

**MINUTES**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Yilgarn Shire Council held in the Council Chambers, Antares Street, Southern Cross on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015.

**PRESENT**

Cr O Truran, Shire President

Crs W A Della Bosca, D Pasini, K Chrisp, B Close, G Guerini

Council Officers:       V Piccoli, Chief Executive Officer  
                              J Bingham, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
                              W J Dallywater, Manager Environmental Health & Building  
                              R J Bosenberg, Manager of Works

**INFORMATION SESSION**

The meeting was declared open for business at 3.30pm.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr Lyn Emmett joined Council for question time. The following questions were put to Council: (i) Why is there a caravan parked on the footpath of Taurus Street creating a safety risk for pedestrians? (ii) Why is recycling material being dumped at the tip along with recyclable material rather than being kept separate? (iii) Why is the sewerage farm controller not fully functioning? (iv) Why is there a trail path in Southern Cross not accessible to mothers with prams?

The President thanked Mr. Emmett for his questions and advised a written response will be provided.

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr J Della Bosca

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cr K Chrisp declared a financial interest in relation to item 10.1.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES**

**1/2015**

*Moved Cr D Pasini Seconded Cr G Guerini. That the Minutes of the previous meeting of Council held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

**2/2015**

*Moved Cr K Chrisp Seconded Cr B Close. That the Action Sheet for the meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

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**3/2015**

*Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr G Guerini. That the minutes for Central East Aged Care Alliance Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Shire President advised the following:

- That she met with the ABC Reporter for the 7.30 news program which came to Southern Cross seeking comment in relation to Helena-Aurora Range mining prospect.

The Deputy Shire President advised the following:

- That he met with Paul Clune about the installation of grids along the State Barrier Fence and agreed to put contractors off until next week.

Cr K Chrisp advised the following:

- That the Global Managing Director of Cliffs Natural Resources will be visiting Koolyanobbing on the 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The Shire President tabled the following:

- Heritage Council Nominations
- Lord Mayors Distress Fund for Donations
- Main Roads Risky Roads Report

<b>Submission for:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Reference:</b>	7.1
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Eastern Wheat-belt Declared Species Group</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.6.30.2
<b>Author:</b>	Vivienne Piccoli - Chief Executive Officer
<b>Date of Report:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Background**

The Eastern Wheatbelt Declared Species Group (EWDSG) is a well-established organisation, functioning as a Declared Species Group for more than 13 years and has been widely acknowledged for its work to manage wild dogs in the Eastern Wheatbelt.

The EWDSG is community driven, has excellent links with local government (the group is partially funded by our Shire and nine other local government bodies), state government agencies and is also supported by two major mining companies with operations in the area.

The main focus of the EWDSG has been in the prevention of wild dog predation on the livestock industry, however in recent times it has broadened its role by taking on some minor maintenance activities along a section of the No 1 South State Barrier Fence. Two licensed Doggers are employed by the EWDSG to control wild dogs and carry out minor maintenance on the State Barrier Fence.

Currently, each member Shire pays an annual fee of \$6,000 to which DAFWA match dollar for dollar. However, DAFWA will not recognise the group as a Regional Biosecurity Group (RBG) unless the annual fee is collected from individual ratepayers.

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**Comment**

Mr Ron Burro attended the Information Session prior to the Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to update Council on the EWDSG becoming a RBG. He explained in order to continue to receive matching funding for the program from the State Government, the shift to a RBG was necessary. A committee from the EWDSG were asked to provide feedback on what would be an acceptable levy to charge landholders that would meet the costs of continuing to run the program in the region into the future. He went on to explain that the cost of running the program was approximately \$350,000, and based on the cost the committee calculated that a flat rate of \$60 per rating assessment would meet the total costs to run the program.

Our Council considered the proposal of a flat rate of \$60 per rating assessment and believed that the levy would not be equitable, as large landholders would pay the same levy as hobby farmers with small parcels of land. The Council proposed that the Biosecurity levy should be calculated as a rate per hectare, instead of a flat rate per assessment and requested that this proposal be raised at the next committee meeting.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Strategic Implications**

Theme – Environmental - 2.5 Investigate ways to support the Shire’s agricultural industry and local farming groups

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Ratepayers will be invoiced direct by Office of State Revenue for Biosecurity levy. The Shire will no longer be paying a subscription to EWDSG of \$6,000.

**Recommendation**

That Council formally advise the Eastern Wheatbelt RBG (previously known as the EWDSG) that the proposed Biosecurity Levy should be calculated as a rate per hectare, instead of a flat rate per assessment as suggested by the RBG committee.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**4/2015**

*Moved Cr B Close Seconded Cr D Pasini. That Council formally advises the Eastern Wheatbelt RBG (previously known as the EWDSG) that the proposed Biosecurity Levy should be calculated as a rate per hectare, instead of a flat rate per assessment as suggested by the RBG committee.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

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<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	7.2
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>CEO's Annual Leave</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	<b>1.1.10.2</b>
<b>Author:</b>	Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Background**

The CEO's daughter is having a baby mid-February and the CEO would like to take leave over two periods, five days from the birth of the baby and again at the end of March for three weeks, which includes the Easter break.

Council endorsement is sought for the CEO taking annual leave over the following periods:

5 days in February - date to be advised.

*Plus*

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – 3 week

**Comment**

The CEO will be returning back to work on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015. During her absence the Deputy CEO will be Acting CEO and will be entitled to higher duties during that period.

**Strategic Environment**

Theme – Civic Leadership - 4.10 Provision of a safe, secure and encouraging working environment for all staff and elected members.

**Statutory Environment**

The CEO is entitled to leave in accordance with the terms of her employment with Council.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

The CEO's annual leave is a budgeted item; she is entitled to 5 weeks per annum in accordance with her contract and has 8 weeks accrued to date.

***Recommendation***

That Council endorse the CEO's application for annual leave over the following periods: 5 days in mid-February and leave between the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 to the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015, in her absence the Deputy CEO will be Acting CEO.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**5/2015**

***Moved Cr D Pasini Seconded Cr G Guerini. That Council endorses the CEO's application for annual leave over the following periods: 5 days in mid-February and leave between the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 to the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015, in her absence the Deputy CEO will be Acting CEO.***

**CARRIED (6/0)**

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<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	7.3
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Department of Local Government – 2014 Compliance Audit Return</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.6.6.4
<b>Author:</b>	Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date of Report:</b>	13th January 2015

**Background**

The Director General of the Department of Local Government and Regional Development has forwarded the 2014 Compliance Audit Return for completion. This process involves completing a checklist of requirements under the Act and regulations and comparing these to what the council has done over the past 12 months.

**Comment**

The Director General advises that local governments in Western Australia are required to carry out a compliance audit in relation to the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 against the requirements set out in the Compliance Audit Return.

Amending Regulations concerning the Annual Compliance Audit Return were gazetted on 30th December 2011 that included significant changes to the report, and a requirement that the compliance return be submitted to the Council's Audit Committee prior to adoption by the Council.

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996:

**14. Compliance audits by local governments**

- (1) A local government is to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.
- (2) After carrying out a compliance audit the local government is to prepare a compliance audit return in a form approved by the Minister.
- (3A) *The local government's audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.*

The return must be submitted prior to 31st March 2015 and on that basis the Report will need to be referred to an Audit committee meeting which is proposed to be convened at 2.00pm on the day of the February Council meeting – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**Strategic Environment**

Theme – Civic Leadership - 4.8 Annually review compliance methods.

**Statutory Environment**

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 s14.3A

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

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**Recommendation**

That Council convene a meeting of the Audit Committee on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 2.00pm to review the 2014 Compliance Audit Return prior to consideration by Council on that day.

**Voting Requirements**

Absolute Majority

**6/2015**

*Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr K Chrisp. That Council convenes a meeting of the Audit Committee on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 2.00pm to review the 2014 Compliance Audit Return prior to consideration by Council on that day.*

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (6/0)**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	7.4
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Development Assessment Panels</b> <b>– Request Local Government Nominations</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.6.26.8
<b>Author:</b>	Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Comment**

The Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 (the Regulations), which establish the operational framework for Development Assessment Panels (DAPs), were gazetted on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Under regulation 26 of the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011*, our local Council has been requested to nominate four elected members of the Council, comprising of two local members and two alternate local members to sit on our local DAP.

In 2013, Crs Pasini and J Della Bosca were nominated to sit on the local DAP for our Region and Crs Patroni and Turan were nominated as the two alternate local members. Appointments of all existing local government DAP members expire on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Members whose term has expired will be eligible for re-consideration at this time.

Following receipt of all local government nominations, the Minister for Planning will consider and appoint all nominees for up to a two-year term, expiring on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. All appointed local members will be placed on the local government member register and advised

of DAP training dates and times. It is a mandatory requirement, pursuant to the DAP regulation, that all DAP members attend training before they can sit on a DAP and determine applications. The Local DAP members are entitled to be paid for their attendance at DAP training and at DAP meetings, unless they fall within a class of person excluded from payment. Local government representatives who have previously been appointed to a DAP and have received training are not required to attend further training.

Local government elections may result in a change to local DAP membership if current Councillors, who are DAP members are not re-elected. In this instance, the deputy local DAP members will take the place of the former local DAP members. If both local and alternate (deputy) local members are not re-elected, the local government will need to re-nominate for

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the Minister's consideration of appointment. The Council should consider the above matters in selecting nominees as local DAP members.

*Nominations are to be received by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015.*

**Strategic Environment**

Theme – Economic - E3.5.5 Planning services.

**Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Unknown

**Recommendation**

That Council nominates Crs Pasini and J Della Bosca to sit on the Local DAP for the region and Crs Truran and W Della Bosca are nominated as the alternate elected members. These nominations are to be forwarded to the Minister for Planning for his consideration and appointment.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**7/2015**

*Moved Cr B Close Seconded Cr G Guerini. That Council nominates Crs Pasini and J Della Bosca to sit on the Local DAP for the region and Crs Truran and W Della Bosca are nominated as the alternate elected members. These nominations are to be forwarded to the Minister for Planning for his consideration and appointment.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	7.5
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Mr J Symes – Withdrawal of Caveats B691758, B619812 &amp; B617587 – Use of Common Seal</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	10.2.3.2, 1.1.12.1
<b>Author:</b>	Vivienne Piccoli – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Comment**

The Shire has received correspondence from Mr Alex Granich from Granich Partners Barristers & Solicitors who act as executor of the estate of the late Mr John Symes. Mr. Granich is requesting that the Shire withdraw the Caveats from Mr Symes properties Jilbadji Location 302, 562, 775 which were lodged by the Shire in November 1978.

As there were no records found on the lodgement of the Caveat, the CEO contacted Mr Granich to enquire why the caveat was placed on the land. He explained that in 1978 electricity was supplied by the State Energy Commission to a group of farmers in South Yilgarn area. The Shire advanced funds in the vicinity of \$4,000 to any farmer who wanted

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to borrow from the Shire to pay for the costs of the installation of the electricity. The loan terms were between 5 to 10 years. At the time Mr Granich was practising as a Lawyer in Merredin and acted for the Shire of Yilgarn in the preparation of agreements to secure the repayment of these loans. On the Shire's instructions, he also lodged caveats over the relevant properties as additional security. The Symes' were included amongst the borrowers, they are now seeking to have the caveats withdrawn as they believe there are no monies owing to the Shire.

Unfortunately, through the Shire's investigations we have not been able to locate the relevant records to confirm or deny whether the funds have been paid in full by Mr Symes to the Shire. I have been advised if the Shire chooses not to withdraw the caveats, then the Symes family will lodge a notice with Landgate requesting the withdrawal of the caveats. Landgate will give the Shire the opportunity to make an application to the Court to justify the existence of the caveats i.e. prove that the funds have not been paid. If the Shire is unable to do so then the caveats will be automatically withdrawn.

As there has been a considerable amount of time that has lapsed since the lodgement of the caveat on the properties some 36 years, it is likely that the loan for the utility service has been paid in full by Mr Symes.

Based on that the Mr Symes has always paid his rates on time, there is a likely probability that the funds have been repaid during the allotted loan term. I recommend that Council authorise the removal of the Caveats by completing the relevant Landgate documentation and affixing the Shire of Yilgarn's common seal.

**Strategic Environment**

Theme – Environment - 2.5 Investigate ways to support the Shire's agricultural industry and local farming groups.

**Statutory Environment**

Nil

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Recommendation**

That Council endorse the withdrawal of caveats B691758, B619812, B617587 on the late Mr John Symes properties Jilbadji Location 302, 562, 775 and approves the CEO signing and affixing the Common Seal on the documentation.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**8/2015**

*Moved Cr G Guerini Seconded Cr B Close. That Council endorses the withdrawal of caveats B691758, B619812, B617587 on the late Mr John Symes properties Jilbadji Location 302, 562, 775 and approves the CEO signing and affixing the Common Seal on the documentation.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**



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<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	8.1
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Financial Reports</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	8.1.3.2
<b>Author:</b>	John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	15 January 2015

**Background**

Enclosed for Council's information are various financial reports that illustrate the progressive position of Council financially on a month-by-month basis.

The following reports will be tabled at the meeting and have been prepared as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014:

- Rates Receipt Statement
- Statement of Investments
- Monthly Statement of Financial Activity
- Unaudited Own Source Revenue Ratio

Councillors will be aware that it is normal practice for all financial reports to be indicative of Council's current Financial Position as at the end of each month.

During the 2012/2013 audit it was noted by the Shire's Auditors that the own source revenue was below acceptable. Council asked for the ratio to be monitored and is therefore included as part of this report.

Council should note that whilst this September report has been presented to Council the final figures are likely to change once the end of year audit has taken place.

**Statutory Environment**

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulation 34(i) (a) and Regulation 17

**Policy Implications**

None

**Financial Implications**

None

**Strategic Implications**

None

**Recommendation**

That Council endorse the various Financial Reports as presented for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple majority

**9/2015**

*Moved Cr W Della Bosca Seconded Cr K Chrisp. That Council endorses the various Financial Reports as presented for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

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<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	8.2
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	8.2.1.2
<b>Author:</b>	John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Background**

Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 39581 to 39625 totalling \$119,625.29, Municipal Fund EFT numbers 3165 to 3281 totalling \$531,079.96, Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 1190 to 1200 totalling \$195,535.56, Municipal Fund Direct Debit numbers 9297.1 to 9325.8 totalling \$45,401.84 Trust Fund – 402094 to 402096 totalling \$6,056.70 and Trust Fund – Cheque Numbers 5930 to 5934 (DPI Licensing), totalling \$ 89,740.45 are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.

**Statutory Environment**

Sections 5.42 and 5.44 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation No 12 and 13

**Policy Implications / Delegation Register**

Council has provided delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Manager of Environmental Health and Building Services and/or Manager for Works to make payments from the Shire of Yilgarn Municipal, Trust or other Fund.

**Financial Implications**

Reduction to Bank Accounts balances.

**Strategic Implications**

Nil

**Recommendation**

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**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**10/2015**

*Moved Cr K Chrisp Seconded Cr D Pasini. Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 39581 to 39625 totalling \$119,625.29, Municipal Fund EFT numbers 3165 to 3281 totalling \$531,079.96, Municipal Fund – Cheque Numbers 1190 to 1200 totalling \$195,535.56, Municipal Fund Direct Debit numbers 9297.1 to 9325.8 totalling \$45,401.84 Trust Fund – 402094 to 402096 totalling \$6,056.70 and Trust Fund – Cheque Numbers 5930 to 5934 (DPI Licensing), totalling \$ 89,740.45 are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.*

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<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	8.3
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Resource Centre Coordinators Report</b>
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.3.4.1
<b>Author:</b>	John Bingham – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	15 January 2015

**Purpose of Report**

For Council information on what activities, planning and training the Community Resource Centre has under taken in the previous month.

**Background**

To advise what activities, planning and training the Community Resource Centre has under taken in the previous month.

**Discussion**



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**CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2014**

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Prepared by: Ronice Blair  
01.12.2014 – 31.12.2014

Southern Cross Community Resource Centre

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**Monthly Statistics**

General Enquiries	77
Computer usage	4
Library	11
Centrelink	15
Max Employment	40
Book-club	8
Internet	\$54.00
Secretarial Services	\$2345.65
Crosswords Sales	\$244.00
Advertising	\$1025.00
Seniors Takings	\$231.00
Room Hire	210.00

December was a comparatively quiet month for the CRC, with numbers of people accessing services down in most areas, except for senior's activities.

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**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The CRC has taken on the role of Admin Support for Australian Hand Therapy Association, and will initially be responsible for coordination of the associations training workshops which are held nationwide, and for ensuring all training aids such as training booklets and worksheets are printed, bound and dispatched in a timely manner.

CRC staff received several sessions of training and will commence their duties with AHTA when they return from Christmas break.

**PROVISION OF ADMIN SUPPORT IS A KEY COMPONENT OF SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CRC TO THE COMMUNITY.**

If councillors know of a business or organisation/group requiring assistance with administrative duties we would appreciate our name being put forward. Initially our involvement with AHTA will be for a three month trial period, and if the CRC is to continue in this role, we would be looking at a contract period of between one and three years.

**ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

*Christmas in the Cross:* Our main event for the month was Christmas in the Cross. This year we trialled combining the usual CRC Christmas activity with the Hospital Auxiliary's annual Carols by Candlelight. A call was put out for people to hold stalls. We had 13 stalls and the Hospital Auxiliary sold hot food from the kitchen. Two booked stalls were no shows.

The highlight of the event was the arrival of Father Christmas on a motor bike. The crowd of kids who were waiting for a chance to sit on his knee and have their photo taken were mainly of the younger group, probably 8 or 9 and under. While the attendance of Father Christmas and his welcome by the younger community members was a success, I think on the whole the event could not be deemed a success.

Most of the stalls reported poor sales, two stall holders who did okay have put forward a suggestion we change the format and hold an event in November. The suggestion has merit and will be explored more fully in the coming months.

*Intergenerational Day:* Years 4/5 from SXDHS attended the Seniors Centre Thursday 18 December for a session of games and intergenerational socialising. The students were with the seniors for about 1.5 hours and all thoroughly enjoyed the games on offer. We feel this is a valuable exercise for the community and hope to hold several similar sessions during the coming 12 months.

*Seniors Centre:* Seniors exercises finished for the year 16 December and those who usually attend the sessions were invited to join with the group who normally play carpet bowls the

following Friday for a bring and share lunch and an opportunity to network and socialise. We had 8 people attend this event.

*Southern Cross Singers:* The singing group wound up their 2014 season with Carols by Bus, with a crowd of about 16 people on the bus, we stopped at some 7 houses to sing carols. The group ended the evening with light food and soft drinks at the Railway Tavern.

*WASO:* The WASO simulcast scheduled for Saturday 13 was cancelled due to illness.

**NILS (No interest loans)**

The CRC is still receiving enquiries regarding the NILS loans, which we believe is a valuable resource for the community.

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**TRAINING**

I attended a full day OHS Training for Supervisors workshop at Council Offices Thursday 11 December.

**STAFF MOVEMENT**

CRC staff took leave during November.

- Monica was on leave from 24 November and returned to work 10 December.
- I was on leave for the three days immediately prior to Christmas closing.

**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

I attended the HAY AGM in December.

Ronice Blair  
Coordinator  
6 January 2015

**11/2015**

*Moved Cr G Guerini Seconded Cr K Chrisp. That the co-ordinator's report for the month of December be received.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

- Cr Chrisp declared a Financial interest in the following item and left the meeting at 4.35pm.

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	10.1
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Planning Application – New Accommodation Camp Site for Polaris Metals Pty Ltd – New Jackson 4 Village Area 30</b>
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Aurora Tenement Mining Lease M77/274 off New Haul Road, near the Helena & Aurora Conservation Park
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Crushing Services International – Mr Henry Tan
<b>File Reference:</b>	3.1.3.5 & 3.2.1.14
<b>Author:</b>	Manager Environmental Health & Building Services – W J Dallywater
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015

**Background**

Crushing Services International on behalf of Polaris Metals Pty Ltd has submitted a Planning Application for a new mine accommodation camp within the Shire of Yilgarn. The new accommodation camp will be located on Mining Lease M77/274, near the Helena & Aurora Conservation Park, south of a new haul road connecting J4 Mine and Polaris Metals haul road to its Carina Mine.

The reason for the new accommodation camp is that Polaris Metals wants a more central accommodation camp for its staff when it commences work on the J4 Mine so that staff and contractors do not need to travel a long distance back to the Carina main camp within the Shire of Coolgardie. Polaris Metals has opted not to increase its existing camps at the Carina Mine or at the Aurora Mine.

The proposed accommodation camp will consist of:-

- 38 accommodation units (each unit has 4 bedrooms and 4 Ensuities) – total of 157 rooms in stage 1 of the development, plus another 143 rooms to be installed sometime in the future making the total number of rooms 300;

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- 1 accommodation unit consisting of 3 bedrooms with Ensuites for people with disabilities;
- 1 accommodation unit consisting of 2 Ensuite bedrooms for managers;
- 12 core buildings consisting of:-
  - Dry Mess,
  - Wet Mess with outdoor beer garden,
  - 3 Laundry blocks with an additional block allocated for future development,
  - Male & Female Toilet Block,
  - Administration Office,
  - Recreation Room,
  - Gymnasium with an outdoors sports court adjacent,
  - Paramedic building,
  - Workshop,
  - Power Station and fuel tank adjacent.

See attached site layout plan and location map of the site.

**Comment**

Mining Lease M77/274 is over land zoned “Rural/Mining” under the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2. The reason for the proposed accommodation camp is the accommodation of staff or contractors working on the new J4 mine site plus the haul road. Thus the main activity is mining with the associated activity of accommodation for staff. Therefore this proposed development by association complies with the Shire’s Town Planning Scheme.

This will be a drive in/drive out accommodation camp site.

Mining Lease M77/274 is 3.39 hectares in area. The Lease is situated a short distance south of the Mt Manning Conservation Park in the Toomey Hills area.

**Statutory Environment**

Compliance with the Shire of Yilgarn Town Planning Scheme No 2.

**Strategic Implications**

Community Business Plan – Theme 2 – Environment

Goals – A thriving agricultural sector that works in harmony with the mining and resources industry.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Recommendation**

That Council grants planning approval to Crushing Services International and Polaris Metals Pty Ltd to establish a 300 room accommodation camp to be located on Mining Lease M77/274 situated near the Helena & Aurora Conservation Park south of the Aurora mine site for the purpose of accommodation staff and contractors who are working at the J4 Mine and on the haul road.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

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*Moved Cr G Guerini Seconded Cr B Close. That Council grants planning approval to Crushing Services International and Polaris Metals Pty Ltd to establish a 300 room accommodation camp to be located on Mining Lease M77/274 situated near the Helena & Aurora Conservation Park south of the Aurora mine site for the purpose of accommodation staff and contractors who are working at the J4 Mine and on the haul road.*

**CARRIED (5/0)**

➤ Cr Chrisp returned to the meeting at 4.40pm.

<b>Submission to:</b>	Ordinary Meeting of Council – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2015
<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	10.2
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Request Reduction of Annual Fees – Yilgarn Junior Basketball Association</b>
<b>Location/Address:</b>	Southern Cross
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Yilgarn Junior Basketball Association – Mrs Kylie Hunter
<b>File Reference:</b>	1.3.9.11
<b>Author:</b>	Manager Environmental Health & Building Services – W J Dallywater
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Date of Report:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015

**Background**

The Yilgarn Junior Basketball Association has recently received a Shire of Yilgarn invoice for annual fees of \$660.00 for the hire of the outside courts during their season, and has written to the Shire requesting a reduction of the fees to \$150.00. The reason for this is that their season is only for 9 weeks where they use the outdoor courts for 2 hours each week with no court lights used. The only power used is for the running of a small refrigerator in the Netball Club Kiosk building and the refrigerated drinking fountain.

The Junior Basketball Association struggles to keep costs affordable for parents, and as most of the participants fees goes towards insurances, the club does not have a lot of funds in their bank account and would struggle to pay this invoice. See attached copy of this letter.

**Comment**

Under the Shire's 2014-2015 Fees and Charges the Yilgarn Basketball Association is listed to pay \$660.00 per annum for using just the outdoor courts. The invoice may have been given to the Junior Basketball Association as they are currently operating while the senior basketball club is not operating.

**Statutory Environment**

Shire of Yilgarn 2014-2015 Fees and Charges

**Strategic Implications**

Community Business Plan – Shire's Mission Statement

- working in partnership with business, clubs and community groups;
- maintaining our community minded approach.

**Policy Implications**

Nil

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**Financial Implications**

A reduction of annual fees received from the Yilgarn Basketball Association will reduce the total income received from sporting groups marginally and will be a small deficit in the Shire Budget.

**Recommendation**

That Council agrees to reduce the annual fees payable by the Yilgarn Basketball Association from \$660.00 to \$300.00 for the 2014-2015 financial year.

**Voting Requirements**

Simple Majority

**13/2015**

*Moved Cr K Chrisp Seconded Cr B Close. That Council agrees to reduce the annual fees payable by the Yilgarn Basketball Association from \$660.00 to \$300.00 for the 2014-2015 financial year.*

**REJECTED (6/0)**

**14/2015**

*Moved Cr D Pasini Seconded Cr B Close. That Council agrees to reduce the annual fees payable by the Yilgarn Basketball Association from \$660.00 to \$150.00 for the 2014-2015 financial year.*

**CARRIED (6/0)**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at **5.20 pm.**

I, Onida T Truran confirm the above Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2015, are confirmed on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as a true and correct record of the January Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Onida Truran  
SHIRE PRESIDENT