





Report from Council Meeting, 3 February 2010 in Alice Springs

Item	Council Decisions	Notes
1. New CEO	<p>Council talked about a confidential letter and a presentation from the Local Government Department about choosing a new CEO.</p> <p>Council talked about the confidential results of interviews with candidates for the CEO job. The report about this was by a consultant Council had hired to help find a new CEO.</p> <p>Council asked the Selection Panel to interview the best candidates again and to report back to the full Council.</p> <p>Council appointed Cr Dianne Martin to the Selection Panel after Cr Finter stepped down from the panel.</p> <p>Council asked the Selection Panel, with help from the consultant, to choose up to 2 independent outsiders to join them on the panel help interview the best candidates. These outsiders helpers should have local government or business experience.</p> <p>Council asked the Selection Panel to tell the full Council as soon as possible about their top candidate for the CEO job</p> <p>Council decided that the Acting CEO will get the CEO's salary from the date he started acting in his job until the CEO job is filled.</p>	<p>At its December meeting, Council chose the following 4 members to find a new CEO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Norbert Patrick, • Deputy President Ned Hargraves, • Cr Adrian Dixon and • Cr Bruce Finter. <p>This Selection Panel had the job of managing the selection process.</p> <p>The full Council will make the final decision.</p>

<p>2. Review of shire finances</p>	<p>The Local Government Department will look at the finances of the new shires to find out if they can make enough money to keep going in the future.</p> <p>Council decided to work closely with the Department on the review.</p>	
<p>3. Review of the local government election system</p>	<p>Council thanked the Local Government Minister for agreeing to look at the local government vote counting system.</p> <p>Council decided to work closely with the Minister on the review.</p> <p>Council asked the Governance Manager to write a media release about this lobbying success.</p>	<p>Nyirrpi Advisory Board had asked Council to lobby the Minister to make the vote counting system fairer for small communities.</p> <p>Council heard a presentation from a researcher that said the system is not fair and wrote to the Minister in December.</p>
<p>4. Police Station for Laramba</p>	<p>Council heard that the NT Government will not build a police station at Laramba but wants to take other actions to improve policing.</p> <p>The shire will meet with police to talk about these actions, especially about more police patrols of the Laramba roads around pay day.</p>	<p>Laramba Advisory Board asked Council in December to lobby the NT Government for a police station</p>
<p>5. Report from Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services</p>	<p>Council thanked the Coordinator for bringing the shires into the Remote Services Delivery partnership with the Australian and NT governments.</p> <p>It appointed the CEO as the Liaison Officer for the partnership.</p>	<p>The Coordinator General must report to the federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra every 6 months.</p> <p>He wrote his first</p>

	<p>Council will complain that the Coordinator General did not check his statements about Lajamanu and Yuendumu with the shire.</p> <p>The SSMs from Lajamanu and Yuendumu will attend a workshop about the partnership in March.</p> <p>The Remote Service Delivery Reference Groups in Yuendumu and Lajamanu be separate from the Local Boards.</p> <p>Council is interested in negotiating an agreement (MoU) with the Regional Operation Centre of the Australian and NT governments.</p>	<p>report late last year.</p> <p>Some of what he wrote about Lajamanu and Yuendumu was not correct.</p>
6. CLC Complaint about hunting without a permit at Yuendumu	<p>The CEO has written to all Shire Service Managers about the law about hunting on Aboriginal land.</p> <p>Council agreed with this action.</p> <p>It also wants to invite both CLC and Yuendumu traditional owners to the next Council meeting at Yuendumu.</p>	<p>Shire staff or contractors who want to hunt on Aboriginal land must get a permit through CLC, not just permission from one Traditional Owner.</p>
7. Workplace agreement for shire staff	<p>Council heard that the talks between shire staff and management about working conditions at the shire are going well.</p> <p>Council approved the progress of the talks.</p>	<p>The workplace agreement will set out the working conditions for all shire staff for the next 3 years.</p>
8. Funding submission for flood damage	<p>Council heard a report about the money the shire has asked the NT Government to pay for fixing up the flood damage across the shire</p>	
9. LGANT Executive	<p>Council nominated the Shire President, Cr Norbert Patrick, to fill to the vacancies on the NT Grants Commission</p>	

Board and NT Grants Commission vacancies	and the Executive Board of the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT)	
10. Third LGANT delegate	Council appointed Cr James Glenn as its delegate to attend meetings LGANT when either the President or the Deputy President cannot attend.	
11. Draft Community Visitors Protocol	Council heard about the feedback from local boards and other agencies about the Draft Community Visitors Protocol. It made some small changes to the protocol.	
12. Draft Facilities and Benefits Policy	The President has asked for a policy about the facilities and benefits elected members can get. It wants more work to be done on the draft policy and will look at it again at the next Council meeting.	
13. Shire Council Meetings Policy	Council made a small change to its Shire Council Meetings Policy to clarify mileage allowance claims by elected members.	
14. Review of elected member allowances	The NT Government is looking at how much to pay elected members across the Territory. Council will tell the government that: 1. Elected member allowances right now are not fair payment for the work of elected members. 2. All councillors in the NT should get the same money.	Right now, councillors in Darwin and Alice Springs are paid a lot more than shire councillors. The NT Government review asks if this should change.

	<p>3. An independent body should decide how much they should get.</p> <p>4. The pays of politicians in Darwin should be cut to pay for higher allowances for local government councillors.</p>	
15. Shire Roads	<p>Council looked at a map of all roads in the shire and heard which roads the shire has to look after.</p> <p>Next, Council will talk about how to best look after these roads.</p>	
16. Roads funding	<p>Council decided to spend a \$312,362 grant to fix up the Yuelamu access road first.</p>	
17. New Shire signs	<p>Council wants all shire signs in communities to look like this:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Central Desert Shire Aged Care</p> <hr/>  <p>Central Desert Shire Willowra Office</p> </div>	
18. Mobile phone and broadband internet access for Nyirrpi	<p>Council will lobby for broadband internet and mobile phone coverage in all communities</p>	
19. Wellness Centre for Nyirrpi	<p>Council will lobby NT Housing to develop the ex independent living quarters at Nyirrpi as a wellness centre.</p>	
20. Pedestrian Crossings at Nyirrpi	<p>Council will install pedestrian crossings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the school to the store • From the recreational hall to the basketball court. 	

21. Willowra Advisory Board membership	Council dismissed Margie Leo and Leah Martin from the Willowra Local Advisory Board because they missed two meetings in a row without an apology	
22. Willowra Women's and Aged Care Centre	Council help Willowra to plan for a combined Aged Care/Women's Centre	
23. Emergency water tanks for Willowra road	Council will seek funding to build 3 emergency water tanks on an access road to Willowra . The local board will decide which road.	
24. Mobile phone coverage for Willowra	Council will lobby for broadband internet and mobile phone coverage in all communities	
25. More vet visits at Yuelamu	The Director Infrastructure and the Dog Management Officer will attend the next Yuelamu Local Board Meeting to discuss how to improve dog control in the community	
26. More pay phones for Yuelamu	Council will lobby for 2 new Pay Phones in Yuelamu .	
27. Preschool for Yuelamu	Council will give the old Social Club building to the Education Department to use as a preschool on the condition that the community can keep using the proposed shade area and library	
28. Help with housing at Atitjere	Council will help Atitjere get approval for 25 new houses, to be built by local people.	More than 300 people live in 26 houses but the community will get no new houses under

		he government's SIHIP program.
29. Garbage compactor for Atitjere	The Director Infrastructure will give Council advice about the cost of garbage collection trailers and compactors so it can make an informed decision	
30. Yuendumu Shire Office Keys for Deputy President Ned Hargraves	Cr Hargraves (Yuendumu Community Liaison Officer) will get a key to his own office, but not to the shire building. His professional relationship with the Yuendumu Shire Service Manager and Council's Code of Conduct were explained to him.	Cr Hargraves is also a staff member of the shire.
31. Request from Deputy President Ned Hargraves for a shire car to go to a funeral	Council did not allow Cr Hargraves to use a shire car to go to the funeral	The Shire Vehicle Policy and the Code of Conduct do not allow private use of shire cars.