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**DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
FRIDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council held in the Boardroom, 275 Sharpe Street Doomadgee on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**PRESENT**

|              |                         |
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| Cr F O'Keefe | Mayor                   |
| Cr T Douglas | Deputy Mayor            |
| Cr E Cairns  | Councillor              |
| Cr J Ned     | Councillor (from 10:19) |
| Cr V Ned     | Councillor              |

Council Officers:

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| A Seiler | Acting Chief Executive Officer |
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**APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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| R Richardson | Chief Executive Officer             |
| A David      | Chief Financial Officer             |
| G Richardson | Community Services Manager          |
| G Jeffries   | Manager Infrastructure and Projects |

The Mayor officially opened the meeting at 09:43.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**100-10/15**

***Moved Cr F O'Keefe Seconded Cr V Ned that the Minutes of the previous Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.***

**CARRIED (4/0)**

**DISCLOSURE OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS**

Nil

**PRESENTATIONS**

Council was afforded the opportunity to receive an update, following the resolution passed at the August 2015 Ordinary Meeting, from Mr Matthew Brown, Director – Deadly Ears Programme and the scheduled research visit to Doomadgee.

Mr Brown joined Council via teleconference at 09:44

Cr E Cairns left the meeting at 09:45

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr A Seiler left the meeting at 09:46 and returned at 09:48

Cr E Cairns returned to the meeting at 09:47

Mr Brown thanked Council for the opportunity to present and concluded the teleconference and left the meeting at 09:55

Cr E Cairns left the meeting at 09:57

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr A Seiler left the meeting at 09:57 and returned immediately at 09:57

Cr T Douglas left the meeting at 09:59 and the meeting became inquorate, proceedings suspended

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Cr T Douglas returned to the meeting at 09:59. As a quorum was achieved, proceedings resumed at 09:59

Cr E Cairns returned to the meeting at 10:01

**101-10/15**

***Moved Cr F O’Keefe Seconded Cr T Douglas that Council continue to support the Deadly Ears Programme and request participative support from the Doomadgee School and other stakeholders within community.***

**CARRIED (4/0)**

Cr F O’Keefe left the meeting at 10:18 and returned at 10:19

Cr J Ned joined the meeting at 10:19

Cr T Douglas left the meeting at 10:48

Cr N Ned left the meeting at 10:51

Cr T Douglas returned to the meeting at 10:52

Cr V Ned returned to the meeting at 10:54

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

**7.1 Amendment to Staff Payroll Processing period**

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| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>       | Not Applicable                          |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>              | Not Applicable                          |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>            |   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                 | Rod Richardson, Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR(S):</b>         | Not applicable                          |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>    | Chief Executive Officer                 |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b> | Not applicable                          |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>         | 28 September 2015                       |

**SUMMARY**

Amendment to the processing day of Staff Payroll from every second Wednesday to every second Friday

**BACKGROUND**

Consideration is proposed to amend the day of payroll processing from every second Wednesday to every second Friday

**COMMENT**

Currently, staff are paid (in arrears) from a Wednesday to a Tuesday, with the nett result remitted the next day (Wednesday).

The CEO is planning to schedule a compulsory all-staff meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 in Doomadgee, where a number of issues and updates will be raised, including a revised pay-day.

It is proposed to amend the payroll processing from the current regime to a Thursday to Wednesday production period, with the nett result remitted every second Friday.

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To mitigate any fall-out from this, the following notice period is proposed to ensure absolute disclosure to affected staff:

| <i>Pay period ending</i> | <i>Proposed schedule</i>   |
|--------------------------|--|
| 03/11/2015               | Release pay as per normal (Wednesday 04/11/2015) and provide all employees with written notification of the change to pay dates                          |
| 17/11/2015               | Release pay as per normal (Wednesday 18/11/2015) and provide all employees with <u>second</u> written notification, reminding of the change to pay dates |
| 01/12/2015               | Release pay as per normal (Wednesday 02/12/2015) and provide <u>final</u> written notification of change, coming into effect from next pay day           |
| <u>16/12/2015</u>        | Note – 11 day pay period, Wednesday 02/12/2015 to Wednesday 16/12/2015 to be released via EFT <u>Friday 18/12/2015</u>                                   |

This schedule will ensure:

- Staff are provided verbal notification (as the scheduled all-staff meeting);
- Staff are provided three copies of written notification from the Chief Executive Officer confirming the change; and,
- Ensures any disadvantage experienced is mitigated through the payment of an additional worked day (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015) and the nett pay is remitted to our staff within 48 hours of completion of their last scheduled shift (as is normal practice elsewhere in Australia).

Council is requested to consider the above matter and endorse this outcome.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION / ALIGNMENT TO CORPORATE PLAN**

Not applicable

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not applicable

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Not applicable

**ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Not applicable

**POLICY ASSOCIATION**

Not applicable

**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the change in staff payroll processing from the current regime of every second Wednesday, to every second Friday, with this change to come into effect Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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**102-10/15**

**Moved Cr F O’Keefe Seconded Cr V Ned that Council request the Chief Executive Officer hold an all-staff meeting on Wednesday 21 October 2015 advising the change of pay period processing to every second Friday, with this change to come into effect Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

**CARRIED (5/0)**

**Reason for Alteration to the Recommendation:**

Council sought to enact the proposed change as quickly as possible, and amended the proposed timeframe to expedite the change process as follows:

| <i>Pay period ending</i> | <i>Determined schedule</i>   |
|--------------------------|--|
| 20/10/2015               | Release pay as per normal (Wednesday 21/10/2015) and provide all employees with written notification of the change to pay dates                          |
| 03/11/2015               | Release pay as per normal (Wednesday 04/11/2015) and provide all employees with <u>second</u> written notification, reminding of the change to pay dates |
| 17/11/2015               | Release pay as per normal (Wednesday 18/11/2015) and provide <u>final</u> written notification of change, coming into effect from next pay day           |
| <u>02/12/2015</u>        | Note – 11 day pay period, Wednesday 18/11/2015 to Wednesday 02/12/2015 to be released via EFT <u>Friday 04/12/2015</u>                                   |

The meeting was adjourned for a short break at 10:58 and resumed at 11:18

Cr F O’Keefe and Cr J Ned left the meeting at 11:19

Cr V Ned left the meeting at 11:20 and the meeting became inquorate and proceeding suspended

Cr F O’Keefe and Cr J Ned returned at 11:21. As a quorum was achieved, proceedings resumed at 11:21

Cr V Ned returned at 11:22

Cr E Cairns left the meeting at 11:29

Cr J Ned left the meeting at 11:32 and returned at 11:34

Cr E Cairns returned at 11:36

Cr F O’Keefe left the meeting at 11:41 and returned almost immediately at 11:41

Cr V Ned left the meeting at 11:43 and returned at 11:44

**7.2 Doomadgee Alcohol Management Plan review proposal**

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>       | Not Applicable                              |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>              | Not Applicable                              |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>            |   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                 | Adam Seiler, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR(S):</b>         | Not applicable                              |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>    | Chief Executive Officer                     |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b> | Not applicable                              |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>         | 8 October 2015                              |

**SUMMARY**

Consideration of correspondence dated 3 August 2015 from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships in relation to a review of Alcohol Management Plans within Queensland

**BACKGROUND**

Correspondence has been received from Ms Clare O'Connor, Director General of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships regarding the review of Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) which commenced in late 2012.

It was noted that in response to the 2012 review, Doomadgee did not submit a proposal on the preferred way forward in relation to alcohol management in our community.

The Government committed to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that have AMPs in place to support and assist with the management of alcohol in their communities.

The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, has advised that later this year he will host a gathering of community leaders to discuss community development including alcohol management.

To prepare for these discussions, Ms O'Connor is inviting communities to submit any advice outlining our community's preferred way forward to the department by 16 October 2015. The Treasurer has indicated that this gathering will be the first in a number of opportunities for ongoing consultation and collaboration.

**COMMENT**

The current Alcohol Management Plan for Doomadgee restricts the importation of alcohol to 60 x 375ml cans of mid-strength or light alcohol beer per vehicle, vessel or per person (if for example, on foot).

Council is requested to consider this matter and provide direction to the Acting Chief Executive Officer in relation to a submission to the Director General prior to 16 October 2015.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION / ALIGNMENT TO CORPORATE PLAN**

Not applicable

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not applicable

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Not applicable

**ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Not applicable

**POLICY ASSOCIATION**

Not applicable

**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

To be formulated by Council.

**103-10/15**

*Moved Cr F O'Keefe Seconded Cr V Ned that Council acknowledge the correspondence from Ms Claire O'Connor, Director General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) regarding a review of Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) and submit the following as key issues for review and consideration:*

- 1. Development of a Social Club / 'Wet Area' to enable safe consumption of alcohol within the Doomadgee Community;*
- 2. Amendment to the maximum amount of alcohol that a person can have in the restricted area to 56.25 litres (5 x 30 can cartons) per person per day;*
- 3. Retained prohibition on full-strength beer, wine and spirits; and,*
- 4. An instant ban from entry to Community for anyone charged with supplying illegal alcohol.*

**CARRIED (5/0)**

**DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**8.1 Budget Amendment – Computer Hardware and Software**

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|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>       | Not Applicable                              |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>              | Not Applicable                              |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>            |   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                 | Adam Seiler, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR(S):</b>         | Not applicable                              |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>    | Chief Executive Officer                     |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b> | Not applicable                              |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>         | 8 October 2015                              |

**SUMMARY**

Approval of a \$40,000 budget amendment from surplus to extend available capital and operating allocations to the deployment of IT Vision, as per Item 8.3 OMC 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**BACKGROUND**

Council has allocations of \$145K for Computer Software and \$45K for Computer Hardware within the 2015/2016 Budget to enable the acquisition of a new Server as well as the IT Vision software package.

**COMMENT**

At the time of preparing Council's budget, the then Acting Manager Corporate Services was unaware of changes to licencing arrangements with Microsoft for the purchase of Server software (original estimate \$5K) with the total cost in the vicinity of \$30K to enable the purchase of Windows Server, Windows Exchange Server, Windows Remote Server and other critical software components.

Additionally, small hardware improvements are required to finalise the deployment of the new system architecture. Accordingly, an amendment to Computer Software of \$30,000 and Computer Hardware of \$10,000 is proposed, increasing these allocations to \$175K and \$55K respectively.

**CONSULTATION**

Not Applicable

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION / ALIGNMENT TO CORPORATE PLAN**

Not applicable

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not applicable

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Reduction to Council's surplus of \$40,000

**ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Acquisition of robust IT Infrastructure and associated software

**POLICY ASSOCIATION**

Not applicable

**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve a budget amendment of \$40,000 from Council's 2015/2016 Operating Surplus increasing the allocation for Computer Software to \$175,000 and Computer Hardware to \$55,000.

**104-10/15**

***Moved Cr T Douglas Seconded Cr J Ned that Council approve a budget amendment of \$40,000 from Council's 2015/2016 Operating Surplus increasing the allocation for Computer Software to \$175,000 and Computer Hardware to \$55,000.***

**CARRIED (5/0)**

Cr V Ned left the meeting at 11:54 and returned at 11:57

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

**9.1 Monthly Report (Chief Financial Officer) – September 2015**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>       | Not applicable                         |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>              | Not applicable                         |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>            | 5103                                   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                 | Arminda David, Chief Financial Officer |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR(S):</b>         | Not applicable                         |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>    | Deputy Chief Executive Officer         |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b> | Not applicable                         |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>         | 06 October 2015                        |

**SUMMARY**

Presentation of the Monthly Financial Report to Council.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Financial Report
2. Cash position
3. Job summary with comparative and movement report
4. Worksheets – detail analysis with graph report
5. FAG grant
6. SGFA grant
7. Guest house
8. Revenue and expenditure detail with original and amended budget
  
9. Revenue and expenditure summary with original and amended budget
10. Balance sheet
11. Financial reporting – Statement of comprehensive income, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow, and Capital Expenditure
12. Debtors and Creditors Aged Trial Balance
13. QTC statement – Capital Guaranteed cash fund
14. QTC statement – Sports and art precinct

**COMMENT**

Commentary is contained within the attached report

**CONSULTATION**

Not applicable

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION / ALIGNMENT TO CORPORATE PLAN**

Not applicable

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not applicable

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Not applicable

**ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Not applicable

**POLICY ASSOCIATION**

Not applicable

**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Monthly Financial Reports for the month ended 30 September 2015, as presented, be received.

**105-10/15**

***Moved Cr J Ned Seconded Cr T Douglas that the Monthly Financial Reports for the month ended 30 September 2015, as presented, be received.***

**CARRIED (5/0)**



**COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**12.1 Monthly Report (Community Services Manager) – September 2015**

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| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>       | Not applicable                              |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>              | Not applicable                              |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>            |   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                 | Gail Richardson, Community Services Manager |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR(S):</b>         | Not applicable                              |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>    | Acting Chief Executive Officer              |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b> | Not applicable                              |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>         | 2 October 2015                              |

**SUMMARY**

Presentation of the Monthly Activity report to Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Not applicable

**COMMENT**

**Animal Pest & Environmental Control:-**

Shane Booth and Leon Moreland attended a 5 day Animal Workshop in Cairns starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. The course covered how to capture vicious or frightened animals, how to put these animals down when required with either a eutherian shot or the bolt gun. They also spent time at the RSPCA pound and where involved in putting some dogs down. The course was run by a vet and both Leon & Shane found the course very informative and learnt a lot.

We have had to request assistance from the Police twice over the course of the past month to assist in putting down 2 injured horses as our bolt gun is not strong enough to do this humanely. Police have acted promptly in both case to put the animals concerned out of their pain.

Ed Butterworth was at the vet clinic for the week starting the 14<sup>th</sup> of September he found it was a slow start due mainly to be the week after the Rodeo. He was pleased to see many residents bringing their animals along for treatment and de-sexing. *point of interest prior to a bitch being de-sexed it could have several litters of puppies a year eg 6 bitches can have up to 120 puppies in one year that's a lot of dogs.*

Leon Ned and Warren George assisted the vet during his visit

The school is responsive to having the AVA Pet program a slightly modified version of this will be conduct by the visiting vet and Council Staff over the coming regular visits.

**Youth Hub:**

Chrystelle Cairn has been employ and has started work as a Youth Coordinator to work alongside Ben and Priyanka in running programs.

See the following document for Priyanka's report on what has been happening there *please note that it is finally starting have more youth attending on a regular basis.*

*Doomadgee Youth Hub - Monthly Report: September 2015*

**Summary:**

*With increased numbers, the aim of this month was to engage with the youth and discuss the types of activities that interest them. There has been a strong inclination towards music producing and learning instruments as well as technology based activities such as animation. There have also been requests for more competition/sporting type events. This will guide the program at the youth hub in the coming months. Youth are still being engaged through regular advertisement on the radio, posters of upcoming events displayed around community, posts on the "Doomadgee Youth Hub" Facebook page and face – to face communication.*

**Recruitment and Professional Development:**

*Crystalla Cairns was employed and commenced on Monday 7 September*

*Brendon Peter and Priyanka Shewpersad completed their water safety training on Thursday 24 September and are able to help supervise activities at the Doomadgee pool.*

*Brendon Peter attended an indigenous media development workshop in the Northern Territory*

**Workshops:**

**Hip hop:** *The Indigenous Hip Hop Projects worked with the young adults from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September to produce a hip hop song and video. The youth chose the theme of Leadership and came up with the lyrics themselves. There were approximately 30 youth involved in writing the song and about 15 youth that were instrumental in recording and filming. The end product was showcased to the youth and has been uploaded on YouTube at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHVOY\\_H98jE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHVOY_H98jE)*

**Photography:** *A photography workshop commenced on Tuesday 29 September. Youth have the opportunity to learn how to use a camera and take quality portrait and landscape photographs. There are currently two males and seven females participating in the workshop. The workshop will culminate in an exhibition to be held on Wednesday 7 October. Any youth that complete the entire workshop will be presented with a waterproof camera to continue taking pictures.*

**Events:**

**Thursday 24 September: Pool Competition**

*By request of the youth, a pool competition and BBQ was held on Thursday 24 September. 32 males competed in a knock out competition. The winner, Shamus Gregory received portable Bluetooth speakers. The female competition was postponed due to lack of participants.*

**Collaboration:**

**Mt Isa Sexual Health:** *On Wednesday 9 September, the team from Mt Isa Sexual Health set up a BBQ at the youth hub and encouraged youth over the age of 15 to get tested. They conducted the testing in a private room at the hub. There were 17 youth tested (11 males and 6 females). They were very happy with the outcome, as it has been difficult to engage this age group in Doomadgee in the past. This will be an ongoing collaboration with the sexual health team visiting Doomadgee 6 weekly.*

**Youth Justice:** *The Youth hub is collaborating with Youth Justice on the following:*

- 1. Youth performing their community hours at the youth hub for 2 hours, three times a week*
- 2. Youth Justice supervisors to engage with offending youth in a social environment to build relationships and help prevent reoffending*

**Save the Children:** *The Youth Hub and Save the Children are collaborating on "boys night" and "girls night". This initiative will happen fortnightly and will give youth the opportunity to discuss any issues they are having and any ideas they have for future activities. This is also the forum where other stakeholders will be able to present to the youth (clinic, school, police etc...). The first "boys night" is scheduled for Wednesday 30 September.*

**Attendance:**

*Attendance at the Youth Hub is now at a steady 20 – 25 youth every afternoon which increased to 30+ youth during the school holidays as the boarding students were in community. The majority of the youth are male and generally under the age of 21.*

**Challenges:**

**Engagement of females:** *Although attendance has increased, there are still very few females that utilise the youth hub.*

**Engagement in activities:** *Although youth are using the facilities to relax and socialise, they are still not keen to be involved in any structured program or activity and struggle to voice their interests or goals.*

**Primary aged students:** *There are a number of younger students that attempt to use the youth hub every afternoon. The youth hub staff is consistent with their refusal to let them in and continuously refer them to PCYC, however they have started to mill around the outside of the hub and have been causing trouble (fighting etc...). The police have been called on occasion to disband the group.*

By the end of October we need to have in place the Activity Plan that meets our KPI's and meets the PM&C department funding requirements, this has been started. Priyanka, Ben and Chrystelle will attend the round table meeting in my absence. We have to work with other agencies to formulate the Activity Plan on what they can bring to the Youth Hub. We have already had discussions with MyPathway on a program that will involve current youth plus the youth on their books and how engagement can be achieved through music, photo journalism – newsletters, broadcasting, and literacy and numeracy etc.

Ben Peter has attended the Remote Media Indigenous National Festival in Lajamanu in the NT, he was invited through NWRH (ex Medicare Local) as Ben was involved in their projects when he worked for them. This trip has occurred with no cost to council plus this is Ben's first visit to a remoted desert community.

**Parks:-**

Taps have been installed in Middle Park for watering and cleaning of play equipment this was requested by MyPathway as they were going to do regular watering and cleaning but to date nothing has happened.

Still have the bollards and play equipment to be installed in Bottom Park, MyPathway did show interest in doing this but again no action.

**Radio:-**

Sai has travelled to Lajamanu as an invited guest to attend the Remote Media Indigenous National Festival by Blackstar Radio. This was Sai first visit to a very remote community in the desert, this motel accommodation was a tent and sleeping in army camp bed, and this community is very different from Doomadgee.

Blackstar radio covered all cost associated with this trip.

The Activity Plan required by PM&C for our RIBS funding has been completed and sent to Vicki Chong to pass up to the Delegate for approval or to readjust if needs be.

**Swimming Pool:-**

The Holiday Swim Program is happening for probably for the last time as the school may not enter into an agreement with Swim Qld as they feel they don't value for money.

I personally disagree with that as it does cost to run any sort of programs in remote areas.

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Swim Qld have brought Stingray in again to run the holiday program with the assistance of Shane Booth.

MyPathway were asked to provide assistance and have participant attend to learn basic lifesaving skills but no participants were put forward or attended.

Priyanka did a refresher of her Bronze Medallion and Ben attended and did the basic lifesaving training

**Cemetery:-**

Quotes have been sourced by council and MyPathway regarding the fencing materials to replace and repair the fences at the current and old cemeteries. As council will be paying for the material through a grant we received it had been decided with agreement from MyPathway that all materials will be held in our council work yard so materials are not used on other projects.

Once fencing material costing have be finalised, seating and signage will be sourced as this was part of the grant funding agreement.

**Other Grants**

A Water Wise Program and Get Ready grant funding will be run jointly starting the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> of October – with a bag handed to each household that contains information on Water Wise Usage. An A5 fridge magnet containing information on what to do if a Cyclone is heading our way and emergency phone number will also be placed in the bag.

Council staff from Animal and Environment and myself will deliver the bags to all household in the community.

This will be followed up with messages being broadcasted over the radio.

**CONSULTATION**

Not applicable

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**STRATEGIC ASSOCIATION / ALIGNMENT TO CORPORATE PLAN**

Not applicable

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not applicable

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Not applicable

**ASSET MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

Not applicable

**POLICY ASSOCIATION**

Not applicable

**CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Monthly Activity Report (Community Services) be received.

**106-10/15**

**Moved Cr F O’Keefe Seconded Cr V Ned that the Monthly Activity Report (Community Services) be received.**

**CARRIED (5/0)**

Cr F O’Keefe left the meeting at 12:06

Cr T Douglas left the meeting at 12:08

Cr F O’Keefe returned at 12:08

Cr T Douglas returned at 12:12

**12.2 Recognition of Achievement – Community Radio Broadcaster**

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| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>       | Not applicable                              |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>              | Not applicable                              |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>            |   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                 | Adam Seiler, Acting Chief Executive Officer |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR(S):</b>         | Gail Richardson, Community Services Manager |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>    | Acting Chief Executive Officer              |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b> | Not applicable                              |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>         | 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2015                |

**SUMMARY**

Recognition of achievement by a staff member in achieving the ‘Best RIBS Radio Operator of the Year’ at the 17<sup>th</sup> National Remote Indigenous Media Festival held in Lajamanu, September 2015

**BACKGROUND**

Council’s Community Radio Broadcaster, Mr Sai Matainavora was nominated and won the ranking as Best Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service Operator of the year for 2015

**COMMENT**

Achievement of this award is an excellent result, not only for Mr Matainavora but for the entire Doomadgee Community, and Mr Matainavora should be congratulated for this recognition.

It was proposed to have Mr Matainavora attend the Council meeting in person, to share his experience and award, however at the time of this meeting he is on Annual Leave. Efforts will be made however to ascertain his availability for attendance at the November Ordinary meeting.

**CONSULTATION**

Not applicable

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 2009*

