

Attachment 2 Clause 12 of Trust Deed (Excerpt)

absolute and uncontrolled discretion of the Trustees in carrying out the trusts hereof:

- (a) to invest the Trust Fund and deal with manage transpose and realise the Trust Fund or any part thereof whether real or personal property with such powers in all respects as if the Trustees were the absolute owner thereof;
- (b) to purchase or otherwise acquire any investments for cash or otherwise and upon any terms and conditions and to make any such purchase or acquisition for a sum greater than the amount of the Trust Fund for the time being and to agree to pay for any such investments wholly or in part from any future moneys which may come into the Trustees' hands including dividends profits interest or other income payable in respect of any such investments;
- (c) to sell or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property or interest therein for the time being forming the whole or part of the Trust Fund by public auction tender or private treaty at such price or prices and whether for cash or on terms and generally upon any terms and conditions and to grant options for such sale or disposition as aforesaid;
- (d)
 - (i) to borrow and raise moneys from; or
 - (ii) to secure by mortgage or otherwise howsoever the payment of or obligation to pay money to,

any person (including a beneficiary) upon any terms with or without security or interest;
- (e) to vary or transpose any investments and to vary the terms of or property comprised in any security;
- (f) to hold use purchase construct demolish maintain repair renovate reconstruct develop improve sell transfer convey surrender let lease exchange take and grant options or rights in alienate mortgage charge pledge reconvey release or discharge or otherwise deal with any real or personal

property PROVIDED THAT in the improvement or development of any part of the Trust Fund the Trustees shall not be bound by the limitation contained in Section 30(1)(c) of the Trustees Act and the Trustees shall not be bound to apply to any Court to exceed such limitation;

- (g) to pay out of the Trust Fund or the income thereof all costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the management of the Trust Fund or to the exercise of any power authority or discretion hereby or by law conferred on the Trustees or in carrying out or performing the trusts hereof which the Trustees may at any time incur including all taxes of whatever kind payable in respect of the Trust Fund and costs in any way connected with the preparation and execution of these presents;
- (h) to act as manager or to employ any persons (including a Trustee hereof or a unit holder) contractors managers solicitors accountants clerks workmen employees servants or agents to transact all or any business of whatever nature including the receipt and payment of money and to decide the remuneration to be allowed and paid and to pay all charges and expenses so incurred and to create or arrange any scheme or superannuation retirement benefit or pension for the benefit of any person so employed;
- (i) to partition or agree to the partition of or to subdivide or agree to the subdivision or strata title or agree to the strata-titling of any land or other property which or any interest in which may for the time being be subject to the trusts hereof and to pay any moneys by way of equality of partition;
- (j) to determine whether any real or personal property or any increase or decrease in amount number or value of any property or holdings of property or any profit loss receipt or payments from for or in connection with any real or personal property shall be treated as and credited or debited to capital or to income and generally to determine all matters as to which any doubt difficulty or question

may arise under or in relation to the execution of the trusts and powers of this Deed and every determination of the Trustees in relation to any of the matters aforesaid whether made upon a question formally or actually raised or implied in any of the acts or proceedings of the Trustees in relation to the Trust Fund shall bind all parties interested therein and shall not be objected to or questioned on any ground whatsoever;

- (k) to open accounts with any bank or building society and to operate by and in all usual ways any such accounts;
- (l) to give effectual receipts and discharges for any moneys received by or on behalf of the Trustees or otherwise relating to any of the acts matters and things provided for in these presents;
- (m) to provide and set aside out of the Trust Fund or the income thereof such sum of money as the Trustees shall consider is available or necessary for and to pay or apply the same in or towards the discharge or reduction of any encumbrance debt or other liability for the time being affecting the Trust Fund or any part thereof;
- (n) to let sub-let lease or sub-lease for any period (and including to any beneficiary) and at any rental any real or personal property comprised in the Trust Fund upon any terms conditions or covenants;
- (o) to purchase take on lease sub-lease assignment hire or otherwise acquire any estate or interest in any real or personal property for any price premium rental charge payment fee or other consideration and subject to any terms conditions and covenants;
- (p) to take such action as the Trustees shall think fit for the adequate protection of any part of the Trust Fund and to do all such other things as may be incidental to the exercise of any of the powers authorities and discretions hereby or by law conferred on the Trustees;

- (q) to take and act upon the opinion (given in writing) of a solicitor an attorney at law or counsel practising in any country where the Trust Fund or any part thereof may for the time being be or be proposed to be invested in relation to the interpretation or effect of these presents or any other document or statute or as to the administration of the trusts hereof without being liable to any of the beneficiaries in respect of any act done by the Trustees in accordance with such opinion PROVIDED THAT nothing in this provision shall prohibit or impede the Trustees from applying to any Court if it shall think fit or prohibit any unit holder from so doing;
- (r) to allow any beneficiary to occupy have custody of or use any part of the Trust Fund on any terms or conditions as to inventories repair replacement insurance outgoings or otherwise but the Trustees shall not be liable for any loss or damage which may occur to any such part of the Trust Fund during or by reason of any such occupation custody or use except insofar as such loss or damage shall be occasioned by the conscious and wilful default or neglect of the Trustees;
- (s) to permit any part of the Trust Fund to be held or registered in the name of any nominee of the Trustees and to deposit securities deeds and other documents belonging or related to the Trust Fund with any bank or solicitor;
- (t) in the event of any gift stamp or other duties fees or taxes becoming payable in any part of the world in respect of these presents or the Trust Fund or any part thereof in any circumstances to pay all or any part of such duties fees and taxes out of the Trust Fund notwithstanding that such duties fees or taxes or some part thereof are not or may not be recoverable from the Trust Fund by legal process;
- (u) to receive and accept any real or personal property by gift inter vivos or by Will or under the provisions of any other trust or otherwise from any other person as additions to the Trust Fund and to hold the same upon the trusts herein

set forth and to administer such additions under the provisions hereof;

- (v) at any time and from time to time to ascertain and fix the value of the Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions herein contained and for that purpose to engage such competent valuers or experts as the Trustees may select and the Trustees may cause the value so ascertained and fixed to be entered from time to time in a book kept for that purpose;
- (w) to appoint any date earlier than the Vesting Date to be the Vesting Date;
- (x) during an accounting period to nominate any date not more than 18 months after the date of commencement of the then current accounting period as the last day of that accounting period and thereafter the accounting period shall mean each succeeding 12 month period commencing on the day following such nominated date until the anniversary of such nominated date immediately preceding the Vesting Date and the period thereafter until the Vesting Date.

13.0 DELEGATION OF TRUSTEE POWERS

The Trustees if at any time they are more than one shall act jointly and may delegate the exercise of all or any of the powers authorities or discretions hereby or by law conferred on the Trustees:-

- (a) to the Board of Management constituted by clause 14.0 of this Deed, or
- (b) to any other person or persons,

and execute any power of attorney or other instrument necessary to effectuate such purpose.

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Section A: APPLICANTS DETAILS

Name of Organisation:					
Postal Address					
Contact Person:					
Email: (will be used for funding remittance)					
Phone:		(b/h)			(Mobile)
Is your organisation registered for GST?	YES	NO	ABN:		
Is your organisation Incorporated?	YES	NO	Incorporation No.		
Do you have public liability Insurance?	YES	NO			

Section B: PROJECT / EVENT SUMMARY

Type of Project/Event:					
Name of Project/Event:					
Project or Event Date/s:	Start Date:		Finish Date:		
Total Budget:	\$				
Requested Funding:	\$				
Project description Objectives, expected outcomes, proposed actions / purchases You are welcome to attached additional pages, or your project plan, should there be insufficient space.					
Will revenue be generated as a result of the event?	YES	NO	Expected Revenue:	\$	
Is this a fund raising event?	YES	NO	Beneficiaries?		
Are you working with any other community groups or businesses in delivery of this event?	Group/business		Contact Name	Phone	
Have you applied for other external funding?	Funding Body		Status	Amount \$	

Section D: PROJECT BENEFITS

You are welcome to attach additional pages, or your project plan, should there be insufficient space.

Why is this project important?

Please describe how this project will benefit members of your organisation

Does your project benefit the wider community? Please CLEARLY explain how others will benefit from your project

Does your project meet any of the Community Grant objective/s

If Yes, please state which objective your project meets and how your project will achieve that objective/s

YES

NO

If no, please provide a comprehensive explanation as to why Council should consider your proposal

Section C: FINANCIAL DETAILS

BUDGET Please provide a detailed budget for the event / activity you are requesting support from Council. All costs should be itemised in the space provided below. Please note that your income and expenditure should match. If the event / activity is fundraising to be retained please indicate as retained profit. Please refer to guidelines for in-kind support information.

INCOME						
INTERNAL FUNDING – CASH						AMOUNT
1.	Applicants Cash Contribution:					\$
2.	In-Kind Volunteer Labour:		Hours @\$25		Hours @\$40	\$
3.	In-Kind Donated materials:					\$
4.	Other:					\$
5.	Fundraising – Retained Surplus					\$
6.	TOTAL INTERNAL FUNDING (SUM OF 1:5)					\$
EXTERNAL FUNDING						AMOUNT
7.	Shire of Wyalkatchem Funding:					\$
8.	Funding Organisation 1:					\$
9.	Funding Organisation 2:					\$
10.	Participant fees (if applicable):					\$
11.	Other:					\$
12.	Other:					\$
13.	TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING (SUM OF 7:12)					\$
14.	TOTAL INCOME (6 + 13)					\$
EXPENDITURE						
	ITEM					AMOUNT
15.						\$
16.						\$
17.						\$
18.						\$
19.						\$
20.						\$
21.						\$
22.						\$
23.						\$
24.						\$
25.	TOTAL EXPENDITURE					\$

Total Cost of Project / Event (25)	\$
Amount of Council Funding (7)	\$
Your Internal Funding (6 minus 5)	\$
Fundraising Profit (5)	\$
Contribution from Other Sources (13 minus 7)	\$

Section E: Declaration

I hereby declare that the information supplied on behalf of the named organisation is correct. I consent to the Shire of Wyalkatchem collecting the personal contact details provided above. We acknowledge your right to have access to our personal information, in accordance with the Privacy Act 2000.

I also declare that I have read the Shire of Wyalkatchem Community Strengthening Grant and sponsorship guidelines and agree to comply with the provisions included.

Signature			
Name:		Date:	
Position*: *Must be an executive committee member			
Bank Account:			
	BSB Number	Account Number	
Account Name:			

Office Use Only							
Date Received:		Records Ref:		File Ref:			
Approval under delegated Authority? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO*				* Report to Council required.			
Authorised Officer under the instrument of Delegation number 1.2.18							
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	Approved \$	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	Reason:				
*if No, Council Meeting Date:		*Outcome of Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Declined, OMC No				
Applicant Notified	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	Date:		Records Ref:		File Ref:	

Stamp of Authorised Officer

Signature

Date



SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM

**DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION
PLAN**

2020 – 2025



This document is available in alternative formats upon request and includes electronic format by email, hard copy format in both large and standard print, in audio or Braille and on the website at www.wyalkatchem.wa.gov.au

Council's Vision

That Wyalkatchem is an inclusive, dynamic community where all share in a thriving economy and a sustainable, safe and valued environment.

Our Purpose

The Council of Wyalkatchem works with the community to protect and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

Strategic Community Plan Statement:

This Plan will have references across all Strategic Community Plan indicators; in particular, these include:

1.1.3 Promote a collaborative and visionary approach to creating an aged friendly community that supports residents to remain in the community as long as possible;

1.1.4 Develop and implement a community well-being plan;

1.1.5 Support people with complex needs;

1.1.6 Meet the needs of children, young people and families;

5.3.6 Implement best practice people management policies and procedures;

6.2.2 Increase opportunities to access recreational facilities and spaces.

This Plan will be incorporated into the Shire's Corporate Business Plan to facilitate planning, budgeting and reporting of relevant initiatives. It will be reviewed annually to monitor and report on the Shire's progress.

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Executive Summary

The Shire of Wyalkatchem has a legal obligation to complete a disability access and inclusion plan but sees such a plan as an obvious way to meet its own Vision and Purpose and create an inclusive, positive community.

This plan details the background, framework and strategies that have been and will be employed by the Shire of Wyalkatchem to be more accessible and more inclusive.

The commitments outlined in the DAIP plan will be reflected in the Shire's strategies and services.

The Disability Services Act

The WA Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) defines disability as a condition:

- That is attributed to an intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment or a combination of those impairments
- That is permanent or likely to be permanent; and
- That may or may not be episodic in nature, and
- That results in a substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction learning or mobility and a need for continuing support services

Public authorities in Western Australia, including local governments, are required under the Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) to develop and promote a Disability Services and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). The improvement of services and access will increase independence, opportunity and inclusion in the community and these goals align with the Vision and Purpose of the council of the Shire of Wyalkatchem.

The Act makes the development and implementation of a DAIP mandatory and guides the development, implementation and reporting of the DAIP which applies to staff, agents and contractors.

Section 29B of the Act states:

... 'a public authority that has a disability access and inclusion plan must take all practicable measures to ensure that the plan is implemented by the public authority and its officer, employees, agents or contractors.'

Shire of Wyalkatchem overview

The Shire of Wyalkatchem is located 192km from Perth in Western Australia and covers an area of 1,743 square kilometres. The townsite of Wyalkatchem is located along Goomalling-Merredin Road.

The predominant industry is agriculture, such as wheat, wool and livestock as well as gypsum mining with seasonal tourism occurring during the wild flower season. An airfield has been upgraded to provide excellent opportunities for people seeking the excitement of aviation activities.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem provides a range of functions, facilities and services including:

Services to property: construction and maintenance of roads and footpaths; storm water drainage; domestic waste collection and disposal, including the recycling of certain domestic waste, waste motor oil collection, 'Drum Muster' collection services, litter control and street cleaning; street tree and roadside tree pruning; bushfire control; animal control; care and maintenance of parks and gardens.

Recreation services to the community: provision and maintenance of outdoor playing areas for football, cricket, hockey, basketball, tennis; public swimming pool facility; children's playgrounds; the Pioneer Park war memorial and rose garden; the provision and maintenance of the Wyalkatchem Recreations Centre sporting complex with its social lounge/bar facilities and a magnificent Town Hall which caters for civic events such as stage shows.

General services to the community: providing asset support (housing, professional premises and motor vehicle) for the engagement of general practitioner service; public library and visitor services; community open space and built facilities, including the premises for the Community Resource Centre; provision of public services including the community bus and cemetery.

Regulatory services: land use and planning advice and regulation; building approvals; environmental health; public health and ranger's animal control; parking control.

Administration services: provision of general information to the public, lodging and resolution of complaints, collection of rates, vehicle licensing, firearms licensing, and dog registrations.

Governance: administration of the local government, including: Council and committee meetings; community meetings and consultation; provision of the election of Council members.

People with disability in the Shire of Wyalkatchem

In the 2016 Census, there were 516 people in Shire of Wyalkatchem. Of these 53.2% were male and 46.8% were female. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.6% of the population.

The 2016 ABS Census also recorded 60 persons in Wyalkatchem as having delivered unpaid assistance to persons with a disability. This was 13.8% of people aged 15 years and over – greater than the state average of 9.8% and greater than the national average of 11.3%.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (2018) estimated that 17.7% of all Australians had disability, down from 18.3% in 2015 and 18.5% in 2012. As the Shire population has 516 people, it is estimated that up to 95 people are living in the Shire with a physical disability. The proportion of people living with a disability increases with age. Given that the shire has a demographic profile with 37% of all persons aged 60 years or greater, there will be many among us living with age related limitations such as restricted movement, loss of sensory perception or loss of understanding.

Development of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

It is a requirement of the Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) that all local and state government authorities develop and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) that outlines the ways in which the authority will ensure that people with disability have equal access to its facilities and services.

Other legislation underpinning the planning of access and inclusion includes:

- WA Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (amended 1988);
- Commonwealth Disability Discrimination (DDA) Act 1992;
- The Building code of Australia (BCA) that provides a set of minimum requirements for new buildings and renovations.
- The Access to Premises Standard under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) that became effective for any buildings or major redevelopments

Progress to date

The Shire of Wyalkatchem made significant progress since 2008: The Shire is committed to facilitating the inclusion of people with disability through the improvement of access to its facilities and services.

Since adopting the plan, the Shire of Wyalkatchem has implemented a number of initiatives, some of which are highlighted at Appendix 1: The main area of progress has been in age related disability with significant investment in infrastructure and increased levels of engagement.

Disability Access and Inclusion Policy Statement

The Shire of Wyalkatchem is committed to ensuring that the community is accessible and inclusive for people with disability, their families, and carers.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem also interprets an accessible and inclusive community as one in which all Council functions, facilities, and services (both in-house and contracted) are inclusive and accessible for all persons, including those who live with disability and support others who live with a disability.

The Shire will endeavour to the best of the Shire's capacity to meet the needs of persons with disability.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- Recognises that people with disability are valued members of the community who make a variety of contributions to local, social, economic, and cultural life;
- Believes that a community that recognises its diversity and supports the participation and inclusion of all its members makes for a richer community life;
- Believes that people with disability, their families and carers should be supported to remain living and participating in the community;
- Is committed to consulting with people with disability, their families and carers, and the community in general, to ensure that barriers to access and inclusion are appropriately addressed;
- Is committed to supporting local community groups and other relevant organisations to facilitate the inclusion of people with disability through access to information, services, and facilities in the community.
- Will ensure all members of the organisation (councillors, staff, agents and contractors) take all practicable measures in ensuring desired outcomes are achieved.

Seven Outcomes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

The Shire of Wyalkatchem is also dedicated to achieving the seven desired outcomes through its DAIP. They are:

- 1) People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by, the Shire of Wyalkatchem;
- 2) People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access buildings and other facilities of the Shire of Wyalkatchem;

- 3) People with disability receive the same level and quality of information from the Shire of Wyalkatchem in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it;
- 4) People with disability receive the same level and quality of service from councillors, staff, contractors and agents of the Shire of Wyalkatchem as other people receive from councillors, staff, contractors and agents of the Shire of Wyalkatchem;
- 5) People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to the Shire of Wyalkatchem;
- 6) People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation process with the Shire of Wyalkatchem; and,
- 7) People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with the Shire of Wyalkatchem.

Development of the 2020 – 2025 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)

Responsibility for the planning process

It is a requirement of the Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) that all local government authorities develop and implement a DAIP which identifies barriers to access and inclusion and propose solutions to ensure that people with a disability have equality of access to the organisations facilities and services. The Shire of Wyalkatchem DAIP 2020 – 2025 intends to meet the requirements of the Act.

All councillors and staff have a responsibility to contribute to the process of developing and appropriate plan that reflects the commitment, Vision, Purpose and Values of the Shire of Wyalkatchem to the improved quality of life of all persons in the local government.

Consultation Process

A review of the DAIP 2017–2019 was undertaken between November 2019 and March 2020. The process included both internal and external consultations. The consultation process will be asking for areas of access and inclusion people felt needed to be addressed and/or improved to help develop the Shire's new DAIP or to provide advice on aspects that should be included in the DAIP

The process began with an internal review via:

- internal analysis of the Shire's DAIP 2017–2019;

- analysis of relevant Department documents, strategies and policies.

A new DAIP 2020 -2025 draft was developed.

The internal review will followed by external consultation, where feedback will be sought via:

- an advertisement in local community newspaper; •
- the Shire's website inviting readers to 'have your say';
- consultation with Department of Communities and other expertise in the area of disability.

Findings of the consultation Process

- TBA

Communicating the plan to staff and people with disability

- On completion, a copy of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan is to be distributed to other members of the Shire administration staff for comment;
- Council advertised the DAIP in its local newsletter advising that copies can be obtained from the Shire administration office, and to seek public comment on the DAIP;
- Copies of the DAIP will be made available via the Shire's website, as well as in alternative formats on request;
- As DAIPs are amended, Shire council, staff and community will be advised of the availability of updated plans.

Responsibility for implementing the DAIP

It is a requirement of the Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) that public authorities must take all practical measures to ensure that the DAIP is implemented by its officers, employees, agents, and contractors. Implementation of the DAIP is the responsibility of all areas of the Shire of Wyalkatchem. Implementation actions, timelines and accountabilities will be identified included in the Corporate Business Plan and this will be approved by Council and overseen by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

A clause will be included in all contract and tender documents advising Contractors of their obligation to implement the Shire of Wyalkatchem's DAIP wherever practicable and report annually on their compliance with the plan. Shire tender documents will include reference to the Shire of Wyalkatchem DAIP and the requirement for contractors to be aware of and work towards its desired outcomes. Contractors will receive a copy of the DAIP and a copy of the contractor reporting form to complete and return to the Shire at the completion of their contract (or annually, whichever occurs first).

Review and evaluation mechanisms

The Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) sets out the minimum review requirements for public authorities in relation to DAIPs. The Shire of Wyalkatchem current DAIP will be formally reviewed at least every five years, in accordance with the Act.

The DAIP Implementation Plan is an internal document that assists the Shire to implement progress of the DAIP and will be amended annually to reflect budget considerations, progress and any access and inclusion issues or initiatives which may arise. Whenever the Shire's DAIP is amended, a copy of the amended plan will be lodged with the Department of Communities.

The Shire will also developed an evaluation form for local groups and organisations that receive funding from the Shire to capture how many people with disability attend community facilitated, Shire funded events and activities.

Review, monitoring and Reporting

The Environmental Health Officer will continue to liaise with the CEO and relevant managers to review progress on the implementation of strategies identified in the DAIP.

All strategies and actions will be included in the shire's corporate planning and subject to corporate key performance indicators and reporting.

The Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004) sets out the minimum reporting requirements for public authorities in relation to their DAIPs. The Shire will report on the implementation of the DAIP through its Annual Report and by completing the Department of Communities prescribed progress report template by 30 June each year.

Strategies to improve Access and Inclusion

The seven desired outcomes provide a framework for strategies aimed at improving access and inclusion for people with disabilities. The following strategies will be reflected in Council's 2020-2025 implementation plan, subsequent budgets and Corporate Business Plans.

Outcome 1:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by, the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

Strategies	Timeline
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Consult people with disability on services and accessibility requirements	Immediate and Ongoing
Actively survey and monitor Shire facilities and services to ensure equitable access and inclusion	Ongoing
Promote the inclusion of the DAIP values and goals into other Shire plans and strategies	Immediate and Ongoing
Provide events that are accessible and inclusive to people with disability	Immediate and Ongoing
Engage with appropriate entities to implement and broadcast the Shire's access and inclusion initiatives	Immediate and Ongoing

Outcome 2:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access buildings and other facilities of the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

Strategies	Timeline
Identify required public building upgrades to incorporate standards for access and inclusion	Immediate and Ongoing
Deliver building works to implement mobility and disability wherever practicable	Immediate and Ongoing
Review and improve signage for colour, contrast and lettering	Immediate and Ongoing
New building works to have mobility disability access as appropriate, where required and where practicable	Immediate and Ongoing
Advocate to local businesses the benefits of accessible venues and the importance of identifying the requirements for disabled access	Immediate and Ongoing
Engage with appropriate entities to implement and broadcast the Shire's access and inclusion initiatives	Immediate and Ongoing

Outcome 3:

People with disability receive the same level and quality of information from the Shire of Wyalkatchem in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it:

Strategies	Timeline
Identify opportunities to improve information access and introduce these wherever practicable	Immediate and Ongoing
Review and upgrade functionality of website; meet W3C standard; implement technology where practicable to improve access and inclusion	When delivery is practicable, make available (TBA).

On request, make Council and Shire information available in alternate formats to assist visually and hearing impaired persons to easily understand published information	When delivery is practicable, make available (TBA)
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Outcome 4:

People with disability receive the same level and quality of service from councillors, staff, contractors and agents of the Shire of Wyalkatchem as other people receive from councillors, staff, contractors and agents of the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

Strategies	Timeline
Develop the capacity and capability of the organisation to deliver high standards of service.	Immediate and Ongoing
Make DAIP information widely available and increase disability awareness	Immediate and Ongoing
Encourage the identification of opportunities to improve the quality of service to people with disability.	Immediate and Ongoing

Outcome 5:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

Strategies	Timeline
Develop the capacity and capability of the organisation to deliver high standards of service.	Immediate and Ongoing
Identify opportunities to make alternate channels of complaint available.	Immediate and Ongoing
When practicable, make alternate channels of complaint available.	When delivery is practicable, make available (TBA).

Outcome 6:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation process with the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

Strategies	Timeline
Identify opportunities for improved consultation	Immediate and Ongoing.
Public consultation is facilitated to maximise the inclusion of persons with disability	Immediate and Ongoing

When practicable, technology and other tools is utilised to maximise the participation of persons with disability in public consultation	When delivery is practicable, make available (TBA).
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Outcome 7:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

Strategies	Timeline
Incorporate a statement on each position description and job advertisement that the Shire is an equal opportunity employer.	Immediate and Ongoing.
Identify opportunities for employment, training or volunteering of persons living with a disability and engage persons living with a disability when suitable candidates present.	Immediate and Ongoing.
Identify barriers to persons living with a disability serving as an elected member; identify requirements to removing barriers where practicable; and engage with the community to encourage the participation of persons with a disability to serve as an elected member.	When delivery is practicable, make available (TBA).
Undertake the monitoring of personal need associated with disability, address those needs wherever practicable and maximise opportunities to maintain employment.	Immediate and Ongoing

Appendix 1: Achievements

Progress under the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan(s):

Outcome 1:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by, the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- Increased number of audio books (talking books) and large print books held at the library, rotated regularly through the WA LISA rotation program. These books are located at easily accessible levels and are well signed;
- Increased level of capital works for the provision of disabled access toilets for the community (public, recreation centre, community building and aerodrome);
- Standardised font and size of print on shire website; uploading of increased level of public documents to shire website; standardised size and font on all shire documents for readability;
- Positive inter-government relationships, local government and other entities to facilitate collaboration;
- Included access and inclusion in all public plans and documents;
- Surveyed level of disability and need;
- Improved strategic planning to address access and inclusion;
- Improved access to events – for example, spacing of stalls, siting of events to access disabled toilets;
- Relocated services to community building (library and licensing) to improve access.

Outcome 2:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access buildings and other facilities of the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- Access ramps from footpaths to road surface have been provided in expanded number of areas;
- Auto door to main entrance to Shire office;

- Disabled access ramps to the Shire office and Town Hall with rails;
- Widened and increased meterage of paths;
- Mobility features in new Independent Living Units;
- Fitted automatic door, medical centre;
- Built community building with accessible features – automated door, disabled toilets, function rooms for engagement and social cohesion.

Outcome 3:

People with disability receive the same level and quality of information from the Shire of Wyalkatchem in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it:

- The Shire advertised through the local Council newsletter that Council information is available in alternative formats upon request;
- Font type and size standardised.

Outcome 4:

People with disability receive the same level and quality of information from councillors, staff, contractors and agents of the Shire of Wyalkatchem as other people receive from councillors, staff, contractors and agents of the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- Council staff deliver a high standard of customer service and work to identify opportunities to continually improve quality and accessibility of information;
- Community Survey was made available in print, electronic and where required verbally assisted formats.

Outcome 5:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints to the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- The Shire has expanded the level and amount of information through public documents, public notice and advertisements;
- On election days the Shire ensures that buildings are accessible and that modified polling booths are available;
- The Shire staff have proven themselves to be most understanding and very giving in assistance towards people with disabilities.

Outcome 6:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in any public consultation process with the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- Shire staff and officers have assisted people with disabilities to access and be included in all Council discussions and functions on request;
- Staff provide and explain the purpose of the Council function or meetings in a professional manner;
- Additional disability related criteria included in Community Survey.

Outcome 7:

People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with the Shire of Wyalkatchem:

- Equal Opportunity Statements included in job advertisements;
- Opportunities for volunteering presented to persons with disability;
- Applications accepted from persons with disability and two persons with identified disability interviewed;
- Staff training in the employment of person with disability.




BACK

Shire of Wyalkatchem

"Strange Name - Beautiful Place"

Cnr Flint Street and Honour Ave
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Local Planning Scheme No. 4

Schedule 6 – Application for planning approval

(cl. 9.1.1)

Owners Details		
Name: Wyalkatchem Men's Shed Inc		
Address: PO Box 123, Wyalkatchem WA		Post Code: 6485
Phone: 0429 342 031		
Email: glendenease@gmail.com		
Contact Person: Dennis Pease		
Signature:	Ross Crute	Date: 11 th March 2020
Signature:	Dennis Pease	Date: 11 th March 2020
<i>The signature of the owner(s) is required on all applications. This application will not proceed without that signature.</i>		
Applicants Details		
Name: Wyalkatchem Men's Shed Inc		
Address: PO Box 123, Wyalkatchem WA		Post Code: 6485
Phone: 0429 342 031		
Email: glendenease@gmail.com		
Contact person for correspondence: Dennis Pease		
Signature:		Date: 11 th March 2020
Property Details		
Lot No: 57	House/Street No: 36	
Location No:	Diagram or plan no: 57P223232	
Certificate of title no: 825/175	Folio:	
Title encumbrances (eg. easements, restrictive covenants): N/A		
Street name: Flint Street	Suburb: Wyalkatchem	
Nearest street intersection: Honour Ave		
Existing building/land use		
Description of proposed development and/or use:		
REFUND POINT OPERATION Under the WA Government's Containers for Change Scheme (June 2nd 2020)		
Nature of any existing buildings and/or use:		
PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT #1		
Approximate cost of proposed development: PLEASE SEE ATTACHEMNET #1		
Estimated time of completion: APRIL / May 2020		
OFFICE USE ONLY		
Acceptance Officer's initials:		
Date Received:		
Local Government reference no:		

Ms Taryn Dayman
CEO
Shire of Wyalkatchem
PO Box 224
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Wyalkatchem Men's Shed
PO Box 123
Wyalkatchem WA 6485

4th March 2020

Dear Taryn

Re Wyalkatchem Men's Shed Inc - CDS Refund Point

Further to previous correspondence and the report by the Shire's Building surveyor Mr John Gosper, the Wyalkatchem Men's Shed now wish to formally apply for planning approval to operate the Refund Point from their existing shed located at 36 Flint Street Wyalkatchem.

The Men's Shed have met on site this morning with a group of logistics providers and WARRRL representatives and it was decided that instead of receiving containers via a drive through from Flint Street and out loading them via the back lane (as indicated in our previous letter) that initially it would be more practical to both receive and dispatch via the back lane.

WARRRL require that formal planning approval be obtained ASAP so we would appreciate it being dealt with at this month's council meeting as we are aware that there is no meeting in April.

We would also like approval to display WARRRL approved signage on the fence at 36 Flint Street

Please contact me if you require any more information. Or alternatively I am happy to meet with you.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Pease', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dennis Pease

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On Behalf of

Wyalkatchem Men's Shed Inc.

Attachment #1 – to Wyalkatchem Men's Shed Application for Planning Approval

Nature of Existing buildings

Wyalkatchem Men's Shed currently operate from a large shed (Class 7b workshop) on no 36 (Lot57) Flint Street. Activities include welding, cutting, grinding, wood turning, cabinet making and various mechanical repairs. Shed is used to store materials and tools required for these activities.

Approximate cost of the proposed activities

We expect that initially costs will be very minimal, especially any relating to building alterations.

Ancillary costs will include sorting tables, sorting bins (maybe wool packs or similar), security cameras, safety requirements (signage and PPE), street signage and other sundry items.

Bins required for the out loading of containers are supplied by the logistics providers who will be transporting the containers to the processors, however we expect that as the project develops there may be some minor changes required. These could include lockup cages between the shed and the back lane. Security is important as containers will be legal tender.

An estimation of total start-up costs would be **\$3000 - \$4000**.

Extra information

A requirement for people returning eligible containers is that they be completely empty (ie not contain any food or liquid.) Lids will be required to be removed from plastic containers and glass containers must not be broken.

Planned times for receipt of containers by the Men's Shed are Tuesday morning and Saturday morning or other times by arrangement.

Attention will be given to traffic management as some queuing may occur during the initial stages of the scheme. This will be managed in accordance within WARRRL guidelines paying strict attention to the safety of all involved.

Once sorted, cans and plastic bottles and any soft containers will be placed into bulka bags and sealed awaiting pickup by logistics providers. Glass will be placed into enclosed cages awaiting pickup by logistics providers.

This attachment includes 4 pages showing the Scheme Structure and the bulk containers that will be used.

Operation

Wyalkatchem Men's Shed (Inc.) is a not for profit organisation. Members are not paid.

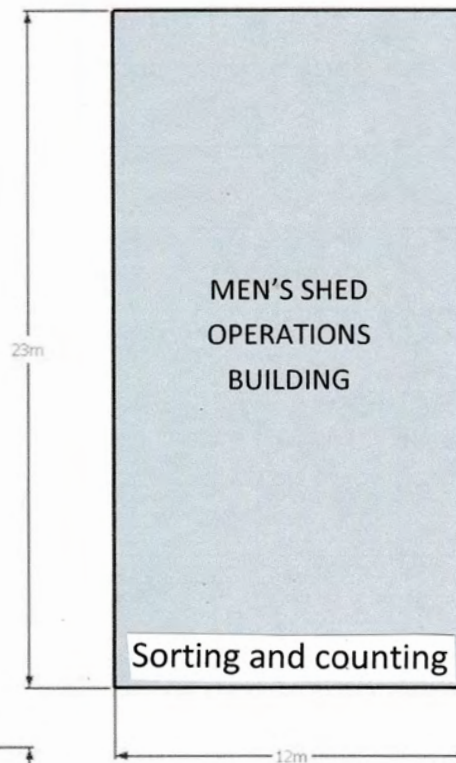
Generated Income

Operation of the Wyalkatchem Refund Point will generate funds for the Wyalkatchem Men's Shed and facilitate fund raising opportunities for any organisation or club that wants to participate.

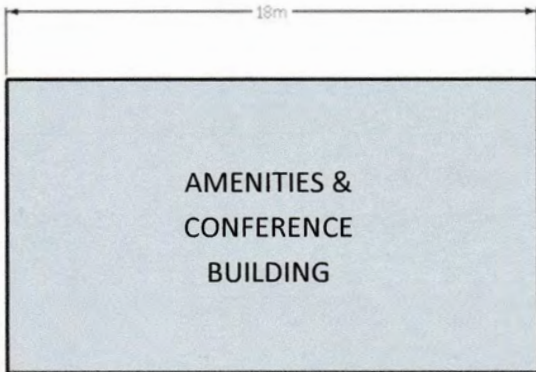
FLINT STREET

Directional / information Sign

WARRRL approved Sign/s on front fence
Approx size 2400 x 600



50m



Proposed Storage area
for Bins and Cages



Signage

Entrance - lockable gate

42m

BACK LANE ACCESS

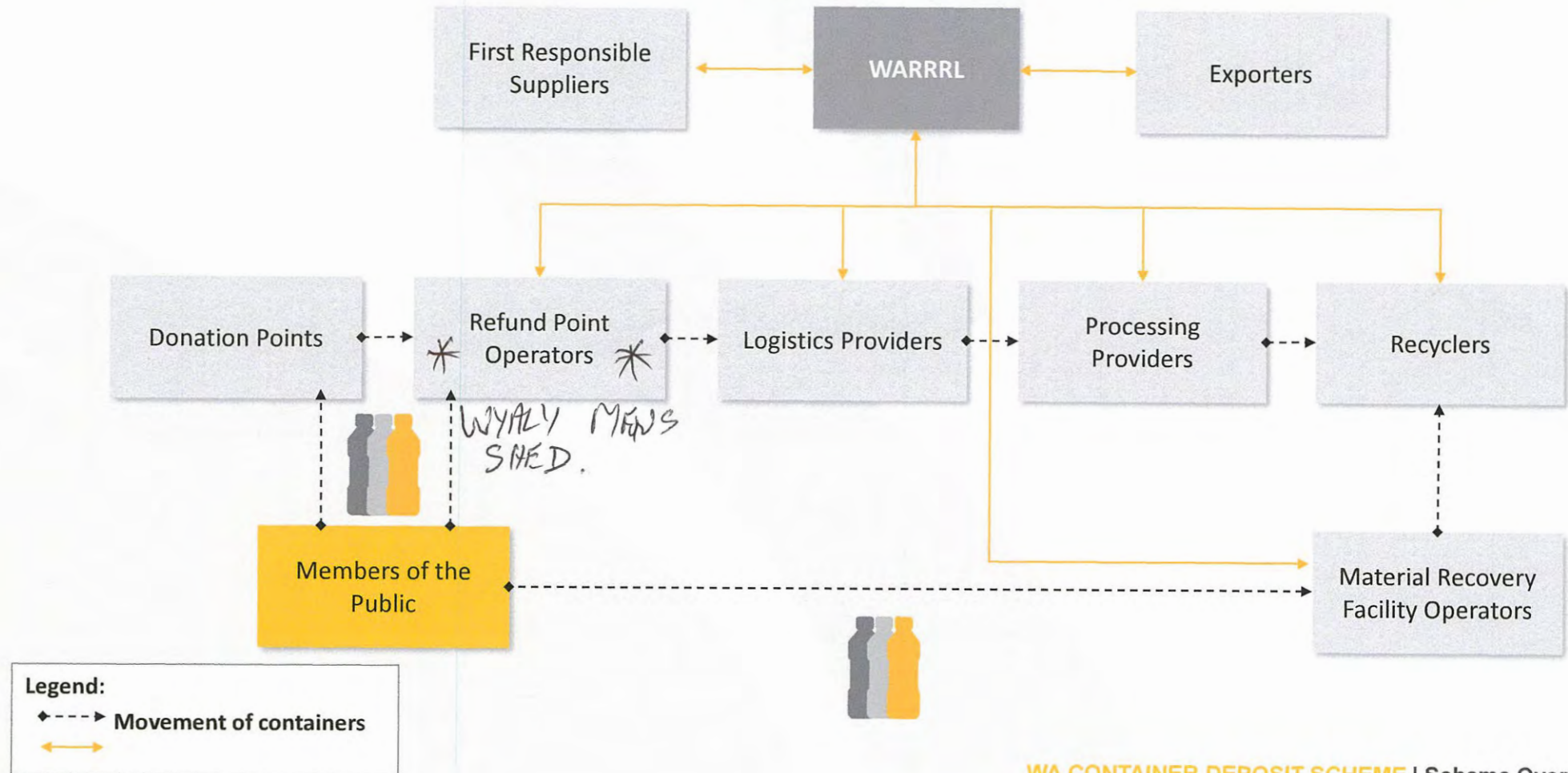
Receival and dispatch via back lane



SCHEME STRUCTURE



How an eligible container flows through the **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE** scheme:



Single Cage

Cubic Capacity 1.2 M3

The single cage is a very popular piece of CI with good logistics flexibility (possibly with bulk bag insert).

Transported in a tautliner or flatbed truck and requires forklift for loading. Also has the benefit of being stackable in most instances.



Shown with bulk bag insert – some regional locations

Double Cage

Cubic Capacity 2.8 M3

Greater volume than single cages and transported in a tautliner or flatbed and requires forklift for loading. Also has the benefit of being stackable in most instances.



Some regional locations



Intermediate Bulk Container (IBC)

Cubic Capacity 1 – 1.2 M3

Pallet sized container that can transport glass with lid on or off. Is transported via tautliner or flatbed and requires a forklift to load.

May take various forms although metal format shown here is most likely to be used in majority of regional locations for transportation of glass.

BRAND GUIDELINES

Refund Points



PRIMARY LOGO



SECONDARY LOGOS



LOGO / PARTNER



LAYOUT // SIGNAGE

Signage available for download



Alupanel Sign: Drop offs = 0600mm x 1200mm



Vinyl Stickers and/or ACM panel: Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) & Mobile Refund Point = 420mm x 594mm



Alupanel Sign: Depots = 600mm x 2400mm





SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM



March 2020

INFORMATION BULLETIN

LIST OF ITEMS

- 1. Status Report as at 12 March 2020**
- 2. WALGA Feb 2020 Economic Briefing**
- 3. Letter - Commonwealth Drought communities Programme**
- 4. Wheatbelt District EM Advisor LEMC Report Q 1 2020**
- 5. Letter - Minister of Emergency Services re Telecommunications**
- 6. RV Friendly Town Criteria**

Council makes a number of decisions at its monthly ordinary meeting of Council.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995 5.41(c)* the function of the CEO is to; Cause council decisions to be implemented.

The purpose of the Shire of Wyalkatchem Council Meeting Status report is to provide Council's with a progress status and actions performed to date, as well as anticipated completion dates. The presentation of the status report is effective from the August 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting. Actions and status updates since the last status report are indicated in bold. Items that have been reported as completed will be removed in future reports.

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM COUNCIL MEETING STATUS REPORT AS AT 12 MARCH 2020

MINUTE REFERENCE	DETAIL	REPOSIBLE OFFICER	STATUS / COMMENTS	ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE
OMC – 20/9/2018 122/2018	That Council agrees to donate the Council received Building Permit fees associated with CEACA Seniors Housing Project subject to all other CEACA Council members agree to the same undertaking.	CEO	Letter send to CEACA requesting confirmation of Council members' agreement to refund Building fees and notification to refund to CEACA building fees received. Confirmation of other LG arrangements discussed at recent CEACA meeting. LG to advise CEACA executive on position. Pending notification	In Progress
OMC – 18/10/2018 143/2018	4. That the Chief Executive Officer commence the process of re-instatement of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.	4. CEO	4. Noted. Process to commence	4. Pending

<p>OMC – 20/12/2018 184/2018</p>	<p>That Council approve the placing of a relocated donga style building at lot 411 Butlin St, Wyalkatchem with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The building be used as overnight accommodation for D&D Transport employees b. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive Officer to determine the application following advertisement of the conditional approval and notify the applicant in writing of the determination of the application 	<p>1. MCS 2. CEO</p>	<p>1. Noted 2. Noted. No submissions have been received. Advice of determination of application in progress.</p>	<p>1. In Progress 2. In progress</p>
<p>OMC – 21/2/2019 (20/2019)</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to replace the removed street verge trees with a more suitable native species of verge street tree at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer within 2018/2019 budgeted funds. 	<p>CEO/ MOW</p>	<p>2. Noted. Species of verge street tree to be determined.</p>	<p>2. Pending</p>
<p>OMC – 23/9/2019 127/2019</p>	<p>Permission to Collection Native Flora</p> <p>That the matter lay on the table pending further information.</p>	<p>CEO</p>	<p>Correspondence sent to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Poli requesting additional information</p>	<p>In Progress</p>

OMC – 23/9/2019 133/2019	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the Tender submitted by Contract Aquatic Services as the most advantageous Tender to form a Contract. 2. Delegates the formation of the Contract to the Chief Executive Officer, subject to any variations (of a minor nature) prior to entry to Contract. 3. Authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to execute the agreement and affix the Shire's seal. 	<p>2. CEO</p> <p>3. CEO/ PRES</p>	<p>2. Contract currently being finalised.</p> <p>3. Pending finalisation of contract.</p>	<p>2. In Progress</p> <p>3. Pending</p>
OMC – 21/10/2019 148/2019	<p>That Council pursuant to Section 5.38 of the Local Government Act 1995;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Authorise the Shire President to commence discussions with the Chief Executive Officers in establishing and agreeing to Key Performance Indicators for the next 12 months to be endorsed by Council. 	<p>4. PRES</p>	<p>4. Noted, to commence after shire's priorities has been established as part of development of SCP and CBP.</p> <p>Meeting with CEO and Shire President to be held in the next coming weeks.</p>	<p>4. Pending</p>
OMC – 21/11/2019 15.2.1	<p>Locked Standpipes</p> <p>Ms Dayman to explore the configurations of the locked Standpipes further in order to find a way to resolve the issue. Discussions highlighted a need to assess the out of town standpipe locks and solutions to access.</p>	<p>CEO</p>	<p>Noted. Solution being discussed with MOW. Standpipes locks have been unlocked during the fire risk season.</p>	<p>In Progress</p>

OMC – 19/12/2019 175/2019	7. The Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Council on the effectiveness of the 12 month meeting structure trial at the December 2020 meeting.	7. CEO	7. Noted.	7. Pending (December 2020)
OMC – 19/12/2019 176/2019	That Council; 2. Include an allocation of \$20,000 for the 2020/2021 CEACA membership subscription in the 2020/2021 annual budget considerations.	2. CEO	2. Noted, to be included in 2020/2021 draft budget	2. Pending
OMC – 20/02/2020 03/2020	That Council; 1. Accepts the 2018/2019 Management Letter prepared by Office of Auditor General and accepts management comments and actions in relation to the audit outcomes and recommendations. 2. Accepts and endorse the Report on Significant Matters for the financial year ended 30 June 2019. 3. Acknowledge that the Audit and Risk Management Committee has met with the Auditors and has discharges its obligations, in accordance with	1. CEO 2. CEO 3. CEO	1. Noted 2. Noted. Report submitted to the Minister and published on the Shire's Website. 3. Noted	1. COMPLETE 2. COMPLETE 3. COMPLETE

<p>OMC – 20/02/2020 04/2020</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the Audit Report for the 2018/2019 financial year. 2. Accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 year. 3. Holds a General Meeting of Electors on the 19 March 2020 commencing at 6pm at the Shire of Wyalkatchem Council Chambers. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO 2. CEO 3. CEO 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 2. Noted. Annual Report submitted to Minister and published on the web 3. Noted. Notice of meeting has been completed agenda prepared, circulated to Clr and published on the website 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COMPLETE 2. COMPLETE 3. IN PROGRESS
<p>OMC – 20/02/2020 06/2020</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the 2019 Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019. 2. Notes the areas of non-compliance within the 2019 Compliance Audit Return and accepts the 2019 Compliance Audit return Management Action Plan. 3. Submit a certified copy of the 2019 Compliance Audit Return to the Direction General of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2020. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO 2. CEO 3. CEO 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 2. Noted 3. Return submitted 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COMPLETE 2. COMPLETE 3. COMPLETE

<p>OMC – 20/02/2020 16/2020</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTES completion by Council as the Delegator, of the 2019/2020 annual statutory review of the Delegations Register, in accordance with s.5.18 and 5.46 of the Local Government Act 1995, s.47(2) of the Cat Act 2011 and s.10AB of the Dog Act 1976 2. APPROVES, by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, to DELEGATE the local government functions as detailed in the 2020 Delegation Register to the Chief Executive Officer. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO 2. CEO 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 2. Noted 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COMPLETE 2. COMPLETE
<p>OMC – 20/02/2020 17/2020</p>	<p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directs the NEWROC voting delegate to vote in favour of the requirement that the Shire of Dowerin membership decision is made by ABSOLUTE MAJORITY. 2. Direct the NEWROC voting delegate to vote in favour of a recommendation that extends North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils membership to the Shire of Dowerin. 3. That the NEWROC delegated be authorised to use their discretion on voting on Shire of Dowerin Membership conditions. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO/PRES 2. CEO/PRES 3. CEO/PRES 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted. Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2020 2. Noted. Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2020 3. Noted Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2020 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In progress 2. In progress 3. In progress

<p>OMC – 20/02/2020 17/2020 CONT</p>	<p>a. Annual Membership Fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Option 2 – Participation in NEWROC meetings until 30 June 2020, No fee and no voting rights. ii. Option 1 - Annual Membership fee paid in one amount. <p>b. Contribution to NEWROC Investment Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Option 3 – ‘Indicative’ amount \$35K to \$40k ii. Option 3 – Paid over three years. <p>c. Project specific contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Option 1 - Identification of existing projects that the Shire of Dowerin can and cannot participate in e.g. Telco project without a contribution to the data centre <p>d. Possible Amendments to the NEWROC MoU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Minimum term of commitment five years ii. Stipulated exit fees <p>4. That the NEWROC delegated be authorised to use their discretion on voting on Shire of Dowerin Membership conditions.</p>	<p>4. CEO</p>	<p>4. Noted. Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2020</p>	<p>4. In progress</p>
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OMC – 20/02/2020 18/2020	That Council continues its Pioneers Pathway Membership and approves the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding 2020-2023, as presented in attachment 10.2.5.	CEO	Correspondence sent to Pioneers Pathways advice Council's commitment and signing of MOU. MOU to be signed.	In Progress
OMC – 20/02/2020 21/2020	That Council supports the reallocation of RRG 2019 funding allocation from the Wyalkatchem – Cunderdin Road to the Wyalkatchem Koorda Road projects.	MOW	Request has been sent and approved at the Wheatbelt North East RRG.	Complete

Local Government Economic Briefing



February 2020

As Local Governments prepare their annual budgets, it is important that these are underpinned by realistic assumptions about future revenue streams and spending requirements.

The economic and policy environment can provide insights into any potential impacts on key sources of revenue and likely changes in demand for services. It can also help to identify risks that may prevent the projected budget outcome from being achieved.

This update provides a snapshot of the key economic trends in the coming year that are relevant to Local Government's budget and strategic planning activities.

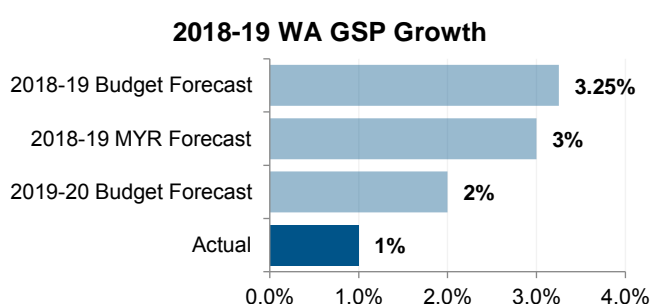
WA ECONOMIC UPDATE

Eight years after the peak of the resources investment boom, lacklustre demand continues to plague economic activity across the State.

When the 2018-19 Budget was handed down in May 2018, the Treasurer expected the WA economy to grow by 3.25% in the 2018-19 financial year. This forecast was revised down to 3% in December 2018, and then to 2% in May 2019.

Even with the downward revisions, the WA economy still failed to meet expectations. When official figures were released in November 2019, domestic economic growth for 2018-19 ended up coming in at just 1% (see Figure One).

Figure One



The worse than expected growth figures were predominately due to a spluttering domestic economy. State Final Demand, which is a measure of output in the economy excluding net exports, fell by 1% in 2018-19. This was much worse than the original forecast decline of 0.25%.

Driving the lack of activity in the domestic economy in particular was anaemic household spending. At Budget time, household consumption was forecast to grow by 2.25% in 2018-19, while dwelling investment was forecast to increase by 4.75%. Both of these indicators fell well short of expectations, with household consumption increasing by just 1%

and dwelling investment actually falling by 3.6% in 2018-19.

The reluctance of households to spend money is affirmed by data reported in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Consumer Confidence Survey. Since the start of 2019, the short term confidence index reported in the survey has fallen by 5.3% and is now at its lowest level since September 2017.

Another significant detractor from domestic economic activity in 2018-19 was lower than expected levels of State Government investment in infrastructure. Overall, expenditure in the State Government's Asset Investment Program was close to \$1.3 billion less than originally planned in 2018-19 – totalling \$5 billion rather than the originally estimated \$6.2 billion.

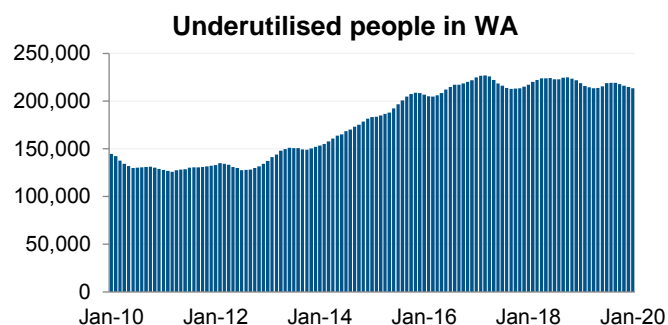
In its Annual Report on State Finances, the State Government noted that the infrastructure underspend spanned across almost all of its Agencies and was generally due to project delays and timing issues.

The last major component of the domestic economy, business investment, also detracted from growth in 2018-19, falling by 7.6%. This was, however, better than the State Government's forecast fall of 14% when the 2018-19 Budget was first handed down. The better than expected result was primarily due to a one-off spike in machinery and equipment investments made by the mining sector in the June quarter of 2019.

With the domestic economy only just out of recession, it comes as no surprise that there is a significant amount of spare capacity in the State's labour market. Although the unemployment rate has a five in front of it, just above 210,000 people are considered to be underutilised – meaning that they

are either unemployed or wanting to work more hours than they currently do. This is just shy of the all-time high 227,000 Western Australians who were reported to be underemployed at the start of 2017 (see Figure Two).

Figure Two



Spare labour capacity means that there isn't any significant pressure on WA wages. Annual wages growth was 1.6% in 2018-19, which is well below the 4.8% recorded in June 2012 when the State was crying out for more workers at the height of the resources investment boom.

With there being fewer employment opportunities across the State, population growth remains subdued (1.1% in 2018-19). More people continue to move interstate from WA, rather than move from interstate to here, with net interstate migration recorded at -6,500 people in 2018-19. This marked the sixth consecutive financial year of negative interstate migration in WA. Although net overseas migration totalled 15,900 in 2018-19, it was still well short of the 50,800 figure recorded at the height of the boom in 2011-12.

With restrained population growth, demand for Perth property continued to be lacklustre in 2018-19. Over the financial year, Perth property prices fell by 3.9%. On average, property prices are now the same as they were in 2007.

On the global front, the year-long trade and technology dispute between the USA and China and the continued Brexit debate led to global growth being lower than expected in 2019. The impact of these global issues on the WA economy was mostly gentle, with iron ore exports in particular not impacted.

A global shock that will have an impact, however, on the WA economy is the coronavirus outbreak originating from mainland China. The sectors that are likely to be impacted most are tourism and education due to the travel ban imposed by Commonwealth Government. Also, like was the case with the SARS outbreak in 2003, Chinese output will probably slow, resulting in reduced demand for WA's iron ore until the virus is contained.

Despite the current challenging circumstances facing the domestic economy, the near and medium term prospects are still bright.

WA Gross State Product (GSP) is forecast to increase by 3% in 2019-20 followed by an average increase of 2.7% per annum between 2020-21 and 2022-23. For the first time in a long time, growth is expected to be driven by domestic expenditure rather than exports, with:

- household spending forecast to increase by 1.25% in 2019-20 followed by an average increase of 2.7% per annum between 2020-21 and 2022-23;
- dwelling investment forecast to first decline in 2019-20 by 7%, but then rebound and grow by an average of 5.4% per annum between 2020-21 and 2022-23; and
- business investment forecast to increase by an average of 5.75% per annum over the four year forward estimates period (2019-20 to 2022-23).

The improved prospects for the domestic economy are once again on the back of increased activity in the resources sector. A combination of increased prices, a lower exchange rate and better profit expectations has led to WA mineral exploration expenditure recently reaching a seven year high (\$456 million in the September quarter).

In addition, a number of resources companies are about to make significant investments, including:

- Rio Tinto's investment of \$3.5 billion for the Koodaideri mine and rail;
- Rio Tinto's investment of \$1 billion for the Western Turner Syncline Phase 2 mine project;
- Fortescue's investment of \$3.7 billion for the Iron Bridge project; and
- Fortescue's investment of \$1.7 billion for the Eliwana Mine and Railway project

Also, the Scarborough and Browse LNG projects are expected to reach final investment decisions over the coming years.

The collective impact of these investments on the economy will be much less significant than the resources sector investments that took place during the 2000s and early 2010s. This is due to some of the projects being focussed on replacing existing retiring production capacity, instead of creating new production capacity. Where this is the case, the workforce impact will predominately be during the construction phase of projects, rather than the ongoing operational phase.

Also, the increasing uptake of autonomous operations means that even when new production capacity is expected to come on line, the on-the-ground economic impact will be more subdued than before.

In addition to the private sector, the State Government will also support the domestic economy over the coming years through spending on infrastructure projects, such as METRONET. Over

the forward estimates, State Government infrastructure spending is expected to grow by an average of 5.6% per annum.

Although 2020-21, not 2019-20, is expected to be the year that WA's economic recovery takes full swing, a pickup in activity is already evident through job vacancy data. The number of vacancies reported in the State's public sector are up 83% since the start of 2016, while they are up 79% in the State's private sector over the same period (See Figure Three).

Figure Three



Over the next 12 months, increased demand for labour is expected to lead to increased interstate and overseas migration. In this regard, the WA Government expects population growth to increase to 1.3% in 2019-20 from 1.1% in 2018-19. After that, population growth is expected to increase at an average rate of 1.6% per annum between 2020-21 and 2022-23.

Improved economic conditions over the next few years will help boost the State Government's Budget bottom line and pay off the State's record levels of debt. Within this context, a cash surplus of close to \$2 billion is expected in 2019-20, and cash surpluses of between \$500 million and \$1 billion are expected each year after that in the forward estimates.

All in all, net debt is expected to reduce to \$34.6 billion by June 2023 after peaking at \$37.5 billion during June 2019. Even with net debt reducing by close to \$3 billion over the next few years, interest repayments on debt are still expected to be close to \$1.7 billion per year over the forward estimates period.

For the Local Government sector, the expected improvement in the economy will bring some relief in the form of fewer late payments; an increase in fees and charges revenue; and an increase in the rates base for communities where population growth results in an increased number of dwellings.

As a cautionary note, however, Local Governments should prepare for higher wages and prices over the coming years as the WA economy emerges out of its post-boom funk. In this regard, the State Government expects wages to grow by 2% in 2019-20 and at an average of 2.5% per annum between 2020-21 and 2022-23. Perth CPI is expected to increase by 1.75% in 2019-20 and then at an average of 2.2% per annum between 2020-21 and 2022-23. On the back of these forecasts, WALGA is expecting the Local Government Cost Index to increase by:

- 1.6% in 2019-20;
- 1.8% in 2020-21;
- 2.7% in 2021-22; and
- 3.2% in 2022-23.

In addition to the LGCI, the below table shows economic forecasts for WA (in annual % change terms) that Local Governments should appropriately consider as they construct their budgets for the coming year.

For further information or to comment please contact Nebojsa Franich on 9213 2096 or email nfranich@walga.asn.au. Current and previous editions of Economic Briefing are available at <https://walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Economic-Development/Economic-Briefing>

	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Forecast	2020-21 Forecast	2021-22 Forecast	2022-23 Forecast
Gross State Product	1%	3%	2.5%	2.75%	2.75%
State Final Demand	-1%	2.25%	3.25%	3.5%	3.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	5.75%	5.75%	5.5%	5.25%
Population Growth	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%
State Budget Cash Position	-\$715m	\$1,961m	\$560m	\$866m	\$968m
WA Local Government Cost Index	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	2.7%	3.2%
WA Wages	1.6%	2.0%	2.25%	2.5%	2.75%
WA Consumer Price Index	1.3%	1.75%	2.0%	2.25%	2.25%
Road and bridge construction prices	2.1%	1.4%	0.6%	0.8%	1.3%
Non-residential building construction	0.0%	0.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Machinery and equipment prices	1.9%	0.5%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Electricity and street lighting prices	5.8%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%



Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth

Our ref: 75-11893

Ms Taryn Dayman
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wyalkatchem
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WYALKATCHEM WA 6485

Dear Ms Dayman

COMMONWEALTH DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

I am writing to you regarding the Commonwealth Government's recent announcement to extend the Drought Communities Programme, with 35 local government authorities in Western Australia now eligible for funding support.

The State Government has been pushing very hard for Western Australia to receive a fair share of Commonwealth drought and water funding, and for the dry conditions currently being experienced in our State to be better recognised at a time when all attention has been on the needs of those on the East Coast.

While I am pleased that a number of Western Australian Shires have been selected for inclusion in the Drought Communities Programme, I am extremely disappointed that the Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture; Drought and Emergency Management, has decided that those Shires hardest hit by the impact of climate change will miss out.

The Commonwealth Government appears to have used a complex model, criteria and some discretion to determine eligibility for this scheme, and failed to consult with the Western Australian Government and the Western Australian Local Government Association in any way in designing the program or identifying appropriate Shires.

I assure you that I will continue to lobby the Commonwealth Government to review the eligibility criteria used for this program, and to reconsider its decision not to support Western Australian communities in need.

I have recently met with the Rural Water Council and would like to meet with as many shires as possible to discuss the impacts of climate change on your community and how we can work together to secure much needed Federal funding. If you would like to meet or discuss these issues further, please contact Emma Collyer in my office on 6552 6452 or emma.collyer@dpc.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dave Kelly MLA
MINISTER FOR WATER
1.9 FEB 2020

Wheatbelt District EM Advisor LEMC Report

First Quarter 2020

Nationally Catastrophic Fire Season

LEMC members will have been watching the devastating fires across the Nation in the last few months. WA has not been exempt, though direct impacts on communities have been less, local governments and communities have still been affected by several large fires, with closures of key east west transport routes having widespread economic impacts at the state and local level and causing serious complications to travellers and communities along the highway.

The fire season appears to be lasting longer each year, so it may be timely to ensure you are well prepared as there is a significant period of warm weather still ahead.

Simple things that the Local Government and LEMC members can do;

- Ensure all staff within the Local Government or your agencies know who will play key roles in the response and recovery effort.
- Make sure you have considered staff leave and have contingencies in place.
- Consider staff fatigue should you have a major incident, and ensure you have rosters in place early.
- Remember in our small Wheatbelt communities, it is likely that some of your staff will also have been impacted. You may need to enact some MOUS, or informal agreements to share resources from your neighbours or others.
- Use your LEMC meetings to ensure you “know” the agencies around the table, their capabilities and limitations.
- Dust off your LEMA and recovery plans. Know who is responsible for what.
- Building relationships with DFES operational staff in your region prior to an emergency will be very valuable.
- Your District EM Advisor can guide you through your responsibilities before, during and after an emergency

Joint EM Training and recovery days

A series of days will be held across the Wheatbelt called “ A review of our Emergency Management Arrangements and Activities – *A refresh of the old and update on the new*”.

The first day is being held in Dowerin on March 10th. Commencing at approximately 10am it will include a refresher training on requirements of EM for LEMCs and Local Governments, followed by a recovery session, on recent learnings etc.. and will conclude with a recovery exercise. Approx 12 neighbouring LGs have been invited to this session.

Dates for other areas across the district will be scheduled for the year and advised soon.

Emergency Management Health Check

Sometimes it is hard to know what to include on a LEMC agenda. I have attached a document called the “Community Emergency Management Health Check” which is a simple way of highlighting any gaps that may exist, that you may wish to address at your LEMC meetings.

Assessing any gaps in your general capability is also very useful to direct your efforts. Information that can help includes;

- Your risk register
- The preparedness survey you prepare each year
- Local issues raised at your LEMC, DEMC or any near misses.
- Lessons identified from exercises

From this you may wish to list some priorities, or even develop a LEMC business plan. Emergency Management takes some time to implement, so it is recommended that the LEMC business plans span at least 3 years.

LEMC Exercising

The State Exercise Coordination Team has begun implementing a new exercise process which is capability based rather than hazard based. This aligns very well with the work as described above.

It is still in implementation phase and I will advise formally once it has progressed further. Suffice to say that LEMCs are still required to exercise annually.

Please find attached a brief document I have developed to assist in the designing of LEMC exercises which I hope you will find useful.

Yvette Grigg

Wheatbelt District EM Advisor

February 2020



Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services

Our Ref: 65-11323

Your Ref: 10.04.04

Ms Taryn Dayman
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Dear Ms Dayman

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 November 2019 on behalf of the Shire of Wyalkatchem (the Shire) regarding issues it continues to experience with its mobile phone power supply and reception. I appreciate the time that you have taken to write to me on this matter.

As the Minister for Emergency Services, I share the Shire's concerns as reliable telecommunications are an essential element in the delivery of emergency services to the community, especially those in regional locations.

While mobile network outages are not within the remit of my portfolio, they can have a direct impact on emergency services response activities. Infrastructure outages have the potential to make a difficult emergency service situation worse, as people in bushfires may be unable to send or receive messages, make calls or access the internet and may not have up to date information to act on unless via radio or television.

Western Australia has more than 26,000 emergency services volunteers across the State, who are the first responders in many remote and regional communities. Their value is integral to the protection of communities across the State. In regional WA, more than 99 percent of emergency services personnel are volunteers.

I appreciate that regional communities rely on volunteers to respond to emergency situations. Fire damage to infrastructure (such as signal towers) can impact and disrupt this communication. Damage may mean a weak signal or no signal at all, making it difficult for emergency services to communicate with those on the fire ground to respond or to mobilise the community to evacuate.

Recognising that outages to the mobile network can and do happen, the State Government shares the view that mobile devices are one tool to access or receive emergency information during an incident. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) continually encourages people to use more traditional methods, such as having a battery powered radio to keep abreast of emergency information; staying in touch with family and friends and monitoring their surroundings. Acknowledging the unpredictability of bushfires, DFES also actively encourages community members to have a bushfire plan in place.

The State Government is acutely aware that bushfires happen every summer and can start suddenly without warning. Having a bushfire survival plan will help people take action and avoid making last minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire. Everyone needs to prepare for emergencies and pro-actively seek information, which goes to the heart of acknowledging that community safety is a shared responsibility.

Notwithstanding this, it is clear that mobile phones are a commonly accepted form of communication and any outages to this service can have a serious impact on the community. Especially those vulnerable regional communities who require stable mobile telecommunications to contact, coordinate and manage emergency response activities across regions of a significant geographical area.

I understand that in December 2018 the Federal Government introduced a Universal Service Guarantee for telecommunications that ensures all Australians have access to voice and broadband services, regardless of where they live. Part of this commitment is 'improved mobile coverage' for rural and remote community members through the Mobile Black Spot Program (MBSP).

Given the importance of reliable communications to the emergency services portfolio, I have written to Telstra and the Federal Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts on the issues you have raised as I firmly believe these matters must be addressed for the safety of Shire as well as the community of WA.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to me on this important matter and I wish the Shire and the Nalkain, Yorkrakine and Wyalkatchem bushfire brigades a safe bushfire season.

Yours sincerely



HON FRANCIS LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; CORRECTIVE SERVICES

Att: Letter to Mr Boyd Brown, Regional General Manager WA, Telstra. *Att 1.*

Att: Letter to Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Federal Minister for Communications; Cyber Safety and the Arts. *Att 2.*

12 FEB 2023



Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services

Our Ref: 65-11323

Mr Boyd Brown
Regional General Manager WA
Telstra Retail and Regional

Email: boyd.m.brown@team.telstra.com

Dear Mr Brown

I write to you on behalf of the Shire of Wyalkatchem (the Shire) regarding issues it continues to experience with its mobile phone power supply and reception.

I am aware the Shire has raised its concerns directly with you given the possible impact on the community and its emergency response activities. As the Minister for Emergency Services, I share the Shire's concerns, as reliable telecommunications are an essential element in the delivery of emergency services to the community, especially those in regional locations.

While mobile network outages are not within the remit of my portfolio, they can have a direct impact on emergency services response activities. Infrastructure outages have the potential to make a difficult emergency service situation worse, as people in bushfires may be unable to send or receive messages, make calls or access the internet and may not have up to date information to act on unless via radio or television.

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Given these factors, I look forward to Telstra's positive response to the Shire's concerns. I will also raise these concerns with the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, as I firmly believe these matters must be addressed for the safety of the Shire.

Yours sincerely



HON FRANCIS LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; CORRECTIVE SERVICES

Att: Letter from Ms Taryn Dayman, CEO, Shire of Wyalkatchem

Att: Letter to Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Federal Minister for Communications; Cyber Safety and the Arts.

cc: Hon Mia Davies MLA

cc: Hon Darren West MLC

cc: Hon Melissa Price MP

12 FEB 2023



Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services

Our Ref: 65-11323

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP
Minister for Communications, Cyber Security and the Arts
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Dear Mr Fletcher *Paul,*

I write to you on behalf of the Shire of Wyalkatchem (the Shire) in Western Australia (WA) regarding issues it continues to experience with its mobile phone power supply and reception.

The Shire has raised its concerns directly with Telstra given the potential adverse impact on the community and its emergency response activities. As WA's Minister for Emergency Services, I share the Shire's concerns, as reliable telecommunications are an essential element in the delivery of emergency services to the community, especially those in regional locations.

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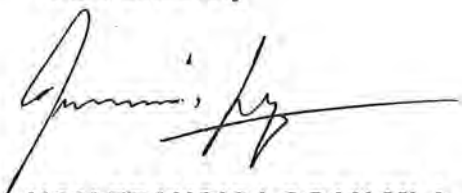
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I would appreciate your favorable consideration of the matters that I have raised on behalf of the Shire. I look forward to your advice on the Shire's concerns and seek your assistance in improving the communications in the Shire for the benefit of the community.

Yours sincerely



HON FRANCIS LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; CORRECTIVE SERVICES

Att: Letter from Ms Taryn Dayman, CEO, Shire of Wyalkatchem

Att: Letter to Mr Boyd Brown, Regional General Manager WA, Telstra.

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Hon Francis Logan MLA
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Dear Mr Logan,

MOBILE PHONE POWER SUPPLY AND RECEPTION ISSUES

Over the last few years the Shire of Wyalkatchem has attempted to address concerns regarding the current backup power setup and configuration of the local mobile phone tower. The concerns raised was to address the failure of the mobile phone tower when there is a power outage.

The matter has been discussed at our Local Emergency Management Committee and I am also aware that the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee have also attempted to address the issue as well as WALGA through its Zone committees and individual Councils.

Despite the matter being raised by a number of different agencies, the situation has not changed. The most recent power outage occurred on the 30 October 2019 which resulted in the backup power equipment failing within two hours of the power outage, leaving the community with no mobile phone coverage.

4G mobile phone reception came online when the power was restored, 3G remained offline effecting a number of services within the community include business and EFTPOS connectivity.

According to Telstra Fault Customer Service the fault estimated reinstatement time was 6pm 1 November 2019, resulting in the loss of some services of approximately 60 hours.

Council is concerned over the loss of mobile phone coverage, especially in the event of an emergency. Ability to contact emergency services and local emergency service personal by dispatch is greatly compromised, putting lives at risks. In addition these outages impact local business and the general community at large.

At this time of year the Wyalkatchem community risk of fire increases, with dry conditions, harvesting and adverse weather conditions. The community relies on the mobile phone reception to contact and co-ordinate emergency services as well as informing the

community of an emergency situation, providing advice and direction. The lack of mobile coverage places the community in a vulnerable position and at significantly risk.

Council are of the understanding that in an event of a power outage and equipment failure that a representative from Telstra travels to Wyalkatchem and manually switches over the system. This of course incurs lengthy time delays.

The current backup power supply to mobile towers has been raised and to date there appears to be no solution in place that provides the service at the expect service level. This is more disappointing when there could be simple solutions available to address the situation, solutions that local authorities are happy to assist with.

The current infrastructure and configuration needs to be reviewed, with the intention of providing a more robust system that limits the effect on mobile towers during power outages.

The Wyalkatchem community also experiences ongoing reception issues, with mobile phone calls continually dropping out despite being in an area of full reception. This can occur up to five times during a short phone call, where there has been no change to conditions or mobile phone reception. This has effected emergency service personnel, who after receiving a call are unable to be re-connected to dispatch to continue with the call and coordinate a response.

Telstra have ignored our concerns and have not made any improvements to the current Mobile Phone Backup Power Supply configuration, therefore we seek your assistance to address the matter with Telstra and provide a more robust system suitable for rural and remote communities.

I have enclosed the latest email communication between the Shire of Wyalkatchem and Mr Boyd Brown Regional General Manager WA, Telstra Retail and Regional for your information.

Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to your response and should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0427 811 166 or email ceo@wyalkathem.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Taryn Dayman

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

21 November 2019

CC: Hon Mia Davies MLA,
Hon Darren West MLC,
Hon Melissa Price MP,

Hi Boyd

On Wednesday 30 ^{October} ~~November~~ 2019 Wyalkatchem Community (and surrounding communities) experienced a power outage at approximately 6.45am. Initially mobile reception was not affected.

At approximately 10am the outage extended to the mobile reception with the Shire of Wyalkatchem losing all mobile phone coverage.

Power was restored at approximately 11.45am and mobile reception appeared to also be restored. However this was only for 4G, there has been no 3G reception since, which is effecting a number of services.

Contact was made to the Telstra faults line, where it was advised that a fault had been recorded and the estimate reinstatement date was the 31 October 2019.

This outage continues and has effected the business within the town, with no 3G mobile services and no EFTPOS connectivity.

Contact was made with the Telstra fault line today, where it was advised that a fault continues to be recorded and the revised estimated reinstatement time being 6pm today.

Discussions with the Telstra Fault line customer services confirmed that the faults have been a direct result of the power outage.

The issue of backup power supply to mobile towers has been raised by the Local Government sector on a number of occasions, including the Shire of Wyalkatchem. The previously fault that we had experienced appeared to be rectified, and we were under the impression that the backup power supply would be effective for approximately 8 hours. In this case it failed within 2 hours and as a result of this failure is now effecting services some 48 hours later with the potential for the issue to impact the community for some 60 hours (if it is resolved by 6pm).

The loss of mobile services places the community at risk especially in case of an emergency, during the mobile phone reception outage, no emergency services such as ambulance, fire brigades or Fire and Rescue personnel would have been contactable at all, some remain uncontactable due to the loss of 3G reception.

At this time of year the Wyalkatchem community risk of fire increases, with dry conditions, harvesting and adverse weather conditions. The community relies on the mobile phone reception to contact and ordinate emergency services as well as informing the community of an emergency situation and providing advice and direction. The lack of mobile coverage places the community in a vulnerable position and significantly at risk.

The current back up supply to mobile services has been raised and to date there appears to be no solution in place that provides the service at the expect service level. This is more disappointing when there could be simple solutions available to address the situation, solutions that local authorities are happy to assist with.

The matter has been discussed at our Local Emergency Management Committee and I am also aware that the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee have also attempted to address the issue as well as WALGA through its Zone committees. As this issue continues the Shire will be escalating our concerns with the Minister of Emergency Services as well as members of parliament.

In addition to the mobile phone outage due to the power failure, the community continues to experience reception issues, with mobile phone calls continually dropping out despite being in an area of full reception, this can occur during the call up to five times, where there has been no change to the conditions and reception coverage of the call. This has effected emergency service personnel, who after receiving a call are unable to be re-connected to spectrum to continue with the call and coordinate a response.

Going forward, can you please escalate the current fault within the Wyalkatchem community in regards to 3G and EFTPOS connectivity.

Can you please advised the phone number that we should be contacting in the event of a power outage to activate the required personnel to mobilise to the Wyalkatchem tower site to ensure that power is not lost at the site.

Can you please advise what action Telstra is taking to address the situation of failing backup power supply at rural mobile towers.

Should you wish to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Shire Office

Regards,

Taryn Dayman
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wyalkatchem

Hi Taryn, firstly letting you know that the 3G services have now been restored since around 5pm this afternoon. The fault at the site with 3G was due to a faulty power amplifier which appears to have been impacted when the power was restored on Wednesday. A replacement amplifier was sourced and installed today, certainly not ideal with the delays this caused.

The back-up batteries at the site are intended to provide continuity of service during smaller planned or unplanned outages, certainly longer outages require a genset and our power and facilities team would manage this process. I will make further enquires around the life of the batteries as you have noted there was 2 hours supply and ideally this would be a longer duration to assist with power outages.

On the broader topic of 3G, we have recently announced that the 3G network will shut down around mid-2024. It's an imperative that prior to the shut down there is equal or equivalent 4G coverage, and this period also gives time for community, business, etc, to upgrade to 4G enabled devices. I'm not sure why all of the agencies you mention were uncontactable as I assume there would be the majority of users with 4G enabled devices.

Please see the following notes around gensets and general notes on mobile sites during emergency situations for your reference.

1. The question of local members connecting gensets to Telstra mobile sites is not possible, firstly as Telstra sites all have a different connection point so a standard gen set can't be connected directly.
2. Secondly, and probably most important is the issue of liability, ie. Telstra giving access to infrastructure has great risk and whilst there is obvious good intent in connecting a back-up generator, there is a contingent liability if connection of a generator causes a site to malfunction, or if there is injury to the installer.
3. Once a genset is connected it needs to be re-fueled and in the case of a bushfire it can be some time before it's safe to return to the site to do that. On the contrary, the approach is for Telstra to work closely with DFES and the emergency agencies during for example a fire emergency (that can impact access to sites) and ensuring that Telstra's pre-planning and preparation to have the back-up systems connected in advance.
4. During severe storm events or extreme heat and fire emergencies blackouts can result, which in turn, can cause significant disruption to Telstra services. In particular, any sustained power issues puts pressure on network as batteries will run down, generators will use up their fuel and not every site has back-up.
5. Exchanges and mobile phone towers rely on a regular power supply and a maintained feed. While Telstra have contingencies to cover short power outages, these facilities are not designed to operate for long periods without power. If there is going to be a long outage Telstra can, in certain circumstances, deploy portable backup generators, especially during emergencies or natural disasters. Priority at these times is determined by the Emergency Services organisations in consultation with the Telstra ESO liaison officer.
6. While loss of communications between Emergency Services is a disruption, no mobile phone service should ever be relied upon as a sole source of communications during emergencies. For this reason Emergency Services organisations should use radio networks as a primary source of communications with other services such as mobile phones, landlines and satellite phones used as a complementary means of communication.

In the event of a power outage all of our network sites are alarmed and monitored through our global operations centre in Clayton Vic. The operations centre is monitored 24x7 and any issues logged where an alarm is raised. With regard your phone contact, can you please let me know if you have an account exec contact point, if not I will provide you with details around this process.

Regards,



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RV Friendly Town™ Program

What is it?

The RV Friendly Town™ program is a Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Limited (CMCA) initiative aimed at assisting recreational vehicle (RV) consumers as they journey throughout this wonderful country. This includes motorhomers, campervaners and caravanners.

An RV Friendly Town™ is one that has met a set of guidelines to ensure they provide a certain amount of amenities, and a certain level of services for these travellers. When RV tourists enter a town displaying the RV Friendly Town™ sign, they know they will be welcome, certain services will be provided for them that may not be available in other centres, and they will have access to a safe place to stay overnight, and possibly for a longer period.

CMCA will promote the RV Friendly Town™ by dedicating one page to the town on the Club website, publishing a one-off article on the town in the Club's monthly magazine, *The Wanderer*, and listing the town in each edition of the magazine.

CMCA will also offer the council 2 x 600mm x 690mm roadside 'RV Friendly' signs free of charge. These signs will display the abbreviated 'RV' symbol, followed by the words 'Friendly Town™'.

How does a town qualify?

Before any town can be appointed to the program, there is a set of guidelines that must be met, which includes:

Essential Criteria

- Provision of appropriate parking within the town centre, with access to a general shopping area for groceries and fresh produce.
- Provision of short term, low cost overnight parking (24/48 hours) for self-contained recreational vehicles, as close as possible to the CBD.
- Access to potable water.
- Access to a free dump point at an appropriate location.

Desirable Criteria

- Provision of long term parking for self-contained recreational vehicles.
- Access to medical facilities or an appropriate emergency service.
- Access to a pharmacy or a procedure to obtain pharmaceutical products.
- Visitor Information Centre (VIC) with appropriate parking facilities.
- VIC to provide a town map showing essential facilities, such as short and long term parking areas, dump point and potable water.
- RV Friendly Town™ signs to be erected within the town precinct.

We also look at the general attitude of the council and the business people. After all, it is called the RV 'Friendly' Town™ program. These programs offer town business owners the opportunity to be innovative in meeting the needs of RV tourists, while at the same time growing their businesses.



What are the benefits?

- There are many economic benefits to the local businesses due to increased dwell time; the RV community spends an average of \$100 per day whilst travelling (Queensland Drive Tourism Strategy 2013 - 2015).
- There is an increased patronage of the tourist attractions in and around the town.
- Travellers will be able to park adjacent to the shopping precinct while they top up with supplies. They can do their banking in comfort, post their mail, and check out the restaurants and clubs for food and entertainment.
- They will find a dump point in the town.
- They may be able to have mechanical work done on their vehicle as well as fill up with fuel and gas.
- The VIC should have a map showing them all local attractions, the location of emergency services and their contact numbers, attractions that are RV suitable and where internet services are available.
- They will be able to park in a comfortable layover area, while they sit back and decide which tourist attractions they would like to see during their visit.
- There may be toilet and shower facilities at or near the layover area, which will encourage dwell times.
- At the end of their visit, the RV traveller will be leaving only because they need to – not because they want to.

RV Friendly Town™ Procedures

- Complete an RV Friendly Town™ assessment form.
- Forward the assessment form to CMCA National Headquarters or to your local CMCA State Representative.
- When approved, CMCA will prepare a Letter of Understanding and forward it to council for signature.
- Once signed, the Letter of Understanding is returned to CMCA for execution. A copy is then returned to council for their records.
- CMCA then despatches the relevant signage to the council works depot or nominated location.
- CMCA lists the town on the Club's website and on the GeoWiki database.
- CMCA posts an article with the relevant details of the town and surrounding region on its website and in the Club's monthly magazine, *The Wanderer*.

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