire an additional PortaLoo for the accommodation unit with the bulk of the ablution being provided by the existing toilet facilities in the on site cabins.



Standard PortaLoo



Staff Quarters

It has been explained that the workers prefer to have all of their meals on site rather than having to use one of the roadhouses etc for meals. There are insufficient cooking facilities in the cabins to provide the meals required. It is expected that the infrastructure will be in place for 6 to 9 months. The proposed works are considered development and as such require the approval of Council.

Part 2.5 “Matters Council shall consider” (see Attachment One) relates to issues that a Council is required to consider when determining a development application.

Part 2.8 “Dealing with a Development Application” also applies to the determining of an application (see Attachment One).

Lastly part (f) of 4.6 (also Attachment One) also sets out some parameters Council can consider when determining a development application.

With respect to this application, I can see the merit in wanting to have kitchen and dining facilities on site for the workers, even though there are numerous dining facilities within the town (3 roadhouses, 3 eating establishments). It is apparent that construction workers like a certain type of food in close proximity to their work area. I can also see why the proponents would want to house the workers on site. However there are 14 individual rooms in 6 cabins already on site, with probably 30 beds within those rooms. I can appreciate that the workers would not want to share a room, and that Williams Country Accommodation want to have rooms available for farm stay purposes.

My problem is that the proposed accommodation donga will house 6 men with the remainder living in the two bigger cabins. However, the two cabins have only 1 shower in each unit so two showers will service 15 men. Both cabins also only have one toilet so with the addition of 1 PortaLoo, 15 men will use 3 WCs. It is my belief that this will be inadequate. Additionally, there are no toilet facilities proposed to be placed near the dining area. There may be a need for a PortaLoo in this area as well.

Council needs to judge this proposal on its merits, particularly with the knowledge there are 6 cabins on site, this is a temporary arrangement (6-9 months), there are a plethora of eating establishments in town and the ablution facilities will be “under siege”.

Recommendation:

That the proposal to site a temporary accommodation unit, kitchen and dining facility on lot 52 Munthoola Road, Williams be approved for a maximum period of 9 months, subject to:

- a) the proponents making available 2 PortaLoos adjacent to the temporary accommodation unit and the effluent disposal for the kitchen being to the satisfaction of the EHO and*
- b) the proponents paying the required development application fee. Should the ablution facilities prove inadequate the proponents will increase these to the satisfaction of the EHO.*

Medlen/Prowse

That the proposal to site a temporary accommodation unit, kitchen and dining facility on lot 52 Munthoola Road, Williams be approved for a maximum period of 9 months, subject to:

- a) the proponents making available 2 PortaLoos adjacent to the temporary accommodation unit and the effluent disposal for the kitchen being to the satisfaction of the EHO and
- b) the proponents paying the required development application fee. Should the ablution facilities prove inadequate the proponents will increase these to the satisfaction of the EHO.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 65/09**

Housing Standards

Council has previously questioned how it can regulate the standard of housing within the district. It has previously been explained that it is a difficult thing to do and further advice from Council's Town Planning consultant has reinforced this.

Essentially, houses need to meet a building standard that is set down in the Building Code of Australia (BCA). The BCA deals with structural, health, energy efficiency type matters. However, the requirements of the BCA only have to be met but there is no mechanism in it to say how a house (or any building) needs to look. How a house looks is controlled by a Shire's Town Planning Scheme (TPS) and policies developed under the TPS.

Council has recently developed a policy on second hand houses that sets out some conditions Council can apply when considering an application. Council's TPS requires a development application for all development within its district. However, it goes on to say that there are several exemptions from the requirement to seek approval prior to the development. One of the exemptions is the construction of a single house. This means that there is no requirement to seek planning approval prior to applying for a building licence for a single house. So if it meets the BCA, there is no mechanism to regulate how it will look, or the shape, size, colour etc. The only time Council can regulate the size or shape etc. of a house is if it is in the Rural Residential area. The TPS specifically gives Council the ability to regulate those things in a Rural Residential area (see part (f) of 4.6, Attachment One).

If Council wanted to regulate how a house would look, it would have to take the exception for development approval for a house out of the scheme, i.e. every application for a house would need development approval. This would ensure every application was presented to Council. This would or could be time consuming and be seen as unnecessary red tape. Council would then need to determine what was acceptable or not. For instance, does it need to be brick, does it need to be a pitched roof? Does it need to have a certain number of bedrooms or a certain size or shape? The list could be endless. What is acceptable for one person may not be acceptable to another.

There is no doubt that a small donga type house would look out of place in an area that had double brick and pitched roofs. But the person wanting to build the small house may have it immaculate looking whereas the brick places may be junk yards with no garden or old cars out the front.

A good example is Munthoola Road. I believe Council needs to accept that it is a very difficult thing to regulate and there will always be winners and losers.

It should be hoped that peer pressure would make them all at least presentable. However this does not always apply either.

Development Application

Round Ring – Lot 10 Pinjarra-Williams Road, Williams

The owners of lot 10 Pinjarra-Williams Road have applied to erect a roughly 20m diameter "round ring" for the training of horses.

The proponents wish to construct the round ring by placing tyres around star pickets driven into the ground, filled with sand and with plants growing in and around the tyres. The tyres will be 1.5m high. The “round ring” will be located 13m from the front and right boundaries of the lot.

Lot 10 Pinjarra-Williams Road is located in an area zoned Rural Residential and any development requires the approval of Council. Guidelines as to things Council is required to consider are included in the attachments, specifically:

Part 2.5 “Matters Council shall consider” (see Attachment One) relates to issues that a Council is required to consider when determining a development application.

Part 2.8 “Dealing with a Development Application” also applies to the determining of an application (see Attachment One).

Lastly part (f) of 4.6 (also Attachment One) also sets out some parameters Council can consider when determining a development application.

Council has had some reservations about the appearance of this lot however each application needs to be judged on its merits. I have no experience with round rings nor horses so it is hard to judge whether the concept will work. It is my belief that up to 600 tyres will be required to complete the project. Perhaps when it is finished and all the plants have grown, it will look attractive. However, unless the tyres are completely hidden, and this will surely take quite some time, the project has the ability to look extremely unattractive. As the proposal places the round ring only 13m from the front and side boundary, it will be highly visible. Council would need to take into account what it could look like when it is finished and perhaps what it will look like during the intervening period.

I have contacted the Department of Conservation and Environment (DEC) for an opinion on the use / storage of tyres. Preliminary advice is that generally 100 tyres can be stored on site. This number applies to the Shire of Williams refuse site licence. However, DEC does allow greater numbers of tyres to be stored / used where there is a useful end use. Apparently there is a use for 1000’s of tyres in deep drainage pits in the Wheatbelt. However in this use the tyres are buried so pose little fire danger or visual damage. Tyres, if caught alight, can cause environmental and health problems. This proposal does not mitigate the fire danger as, though they are to be filled with sand, they will still be able to be burnt.

Recommendation:

That development approval for a round ring constructed out of used car tyres on lot 10 Pinjarra-Williams Road, Williams be denied on aesthetic and fire danger grounds.

Cavanagh/Stone

That development approval for a round ring constructed out of used car tyres on lot 10 Pinjarra-Williams Road, Williams be denied on aesthetic and fire danger grounds.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 66/09**

Temporary Accommodation

EHO Steve Friend advised that an approach has been made to temporarily accommodate contractors working on the construction of the open bulkheads at the Co-Operative Bulk Handling Narrakine Site. They would be accommodated at the Narrakine site but would have to use ablution facilities at the Williams site.

Medlen/Earnshaw

That Council is not prepared to support the proposal to accommodate contractors onsite.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 67/09**

Johnstone/Medlen

That the Environmental Health Officer/Building Surveyor's Report be received.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 68/09**

8.5 COUNCILLORS

8.5.1 Appointmet of Chief Executive Officer

Cr Stone advised that 13 applications had been received for the job and that the committee will be short listing the applicants for interviewing on the 30th September 2008.

8.5.2 WALGA SSS Report

Cr Earnshaw advised that together with the President and Chief Executive Officer he attended the forum in Perth to discuss the amended SSS Report. The rewritten report does not have the same structure to the document and is more flexible. Rather than recommending Regional Councils the report focuses on resource sharing. The report was supported by a significant majority of Local Governments.

8.5.2 Landcare

Cr Medlen advised that 6 applications had been received for the NRMO position. Following interviews Nicholas Sampson has been appointed to the position on a twelve month contract.

9.0 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

10.1 ELECTED MEMBERS

Johnstone/Earnshaw

That discussion on the closure of the Williams Lions Club be accepted as urgent business for discussion.

**Carried 8/0
Resolution 69/09**

Cr Prowse advised that the Williams Lions Club have gone into recession and as such will not continue to be involved with the following functions: Lions Citizen of the Year, ANZAC Day Service, Senior Citizens Dinner and Driver Reviver. Council will be organising the Citizen of the Year award and the ANZAC Day Service.

10.2 STAFF

Nil

11.0 INFORMATION SESSION

12.0 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business for discussion the President declared the meeting closed at 5.30pm.