

Shire of East Pilbara
Annual Report
2005/2006



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year 2005 to 2006 has seen many changes to the East Pilbara and in particular to our Shire. With the unprecedented mining boom, we are experiencing a revival of our population and more importantly much of this has been young families. It is great to see this happening and to anticipate what this means for us all.

During the year the Shire has worked to form many partnerships to ensure that our town reaps the benefits of this boom and not just pays the price of trying to keep pace. As we are all aware, many of our services and business' have struggled with the speed at which the Shire and in particular the town of Newman have grown. We have worked with the resources to achieve the best outcomes for the Shire and its people. In addition to this, other layers of government have also been approached to jointly work with us. It is important that we look to others for assistance with our current growth but that we also ensure that life will continue in Newman long after the current boom has expired, a by no means easy task. The Shire continues to work with other groups and Shires to address the more regional issues such as State Agreement Acts, and is active in lobbying for rights for our region.

We started the year with a few surprises not the least of these being the failure of our runway at the Airport and the immediate response this drew from the media. However out of all situations comes some good and we are lucky enough to be able to use this to bring the state of our Airport into the spotlight. This failure was rectified with minimal disruption to the public and since then we have gone onto making several more improvements, not the least of which is the new car park. It's good to go to the Airport and be able to find a sealed parking bay within easy walking distance, a feat not always achievable even in the city. Since this time we have also initiated work on

widening and sealing of the shoulders on the runway. Plans are in place for a new terminal. Offices and baggage area, together with the revamping of the hire cars areas, these will be considered in the coming year.

The shade sails erected in the shopping centre car park have proved to be most useful, a fact, which will become even more prevalent as the weather warms up. This has also added to the enhancement of the area and will be further be improved with the implementation of subsequent stages of our Town Centre Revitalization Program. The alterations at the pool have also commenced, with the old 25-metre pool giving way for a new child's water play area. With the large number of new families in town, this will be a great entertainment area for both parents and young children. Plans for the completed area are available for inspection at the Council Offices.

Throughout the year the Shire undertook several projects in Nullagine. We saw the erection of the flagpole at the Look Out for the Anzac Ceremony. Later in the year, the old nursing post was transformed into the new gym for the use of the people in town. This was opened early in the year of 2006 and we have recently been advised that funds to install air conditioning into the building have now been provided by the Pilbara Fund. This project will be ongoing into the next year.

A success application to RADS has also meant that we were able to upgrade the lighting to the Marble Bar Airstrip, which will mean that it can now be used at night when required. Refurbishment has also occurred to the pool equipment in Marble Bar.

On the north side of Marble Bar, significant road works/upgrades have occurred. The Shire has continued to improve facilities at Cape Keraudren with an artesian bore having been installed to assist campers.

Overall it has been a very successful year for the Shire of East Pilbara and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CEO, Mr Allen Copper, the Directors and all the staff

for the great effort they have put in in these very busy times. I am sure you will agree that keeping up with current pace of the Pilbara is a challenge. To my fellow councillors, I would also like to say Thank You for the time and effort expended by them all over the past year. Voluntary work is never easy, especially when added to normally busy lives, but I am sure the rewards of seeing our community thrive makes it all worth while.

I would like to wish everyone compliments of the season and look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Lynne Craigie
President



CEO'S REPORT

Welcome to the Shire Of East Pilbara's 2005/2006 Annual Report.

The year commenced with the budget being adopted on the 22nd July 2005 with a 9% increase of the rate in the dollar.

Similar to Local Government Authorities across the state, staff turnover and recruitment continue to cause problems with continuity and stability within the Council. Staff turnover was 47% for permanent workers during the 2005/2006 year.

However, this did not mean that significant change did not occur throughout the Shire.

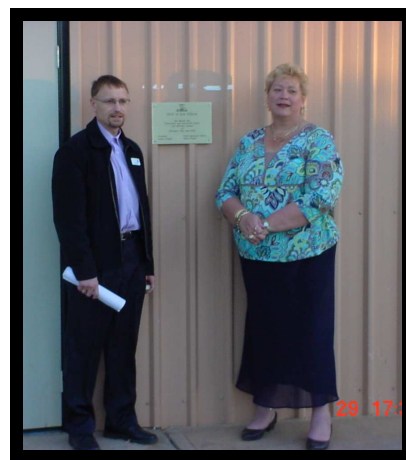
Council undertook an organisational review as a response to growing needs due to the resource boom in the Pilbara. Planning and Building approvals are at a record high dollar value. Services have been altered to meet population demands with Newman growing to approximately 7000 at the 30th June 2006.

The Shire was also involved in an upgrade of the Visitors Centre with BHP, which has resulted in a fresh modern look and improved services for both the residents and tourists of Newman.

Highlights of the year included:

- Triple J Broadcasting Marble Bar and Nullagine
- Opening of the New Community Centre in Marble Bar
- Opening of the Fitness Centre in Nullagine
- Commencement of the Recreation Centre modifications in Newman
- Painting of Murals at the Skate Park, schools at both Marble Bar and Nullagine and the Community Centre in Marble Bar.
- Renaming of the Marble Bar Aged Persons Home to the "Piri Smith Retirement Home.

- Shade Structure at the Newman Towncentre Carpark, which has added to the amenity of the area and has been favourably received by all.
- Success with the State Government approving grant funds for the installation of runway lighting for the Marble Bar airstrip.
- Extensive works have been performed in relation to road improvements and maintenance on rural roads.
- Expansion of recycling collection services in Newman.



**CEO – Allen Cooper
And
SHIRE PRESIDENT – Lynne Craigie
Official Opening of The Marble Bar
Community Centre**

The 2006/2007 financial year promises to be another exciting and challenging one. The Shire's Airport continues to receive major upgrading, the Town Revitalisation project has commenced and the grading of the Desert Roads continue.

I would like to thank the President and Councillors, my executive team and all the Shire's staff for their commitment and support over the past year.

Allen Cooper
Chief Executive Officer

FACTS ABOUT YOUR SHIRE

The Shire of East Pilbara has produced this Annual Report as an open and honest disclosure to Residents and Landowners of the Shire of East Pilbara community.

The report contains specific information for the 2004/2005 financial year as well as reports required to meet our statutory obligations.

The Annual Report is presented to Council and residents at Council's Annual Electors Meeting usually early in December each year.

Shire of East Pilbara

The Shire of East Pilbara is the largest Shire in the world and is located north of the Gascoyne area in Western Australia. It is made up of the townsites of Newman, Marble Bar, Nullagine and the Jigalong, Kiwirrkurra, Parngur, Punmu, Woodstock, Warralong and Kunawarritji Aboriginal Communities.

History

The Shire was formed by the amalgamation of the Shires of Marble Bar and Nullagine in 1972. In 1982 the town of Newman, which now is home to the main administration office of the Shire, was changed from a closed mining town to a "normalised" town.



Marble Bar was originally part of the Bamboo Road Board prior to the formation of the Shires of Marble Bar and Nullagine and later East Pilbara. The Bamboo Road Board dates back to 1896. Council retains a sub office at Marble Bar and the works construction crew operates from that location. A small work force also operates at Nullagine.



The estimated population of the Shire is 10,000 with over 7,000 living in Newman. The Shire is rich in Aboriginal Culture, mining and pastoral activities and provides a significant part of the State and Federal wealth.

In July 1, 2004, the Shire Boundary was changed after Yandeyarra and associated lands were transferred to the Town of Port Hedland. However the Shire of East Pilbara still maintains its status of the largest Shire.

Council Facts

Distance from Perth (km)	1,220
Area (sq km)	371,746
Length of Sealed Roads (km)	162.2
Length of Unsealed Roads (km)	2708.9
Population	10,000
Number of Electors	4,584
Number of Dwellings	2,040
Total Rates Levied	\$3,966,277
Total Revenue	\$16,378,777
Number of Permanent Employees	66

Structure

In this Shire there are 11 Councillors representing 6 wards. Council appoints the Chief Executive Officer to control the day-to-day operations of the organisation.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR COUNCILLORS

An important function of the Council is to represent the population in discussions with Government and Industry. One of the aims of this process is to maximise the Council's share of grant funds.

A council's role is to:

- direct and control the local government's affairs;
- be responsible for the performance of the local government's functions;
- oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and
- determine the local government's policies.

A councillor's role is to:

- represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents;
- provide leadership and guidance to the community;
- facilitate communication between the community and the council and vice versa; and
- participate in decision-making processes at meetings.

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Vacant

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South Ward



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South Ward

Vacant

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Retired Councillors



Karen Knuckey



John Leeds

Councillor's Meeting Attendance

	July 2005	August 2005	September 2005	October 2005	December 2005	February 2006	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006	June 2006
Cr Anita Grace	Yes	Apology	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr Lang Coppin	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Apology	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr John Leeds	Apology	Apology	Yes	Apology	Leave of Absence	Leave Of Absence	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired
Cr Karen Knuckey	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Retired	Retired
Cr Lynne Craigie	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr Doug Stead	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr Bill Despotovski	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apology	Apology
Cr John Young	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apology
Cr Melvin Farmer	Apology	Yes	Apology	Apology	Yes	Apology	Yes	Yes	Yes	Apology
Cr John Currell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cr Jim Akesson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Councillor's meeting attendance for 10 meetings in the financial year (taking into consideration the election in May) are as follows:

Cr John Young	7	Cr John Currell	10	Cr Lynne Craigie	9
Cr Lang Coppin	7	Cr Doug Stead	9	Cr Anita Grace	7
Cr Melvin Farmer	5	Cr Karen Knuckey (retired)	6	Cr Bill Despotovski	8
Cr Jim Akesson	10	Cr John Leeds (retired)	1		

2005/2006 saw the retirement of Karen Knuckey in May 2006 and John Leeds in March 2006

Council Organisation

The Shire of East Pilbara provides a variety of services and activities for the residents and ratepayers. Professional and dedicated staff are employed to provide and maintain these services.

The overall management of the Shire rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The staff acts on resolutions of Council by developing and putting into practice the policy development responsibility of the Councillors and their resolutions. The Shire has adopted a management structure of three Directorates, which are supported by three Directors under the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer. Together they direct and co-ordinate the operations of the Shire.

Of the three tiers of Government which make decisions on behalf of the community, Local Government is the closest to the people they represent. Councils manage the things that affect your every day lifestyle - like roads, streets and footpaths, waste removal, recreation areas, parks & gardens, libraries, building regulations and so on. If you are unsure please contact us.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Allen Cooper



Allen has been with the Shire of East Pilbara for over ten years. He was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer in 1998, having previously served as Council's Director Corporate Services for four years.

As the CEO Allen is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Council and is fully accountable to elected members of Council.

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

Peter Voros



Peter Voros joined the Shire in February 2000 and has over 20 years of Local Government experience.

Peter has a Diploma in Local Government (Clerk), a Bachelor of Business and is a Certified Practising Accountant. He is also Member of the Local Government Managers Association.

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

Alex Douglas



Alex commenced with the Shire of East Pilbara in 2003 when he moved from the Town of Bassendean.

Alex has been working in Local Government since 1981 and has worked at Melville, Boulder, Denmark, Narrogin and Subiaco.

He has an Associateship (Civil Engineering) WAIT.

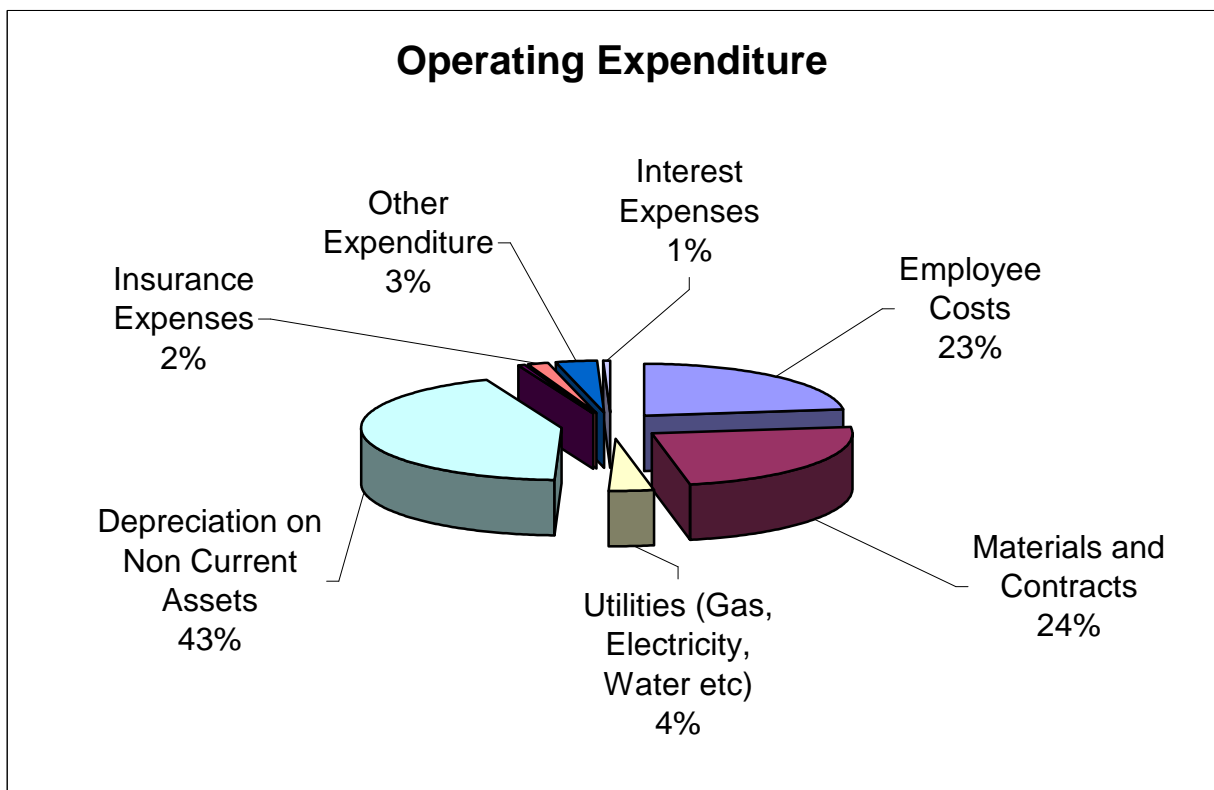
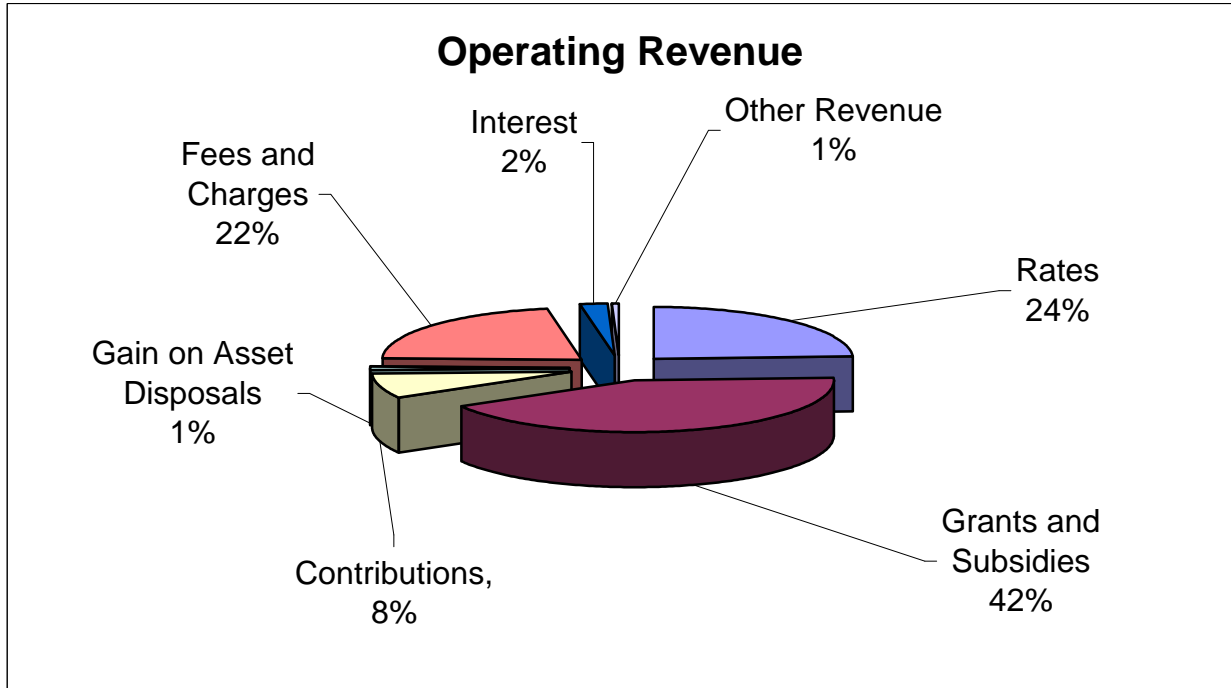
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bill Crerar



Bill has over 20 years experience in local government and moved to the Shire of East Pilbara from Armadale where he had worked as the Manager of Building Services.

SOURCES AND APPLICATIONS OF OPERATING FUNDS (EXCLUDING CAPITAL)



CORPORATE SERVICES



Human Resources

As at the 30th June 2006 Council had 66 Permanent positions splits as follows:

Administration Services:

CEO	1
Managers	1
Coordinators	1
Staff	1

Corporate Services:

Directors	1
Managers	2
Coordinators	3
Staff	7

Community/Building Services:

Directors	1
Managers	4
Coordinators	4
Staff	11

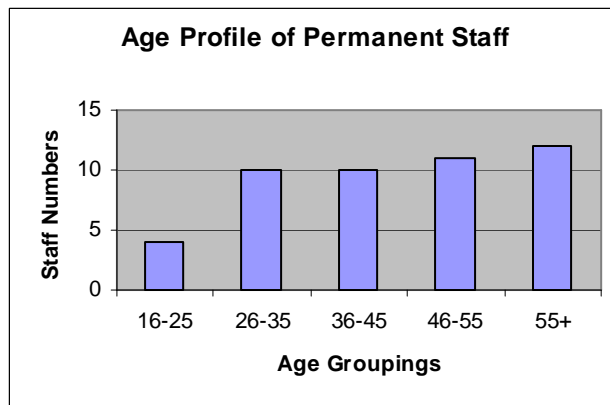
Technical Services:

Directors	1
Manager	3
Coordinators	1
Staff	24

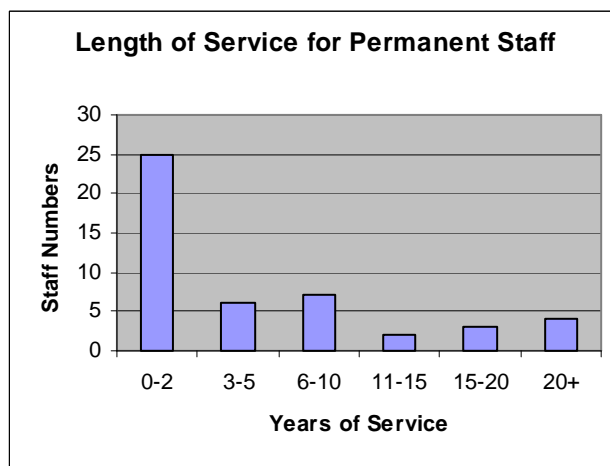
Recruitment:

The following positions were vacant as at the 30th June 2005:

Reporting Officer
 Community Services Officer
 Manager Building Assets
 Manager Recreational Services
 Indigenous. Arts Officer
 Co-ordinator IT Services
 Ranger
 Manager Airport Services
 Parks and Garden Crew Member Newman
 Manager Human Resources
 Manager Administration
 Aquatic Centre Staff x 3
 Recreation Staff
 Mechanic
 Cost Clerk
 Planning Officer
 Revenue Finance Officer



Staff turnover for the 2005/2006 financial year was 47% for part time and full time positions.



Financial Services

Rates

Council rates were increased by 9% in 2005/2006.

Rubbish rates were increased to \$200 per annum and sewerage rates remained the same.

Library Services

The Shire of East Pilbara operates two libraries at Nullagine and Marble Bar and financially contributes over \$100,000 to the Newman Library, which is a joint venture with TAFE.

Administration

Each year the Shire is required to review its Policies, Delegations, Authorisations, Code of Conduct, Freedom of Information Policy and other manuals. This review was conducted with minor amendments.

A large effort was put into producing the Shire's Strategic Plan, sending out information and collating the results.

Records Management

The Shire continues to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of our recordkeeping system. This year we have undertaken in-house training to new staff with regard to recordkeeping. The Shire's induction program is currently being updated to reflect employees responsibility in regard to their compliance with the organisation recordkeeping plan.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Recreation Services

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

During 2005/2006 year the OSHC was licensed as a childcare facility. This project is expected to have a long life span assisting parents of Newman with childcare facilities for children aged 5-12 years.

Marble Bar Heritage Trail

The Shire of East Pilbara with many partners (Lotterywest, Marble Bar Tourist Association, Pilbara Development Commission, Department of Transport and Regional Services) began the Marble Bar Heritage Trail. The trail journeys around the Marble Bar Township as well as surrounding areas. This is a tremendous facility for the community of Marble Bar and the tourists visiting the hottest place in Australia.

All earthworks have been completed on the trail, allowing people to start walking on the trail. Signage and other promotional material will be completed in the following year. Having a launch of the opening at the beginning of the tourist season in 2007.

Newman Recreation and Aquatic Centres

The Newman Recreation Centre and Aquatic Centre are the hub of activity during opening times. These facilities stack up to the best in the Northwest. Programs from these centres include Les Mills aerobics, OSHC and Vacation Care, basketball, swimming lessons and many, many more. The centres are also available for hire for individuals and groups too at competitive prices.

The Newman Aquatic Centre has also received funding to upgrade the facilities and results will be seen in the coming year. Adding to the already popular facilities amongst local residents.

Community Events

During the 2005/2006 financial year the Shire of East Pilbara supported numerous events including: Fortescue Festival, Policeman's Ball, Carol's by Candlelight, National Tree Planting Day and many more. The Shire was also responsible for promoting and bringing, many events that includes: Ironing Out the Wrinkles, Community Expo, and Women's Expo. Funding was also provided for events such as the Bloody Slow Cup and the Outback Drags and assisted in venues for the championships for the Gun and Swimming Clubs

The 2005/2006 Financial Year also saw the following –

- Hosted the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay.
- Opening of the Fitness Centre in Nullagine.
- Indigenous Sports Officer Partnership with the Department of Sport and Recreation, WAPAC, BHP and Newcrest.
- Commencement in the planning of the North West Games for 2007 (Sept 29 to Oct 1)
- Commencement of the Recreation Centre modifications in Newman.
- Introduced the Workplace Pedometer Challenge Partnership with Population Health Social Sports Challenge.
- Community consultation on the design choice for the new Aquatic Play Ground in Newman.
- Renaming of the Marble Bar Aged Persons Home to the "Piri Smith Retirement Home"
- Painting of Murals at the Skate Park, Schools in Marble Bar and Nullagine and the Community Centre in Marble Bar.
- Opening of the New Community Centre in Marble Bar.

Environmental Health Services

Despite the shortage of staff during 2004-2005 financial period, services continued, which included:

- Bleeding of sentinel chickens in Newman, Nullagine and Marble Bar to test for Murray Valley Encephalitis.
- Sampling of swimming pool water.
- Sampling of treated effluent waters for irrigation.
- Collection of food samples for routine analysis.
- Inspecting food premises, hairdressers, caravan parks and public buildings.
- Following-up on complaints.
- Issuing approvals for on-site septic systems and apparatus.

The next financial year will see more changes with proposed new legislations in Public Health and Food.

Building Services

This financial year has been a busy one for the building department with 184 building licence applications being approved to the value of \$108,660,577.

The Building Department has also overseen some major projects this year including:

Marble Bar Community Centre

Completion of the building adjacent to the Marble Bar Gym.

Nullagine Gym

Completion of works to the old clinic site.

Entry Statement for Newman & Marble Bar

Work is continuing on the Entry Statements.

Council Building Maintenance

Upgrading of the Council Buildings and staff housing is continuing

Ranger and Emergency Services

Emergency (Risk) Management

The Shire of East Pilbara is represented by the Coordinator Ranger and Emergency Services and an elected representative on the local emergency management committees in Newman, Nullagine and Marble Bar, these committees form part of the interface between all Emergency Services, the Community and Council as they strive to make the Shire of East Pilbara a safer place to live. The Manager is also a member of the District Emergency Management Committee, the Regional Cyclone Advisory Group and the State Emergency Services Group.

Both Ranger/Emergency Services Officers (ESO's) are members of the Newman State Emergency Service and the Newman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and as such are an important link in the emergency management chain, as they not only provide a Shire liaison role during a response to any emergency by the local emergency services, but they are also often involved in the actual response phase.

TECHNICAL SERVICES



ROADWORKS



The Shire maintains a road network comprising approximately 3,300 kilometres including 110 km that is sealed. The road network extends from Cape Keraudren (north west of Port Hedland) through to the Northern Territory border.

Townsites:

Street lighting, together with routine footpath and kerbing repairs, footpath and street sweeping, and litter control took place with a total expenditure of \$614,800 across the three towns.

Rural roads:

A total of \$1.7 Million was spent on rural road improvements plus a further \$1.2 million on rural road maintenance. In total \$2.8 Million was expended within the financial year.

The continuation of the federally funded Roads to Recovery Program enabled gravel-sheeting works to be undertaken on sections of the Warrawagine Road and Muccan-Shay Gap Road. The Shire will receive just under \$3 million for expenditure on the Shire's road network and Council approved a program of works up to 30 June 2009. The roads to benefit from the funding are distributed throughout the western third of the Shire from north of Marble Bar through to the Newman townsite. Details of the program can be obtained from the Director Technical Services.

Planned expenditure on four Aboriginal Community Access Roads east of Marble Bar was deferred due to a shortage of tenderers for the work. Main Roads WA approved the re-allocation of funds to be expended in the 2006-07 financial year.



Sportsgrounds, Parks and Reserves

The presence of white cockatoos in the Newman townsite has continued to be one of the most significant challenges in providing suitable playing surfaces for the many sports activities in Newman. Both Council staff and volunteers from the sporting groups struggled to keep up with repairing the holes being dug by the birds. No simple solution to dispersing or reducing numbers is foreseen at this time.



Work continued on the progressive improvements and refurbishment of the reticulation systems on all sporting ovals and the staff involved are generally pleased with the standard being provided.

The population growth in Newman continued during the year and is expected to continue for several years. The higher population generates increased treated effluent water being available for reticulation on the ovals. The additional water allows greater confidence in the grounds maintenance however Health Department restrictions on watering times does not allow for uncontrolled day time watering.

Works on the parks, gardens and reserves within the three towns were generally maintenance only with some improvements being made on playground equipment maintenance. Expenditure figures for the three towns were \$579,200 (Newman), \$204,900 (Marble Bar) and \$101,800 (Nullagine).

The usual flurry of activity occurred during late June at the Marble Bar Sports Complex in preparation for the annual Race Day in July. The Shire continues to support the event through the provision of labour and equipment for track preparation and general preparation work of the buildings and surrounds. A total of \$10,300 was expended in the 2005-06 financial year.

Plant and Equipment Replacement

The Shire has approximately \$7 million of plant and equipment ranging from small lawn mowers through to a 40 tonne bulldozer.

The timely replacement of this equipment is essential to balance operating and maintenance costs, together with operating hours versus breakdowns.

A net amount of \$968,500 was budgeted across the organisation. Some vehicles were not delivered prior to 30 June 2006 due to delays in supply.

With annual expenditure on replacement predicted to be around \$1.5 million over several years planning commenced to evaluate ways and means of managing the replacement timing and operating costs to ease pressure on the Shire's financial

resources. The approach developed was to plan for the refurbishment of appropriate plant and equipment in lieu of replacement in the year due to manage cash flow requirements over the next five years.

Commercial and Domestic Refuse Collection

The program of providing domestic refuse collections of once weekly from April to September and twice weekly from October to April continued in 2005-06 within all three towns. In combination with tip site maintenance, commercial collections and street litter collection (street bins and litter removal), the expenditure for the year was \$804,200 and income of \$489,700.

In July 2005 the Shire distributed fridge magnets to all households within the three towns providing information on domestic collection days and recycling collection days for Newman.

Council approved the expansion of the recycling collection service for Newman by allowing for the purchase of additional bins. The service remains optional and residents interested in participating should contact the Newman office.

Planning for and construction of extensions to the active tipping sites at the Newman site commenced in 2004-05 and was continued in 2005-06 to deal with the increased population and construction activity.

Airports

Responsibility for the Shire's three airports (Newman, Nullagine and Marble Bar) was transferred from Corporate Services to Technical Services in April 2006.

Newman Airport continues to be stretched to its limits in handling the ever-increasing number of flights and passengers. During the 2005-06 year the number of passenger movements on the Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) flights approached 100,000. This does not include the passenger numbers for the charter flights

that stop at the airport for refuelling or interchange.

compliance with environmental and public health licensing requirements.

Whilst the increased movements has produced greater income, the projected expenditure for landside and airside upgrades and improvements to handle the extra traffic exceeds \$15 million. Council approved a loan of \$5 million during the year to allow urgent works to commence (sealing of the runway shoulders for the B717 aircraft, and a second apron and taxiway).

Routine maintenance was undertaken at the Nullagine and Marble Bar airstrips. The Shire was successful in obtaining State Government funding for the installation of runway lighting for Marble Bar airstrip with the work planned to be undertaken during late 2006.

Newman Sewage Treatment Plant

The treatment plant is owned and maintained by the Shire. The facility receives untreated sewage from the Water Corporation deep sewer network and treats it to produce a treated effluent (water). The water is chlorinated and used for reticulating the sportsgrounds and a number of community organisations grassed areas (e.g. Lions Animal Park).

The facility is one of a few mechanical wastewater treatment plants in the State and when first installed by BHP it was designed for a nominal town population of around 9,000. The present population numbers are well below this figure and the treatment plant is operating well within its capacity.

The Shire receives a financial contribution from Water Corporation and the balance of funds from a levy raised against Newman properties.

The operating expenditure has been increasing with the increase in population and a program of capital improvements has been ongoing to ensure reliability and

STATUTORY REPORTING

Disability Services Report

The Shire of East Pilbara has an ongoing commitment to the provision of services and access for people with disabilities. In the 2005-2006 financial year this related to the introduction of a Disabled Children's Fitness Programme.

Total cost to council of these projects was \$6000.

The commitment by the Shire of East Pilbara to improving facilities will continue into the next financial year, with many projects planned.

National Competition Policy

The Shire Of East Pilbara has met its obligations with regard to competition policy and is continuing to monitor the introduction of Council policies and local laws that may be the subject of anti-competitive practices. The Shire Of East Pilbara with regard to anti-competitive practices has received no complaints.

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Shire of East Pilbara

Annual Financial Statements

For the Year Ended

30 June 2006



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