Ferry services could be disrupted for at least a week and possibly a month or more next year to allow a new pontoon to be installed at Cullen Bay.

Alternatives under discussion are for the ferry to berth inside the marina after going through the lock or transferring the whole operation to Stokes Hill wharf.

Ferry operator Gus Withnall favours the marina option although there could be long delays at low tides or when other boats are using the lock.

Gus says Stokes Hill is not an option because of the extra distance and the lack of parking near the wharf.

But replacing the pontoon is becoming urgent.

A Planning and Infrastructure inspection found the facility has major cracks and deterioration from rust, with an expected life of no more than 12 months.

The report says rough weather could reduce this to less than six months.

Tenders have been called to replace the pontoon that services the ferries as well as charter boats, tourist vessels and yachts arriving from overseas.

Plans were in place to refurbish the pontoon but the report says this would be more expensive than building a new and more robust facility.

It also notes that the pontoon does not meet two Australian standard for marina design and pontoon flotation.

A section headed Main structural elements concludes that the pontoon has been taking water for some time.

“From what is visible through the sludge, the floor of the pontoon is in very poor condition with severe corrosion and pitting,” the report says. Cont p2.
Belyuen needs cop shop – Knight

12 months limit for pontoon replacement

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“The pitting may have started to produce pin holes in the floor of the pontoon from which the water is slowly seeping in.”

“The crab and sludge suggests the inside of the pontoon has been conducive to a sustainable marine environment for some time. It also suggests that there has been or still is a hole where animals can get in.”

“The cause of the cracks in the walls of the pontoon is due to corrosion and fatigue loading. Holes ... are caused by severe corrosion.”

“Photo 17 depicts what appears to be a fatigue crack initiated from a severely corroded hole in the wall.”

“This condition is unsafe and tends to fail catastrophically without warning. Once a large number of these cracks are present, the pontoon would become unsafe for use.”

Using the pontoon’s fenders as mooring posts (there are no buoys) has created further problems with parts of the pontoon.

“We’re looking at accommodation at Weetj, but that’s too far away,” Rob says. “We’re looking at accommodation at Newman, and that’s too far away.”

“The change over period of no changeover is less than a week or so, which is totally as the existing pontoon because it is uneconomical and time consuming given that a large percentage of the steel shell requires replacement or major replating.”

Practical

“Replacement of the pontoon presents the most cost effective option,” it says.

“It is also more practical as the existing pontoon can be left in place until the new one is ready to be installed.”

“The tender calls for a changeover period of no longer than 4 weeks.”

Daly MLA Rob Knight (right) has thrown his support behind a push for a permanent police presence on the Cox Peninsula.

The controversial issue has been blocked by senior police officers who claim the area is “adequately policed” by random patrols from Humpty Doo and Palmerston.

Police also claimed recently that it would take 15 officers to staff a stand-alone station based at Belyuen.

The town has been plagued by alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour for more than two years.

Despite being declared a “dry” area as part of the federal intervention, the abandoned cans, wine casks and bottles on the community and along the road between the prohibition signs tells an entirely different story.

Many of the former residents who moved to Darwin or to outstations after riots in 2007 have refused to return until there is a permanent police presence.

Despite the patrols, there has been ongoing violence and a continuing feud between families in Darwin and those who have remained at Belyuen.

This has seen several raids on local people with the police arriving long after the culprits have fled.

Police are investigating another major incident last month that has seen people again moving away from Belyuen.

Rob recently met with community members and with the Belyuen government-business manager who represents the federal Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Department, the body charged with implementing the emergency intervention in Aboriginal communities.

Departmental representatives are not allowed to speak with the media and all inquiries are referred to the federal minister’s office – or ignored.

But it is understood that the recently appointed manager is lobbying hard for police to be on hand at all times.

Rob now agrees a permanent police presence is essential.

“Adelaide River has (three officers) and Daly River has two,” he said when asked about staffing levels.

“We’re looking at accommodation at Belyuen, there’s a house there that could be used.”

“Some places are using (modified) shipping containers for accommodation (or) for cells.”

Police were asked for a response too late for it to be included in this edition.

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Weather watch

Rainfall and Temperature

Rainfall for August .............................................. 1 mm
Monthly average ............................................... 6 mm
Rain since October 1 2008 .................................. 1502 mm
Annual average (Oct 1 – Sep 30) ....................... 1706 mm
Average expected for September ..................... 15 mm
Expect it to rain on .............................................. 2 days
Average min/max temp (Darwin) ....................... 23.0/32.5 °C
Lock gate work will limit parking

Parking at Cullen Bay will be disrupted later this month when about 20 parking spaces are blocked off to allow maintenance on the lock doors.

Cullen Bay Management general manager Robbie Stadaloft said the work involved replacing the seals on each of the eight lock doors and maintenance on the pins that held the doors in place.

Cranes will be used to lift each door into the car park where the old seals will be removed and the new ones fitted.

“There’ll probably be a day or two when there is nothing there but if we open it up we’ll never get the buggers (car parkers) out again,” Robbie said.

He said some $450,000 had been allocated for the work although this could increase if the work encountered problems.

Robbie estimated the work would start on September 28 and some six weeks. Despite the closure of the southern end of the car park, the bus service will continue.

Public transport division spokesman Stuart Shearer said he expected the bus would continue to use the bus bay near the terminal.

The service has proved popular with Wagait Beach commuters as well as Cullen Bay workers and tourists.

Expect a nasty, long, hot, dry build-up – weather bureau

Darwin weather bureau forecasters are predicting a “nasty, hot, dry build-up” that could last well into December and possibly extend into January.

With the Cox Peninsula traditionally missing out on much of the early storm activity, the signs are that the next four months could be pretty unpleasant.

Climate services manager Sam Cleland said there were strong signs of a growing El Niño – an extensive warming of the central and eastern Pacific that leads to an increased probability of drier conditions.

“The El Niño has been raising its head (although) it’s eased a bit, but that’s probably only temporary and it will get going again,” Sam predicted.

“It looks like it’s going to be very hot and very dry, the monsoon onset is rarely early or on time in an El Niño.

“There’s less rain days, less early rain events and it’s generally hotter, it could be an interesting build-up.”

There is one small consolation. It rained at Wagait Beach in August – all 1 mm of it.

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Debate over jetty car park upgrade proposal

There was animated discussion over possible changes to the Territory Government’s plans to upgrade the parking area at the Mandorah jetty.

A revised plan showing that the boat trailer park at the western end of the car park with a reduced number of spaces brought criticism from Rocky Magnoli and president Peter Clee.

$15K for sports ground plan

Ratepayers will shell out more than $15 000 for a master plan outlining and costing the future development of the Wagait Beach sports ground.

The Wagait Shire Council had allocated $10 000 for the plan which is designed to identify future activities and facilities so that the council can apply for government grants and subsidies.

Quotes from the three companies that expressed interest in the proposal varied from more than $25 000 to almost $50 000.

Australian football, cricket and rugby league would be accommodated at the ground with suitable amenities for the players and spectators, and the report would provide information such as the cost of preparing these ovals, irrigation and infrastructure such as goalposts and parking.

Councillors were alarmed at the high cost of the project and although negotiations have seen the price reduced significantly – it is nowhere near the original $10 000 allocation.

“It’s a lot of money that I think could be better spent elsewhere,” Karen Duncan said.

Chief executive Wally Lenyszyn said a plan possibly could give the council access to corporate funding.

“The Federal government has a register where people donate -- we could approach the big mining companies and asked them for sponsorship,” he said.

“Until you’ve got something to show people you can’t approach people.”

Vera Lamont (above) disagreed, saying that the concept would produce another “Gardens Park oval”.

“I won’t be putting my name to it,” she said.

Peter Clee said it was necessary to spend money to get money.

“We need to produce a very good document, something we can use to quantify everything,” Peter said.

After much debate, the proposal was approved 4-3 with Karen, Vera and Rocky Magnoli voting against the $17 050 plan.

Wally was instructed to attempt to negotiate a lower price before accepting a final quote.

Other contentious issues were the location of the toilet, the bike shed and a bus shelter but councillors were unanimous in their support for moving these facilities away from the cliff face.

There was also talk of shade cloth over the car parking area but concerns about vandalism and itinerants camping under them saw this idea abandoned in favour of Vera Lamont’s suggestion for large shade trees.

There was also much discussion about the access and egress routes and the best place for bus parking and a drop-off zones.

The suggestions will be forwarded to the Planning and Infrastructure Department for input into the final plans.

Wagait Shire councillors have agreed to be part of a national great Aussie swap party to be held in November this year.

Initiated by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, the event will see people bringing unwanted items to swap with others on the day -- a proposal that brought groans from several female councillors who could see their partners coming home with a car load of junk.

Rejecting Wally Lenyszyn’s proposal to call expressions of interest, Karen Duncan said the council should take the initiative.

“Most people will take part if it’s organised,” she said.

Shire president Peter Clee agreed and moved that the council take part in the swap day.

“We might only get 10 people, but so what?” Peter said.

While some ratepayers are unhappy about the recent $220 rate rise with only a $50 rebate for early payment, that $50 has sparked a rush to pay this year’s rates bill before the August 31 deadline.

Wally described the response as a good turn up.

Asked about those people identified as regular late payers or who don’t pay at all, Wally said even two of these had been in to pay their arrears so they could get the $50 discount.

Federal parliamentary secretary for Regional Development and Local Government, Maxine McKew, has been nominated to open the newly built section of the Wagait Tower Road bicycle path.

The ceremony is planned for a Saturday in November -- some four months after the path was completed.

The council is to expand its mini-library service to allow people to borrow or return books on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Karen Duncan said limiting the library service to office hours meant many people missed out on borrowing books.

“A lot of people say they want a library but they can’t access it,” she said.

“If we can call for volunteers to run it twice a week -- two hours on Saturday and one hour on Wednesday evenings, we can go from there.”

“What we need now is to tell them what’s available and how to access it.”

Matt Prouse strongly supported the suggestion and spoke against moving the library to the community hall.

“It makes much more sense to leave it here (the council office),” Matt said.

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Sports ground van park gets the flick

The unofficial caravan park at the Wagait Beach sports ground has been scrapped after complaints that travellers were making it impossible for local children to use the play equipment.

Other concerns, such as letting unsupervised children use the sports ground with strangers about, added strength to the decision to close the “travellers rest stop”.

Sheree Arratta presented a petition to last month’s Wagait Shire Council meeting as well as a hard-hitting verbal summary of the problems.

“The concern of the community is that they are not able to access council (facilities) and the sports equipment because of the campers,” she said.

“We can’t access the play equipment because people are parked around the swings. One camper was ready to scold the children for making a noise until he realised one of the mothers was there.

“It’s unacceptable. It is our playground.

“When the conservation people were here, they set up under the covered area; they were using the play equipment as a clothesline.”

Speaking to an agenda item on the same topic, Karen Duncan said the whole concept of allowing travellers to use the sports ground facilities was flawed.

“The honesty system is not working,” she said.

Cops act on dog attack

Police will summons a Wagait Beach dog owner following an attack on a Sydney man in July.

Derek Hancock and his partner Liz were walking their two small dogs when they were attacked.

Derek required medical attention after suffering deep gashes and bruising, mainly to his right arm.

Police said the two dogs involved were no longer kept at Wagait Beach.

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Seniors ball – small turnout but lots of fun

There was a disappointing crowd at this year’s seniors’ ball but that didn’t put a dampener on the event for those who did turn out.

Sandy, Patsy, Barry, Brian and Dave (right) obviously had a good time while Maureen (below centre) Dave and Denise (below right) made a night of it.

And the two Abba fans below – does anyone recognise them?

Photos thanks to Lorraine Gardner at Lure Inn.
Fun(?) is pedalling 135 km before lunch

Darwin Cycling Club’s first Darwin to Mandorah “adventure” ride attracted some 100 riders last month – including local Jackie Edwards (right) who took about eight hours to reach the pub. A club spokesman said the big numbers could lead to the event being held annually.

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Council on a high

I would like to know who to ask what the council is smoking (and can I get some).

Three things worry me quite a bit.

The rates hike – don’t go there.

The placement of a toilet block and other buildings in what has been described as the best view of Mandorah when they could place these buildings to strategically hide some very ordinary bush.

And of course, my favourite, the proposed fun and fitness trial. Are they serious?

As vandalism escalates at an alarming rate, I suppose it will give the bored and itinerant something new to do.

Why hasn’t anyone asked the kids what’s needed. Maybe the first steps towards a pool for the community would be something useful. I shake my head.

Oh yes, if we are too lazy to do the fitness thing we could always get a light rail home. A step back to reality is needed, don’t you think?

Carolyn Gargan
24 Sasche St
(The car park in an NT Government initiative. The council only gets to comment.)

The Wagait Shire Council is asking the Essential Services Minister to conduct a full report into the viability of providing a water supply reticulated to the estate.

This may involve reclassifying Wagait Beach as a Power and Water Corporation minor urban area rather than a restricted services area.

The corporation is obliged to reticulate water to minor urban areas.

The move comes after a PowerWater report claiming there was only sufficient reserves in the Charles Pt supply to allow reticulation for 250 people.

An earlier natural resources report licensed the supply for up to 1200 people, although this did not include reticulation.

The council received two public submissions on the PowerWater report, both supporting the reticulation proposal.

Chris and Sue Chaplin said the project would never be cheaper and the community should go for it.

They said such a proposal would force the corporation to provide a mains supply to the Cox Peninsula.

“(This) is infrastructure that will supply water to future developments over the whole of the peninsula (and) as such the cost should not be born by the landowners at Wagait Beach,” Chris and Sue said.

“The government should make a contribution, for example, 50-50.

“PowerWaters estimate of this in a recent letter is $9 million-$11 million (so) the amount to each property would be in the vicinity of $10-$12,000.”

They made several suggestions how this money could be paid, looking mainly at using caveats that would fall due when the land was sold.

Darryl Withnall was critical of the PowerWater report and accused the corporation’s water services general manager Paul Heaton of offering no real solutions.

“You would seem to be happiest to just leave the situation as it is,” Darryl said in his letter.

“I find your apathy to our plight unacceptable.

“By your own figures we now have a population of more than 400 surviving on a standpipe system where domestic water is sold at a commercial rate.”

He said that while the standpipe system had worked well in the past, there were now large queues and collecting water had become even more expensive and time-consuming.

Councillors considered a proposal at the August shire meeting to immediately ask for the change to minor urban status.

After a short debate, they chose to go through the Essential Services Minister – Wagait Beach resident Rob Knight.
Across
1 A long walk usually for exercise or pleasure (4)
3 Fishes having large mouths with a wormlike filament attached for luring prey (8)
9 Proceeding in small stages (7)
10 A pale purple colour (5)
11 It used to be called Stuart (5,7)
14 Pompous fool (3)
16 System of principles or beliefs (5)
17 Floral welcome to Hawaii (3)
18 NT mining town (7,5)
21 It takes two, so they say (5)
22 Diminish (7)
23 Fortitude and determination (8)
24 A punctuation mark (4)

Down
1 New Year’s Eve in Scotland (8)
2 Sturdy twilled cloth of a yellowish brown colour (5)
4 Viscous liquid not miscible with water (3)
5 Complex pattern of constantly changing colours & shapes (12)
6 Prohibited by by official or accepted rules (7)
7 An old or over-worked horse (4)
8 The wife of a reigning king (5,7)
12 Groom with elaborate care (5)
13 A drink with restorative powers (4-2-2)
15 A flat bone of the upper chest (7)
19 Expel from a place (5)
20 An adult male red deer (4)
22 Think Batman and Robin (3)

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Virgo: August 24 – September 23
An early buildup is not a good look for those wanting to lash out and have a good time. Wherever you celebrate, make sure the air-conditioning is first rate. Lucky No 4

Libra: September 24 – October 23
If today is the first day of the rest of your life, what does that make next Friday week? Lucky No 14

Scorpio: October 24 - November 22
OK, no more insinuations about daring lifestyles. Just go back to being boring so the neighbours stop peering into your bedroom. Lucky No 31

Sagittarius: November 23 – December 22
Ever get that really sticky feeling with sweat trickling down your back and the need for a nanna nap every day? A trip to Tassie will make you realise it isn’t so bad. Lucky No 8

Capricorn: December 23 – January 20
How did you go with last month’s take a chance advice? The crystal ball suffered a PowerWater blackout so we missed the last episode. Lucky No 22

Aquarius: January 21 – February 19
A strange man will knock at your door and demand money. Pay him quickly; it’s the bloke who installs and fixes air-conditioners. Lucky No 2

Pisces: February 20 – March 19
Do not go shopping on Sunday afternoon the 27th. There’s a really shitty low tide and you’ll never get all that stuff up the jetty steps. Be warned! Lucky No 99

Aries: March 20 - April 20
There is a blasphemous message written in the heaven that will offend all Aries. It says you are NOT always right. Lucky No 9

Taurus April 21 – May 21
Racing around at high speed solving the problems of the Cox Peninsula is not good for your health. Slow down; we will survive without you. Lucky No 10

Gemini: May 22 – June 21
Consult your other self before making any major decisions this month. It is written in the stars that you cannot agree with yourself all the time. Lucky No 19

Cancer: June 22 – July 22
No more dopey advice about going camping. But calling in on the next council meeting could really spice up your life and get the pulse racing. Lucky No 1

Leo: July 23 – August 23
A few nice wines for your birthday you were told last month, not guzzling the whole damn cellar. Bloody hell!! Lucky No 8 again
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Except for two lucky vehicles that were waved through, including one driven by former Goyder poliwhawfer Ted Warren and carrying the present Daly pollie Rob Knight.

The cops claim the two cars were let through because there was no room at the end of the queue – although they found space for Matt Prouse who was one of the stragglers.

Plans for a new pontoon at Cullen Bay include suggestions to make the new floating wharf “unattractive” to deter new users.

The document says that “if the pontoon looks too flash, it may encourage other tour operators wanting to start using (it) to start new businesses”.

Fireworks may be banned in the ACT but there were plenty at last month’s council workshop to discuss changes to the draft shire business plan.

Councillor pooh-bah Wally Lenyszyn was not impressed with criticism of his plan or many of the suggested changes.

When Chris Tyzack pointed to one oversight in Wally’s draft, he refused to believe this was specified in the local government act.

“Show me, show me, go on, show me!” he demanded very loudly.

It was Chris’s turn to be unimpressed. Tossing her local government act folder along the table, she strongly suggested that Wally look it up for himself.

Complaining that he wasn’t going to have things “thrown at him”, Wally picked up his bat and ball and left the meeting – which then quickly and quietly worked through the rest of the draft plan.

Attempts to elect a new Cox Country Club committee last month attracted only 25 members and one committee nomination.

Another meeting is planned but unless there is a surge of interest before it is held, the club faces the possibility of losing its licence and closing.

Owner of a teeny-weeny Dia-hatsu got off the ferry on the far side to find she was parked in front and aft.

Lucky for Jane, one of the cars parked in the next row was owned by another Wagaitear who arrived on the same ferry.

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