



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI BOARD ROOM ON FRIDAY, 17 APRIL 2015 AT 10:00 AM**

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**1 Welcome & Apologies**

**1.1 Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:40 am.

The Chairperson Pius Tipungwuti welcomed members and staff.

**1.2 Present**

**Chairperson:** Pius Tipungwuti.

**Local Authority Members:** Christine Joran, Loretta Cook, Lynette De Santis  
10:40am.

**Officers:** Garry Lambert (A/CEO), Rosanna De Santis (Director Community Support), Karl Sibley (Infrastructure Director), Lesley Palmer (Director Corporate Services).

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

**1.3 Apologies**

Accepted: Mary E Moreen, Thomas Puruntatameri, Anita Moreen, Irene Tipiloura, Connell Tipiloura.

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 DRAFT 2015/16 TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGETS**

Each year the Tiwi Islands Regional Council prepares a new version of the Council Plan and Budget.

As part of this process Council is required to invite each Local Authority to participate in this process to facilitate local community discussion on Council service delivery and to provide feedback to Council on the effectiveness of those current services.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Milikapiti Local Authority Members participate in discussions for the Draft 2015/16 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Plan & Budget.**

#### **INTRODUCTION BY A / CEO**

The A / CEO provided a short introduction to members as an overview on the processes for the development of the 2015/16 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Draft Plan and Budget.

Garry Lambert advised his A/ CEO temporary appointment would carry through until approximately the end of June 2015. During the next couple of months the Draft 15/16 Council Plan and Budget will be prepared by staff, and each Local Authority is invited to participate in the process of developing this.

The A/ CEO advised members that each Director would provide an overview of their individual service areas and would be available to answer any questions that members may have in relation to local service delivery.

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENTATIONS**

##### **INFRASTRUCTURE Karl Sibley**

Karl provided a briefing to members on the following service areas under his responsibility:

- Rubbish / Waste Management
- Town Services
- Airports (Airport Operations & Airport Maintenance)
- Roads
- Outstations
- Marine Services
- Council Buildings / Facilities
- Fleet / Workshops

Karl explained to members that Council now faces a more rigorous compliance regime for the Wurrumiyanga Tip due to new Environmental Protection Authority rules, but these EPA rules do not apply currently for the Milikapiti community as the population is below 1,000 people.

Karl explained that there was a proposed new NTG Cemeteries Act coming soon which would involve a lot of additional work and responsibility for the Regional Council. It would be necessary to update burial records for old grave sites and look at the overall Cemetery requirements for funerals and burials for the Milikapiti community.

Karl advised that there was some recent good news from the ABA Grant application as an additional \$ 240,000 in funding had been approved to complete the Milikapiti Water Feature project.

On the roads front an announcement was expected soon from the NTG in relation to the Melville Island road upgrade project (Pickataramoor to Port Melville). Council had also submitted a separate Grant application for matching funding of an additional \$ 5 Million in Federal Roads assistance to bring up the total funding pool for roads to a possible \$ 10 Million.

Recent success for Council in being awarded our first Black Spot Roads Grant \$ 118,000 for 15/16.

Karl also advised that the Milikapiti Airport Operations contract now requires full national level compliance with CASA Airport Operations regulations and procedures. A recent training course highlighted the complex technical requirements to be met by Airport Operators and this is a significant cost and risk area for Council.

The Milikapiti Workshop has been relocated to the old CDEP Shed (next door to the main office).

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT     Rosanna De Santis**

Rosanna provided a briefing to members on the following service areas under her responsibility:

- Community Safety
- Children's Services
- Youth Services
- Sport & Recreation
- Libraries
- Centrelink

Rosanna also advised that due to recent successful notification in relation to the Australian Government (IAS Grants) that some additional positions have been funded into the future.

A new 2 year Grant application (15/16 & 16/17) had been lodged recently with NTG Dept. Corrections for the ongoing Youth & Community program funding.

### **CORPORATE SERVICES     Lesley Palmer**

Lesley provided a briefing to members on the following service areas under her responsibility:

#### **Human Resources**

- Payroll processing
- Work Health & Safety
- Recruitment
- Employee advice on pay and conditions
- Workers Compensation claims
- Training Co-ordination

## **Corporate Services**

- Office Management
- Records Management
- Wurrumiyanga Post Office
- ICT
- Community Engagement

## **LOCAL PRIORITIES**

Members raised the following items for consideration by Council in developing the Draft 15/16 Council Plan & Budget:

### **Council Job Vacancies**

Members were reminded that from time to time the Regional Council placed up job vacancies on Community and Council noticeboards. It was recommended to members that they encourage community members to regularly check for local job vacancies and to apply for any positions as they become available.

Lesley Palmer advised members that there was a current vacancy in the Milikapiti Office for a part time cleaner (2 days per week).

## **4 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

Nil

## **5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Nil

## **6 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

## **7 Closure**

The meeting closed at 11:45 am.