



## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA OFFICE ON FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST 2014 AT 10:00AM**

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### **1 Welcome & Apologies**

#### **1.1 Welcome**

The meeting opened at 11:07 am.

The Chairperson welcomed councillors, members, staff, and guests.

#### **1.2 Present**

**Chairperson:** John Ross Pilakui.

**Local Authority Members:** Cr John Naden, Cr Gawin Tipiloura (11:13 am), Cr Barry Puruntatameri, Cr Leslie Tungatalum, Kevin Doolan (11:13 am), Jane Puautjimi, Marie Frances Tipiloura (11:30 am – left the meeting 11:35 am and did not return), Richard Tungatalum (11:55 am), Mavis Kerinaia, Miriam Tipungwuti, Ronald Tipungwuti, Teresita Puruntatameri, Richard Tipuamantumirri, Bonaventure Timaapatua.

Note: Wurankuwu Ward (Casual Vacancy due to resignation of Cr Brian Tipungwuti on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014).

**Visiting Councillors:** Nil

**Visitors:** Colvin Crowe (NTG-LGR), Maryclaire Milikins (Government Engagement Co-ordinator) – Tiwi Islands – Dept. Prime Minister & Cabinet).

**Officers:** Alan Hudson (CEO), Karl Sibley (Director Infrastructure).

**Minutes:** Bruce Moller (Governance Manager).

#### **1.3 Apologies**

Accepted: Cr Crystal Johnson, Francisco Babui.

Not Accepted: Nil

#### **1.4 Leave of Absence**

Nil

#### **1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff**

Nil

## **2 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

## **3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **3.1 2014/15 - LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING ADVICE**

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members are provided with a copy of a recent email dated 6<sup>th</sup> June which provides advice for Local Authority Funding for 2014/15 for the Tiwi Islands Regional Council. As this is a new program commencing in 2014/15 there are funding guidelines which attach to this recurrent funding.

Note: This item was deferred to today's meeting so that a new listing of proposed community projects could be put together.

Once a new list is available then this will need to be referred to the Regional Council for approval / endorsement before any projects can proceed.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes the new listing of proposed Community Projects from the \$ 219,206 allocated for Wurrumiyanga Local Authority for 14/15 F/Y.**

**See attached list.**

A break for lunch was taken at 12:15pm, and the meeting resumed after lunch at 1:00 pm.

## **4 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **4.1 REVIEW OF ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION**

The Department of Local Government & Regions has written to Council outlining the compliance requirement for a review of Electoral Representation which needs to be completed by no later than 31 March 2015.

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council are interested in seeking the views of Local Authority members and have provided information today for members to review and discuss.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report and provides any recommendations on the Electoral Review ( Items 1 to 6 ) above for incorporation in a report to the Regional Council at the 24 September 2014 Meeting.**

A Tiwi Islands Ward Map (An A3 size Ward map was handed out at the Meeting)

## ELECTORAL REVIEW

Table 1

Item to be Assessed	Comments by Local Authority ( in blue text )
1. Popularly Elected Mayor / President, or appointed from within Council	Appointed by Council ( this is the current option), or Popularly Elected Mayor  <b>WLA recommended that the Mayor be elected by the voters (community).</b>
2. Divide the Council area into Wards	YES or NO The Tiwi Islands Regional Council is currently divided into 4 wards.  <b>WLA recommended that there be 2 wards ( Bathurst Island, and Melville Island ).</b>
3. Where there are Wards  A. How many Wards ?   B. Internal Ward Boundaries	Currently there are 4 Wards  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nguiu Ward</li> <li>• Milikapiti Ward</li> <li>• Pirlangimpi Ward</li> <li>• Wurankuwu Ward</li> </ul> Are there any recommended changes to existing ward boundaries ?  <b>YES</b>  <b>WLA recommended to combine the Nguiu &amp; Wurankuwu Wards into one new ward (Bathurst Island), and that the Milikapiti Ward &amp; Pirlangimpi Wards be combined into one ward (Melville Island).</b>
4. The composition of Council  A. How many Elected Representatives for the Council Area ? B. How many Representatives per Ward ? C. The Elector Ratio in each Ward ?	Council currently has 12 Elected Representatives:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nguiu Ward ( 5 Reps )</li> <li>• Milikapiti Ward ( 3 Reps )</li> <li>• Pirlangimpi Ward ( 3 Reps )</li> <li>• Wurankuwu Ward ( 1 Rep )</li> </ul> <b>WLA recommended to retain the 12 Elected Members but to re-allocate the members across the combined new 2 Ward Option.</b>  <b>Bathurst Island Ward ( 6 reps )</b> <b>Melville Island Ward ( 6 reps )</b>

<b>ELECTORAL REVIEW ( Cont'd)</b>	
<p>5. The names of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Council</li> <li>B. The Council Area</li> <li>C. The Council Wards</li> </ul>	<p>The current name is the Tiwi Islands Regional Council. This was changed by the Minister on 1 January 2014 (previously Tiwi Islands Shire Council from 1 July 2008 ).</p> <p><b>The WLA had a general discussion about a possible new name for the Tiwi Islands area.</b></p> <p><b>A new name of Najingawula was raised but no firm decision was agreed upon.</b></p> <p><b>The WLA agreed upon recommending two new Ward Names (from the existing 4 wards)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Bathurst Island Ward (combining the Nguiu Ward &amp; the Wurankuwu Ward)</b></li> <li><b>2. Melville Island Ward (combining the Pirlangimpi &amp; Milikapiti Wards).</b></li> </ul>
<p>6. Changes to the Council's external boundaries ?</p>	<p>Are there any changes to the External Boundaries ? ( refer to Ward Map )</p> <p><b>There was a general discussion with regard to any recommended changes to the external boundaries.</b></p> <p><b>The WLA recommended that the CEO write a letter to the Tiwi Land Council advising of possible changes to the external boundaries.</b></p> <p><b>It was mentioned that one possible change might be to include the Vernon Islands Group into the southern boundary of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.</b></p> <p><b>Action : CEO to write to Tiwi Land Council re possible changes to the TIRC Southern Boundary to include the Vernon Islands Group into the TIRC boundaries.</b></p>

## 5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil

## 6 OTHER BUSINESS

### **6.1 WURRUMIYANGA – TIWI OVAL**

The CEO provided members with an update on the recently purchased Shade Marquees. Funding via an ABA Grant has allowed for the purchase of seven (7) new large shade structures ( each in the colours of the local football teams ).

### **6.2 WURRUMIYANGA – STREETLIGHTING ( SIHIP SUBDIVISION )**

Members raised a general community safety concern on behalf of Forrestry residents in relation to the lack of streetlighting in the recently completed SIHIP Subdivision ( part of Forrestry Suburb ). Both the location of streetlights and type to be reviewed.

**Action : CEO & Director Infrastructure to investigate the current streetlighting and prepare a report on any deficiencies / upgrading / new lights that may be required.**

### **6.3 WURRUMIYANGA – SLAP MAP / ZONING**

It was agreed that a suitable map would be provided at the next WLA Meeting to assist members with visual representation of the different zoning for areas around Wurrumiyanga township.

**Action : Director Infrastructure to obtain a suitable slap map / zoning map and bring along to the next WLA Meeting.**

### **6.4 WURRUMIYANGA – DUST LEVELS ADJACENT TO SHOPS**

Mavis Kerinauia raised the issue of Council possibly assisting with some form of dust suppression near the NUA Store, and also adjacent to the Piliyanyirra Store.

**Action : Director Infrastructure to investigate if Council can assist with some form of dust suppression to these heavily utilised public areas.**

Due to other commitments Teresita Puruntatameri and Barry Puruntatameri left the meeting at 2:20 pm.

## 8 Closure

The meeting closed at 3:05 pm.