



**Norseman Woodlands to Eucla Coast**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Papers Relating**

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## **10.4 Officers Reports**

### **10.4.1 Works and Services**

#### **Manager of Works and Services: Barry Hemopo**

#### **Period of reporting:**

##### **Town works**

- Airport terminal building has been on hold until the Medical Centre upgrades are completed.
- Plumbing and solar lighting connected up to the toilets at the airstrip.
- Fencing at the airstrip has stopped for a time to let the ground dry out so machinery can carry on with the task.
- Planes in Monday, Tuesday, and every second Wednesday.
- Dig grave for Pat Hogan at the Norseman Cemetery.
- Bromus, Dundas, Beacon look out and Lake Cowan bin run.
- Fabricated and fitted handrails for the loading dock at the rear of the IGA.
- Spraying of back lanes.
- Gazebo and tables to town hall for market day.
- Dog park septic tanks pumped out.
- Cat trapping around town ongoing.
- Installation of ultraviolet light and filters to water entering tanks at the laundry.

##### **Garden Crew**

- Garden works ongoing.
- Weed spraying with KAMBA ongoing around town.
- Cleaning up storm drains ongoing.
- Ongoing rubbish being picked up around the community.
- Verge slashing continuing.
- Tidy up pensioner gardens and back yards.

##### **Road Crew**

- Hyden road repairs and drainage.
- Road crew now working in town with town crew.

**Plant**

- Shire UD prime mover being utilised to tow IGA grocery trailer to Perth due to the IGA truck having mechanical issues.
- Iveco Powerstar (IGA) Prime mover in at Goldfields Truck power having mechanical repairs carried out.
- P334 Service and repairs carried out.
- Van purchased for the IGA and Post Office.
- Trailer purchased for the transport of gas bottles to Eucla, towed behind the Postie truck.
- P335 Service and repairs carried out.
- P330 Service and repairs carried out.
- P272 Service and repairs carried out; new water pump fitted for the cooling system.
- P156 Trailer being rebuilt to carry extra freight that cannot fit into the Postie Truck.
- Replace front tyre on the Postie motorbike.
- P302 Repairs to electrical system (pre- start faults)
- Refrigerant engine on the IGA trailer repairs carried out.
- P298 Service and repairs.

**Norseman Landfill**

- Pump out number 1 holding tank to number 2 tank and onto the drying bed, clean out tank with backhoe machine.
- Clean out rubbish catcher screen in the number 1 holding tank.
- Complete modifications to the liquid waste system for the number 1 holding tank.

**Occupational health and safety, as well as training**

- Ongoing JHA and SWP procedures being added to our system.
- Depot crew conducting JSA' s for all jobs.
- Inductions carried out by employees for IGO Nova.
- Rectify faults found on the risk assessment audit to all machines (WIP)
- Two employees attended the large animal rescue training held in Perth.
- Leigh and myself to Caiguna for Bushfire meeting with station owners and DFES.

- Fatigue Management in place for the drivers transporting the post and supplies to Eucla.

**Building Maintenance**

- Emailed Pest control suppliers for quotes for all Shire buildings, quotes have been received.
- All coolers and freezers inspected and serviced at the IGA supermarket by Red Desert.
- New air conditioner unit fitted to the Co-Location building and electrical repairs to lights.
- Four new air conditioner units fitted to the Medical Centre.
- Fabrication work completed at the Animal Management Facility.
- Building and interior upgrades to the Medical Centre.
- Furniture for Medical centre has arrived.

**Cemetery**

- Cemetery sprayed and weeded.

**MWS Working Items**

- Quote to have a hot water cylinder fitted into the IGA so staff can wash their hands and dishes.
- 2 x 6m gates on tracks to be fabricated at the workshop for the car park entrance at the airstrip.
- Quote to replace lighting in the IGA supermarket.
- Electrician to replace lights at Marks Park with LED units.
- Medical centre renovation works in full progress, flooring being laid this week.
- 36 Angove Street new gas stove to have new lines fitted under the floor to connect stove.
- Quote to fit dual automatic opening doors to the entrance of the IGA.
- Toilets in the town are being locked at night due to vandalism, have a quote to replace all locks with 24Hr timers so they open at a certain time and close automatically at a certain time. \$14,932.28.

**Swimming Pool**

- Lawns mowed.



- Pumps checked.

**Private Works**

- Road repairs on the Hyden Road for IGO Forresteronia completed 29/8/23, IGO have their own contractor working on the road.
- Road repairs at Nova mine site for IGO completed.
- Travel to Harvey to deliver logs to Forest Products.
- Quote sent to DFES to slash UCL blocks in town (205 in total) Quote for works unsuccessful.
- Remove trees in front and rear yard at 9 Crabbe Street.
- Installation of 115 native trees along the fence line at the wastewater station for RAMMS on Mildura Street.

### **10.4.2 Corporate Services**

**Reporting Officer: Pania Turner**

**Reporting Period: September**

#### **Local Government Elections**

Shire of Dundas officers Renee Peterson, Latif Samadi, and Pania Turner completed their electoral officer training on the 26th of September and as such residents and ratepayers on the Electoral Roll can hand deliver their postal voting papers and place in the sealed Ballot Box at the Shire of Dundas Administration Office 88-92 Prinsep Street, Norseman WA.

Additionally, where an elector's voting papers have been damaged, lost, or they have not received them the elector may obtain a replacement package from the Shire's Offices during business hours before election day.

Any questions can be directed to:

**Returning Officer Eric Plet** [LGro @elections.wa.gov.au](mailto:LGro@elections.wa.gov.au)

**Electors are strongly encouraged to post their vote early. Completed postal voting packages must reach the Returning Officer by 6.00pm on election day, Saturday, 21 October 2023.**

The Shire of Dundas has **7 Candidates** running for **3 Councillor Positions**.

BROWN, Sharon

WYATT, Veronica

McLEOD, Chantelle

PATUPIS, Rasa

WHITBY, Lynette

BONZA, Laurene

MARINOVICH-ZANO, Joseph

The Shire will host a **Meet the Candidates** afternoon tea to help voters understand the perspectives of each candidate. This will be held on **2:30-4pm 28<sup>th</sup> September, at the Woodlands Cultural, Community and Visitors Centre.**

All electors are encouraged to engage in the electoral process and play a role in shaping the future of the Shire of Dundas.

**Rates 22-24**

The Final rates notices have been issued the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. This was due to the King's Birthday public holiday on Monday.

The Early Rates Payment Incentive Scheme offering three cash payments will be instalments drawn at this OCM. To be eligible the ratepayer must make payment in full by the nominated due date.

Residents choosing the Rates payment instalment option have 2 options available.

Option 1 – Payment in full by a single instalment  
Due date: 21st September 2023

Option 2 – payment in full by four instalments  
Instalment Due Dates  
1st Instalment Thursday, 21st September 2023  
2nd Instalment Friday, 24th November 2023  
3rd Instalment Wednesday, 14th February 2024  
4th Instalment Wednesday, 17th April 2024

**IGA Norseman**

Council became the proud owners of the Norseman IGA on 31st August 2023.

We currently employ 14 (18 with NLPO staff) residents and are recruiting for more. Our workforce includes a mix of casual, part-time, full-time, and junior employees.

The whole IGA staffing team should be commended for their hard work during this transition. The feedback from the community have been very positive.

The Shire's finance and records system Synergy has now been installed at the IGA which will assist in the financial reports to the Council starting in October. This report will capture the financials since the beginning of the stock purchase done by independent stock counters in August.

Council will begin to see some essential improvements to the building and critical plant items, such as servicing of the cool rooms, new work benches in the bakery, butchery, and fruit and vegetable prep areas, and the installation of a sliding front door to improve accessibility. These improvements are an investment mitigating risk for loss of stock and to address customer convenience and WHS obligations.

**Goldfields Esperance Major Projects Conference**

The DCEO represented the Shire of Dundas at the Goldfields Esperance Major Projects Conference joining Alex Wiese, Director Economy and Growth, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, and Robert Hicks, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Coolgardie in a Q&A session addressing the projects, economic climate, and innovative approaches of the three respective local governments.

57,499 people call the Goldfields-Esperance region home. The region supports 37,696 jobs and has an annual economic output of \$37.463 billion (GEDC, 2023) continues to be a significant contributor to the State, and National economies and the region's LGA's leading in industry, business, and community initiatives. The panel spoke about the:

- regulatory landscape, aiming for more transparency and streamlining processes for businesses
- Sustainability- what that looks like in region opportunities and current initiatives
- Challenges and how local governments address those challenges.
- Leadership of Elected Members as they work to address the needs of community and provide opportunity for business growth and industry development. Often LGAs are required to think outside the box.

**10.4.3 Woodlands Cultural, Community & Visitor Centre Report****Reporting Officer: Margaret McEwan Tourism and Events****Reporting Period: August - September****Norseman Community Resource Course**

Room Hire - 5

Digital Assistance - 29

TransWA Bookings - 8

Photocopying - 26

Printing - 29

Scanning/Email – 16

**Services Australia**

Thirty-seven customers accessed Services Australia

Thirty-seven self-service

Seven needed assistance with their claim

Four needed to be referred to a Services Australia Centre

**Service Provider Visits**Centrecare – **Next visit 26<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 2pm, Woodlands Centre**

I-Hear  
I-Medical  
Standby

12<sup>th</sup> August Deb Seaton was at the Woodlands Centre to have a chat with our seniors about financial counselling, a lovely morning tea was provided for community to come have a chat with Deb. Deb will be in Norseman every fortnight at the Woodlands Centre from 11am – 2pm.

**Workshops/ Online training**

Be Connected provides online training to older Australians to help them build their confidence when using the internet. Workshops can include:

- How to spot a scam and how to report them.
- How to use Government websites.
- iPhone Basics.

Watch our Facebook page and Community notice board for the next Be Connected workshop.

FREE Tai Chi lessons every Friday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm at the Woodlands Centre. Tai Chi is a form of martial art techniques to help increase flexibility and strength and improve cardio fitness and can be a form of meditation.

Tiny Tots program runs every Wednesday 10am – 11.30am at the Woodlands Centre for ages 0-5, story time, craft activity healthy morning tea.  
Kids Club program runs every fortnight from 10am – 12pm at the Woodlands Centre for ages 6-12yrs. Kids are learning about different cuisines from around the globe, learning about hospitality and kitchen hygiene.

**Upcoming Events**

Army Reserve visit 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 2pm – 4pm, at the Woodlands Centre.  
Community Markets 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023

RV park receipts collected. The VC team is encouraging tourists to submit their receipts to show assistance in capturing the tourism spending in Norseman.

**August - \$3,756.71.**

**Norseman Visitor Centre**

From 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 1445 patrons have been through the Woodlands Centre (Excluding CRC customers).

**10.4.4 Youth & Recreation Services****Youth & Recreation Officer: Brad Turner****Period of reporting: 19 August- 27th September****Norseman Youth Centre Attendance and Activities**

The Youth Centre has had 710 visits during the reporting period.

The Youth Centre has been running well these last few weeks. There have been no issues with the children, and everyone seems to be getting along well with a calmer and more cooperative environment being observed.

**Craft Activities:**

One of the activities we introduced was making Ojos de Dios or "God's Eyes" out of wool and pop sticks. These decorative items are not only fun to make but also have cultural significance. According to tradition, they bring good luck. The craft works were part of the Norseman Arts and Garden Show.

**Excursion to Goldfields Art Centre:**

On the 16th of September, we organized an excursion to the Goldfields Art Centre to see the theatre play " Just tricking, annoying, stupid, crazy, disgusting, shocking, doomed! ". Something new for the youth the theatre experience was great fun with the famous JUST books by Andy Griffiths, coming to life on the stage with everything from invisibility pills and Mudmen, to vomiting dogs and death defying balloon rides! The youth had a great time and good laugh throughout the show.

After the play, we had some pizza for a dinner treat and then off to back home. Feedback from the youth was overwhelmingly positive; they enjoyed the show and had a memorable time.

**Blue Light Disco at Norseman Town Hall:**

A much-anticipated event was the NAIDOC Week Blue Light Disco held on the 21st of September at the Norseman Town Hall. Another great turnout and fun nigh for all involved everyone dancing, enjoying the music, and having a fantastic time. Well done to the Ngadju Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (NNTAC), Norseman Police, Shire of Dundas, Pantoro, St Johns Ambulance, Resource Accommodation, Campbell Transport, IGO, and Mineral Resources

**Upcoming Activities:**

As school holidays approach, we have a couple of exciting trips planned.

- Kalgoorlie roller skating event lined up in Kambalda.
- Esperance Excursion
- School holiday opening hours Tuesday to Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
- Tiny Tots every Wednesday 10-11:30am
- Kids Klub 10am-12pm 30 September, 7 October

**Tai Chi Classes –**

We are going Zen at the Woodlands Centre every Friday 1:30-2:30pm! Unlock harmony within yourself and integrate mind, body, and spirit with our Tai Chi classes designed specifically for adults. Delve into a centuries-old tradition that offers more than just a form of exercise; it's a journey towards inner calm, improved focus, and better physical health. No prior experience? No worries! Our expert instructor Terry from Millennium Health and Training joins us online and caters to all levels, ensuring a welcoming environment for beginners. Rediscover the joy of movement and let the gentle rhythm of Tai Chi reduce stress as well as enhance any physical activity. Come along and give it a try.

**Norseman Art and Garden Show**

Congratulations to Norseman District High School P&C and all supporters for the great Norseman Art and Garden Show. The show was well-attended, with visitors and residents coming throughout the days to explore the plant, produce, and cooking exhibits and admire the impressive artworks on display. Adding to the creative displays was the delicious scones made by Merynda and her apprentice Annabella. Well done to all who made it a resounding success!

The Community Markets moved for the vent to the town hall, and our regular marketers enjoyed great foot traffic.

The next Community Markets will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, groups wishing to fundraise are welcome to use the market barbeque free of charge, and it is a great way to raise awareness for your fundraising goals.