



## **ROEBOURNE ADVISORY GROUP**

# **MINUTES**

**The Roebourne Advisory Group Meeting held  
at the Roebourne School Staff Room, Roebourne  
on Tuesday, 12 August 2014**

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**GARRY BAILEY  
CHAIRPERSON**



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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Garry Bailey - Chairperson**

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE) (updated 13 March 2000)

A member who has a **Financial Interest** in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- (a) In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- (b) At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- (c) Preside at the part of the Meeting, relating to the matter or;
- (d) Participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relative to the matter, unless to the extent that the disclosing member is allowed to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

### NOTES ON FINANCIAL INTEREST (FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a **Financial Interest** in a matter. I intend to include these notes in each agenda for the time being so that Councillors may refresh their memory.

1. A Financial Interest requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measure in money terms. There are exceptions in the *Local Government Act 1995* but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e. sporting, social, religious etc), and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e., if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.
4. If in doubt declare.
5. As stated in (b) above, if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it **MUST** be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed.
6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The **only** exceptions are:
  - 6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the **extent** of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) or the *Local Government Act*; or
  - 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s5.69 (3) of the *Local Government Act*, with or without conditions.

### INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

**DEFINITION:** *An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected, but does not include an interest as referred to in Section 5.60 of the 'Act'.*

A member who has an **Interest Affecting Impartiality** in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest;

- (a) in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting; or
- (b) at the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

### IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY CLOSURE

There are very different outcomes resulting from disclosing an interest affecting impartiality compared to that of a financial interest. With the declaration of a financial interest, an elected member leaves the room and does not vote.

With the declaration of this new type of interest, the elected member stays in the room, participates in the debate and votes. In effect then, following disclosure of an interest affecting impartiality, the member's involvement in the Meeting continues as if no interest existed.

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# MINUTES

## 1 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Roebourne Advisory Group Meeting was held in the Roebourne School Staff Room, Roebourne on Tuesday 12 August 2014 and was declared open at 5.10 pm.

Welcome – we would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered, and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

### Advisory Group Members:

Cr Garry Bailey  
Cr Fiona White-Hartig  
Ruth Ellis  
Elizabeth Smith  
Paul Costanzo

### Staff:

David Pentz (Director Development)  
Andrew Ward (Director Community Services)  
Rebecca Smalpage (Manager Community and Engagement)

### Community Members:

Nil

### Apologies:

Cr Michael Saylor  
Erica Prosser

## 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

That the Minutes of the Roebourne Advisory Group Meeting held on Monday, 7 July 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**Moved:** Fiona White-Hartig **Seconded:** Ruth Ellis **CARRIED**

## 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Costs required to relocate light pole at current war memorial have been presented at around \$22,000. This is significantly higher than anticipated, as such alternative

options are being considered (such as relocating in opposite direction – towards RVC)

- Parking locations and potential locations for signs indicating ‘upcoming parking’ were marked on a map of Roebourne for Group consideration. This map and supporting letter are to be presented to CEO for implementation if possible.
- Director Strategic Projects and Infrastructure has an upcoming meeting with Main Roads WA. He has requested a summary of issues discussed by the Roebourne Advisory Group to Main Roads previously to obtain update on progress. RAG members have indicated the following issues to be raised, and for this also to be raised at Regional Meeting:
  - The concrete nibs make the road too narrow for wide loads and other traffic. The Group would like these removed as previously discussed both in correspondence and on-site.
  - Kerbing along Roe Street is dangerous. At points, there are gaps between kerb and road (from wash outs) forming trip hazards. Further, when walking between vehicles, it is difficult to see approaching traffic until you are almost on the road. With a great deal of pedestrian traffic now to the café, this is dangerous.
  - Could a traffic audit be conducted given the establishment of new facilities such as the café? Pedestrian crosswalks may need to be considered, lowering of the speed limit, improved parking or a combination of these. At times, cars are now parking on the middle median strip when they can’t find a space, causing further traffic concerns and dangers.
  - Regardless of the speed limit, this does not appear to be policed well enough. This is to be raised with local police officers.
  - Some signs from the cyclone (such as 5 mile) have still not been replaced. What is time line for these?
  - Installation of additional signs – in particular a sign at the NW Coastal Hwy (Highway 1) intersection where many large vehicles (and/or caravans etc) miss the turn off to Karratha and then need to turn around with minimal space available. Signage previously forwarded to MRWA as suggested improvements are:
    - Notice of ‘Cossack turnoff’ when approaching from both Wickham and Roebourne.
    - Replace signage at Cossack turn off (damaged in cyclone).
    - Notice of ‘Cleaverville turnoff’ when approaching from both Karratha and Roebourne.
    - Larger Cleaverville sign at intersection.
    - Signs to bridges and creeks that have been taken to be replaced.
    - ‘North West Coastal Highway (Highway 1)’ sign and arrow after the Harding River Bridge (when approaching from Hedland).
- Example images for possible projects to utilise broken headstones from Roebourne town cemetery were presented. Further community consult to occur before any project recommendation will be made. Feedback thus far, and supported by the Advisory Group is that walking on the headstones (ie: pathways) would not be appropriate.

## 6 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 6.1 Finance

	Funds Acquitted	Funds Committed	Funds Remaining (exc. Committed Funds)	Timeline for Expenditure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2012/2013</li> <li>ACADS</li> <li>\$100,000 (ex GST)</li> </ul>	<p>\$15,000 for Community Events for Luke Adams Foundation; Roebourne Girls FX program.</p> <p>\$1, 698 Business After Hours Roebourne Visitors Centre</p> <p>\$65,000 Roebourne Skatescape</p> <p>\$6,000 Community Kitchen/Skatescape</p>		\$12,302.00	30 June 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2012/2013</li> <li>Birra Birra ex-gratia</li> <li>\$125,000 (ex GST)</li> </ul>	<p>\$74,000 Roebourne Skatescape</p>	\$51,000 for Roebourne War Memorial Sculpture	\$0	30 June 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013/2014</li> <li>ACADS</li> <li>\$100,000 (ex GST)</li> </ul>	<p>\$40, 000 Roebourne Skatescape</p>	<p>\$30,680 for Community Events &amp; Project Funding (\$2,000 allocated to IF Foundation Ambassador Program \$7320 allocated to V Swans Roebourne Basketball Competition)</p> <p>\$20, 000 Roebourne Redevelopment Project (playground and fitness equipment)</p>	\$0	30 June 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013/2014</li> <li>Birra Birra ex-gratia</li> <li>\$125,000 (ex GST)</li> </ul>	<p>\$100, 000 Roebourne Skatescape</p> <p>\$25, 000 BB court Art project (scheduled completion 14/15 FY)</p>		\$0	30 June 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2014/2015</li> <li>ACADS</li> <li>\$100,000 (ex GST)</li> </ul>	<p>\$2,500 NAIDOC contribution</p>	<p>\$20,000 Light's On</p> <p>\$28,500 Roebourne Redevelopment project (playground and fitness equipment)</p> <p>\$12,000 ANZAC Day and Aboriginal Veterans</p> <p>Up to \$17,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation/Investigation &amp; Establishing a Community Association for Roebourne</li> </ul>	\$0	30 June 2015 (unless extension granted)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contingency for programs</li> </ul>		30 June 2015	
<b>\$20,000 Contingency</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2014/2015</li> <li>Birra Birra ex-gratia</li> <li>\$101,500 (ex GST)</li> </ul>	\$101,500 Roebourne Redevelopment project (playground and fitness equipment)	\$0	30 June 2015 (unless extension granted)

Initial feedback has been that the Ambassador Program (funded by the Advisory Group to IF Foundation) was well received and popular with the youth involved. An acquittal will be forwarded.

## 6.2 Roebourne Structure Plan

David Pentz (Director Development) presented on Draft Roebourne Structure Plan - document now available to public via website, libraries and request. This document incorporates extensive and comprehensive community consultation feedback, indicating the what, where, when, why and how of growth in Roebourne. It is underpinned by technical studies that have been completed, with focus on ensuring the document stays utilised and relevant to the community. Final community and stakeholder feedback on the draft document is being sought before the document is finalised.

Copies to be delivered to RAG members, for discussion to Roebourne residents.

## 6.3 War Memorial Concept Design Finalisation

Officer's presented the range of communication received from community regarding the War Memorial artist selection. The majority of these comments indicated that the community was supportive and interested in the war memorial project, but felt that the wider community's thoughts and comments on the proposals/concept designs had not been requested or considered by RAG.

The Advisory Group decided to progress with a 1-2 week consultation period, using visual aids of the 2 preferred artworks (Andrew Kay and Smith Sculptors), allowing community members to vote for their preference and provide comments on designs that can be fed back to selected artist.

Advisory Group members will send the results through to City Officer's, who will advise the preferred artist of the outcome including community feedback.

## 6.4 Roebourne Community Association Correspondence

Further correspondence was received from community member Jolleen Hicks regarding the establishment of a Community Association in Roebourne. Her letter dated 21 July 2014 indicated 3 items requiring funding, to the value of \$20,000. City of Karratha Officer's had requested a more detailed breakdown of costs for the Advisory Group to consider, and this letter (dated 12 August 2014) was received at the meeting.



Whilst the group continue to be supportive of the initiative, not all items in the budget breakdown could be supported as they were not all relevant to the establishment of an Association. Once the Community Association has been incorporated as their own stand-alone body, they will be able to access funding and sponsorship directly. The Advisory Group will only support those items that will enable the Association to be formed, after which time funding can go directly to the Association. Should the applicant find that costs exceed the initial allocation, a new funding request outlining additional costs would be considered. Fee waivers will be available to utilise City of Karratha facilities for meetings.

**Resolution:**

That the establishment of a Community Association in Roebourne be supported by the Roebourne Advisory Group to the value of \$10,000. Items that will be funded include:

- Advertising and Social media
- Insurances (such as Public Liability)
- Office supplies
- Consultancy/administration support

The Advisory Group request that updates are provided by the applicant every two months and an acquittal will be required by the end of the financial year.

**Moved:** Beth Smith    **Seconded:** Ruth Ellis    **CARRIED**

## **6.5 Naming of River Park – Sign Design Competition**

In discussions with Elders recently, Centenary Park has been referred to as Jubilee Park. Before progressing with a sign design competition, Advisory Group agreed that they would try and ascertain the most commonly used name and what the park was referred to by residents.

This will be conducted at the same time as the War Memorial design consult.

## **6.6 Funding Application – V Swans**

A community funding application has been received from V Swans requesting \$13,045 (ex GST) for a 12 week Roebourne Basketball Competition. As the program is not currently being delivered by local personnel, the Advisory Group was not supportive of all funding requested.

**Resolution:**

That the V Swans 12 week Roebourne Basketball Competition be supported to the value of \$7,320 (ex GST). Funding to be used to support the following expenses:

- Venue Hire
- Equipment
- Umpire Payments
- Community BBQ

**Moved:** Fiona White-Hartig    **Seconded:** Paul Costanzo    **CARRIED**

### **6.7 Final suggestions on septage pump-pit locations**

Manager Regulatory Services has requested any final comments/suggestions on the location of a sullage dump point for Roebourne. Members indicated that the pull in bay near the race course is an ideal location as previously communicated.

### **6.8 Light's On Project**

Since the resignation of Michael Nikarkis from the PCYC, there is no longer a community member or group available to insert tokens for Light's On Project. As Council Officer's are not always available to do this, at times the Light's have been left off. Advisory Group indicated local police officer Les Andrews had suggested they may be able to assist. Officer's to follow up.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Bins**

Group requested more bins be placed around courts and near Village Park. Bins are scheduled for installation around the courts as part of the Skatescape development. Brief update on works currently being undertaken on the site was provided, with the request to be forwarded to relevant Council Officer's.

## **8 CLOSURE & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 1 September 2014 at 5pm. Location to be confirmed.

Date Raised	Issues/Items Raised	Recommendation	Action Officer	Comments/Updates	Status
August 2014	Rubbish around village park and BB courts	Request more bins be placed at those locations.	Rebecca Steinki	New item	New item
August 2014	Correspondence regarding establishment of Community Association in Roebourne	Letter of response provided indicating items RAG able to support.	Rebecca Steinki	New Item	New Item
August 2014	Availability of community member/group to insert tokens for Light's On Project	Roebourne Police Officer's have indicated they may be able to assist. Follow up required.	Rebecca Steinki	New Item	New Item
June 2014	Banner images for main street.	Further information to be provided on design development	Rebecca Steinki	Currently undergoing informal community consultation.	Ongoing
June 2014	Long term parking at Centenary Park Carpark	Investigate what options available to Rangers to prevent all day parking.	Rebecca Steinki/Rangers	Map marked up with sign locations and a letter to be drafted to CEO requesting signs.	Locations correct. Letter to be drafted to CEO to request implementation.
February 2014	NW Coastal Highway and Roebourne-Point Samson Rd intersection	Response requested from Main Roads as to what actions can be taken to improve safety at the intersection.	Rebecca Steinki/Beth Smith	Follow up being undertaken by Director Strategic Projects and Infrastructure.	Summary of issues provided to Director Strategic Projects and Infrastructure for MRWA discussions.
February 2014	Poor street lighting around Roebourne.	A letter to be drafted to Horizon Power outlining concerns.	Rebecca Steinki	Horizon Power has supplied a flyer for residents to report lighting issues. Flyer emailed to Roebourne calendar for dissemination to community.  Draft letter requesting additional lights and strength of lights in	Project current.  Light pole at memorial can be moved however costs estimated at \$22K. Alternative options being considered.

				<p>Roebourne be addressed was not sent as maintenance was being undertaken.</p> <p>The Horizon Power crew intend to replace the old streetlight heads with the new LED as fault calls come through, costs and stock permitting. They won't be replacing the broken streetlights until they receive the order of new LED lights to replace them.</p>	
February 2014	Presentation of Roebourne cemeteries.	Request from committee to get update on actions planned to be undertaken at the Roebourne cemeteries.	Rebecca Steinki/Martin Waddington.	<p>Cemetery day at 2 mile conducted 21 May.</p> <p>Roebourne/Wickham conducted 24 June.</p> <p>Roebourne Town conducted 8 July.</p> <p>Feedback being collated for presentation to Council Officer's.</p> <p>Example images for alternate use of broken headstones presented at August meeting.</p>	Ongoing.
October 2013	Coordination and installation of war memorial sculpture	Request from the committee to source a maximum of five different artist proposals for the sculpture	Rebecca Steinki/RAG	<p>Council report presented at the November OCM to endorse engaging Archipelago Arts to administer the project.</p>	RAG members to collate community feedback on preferred 2 artist concepts.

				<p>Presentation of concept designs occurred at June RAG meeting.</p> <p>Final images presented at July RAG meeting.</p>	
July 2013	13/14 ACADS funding available for Community Events \$40,000	\$40K allocated to support local community events in 13/14	Rebecca Steinki	2013/2014 Event Application form has been updated. Copies provided to all RAG members and are available for Community Organisations from the Post Office or by request.	Ongoing
July 2013	Centenary Park should have a sign	RAG approved a sign stating 'Centenary Park' should be erected.	Rebecca Steinki/RAG	<p>Options available for signage were presented at June RAG meeting. Recommendation from group to make it a competition for youth.</p> <p>Officer's have confirmed it is possible to turn the sign design into a competition, however RAG has indicated the name of the Park should be confirmed first from community feedback so far.</p>	Consultation on the name of the park to be undertaken at same time as War Memorial consult. 2 most commonly used names are Jubilee Park and Centenary Park.
July 2013	No sullage dump facility is available in the Roebourne town	The group agreed to draft a letter to council to suggest that the before mentioned tank system be installed at the Wickham Transfer Station and costs be covered by the Shire. The letter will advise the facility	Rebecca Steinki	<p>Project to be presented to Council via ordinary budget process.</p> <p>Budget approved to complete in 14/15 FY.</p>	Manager Regulatory Services has requested a final list of suggested/possible septage point locations for consideration prior to installation.

		will benefit tourists to all towns of the Shire.			
June 2014	Open Fire Pits in Community Kitchen Design	Present alternative options available to make these safe.	Rebecca Steinki/Leisure Services	Fire pits removed from design.	Closed
July 2013	Roebourne Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services needs to acquit the approved ANZAC Day funds.	The group requested that an email be sent to the Roebourne Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services as a friendly reminder to acquit the approved ANZAC Day funds.	Vanessa Subramoney	All acquittal documents have been received and fully paid	Closed
May 2014	Communicating work of RAG to community members.	Develop a flyer on history and role of RAG for dissemination to community members.	Rebecca Steinki	Flyer developed and circulated. Will be updated as required.	Closed.
February 2014	ANZAC/memorial funding availability.	Officer's to investigate funding available and present to Advisory Group.	Rebecca Steinki	Two grant schemes were considered and Group decided not to pursue these further.	Closed.
March 2014	Investigate sinking road near Police Station. Possible sewerage leak.	Query status of road with internal Officer's and Water Corporation	Rebecca Steinki	Officer's advised that this has been rectified	Closed.
March 2014	Courthouse office closed.	Letter to Attorney General drafted requesting office to be re-opened.	Rebecca Steinki	Letter was sent and response received 20 May 2014	Closed.
March 2014	Consultation to occur regarding community suggestions for	Quote to be received from Roebourne Consulting	Rebecca Steinki	Quote emailed to all RAG members. Consensus was that consultation would be	Closed.

	2014/15 ACADS and ex-gratia funding.	Service (Jolleen Hicks) to coordinate consult.		undertaken by the group members.	
March 2014	How much funding is provided by Shire of Roebourne to Youth Service Providers in Roebourne.	Request for an outline of funding provided by Shire of Roebourne to Roebourne Youth Service Providers.	Rebecca Steinki	Summary provided to all RAG members at May meeting.	Closed.
February 2014	Light's On project.	Project Funding	Rebecca Steinki/RAG	Program funded via 2014/2015 RAG ACADS funds	Closed

Elizabeth Smith  
Post Office Box 251  
Roebourne WA 6718

Dear Roebourne Advisory Groups Members

Re: War Memorial for Roebourne

My understanding of the role of the Roebourne Advisory Group members is to reflect the thoughts of our community. I believe that our own thoughts and likes and dislikes need to be put to one side when we are making decisions that affect the community of Roebourne.

The placement of a war memorial in the main street of Roebourne is an extremely significant event. I am not aware that the community has been engaged at all in the process. I know that I personally did not speak with anyone and would like to know if anyone else did? I am sure that many people would have strong thoughts and ideas as to what should happen. I would like to know firstly do the community want another war memorial? If they do, what should this war memorial look like?

I appreciate the large amount of work that has been done by Rebecca and the Roebourne Advisory Group in calling for tenders and assessing their suitability but I am very embarrassed that the Ngarluma People, our Traditional Owners of this land do not seem to have been involved and ask that before a decision on this very significant landmark is made, consultation with Ngarluma people and the wider community occurs.

Yours Sincerely

Beth Smith  
21st July 2014



Elizabeth Smith  
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Dear Roebourne Advisory Group Members

Re: War Memorial for Roebourne.

Since the last Roebourne Advisory group meeting I have talked to many people in Roebourne about the War Memorial Project. The feeling that I am gathering is that people think it is a good idea but they would like to be involved in the decision making process.

In the letter that I wrote to you on the 21st July I only raised 3 issues as follows:

1. That the role of the advisory group is to reflect the thoughts of our community not our own thoughts.
2. What engagement had there been with the community?
3. That the community be engaged before a final decision is made.

Thank you Fiona for your response. I will attempt to answer your questions.

I totally agree that the memorial commemorates all people who fought in the war regardless of race or gender. It seems to me that the placing of the new War Memorial is a fantastic opportunity to bring the community together as one people. I have no doubt this will be far more successful if the community is engaged in the decision making process and could result in the whole town coming together as a united community to plan and participate in ANZAC 2015.

The War Memorial is an extremely significant project which is why I believe it is crucially important that the community should be engaged. I would personally like all project ideas to be driven by the community. In the case of the toilet in the park, I did a survey when I was on the original Advisory Group and it was one of the ideas that was strongly supported.

Aunty Pansy and Aunty Violet both attended the Council meeting that was held in Roebourne because they wanted to know more about the War Memorial Project. Josie Samson, Tyson Mowarin and Jolleen Hicks were also there for that purpose. Unfortunately I asked a closed question "Has there been any engagement with the community on the War Memorial Project?" Jolleen was trying to ask the question "What engagement was there?" But, due to the nature of the meeting, was unable to do so.

Aunty Pansy was the person who initiated the discussion at the Elders Yarn about the War Memorial Project. I only answered questions when asked. A copy of this discussion was sent to the Mayor.

It would be fantastic to have the Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation Board engaged in the War Memorial Project. The more people who are involved the more successful the project will be in bringing the community together. I have contacted Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation many times over the last few weeks. On all occasions I have been advised that I need to speak with the Heritage Officer, Richard Walker, but have been unsuccessful in contacting him.

My understanding is that the ratepayers money is not being used for this project. If possible when we can engage the whole community not just select groups we will have a much stronger community.

It would be too easy for me to shut up and go away and I definitely feel like doing this (and it would make Marshall very happy). But there were 2 things that happened last week that encouraged me to not give up.

The first was the Monday Night program of QandA on ABC. It was inspiring to hear the panel of Aboriginal people talking about significant issues. There was a very strong message that for too long non Aboriginal People had been making decisions for Aboriginal People. It's well past the time, for me as a white person, to step back so that Aboriginal People can move forward in the decision making process.

The second was a phone call from a young local Aboriginal man. After a long conversation he said "Aunty Beth don't give up." And I know that there are other's that feel like this as well, so I won't.

And so I ask again, please consider engaging the community in this very significant decision and I'm sure the outcome will be amazing.

Thankyou

Beth

12th August 2014

12 August 2014

Peter Long  
Mayor  
City of Karratha  
Welcome Road  
Karratha WA 6714

Dear Peter

**Response to Issues raised in the Elders Yarn of 22 July 2014**

Many issues regarding Roebourne were raised during our Elders Yarn. I have highlighted two issues in this note in order to communicate more clearly to the participants the ideas and process behind these issues:

a) Roebourne Anzac Memorial

Community members (led by Pansy Hicks and Violet Samson) had become aware of sculpture options for an additional Anzac Memorial in Roebourne. The questions that came from this discussion were:

- a. Why do we need another Anzac Memorial in Roebourne? Have the local people been involved in this threshold decision?
- b. How will this new memorial incorporate the Lockyer's and the memorial held in Whim Creek each year?
- c. Is this need for another memorial more urgent than other needs in our town?
- d. The memorial issue appears to be a surprise to most attendees. How was the community consulted on the opportunity, and particularly how were the Ngarluma people engaged in decision making?

b) Roebourne Advisory Group ("RAG") community participation

Though not brought up directly by one of our Elders, there were some questions regarding the ability of community members to participate in RAG meetings. It would be helpful if you could clarify this issue so these questions can be dealt with directly at those meetings.

Once again, thank you for your interest and commitment to the people of Roebourne.

Yours sincerely



Susan Shirliff  
Chief Executive Officer

cc David Walker, Chairperson, Ngarliyanndu Bindirri  
Vanessa Submaroney, City of Karratha

**Rebecca Steinki**

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**Subject:** FW: Elders Yarn - 22.07.2014  
**Attachments:** 140722 Elders Yarn.pdf

**From:** Susan Shirliff  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 July 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** Peter Long (mayor@karratha.wa.gov.au)  
**Cc:** 'Jolleen Hicks (roebourneconsulting@gmail.com)'  
**Subject:** Elders Yarn - 22.07.2014

Dear Peter

Thanks so much for your time last week – herewith the direct dialogue from the Yarn. Note that I do not record the input of non-Aboriginal people (who clearly are not elders), so the comments made by Michael Niakis of PCYC is not here.

*"What that memorial thing happening down the street what's happening there in the middle there what's happening there the war memorial there's all different things they choosing for us maybe a horse I think they want a war memorial I don't know why Beth what memorial they chosen for us I don't know what ones you haven't seen it I haven't found one person that has seen it I know that was Richard Goscombe there but nobody knows anything about it when Garry Bailey said he telling he tell nobody in Roebourne there nobody in Roebourne that knew anything about the war memorial and when Garry says that who did they talk to maybe only those who go into the post not anybody else its only that I been there that I knew anything about it myself I don't know about the war memorial or talk to anyone that knows about it I didn't vote at the meeting cause I didn't know about it*

*There's some Lockyer brothers fight in that war they the Ngarluma people I don't know why they didn't put them first place in this people this is Ngarluma country and they should have been recognised just like my days look over like my days now Aboriginal people in Whim Creek white people here us over there we don't want that anymore we can be together we want the names up just like them they fight too people should know we should know our history not two just one they fight the war too they push the black to the back soldiers in the war they still hold the war blacks and the whites different been going to different schools we don't want that anymore*

*I don't know what he mean I don't know who he talking to I don't hear about the Anzac memorial what he say that for why we having that thing why it there we don't know about that one why we having it what for it coming here why we have it here*

*How would you consult Beth they are going to be talking about the banners in the main street they could consult then and it could happen at the same time they could be shown at the same time four plans for the war memorial we need to be careful as well that we are not told to choose what logo and not really listen cause they don't want to change the plan most people didn't know we had a choice we need to be asked not told what logo but asked why we need it do you want something else as well Anzac or maybe nothing maybe we don't need another Anzac memorial Anzac is a whole of Australia thing its not just white people and this is a really good opportunity to all talk about this and I feel if it goes ahead without the community it will be shame again for us and we just told again*

*Susan can you share that wangga with this man yes share it*

*We used to march on Anzac and I didn't know my people were there I realised that some of my family fought the war but separated like the school would you like to bring the Whim Creek Lockyer family here first we would like*

*to have it here to be together are the Lockyer's Ngarluma people yes they us I want to be together with families from Hedland I been like that at school two good white friends I used to go to school all the time when we kids and I had two friends it didn't really hurt me too much cause I mixed with white kids I played with the Stokes family of Mt Welcome Elizabeth and Graham that what I say to no more blacks gotta be separate gotta be together gotta mix together my little greatgreatgranddaughter make friend with whomever you see there so you got friends wherever you go gotta have friends everywhere and mix for your life later you need friends everywhere like I had "*

I had an excellent meeting with Vanessa and Bev regarding the children's project and she asked me to forward this information to her. I have no authority to do that, but have been authorised to share it with you. I suspect she was hoping that I would have a more formal 'minute' regarding the RAC meeting, but as you can see I record the meeting differently.

Over to you and please let me know if I can provide any further assistance.

Susan S.

**Susan Shirtliff** | Chief Executive Officer



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21 July 2014

Peter Long  
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City of Karratha  
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Karratha WA 6714

Mr Gary Bailey  
Chairperson  
Roebourne Advisory Council  
City of Karratha  
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Dear Mayor Long and Councillor Bailey,

**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR ROEBOURNE**

Thank you both for your engagement on the topic of a Community Association for Roebourne to date. I very much appreciate your input and the guidance from Cr Bailey's letter dated 14 July 2014. I am pleased of the support expressed for Roebourne to establish its own Community Association. Thank you for providing contacts for other Community Associations in the area. I will make contact with them and seek their support of Roebourne having its own Community Association.

I will be proposing to our community that the establishment of a Community Association for Roebourne be initially administered by our Aboriginal community organisation, Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC), for the period of set-up/ establishment to 31 December 2014. I have spoken to the Chief Executive Officer of NBAC, Susan Shirtliff, and she is supportive of NBAC providing such support to our community, if needed.

I would like to seek your support in relation to providing:

- Start-up funds of \$20,000; AND
- In kind support through the use of City of Karratha facilities for consultations/ meetings.

Any funds provided will be used for start-up costs, including:

- Catering for consultation meetings;
- Development and implementation of short term strategic plan; and
- Engagement of an Administration Assistant on a casual basis, for 6 months.



Through NBAC, all expenses will be recorded and acquitted as per the City of Karratha's requirements. NBAC's support of the Roebourne Community Association will be without charge (no cost).

I will organise a Roebourne Community Meeting to:

- (1) Endorse the establishment of a Roebourne Community Association;
- (2) Endorse NBAC as the start-up support vehicle to administer funds provided for the purpose of establishing the Community Association; and
- (3) Appoint a Founding Committee with the responsibility of establishing the Association.

The Founding Committee will develop and implement a short term strategy for the Association with timeframes set at 31 December 2014. I will be seeking to hold this meeting in August 2014, at the 50C Hall, in Roebourne.

For any further information, please contact me direct by phone on 0429 816693 or email at [roebourneconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:roebourneconsulting@gmail.com)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jolleen Hicks", is written over the typed name.

Jolleen Hicks

Roebourne Community Member



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Chairperson  
Roebourne Advisory Council  
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12 August 2014

Dear Gary,

**BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR ROEBOURNE**

Please extend my thanks to the City Councillors, and the Roebourne Advisory Council, for their support of us establishing a Roebourne Community Association. I believe that many successes will be achieved through a community association, as we currently, do not have a united voice in Roebourne, or an entity focussed on our community, no matter what background we have.

The establishment of a community association offers our community many opportunities that we currently do not have from a community controlled perspective, including, but not limited to:

- Community sport and recreation;
- Community events; and
- Community representation.

As requested by Rebecca Steinski, please find attached, a 6 month budget setting out the costs related to the establishment, and operating costs of a community association.

As stated in our previous letter, we are requesting the Roebourne Advisory Groups support in the following forms:

- Financial support of up to \$20,000; And
- In kind support related to the use of City of Karratha facilities in Roebourne.

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Yours faithfully,

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**Jolleen Hicks**

**Roebourne Community Member**

Yirramagardu Community Association  
6 month establishment budget

	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Total
<b>In-kind Financial Contributions</b>							
NBAC - office rent \$250 p.wk	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083	6,500
Legal Fees - start up & probono	2,500	2,500	0	0	0	0	5,000
<b>Total in-kind contributions</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>3,583</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>11,500</b>
<b>Office Expenses</b>							
Accounting Services - RSM	500	500	0	0	0	0	1,000
Advertising & Social Media	500	500	500	500	500	500	3,000
Legal Fees - start up & probono	2,500	2,500	0	0	0	0	5,000
Office Rent	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,083	6,500
Office Supplies & Mail & Consumables	200	200	200	200	200	200	1,200
Business Insurance	800	0	0	0	0	0	800
Consultancy Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	6,000
MV - Fuel & Rego & RM	250	250	250	250	250	250	1,500
Mobile Phone	120	120	120	120	120	120	720
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXP's</b>	<b>6,953</b>	<b>6,153</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>25,720</b>
<b>Employee Expenses</b>							
Admin Support - casual	780	780	780	780	780	780	4,680
On-Costs 22.3%	174	174	174	174	174	174	1,044
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>5,724</b>
<b>Total Expenses (less in-kind)</b>	<b>4,324</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>19,944</b>