Notice is given that the next Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting of Tiwi Islands Regional Council will be held on:

- Tuesday, 22 January 2019 at
- Prime Minister & Cabinet Boardroom Wurrumiyanga
- Commencing at 10:00 am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Marion Scrymgour
Chief Executive Officer
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6 OTHER BUSINESS
   Nil
1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:55 am.

The Chairperson Richard Tungatulam welcomed members, staff and guests.

1.2 Present

Chairperson: Richard Tungutalum.

Local Authority Members: Ronald Tipungwuti, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Nilus Kerinaiaua, Miriam Tipungwuti, Marie Frances Tipiloura, Mavis Kerinaiaua, Cr Jennifer Clancy.

Visiting Councillors: Nil

Officers: Bala Donepudi (Finance Manager), Kesara Scrymgour (Acting Governance & Compliance Manager) and Valerie Rowland (Executive Officer)

Guests: Peter Wyatt, Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD).

Minuter: Kesara Scrymgour (Acting Governance & Compliance Manager)

1.3 Apologies

1.3 APOLOGIES - WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING - 30 OCTOBER 2018

RESOLUTION

Moved: Nilus Kerinaiaua
Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

That the Apologies of WLA member Jane Puautjimi, John Ross Pilakui, Ebony Williams – Costa, Richard Tipuamantamirri, Mayor Gawin Tipiloura, Deputy Mayor Leslie Tungatulam, Cr Wesley Kerinaiaua and Cr Kevin Doolan, staff member Chief Executive Officer Marion Scrymgour be accepted by members.

CARRIED

1.4 Leave of Absence

Cr Francisco Babui and Maina Brown Governance & Compliance Manager.

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff
1.6  Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 24 July 2018

2 RESOLUTION

Moved:  Nilus Kerinaiau
Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority held on 24 July 2018 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Business arising from previous minutes held on 24 July 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these discussions and reports.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER AS OF JANUARY 2018/19.

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3 RESOLUTION

Moved:  Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti
Seconded: Mavis Lear Kerinaiau

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the updated meeting attendance register.

CARRIED

3.2 2018/19 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018.

This report is provided for information to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to advise on expenditure to 30 September 2018 for the 2018/19 F/Y.

4 RESOLUTION

Moved:  Bonaventure Timaepatua
Seconded: Mavis Lear Kerinaiau

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report for information and provide any comments or feedback on the new financial reporting format.

CARRIED

At this point of the meeting a lunch was called at 12:44 pm.
The meeting recommenced at 1:42 pm.

4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

4.1 WLA FUNDS FOR 2018/19.

This report is to get the consent of the Wurrumiyanga local authority to take up projects under 2018-19 Local Authority project Funding.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mavis Lear Kerinaiua  
Seconded: Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti

1. That the Wurrumiyanga Local authority endorses the proposal to take up the Cultural History Project, Tiwi Spirit Project and Local authority Uniforms from 2018-19 Local Authority project Funding.

2. That the Local Authority acknowledges receipt of the Local Authority funding certification to be tabled at the next Council meeting on the 31 October.

3. That the projects listed below be reinstated for action officer to commence and to seek quotes and to be presented at the next WLA meeting to be held in January 2019 for recommendation to Council for approval to proceed.

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5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 APPROVED TIRC REGIONAL PLAN & BUDGET 2018/19

This report provides an update on the approved TIRC Regional Plan & Budget 2018/19 for members information.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua  
Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receives and notes this report number 220488 for information.

CARRIED

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil
7 Next Meeting

Tuesday 22 January 2019.

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 2:03 pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting of the Council held on ________________________.

Signed: ...........................................

Chairperson
**BUSINESS ARISING**

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Business arising from previous minutes held on 30 October 2018.

**BACKGROUND**

This is the section of the meeting where any business arising from the previous meeting is dealt with.

Attached are the Minutes of the 30 October 2018 (Ordinary Meeting) for Local Authority Members to read and provide any comments on.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these discussions and reports.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2018_10_30_Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting_Minutes_Draft.pdf
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Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

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Minutes of the WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING held on TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2018 (Unconfirmed)
1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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6 RESOLUTION

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CARRIED

6 OTHER BUSINESS

NII

7 Next Meeting

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Signed: ____________________________

Chairperson

Minutes of the WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING held on TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2018 (Unconfirmed)
GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER  3.1
TITLE        Meeting Attendance Register as of January 2018/19.
REFERENCE    222772
AUTHOR       Maina Brown, Governance & Compliance Manager

As an ongoing record keeping requirement, members will be provided with an updated meeting attendance listing at the beginning of each meeting. Members attendance is based on the official minutes of each WLA meeting.

BACKGROUND

As an important element of good governance and meeting procedures, an attendance register has been put together for 2018 and up to current date.

Standard procedure will be for the Chairperson to review this listing at the commencement of each meeting and to follow up any previous non attendance / s with members.

Council will be including all Local Authority Meeting attendance records into each year's Tiwi Islands Regional Council Annual Report.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES
Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the updated meeting attendance register.

ATTACHMENTS:
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- A = Present
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**Meeting Type**
- W = Ordinary Meeting
- L = Annual General Meeting
- Z = Special Meeting

Attachment 1

**Official Attendance Register**

Wurumanga Local Authority Meeting Attendance

Vurnumanga Local Authority Meetings - 2018 - 2019

Tiwu Islands Regional Council
The Department of Chief Minister have contact Council seeking an opportunity to present at the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to provide them information regarding Local Decision Making.

BACKGROUND

Representatives from the Department of Chief Ministers office who are Matt Majid and Sandra Schmitt will be in attendance to present a short presentation to inform the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members on Local Decision Making.

A presentation will be presented on the day.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES
Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and notes this report number 222902 for information and welcomes Matt Majid and Sandra Schmidt from Department of Justice and listens to the short presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:
Representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development have contact Council seeking an opportunity to present at the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to inform members on the consultation Draft Burial and Cremation Bill.

BACKGROUND

Representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, Anthony Burridge, Legislation and Policy Officer and Charlie Fuller, Project Support Officer will be in attendance to inform Local Authority members on the consultation Draft Burial and Cremation Bill.

The Northern Territory Government has drafted a Burial and Cremation Bill to replace the current Northern Territory Cemeteries Act. The Cemeteries Act was developed in 1952 and has been revised to better reflect the needs and wishes of the Northern Territory community regarding burials, cremation and the handling of loved ones’ remains.

The new legislation will ensure that:

- human remains continue to be treated with dignity and respect
- burial and cremation records, such as registers, are kept and maintained
- different practices and beliefs regarding the burial or cremation of human remains are accommodated
- cemeteries on Aboriginal land are recognised.

For more information, the draft bill and other fact sheets are also available on the below link. https://dhcd.nt.gov.au/publications-and-policies/draft-northern-territory-burial-and-cremation-bill

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES
Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and notes this report number 222923 for information and welcomes Anthony Burridge and Charlie Fuller from Department of Housing Community Development and listens to the short presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:
1 Request to Attend A Meeting by DHCD 22 Jan 2019.pdf
REQUEST TO ATTEND A LOCAL AUTHORITY or COUNCIL MEETING

Tiwi Islands Regional Council has endorsed that attendees provide the following information as part of any request to attend a Local Authority or Council meeting.

Please complete this form and return it to governance@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au.

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Agenda item

1. What is the purpose of the presentation?
   This presentation forms part of the public consultation activities run from November 2018 through to March 2019 on draft Burial and Cremation Bill. The Northern Territory Government is proposing to introduce new laws for Cemeteries in the Northern Territory. The current Cemeteries Act (the Act) can be traced back to a 1952 Commonwealth Ordinance. The proposed new law seeks to recognise cemeteries on Aboriginal land and modernise the Act to reflect societal views and practices regarding the disposal of human remains. There will be some new legislative requirements for the management of cemeteries including the Wurankiku and Wurrumiyangga cemeteries.

2. Which Local Authority or Council meeting do you wish to attend? Meeting dates are available on the Councils website [http://tiwiislands.org.au/](http://tiwiislands.org.au/)
   Wurrumiyangga Local Authority meeting, Tuesday 22 January 2019

3. What length of time do you require for your presentation?
   (10-15 mins maximum) 15 mins

4. How many people will attend the meeting?
   More than 1 require specific permission of CEO Two, Miss Charlie Fuller will accompany Mr Anthony Burridge as a support to record any comments or feedback given on the subject.

5. For the agenda item, do you expect to: (please complete the option/s that are relevant)
   - Provide information to the local authority or council about:
     What the draft proposed laws will mean for the Local Authority, Council, and Communities.
   - Seek information from the local authority or council about:
     Any comments or questions about the new proposed laws that members would like more information on.
   - Seek a recommendation from the local authority or council about:

Other information (where applicable)

When is attendance at a local authority or council meeting required? (Please indicate any time sensitivities)
Nil
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Date ___________________________
The Menzies School of Health Research has contacted Council and have requested an opportunity to present to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority regarding the hearing for learning initiative and to request participation of the Tiwi communities in this project.

BACKGROUND

A representative from Menzies School of Health Research, Amanda Leach (Research Fellow) will be in attendance to provide members information regarding the Hearing for Learning Initiative proposal.

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will be providing training and employing local community people to become the ‘ear experts’. We have funding to employ Tiwi people and to provide training in Community Research (Certificate II) and in clinical and education support roles (i.e., conducting ear assessments, helping teachers, supporting families to help their children with ear and hearing problems, assisting with appointments with audiology, speech therapy and ENT surgeries). Because the HfLI will gradually include 20 communities over 4 years, the first four communities in year one will be in the program for the longest time.

Attached to this report an information sheet for members information.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and notes this report number 222891 for information and welcomes Amanda Leach from Menzies School of Research and listens to the short presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

The Hearing for Learning Initiative - HfLI_v9.pdf

The goal of the Hearing for Learning Initiative is to ensure that every child is healthy and well educated. This initiative is designed to improve the health and hearing of children through early identification, referral, and intervention.

Benefits for the Community:
- Improved health and learning outcomes for children
- Reduced healthcare costs
- Enhanced family well-being
- Increased educational opportunities

The Hearing for Learning Initiative is a collaborative effort involving healthcare professionals, educators, and community leaders to ensure that children receive the support they need to thrive.

Phased Approach:

1. Awareness and Education:
   - Increase awareness among parents, caregivers, and professionals about the importance of early detection and intervention.

2. Identification and Referral:
   - Establish a system for identifying children who may have hearing or learning difficulties.

3. Intervention and Support:
   - Provide targeted interventions and support to address identified needs.

4. Evaluation and Feedback:
   - Regularly review outcomes and adjust strategies as necessary.

The Hearing for Learning Initiative is supported by funding from various sources, including state and federal grants, as well as private donations.

For more information, please visit the Hearing for Learning Initiative website or contact the project coordinator at info@hear4learning.org.
SOLVING THE EAR DISEASE AND HEARING LOSS CRISIS AMONGST ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Indigenous ear health remains at crisis point in the Northern Territory. For the several thousand children and young people on waiting lists for audiology and surgical assessment, and the thousands more aged under five with undiagnosed ear disease, there is a very high risk of profound disadvantage in health, education and employment outcomes. Untreated ear disease sets children up for a lifetime of disadvantage.

While a fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) model is part of the solution, the current model is overstretched and expensive, and inadequate without the support of a robust, community-based initiative at a local level. If it remains so, the shocking levels of hearing loss and disadvantage in our Indigenous children will persist.

The Balnaves Foundation, the Menzies School of Health Research, and Charles Darwin University invite the Northern Territory Government to join a ground-breaking five-year, $8 million public and private partnership to help solve the ear disease crisis – the Hearing for Learning Initiative. This is an opportunity for the Northern Territory Government, in partnership with a Northern Territory research institute, to deliver a high impact program that will lead the country in solving a national crisis.

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will implement an innovative community-based approach, which will reach 5,000 children aged 0 – 16 years old over 5 years, across 20 sites in urban, rural and remote areas of the Northern Territory. The initiative will increase access to regular community-based early detection and treatment, which will reduce the prevalence of chronic ear disease and hearing loss, enabling the FIFO medical specialists to focus on the most serious cases.

Furthermore, the Hearing for Learning Initiative will make use of innovative, and cost effective new technologies to monitor and collect, accurate and comprehensive data on the extent of ear disease and hearing loss amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Northern Territory, and the outcomes of interventions. The Initiative will inform best practice and become a model that can be rolled out comprehensively across the Northern Territory.
THE PROBLEM

Indigenous ear health is at crisis point in the Northern Territory

An astonishing 90 per cent of indigenous Australian children under 3 years of age in remote areas have a form of middle ear disease (Otitis Media).*

20 per cent have ruptured eardrums with disabling hearing loss.* The World Health Organisation considers a ruptured eardrum rate of four per cent to constitute a public health emergency.

By 12 months of age, only five per cent of Indigenous children in remote communities have bilateral normal hearing.* By comparison, over 80 per cent of children in the rest of Australia display normal hearing.

Currently, there is very limited capacity for communities to identify ear disease within the first few months of life. Infants rarely show signs of pain, so infections are not detected. The disease persists and progresses.*

Childhood hearing loss is a life sentence that bleeds into all other areas

Not being able to hear from an early age becomes a life sentence. Hearing is crucial to the development of language and the brain's auditory processing capacity.

Hearing loss leads to communication, developmental, and behavioural problems. It reduces self-esteem and school attendance. It lowers social and educational outcomes.

This, in turn, reduces employability, while increasing incarceration and recidivism. 90 per cent of incarcerated Indigenous Australians in the NT have hearing impairment.**

Poor ear health is costing the NT Government hundreds of millions per year

The direct, health-related cost of treating ear disease (Otitis Media) amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Northern Territory is estimated to be $60 million per year.***

This figure does not include the additional health-related cost of treating complications, and other associated diseases and disorders resulting from Otitis Media, such as surgery and hearing aids, or treating Indigenous Australians living in remote areas.

*Menzies School of Health Research Ear Health Research Program
**Damian Howard Aboriginal Law Bulletin 1993

If one considers the secondary costs associated with hearing loss – including learning difficulties, speech and language delays, reduced employability, and increased incarceration – it can be conservatively estimated that untreated Otitis Media costs the Northern Territory Government hundreds of millions in health, education, welfare and justice system expenditure per year.

Otitis media impacts child development from the first year of life. Estimates of lost economic activity over the lifetime of those affected will be in the billions.

Current FIFO services, while vital, are inadequate without the support of a community-based response model
The chronic nature of ear disease means the majority of children require repeated and long-term follow-up services. The FIFO model alone mean that services may not be available at the time they are most needed.

The work of FIFO ENT specialists, audiologists and speech therapy services in rural and remote areas is vital, yet expensive.

We note that the national Healthy Ears Program, which was first funded by the Commonwealth in 2013-14 with $24 million over four years, was extended by Minister for Indigenous Health Ken Wyatt last week, with $29.4 million over four years from 2018-19 to 2021-22.

While the FIFO model supported by the Healthy Ears Program is part of the solution, the current model is overstretched and expensive, and inadequate without the support of a robust, community-based response at a local indigenous level. In order to derive full value from this program, it needs to be supported by community-based programs that empower Indigenous communities. This is a unique opportunity for the NT Government to play a leadership role and set a new Australian standard in proactive, holistic ear health.
THE SOLUTION

The Hearing for Learning Initiative, will introduce an innovative community-based approach founded on ground-breaking research undertaken by Menzies School of Health Research in Indigenous ear health.

The initiative will reach 5,000 children aged 0 – 16 years old over 5 years, across 20 sites in urban, rural and remote areas of the Northern Territory. The focus will be children under three years of age.

It will increase access to regular community-based treatment, which will reduce the prevalence of chronic ear disease and hearing loss, enabling the FIFO medical specialists to focus on the most serious cases.

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will include training, employment and resourcing of Indigenous community members as Ear Health Project Officers. It will build community-based, culturally appropriate teams including the Ear Health Project Officers, capable of integrating into current primary health care services, to assist the busy health professionals in the diagnosis and management of ear disease. and to ensure tertiary referrals are needs-based and appropriately used.

The teams will also lead education programs for identifying children with hearing problems, enhancing strategies for teaching children with hearing problems, and evaluating the impact of sound field systems.

Furthermore, the Initiative will make use of innovative, and cost-effective new technologies that can be applied by non-specialists, to monitor and collect, accurate and comprehensive data on the extent of ear disease and hearing loss amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Northern Territory, and the outcomes of interventions. The Initiative will inform best practice and become a model that can be rolled out comprehensively across the Northern Territory.

Key activities for the Hearing for Learning Initiative will be:

- Form a multi-sector coalition of 6 to 10 Indigenous leaders to inform the Initiative.
- Appoint a team of Indigenous health and education experts to implement and monitor the initiative.
- Train, employ and resource up to 40 Indigenous community members as Ear Health Project Officers.
- Implement and evaluate the Initiative across 20 pilot sites throughout urban, rural and remote areas.
- Change the health and education outcomes, and employment trajectories of 5000 Indigenous Australians during the first 5 years of the Initiative.

Build local, Indigenous capacity for community-based care

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will empower remote Indigenous communities by building the capacity to recognise, report, and treat ear disease.

This program will seek to demonstrate that community members can be locally trained and supported to provide a critical service.

The Initiative will promote the provision of evidence-based management that can directly improve health outcomes (improving the ‘push’ of information) while educating families on how to access important services already available (improving ‘pull’ of information).

The only way to put a serious dent in the long-term problem is to optimally support existing FIFO services through regular, consistent, and holistic care at a local level.
Complement and bolster the work of existing primary health care services

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will complement the current ear health care model. It is not funded to replace primary health care services, FIFO visiting specialists, or any other services currently in place.

Rather, the Hearing for Learning Ear Health Project Officers will support and multiply the effectiveness of existing health care and education services through building community engagement.

Improving linkages with all relevant services currently in place in each participating community will be a priority.

The Ear Health Project Officers will have access to high level clinical leadership and specialist support. They will be trained and supported to provide safe and effective assessments using video otoscopy and tympanometry, which could then be discussed with the GP or other health care providers.

The management plan will be determined by the child’s regular health care provider, and the Ear Health Project Officer will assist in the implementation of that care plan including assisting the families with medications and follow-up appointments.

All data will be made available to the health services.
Oversight and leadership from the very best

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will be joint-chaired by Professor Amanda Leach, a world leading expert in ear health and its application to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and Associate Professor Kelvin Kong, one of Australia’s leading Indigenous surgeons and advocates for improving Indigenous health outcomes.

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will establish an across-sector coalition of Indigenous Leaders and stakeholders to oversee the program, and discuss its goals, implementation, and evaluation plans.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will have a transparent budget focusing tightly on materially improving ear health, hearing, and learning outcomes for current and future generations. This will make assessment of impact, cost, and benefit easier than for services with a broader scope.

Hearing for Learning Initiative data will be used to support economic analyses and to compare costs and benefits in relation to currently available services. The initiative will partner with internationally-recognised experts in conducting these analyses and draw on its connection to leading and highly-regarded research institutions.

The Initiative will work with the participating communities and health services to determine which outcomes they value for their children. Age-appropriate health and education related outcomes will be measured over time.

Some of the types of outcomes likely to be included are:

- primary health care resources available in ear and hearing health services
- proportion of children receiving evidence-based ear health assessments
- proportion of ears assessed that receive a correct diagnosis
- proportion of diagnoses that receive appropriate management
- proportion of children who receive appropriate referral to Hearing Health Program, NT hearing Services, Australian Hearing and ENT tele-otology services
- proportion of children with tympanic membrane perforation
- proportion of children with chronic OM prior to school entry
- proportion of classrooms with hearing-friendly environments (teacher training, acoustic improvements, sound-field systems installed and used)
- school attendance, particularly by hearing impaired children

Participating communities will have access to data that is directly relevant to their own situation.
WHAT'S REQUIRED TO GET STARTED

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will require an investment of $8 million over five-years. Combining philanthropy and government funding, it will be a ground-breaking private and public partnership.

The Balnaves Foundation has committed $2.5 million and invites the NT Government to commit $2 dollars for every $1 dollar from the Foundation. that is, $5 million over five years.

The additional $500,000 to make up the $8 million investment required will be raised from a second philanthropic partner. In this regard, negotiations are underway and The Balnaves Foundation will underwrite the additional $500,000 if a partner is not secured.

APPENDICES

Appendix A. Response to Queries from the Department of Health
Appendix B. Hearing for Learning Initiative Budget
Appendix A: Response to Queries from the Department of Health

Discussion with officials within the Health Department led to an email communication from the Department's Hearing Health Program Leader on March 5th 2018, which posed a number of questions regarding the Hearing for Learning initiative. We will directly answer these questions below.

1. Questions regarding the research project:
   • What is the research question and underpinning rationale

   The Hearing for Learning Initiative will implement and rigorously evaluate an innovative community-based model of care for otitis media, in partnership with participating communities and health services. This initiative will address the following research question: Among primary care services in the Northern Territory, does employment, clinical training and integration of local ear and hearing health project officers into health and education services (the Hearing for Learning initiative), compared to current practice, reduce the prevalence of OM and untreated hearing loss in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children during a three year trial period?

   The first rationale is to demonstrate that community members can be locally trained and supported to provide an important service. This service will have a positive impact on ear health in the community and complement currently available services. It will achieve this through: provision of evidence-based management that can directly improve health outcomes ("improving push of information"); and educating families on how to access important services already available ("improving pull of information").

   The second rationale is to establish an across-sector coalition of Indigenous Leaders and peak body stakeholders to oversee the Hearing for Learning initiative, and discuss its goals, implementation and evaluation plans. Stakeholders will be asked to identify and implement targeted contributions by their sector that aim to improve ear and hearing health and address communication barriers related to OM and hearing loss.

   The Hearing for Learning Initiative will be a collaborative approach funded through a public-private partnership, supported by the NT Government, the Balnaves Foundation, and other philanthropic organisations. It will provide a model for governments and philanthropic organisations to work together to ensure delivery of evidence-based practice for every ear of every child at every opportunity. This will include establishing a team to consult, coordinate, employ, train, support and monitor crucial services for indigenous children. Their focus will be on: i) Community-based, culturally appropriate skilled workforce integrated into current primary health care services, to assist the busy health professionals in the diagnosis and management of ear disease, and ensure tertiary referrals are needs-based and appropriately used (audiology, speech therapy, ENT services); ii) Education (identifying children with hearing problems, enhanced strategies for teaching children with hearing problems, evaluating the impact of sound field systems); and iii) Optimising the use of innovative new technologies.

   • Who is eligible for the research – age focus?

   All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-16 years old who are living in the participating communities. It is likely that the greatest need will pre-school age, particularly the under 3 year olds.

   • Who is excluded – age ranges, types of OM etc.

   No one who meets the eligibility criteria will be excluded.

   • Methodology – how and what is going to be evaluated – short/ medium and longer term

   The Hearing for Learning Initiative will work with the participating communities and health services to determine which outcomes they value for their children. Age-appropriate health and education related outcomes will be measured over time. The types of outcomes likely to be included are listed below.
Health Related Outcomes:

i) primary health care resources available in ear and hearing health services
ii) quality of data collection and monitoring of ear and hearing health
iii) proportion of children receiving evidence-based ear health assessments
iv) proportion of ears assessed that receive a correct diagnosis
v) proportion of diagnoses that receive appropriate management
vi) proportion of children who receive appropriate referral (and over-referral) to Hearing Health Program, NT hearing services, Australian Hearing and ENT tele-otology services
vii) proportion of children with tympanic membrane perforation
viii) proportion of children with chronic OM prior to school entry

Education Related Outcomes:

ix) proportion of children with high vulnerability at school entry
x) proportion of hearing impaired children
xi) proportion of hearing impaired children receiving appropriate hearing support
xii) proportion of classrooms with hearing-friendly environments (teacher training, acoustic improvements, sound-field systems installed and used)
xiii) school attendance, particularly by hearing impaired children

- **How other potential factors will be controlled for – e.g. existing ear health of the community, underpinning social determinants (housing etc.), existing hearing/ear health literacy, other programs on communities, skills level of existing PHC staff, visiting programs**

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will work with participating communities in determining the appropriate analysis model. Each community will provide its own control data so relevant outcome data will be able to be tracked over time. Participating communities will have access to data that is directly relevant to their own situation. We anticipate using an approach such as the interrupted time series analysis. This allows data to be presented visually in a meaningful way. It is also suitable for regression analyses and consideration of other factors that may affect the outcomes.

- **How are the learning and employment outcomes to be measured?**

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will focus on improving ear health, hearing and learning outcomes. While the Hearing for Learning Initiative also aims to improve employment opportunities over time, and these will be modelled using rigorous economic analysis, we will not be able to see an effect within a 3-year time frame.

- **How will true return on investment be calculated? What is the methodology for the health economics – what is the key analysis question? Will this compare true costs and ROI of existing service models as comparison**

The Hearing for Learning Initiative will have a transparent budget and a clearly defined set of health and education related outcome data. The primary objective is to support rapid improvement in these important outcomes. To date, very large investments – many times greater than that proposed for the Hearing for Learning initiative – have been made with only modest improvements in outcome data.

Hearing for Learning Initiative data will be used to support economic analyses and will compare costs and benefits in relation to currently available services. However, the detailed methods and assumptions utilised in such modelling will be developed as part of this initiative. We will partner with internationally-recognised experts in conducting these analyses.
2. **Questions on workforce: Project Officers and Trainers**

The research proposes invasive diagnostic intervention (ear examination, tympanometry) and invasive therapeutic interventions (ear cleaning/irrigation) to be provided by Project Officers outside the “whole child” primary health care facilities. Discussion points have included: access to full health record, allergies/alerts, co-morbidity interventions, polypharmacy, workforce availability (indigenous health and education trainers/support), training, competency, indemnity and access to clinical leadership/specialist support.

The *Hearing for Learning* Ear Health Project Officers will work alongside the health care and education services. They will have access to high level clinical leadership and specialist support. They will be trained and supported to provide safe and effective assessments using video otoscopy and tympanometry, which will then be discussed with the GP or other health care providers. The management plan will be determined by the child’s regular health care provider, and the ear health project officer will assist in the implementation of that care plan including assisting the families with medications and follow-up appointments. The project officers will be supported by the senior research team. All data will be made available to the health services. Indemnity issues have not yet been fully explored, however one approach would be for indemnity to be covered by Menzies clinical trial insurance.

3. **Questions on hearing loss management and interventions with families and interfaces with hearing and school services**

The efficacy of existing interventions is 3 children resolve for every 10 treated – how is hearing loss managed in the care model – training, support and competency – linkages with other community based and specialist agencies.

The *Hearing for Learning* Initiative will complement the current care model and is not funded to replace current services. The purpose is to implement a novel approach to community-based employment and training that ensures delivery of evidence-based practice for every ear of every child at every opportunity. Improved linkages with all the relevant service currently in place in each participating community will be a priority.

4. **Questions on comparison with existing care models**

How will the research include and compare the existing models of care (OM and hearing loss) as “controls” and provide scientific rigour to the evaluation of the proposed alternative approaches against existing.

The *Hearing for Learning* Initiative will complement the current care model. The aim is estimate how much this will add to current services. Comparisons will be limited to “standard services plus *Hearing for Learning* Initiative” versus “standard services alone”.

5. **Questions on best use of funding**

Financial information/planned budgets is important to assess value for money and return on investment.

We agree. The *Hearing for Learning* Initiative will have a transparent budget that will focus on improving ear health, hearing and learning outcomes. This makes assessment of impact, cost and benefit easier than for services that have a much broader scope.
6. **Questions on transition and sustainability**

There is confusion over how the research provides an alternative to an NT wide system of ear health surveillance/management embedded into the HUSK program and OM care provided as core primary health care. In particular, questions on a model of care provided by non-health qualified staff concentrating on a single body part.

The *Hearing for Learning* Initiative will complement the current ear health care model. There is no intention to replace current primary health care services, or fly-in visiting specialists. The aim is to demonstrate that community members can be locally trained and supported to provide an important service. Rather than replace current primary health care services, the local ear and hearing health project officers will support the currently available services and increase their effectiveness. As is being discussed in relation to other priority health issues in the NT, for example in relation to healthcare navigators for people with chronic kidney disease, we believe that new workforce solutions that provide employment opportunities for community members should be explored. The *Hearing for Learning* initiative represents a critical opportunity to implement and rigorously evaluate such a community-based workforce initiative.
GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 3.5
TITLE Presentation by Menzies - D-Kids Study
REFERENCE 222890
AUTHOR Maina Brown, Governance & Compliance Manager

The Menzies School of Health Research has contacted Council and have requested an opportunity to present to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority about D-kids study for members information.

BACKGROUND

A representative from Menzies School of Health Research, Michael Binks (Senior Research Officer) will be in attendance to present a short presentation to inform the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority of the D-kids study.

The purpose of the visit is to inform the members about the D-kids study, to introduce Michael Binks as the D-kids chief investigator and to seek advice and approvals. D-kids is a recently funded study of vitamin D supplementation to prevent acute respiratory infections in Indigenous babies. Vitamin D is low in many Indigenous babies and takin simple vitamin D drops could reduce their burden of respiratory infections. It is hoped the study can be conducted in both urban and remote communities of the Top End. D-kids has substantial capacity for local employment and training.

The D-kids study has conditional approval from the Aboriginal Ethics sub-committee and the Top End HREC (HREC ref: 2018-3160) with final approval pending support from local sites.

Attached to this report a brief summary of the project.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES
Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and notes this report number 222890 for information and welcomes Michael Binks from Menzies School of Research and listens to the short presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:
1  D-kids_QuickSummary.pdf
Vitamin D supplementation to prevent acute respiratory infections in Indigenous babies

Team: Michael Binks, Anne Chang, Adrienne Kirby, Susan Pizzutto, Peter Morris, Paul Licciardi, Heather D’Antoine, Tom Snelling, David Simon, Kim Mulholland, Amanda Leach, Patiyan Andersson, Dennis Bonney, Jane Nelson, Paula Binks.

1. Why are we doing the D-kids study?
   - Vitamin D helps to protect us from germs.
   - Our body makes vitamin D when the sun shines on our skin.
   - The Top End lots of sunshine but many Indigenous babies have low vitamin D levels at birth.
   - Indigenous babies with low vitamin D get more chest infections.
   - Overseas studies show that taking vitamin D can prevent chest infections.
   - We want to know if taking vitamin D can protect Indigenous babies from chest infections too.

2. What does the D-kids study involve?
   - Mums and their babies will take daily drops of either:
     Vitamin D OR Placebo (no vitamin D)
   - Participants will not know which medicine they get.
   - Mums will take drops in the last 2-3 months of pregnancy
   - Babies will take drops from birth until age 4 months.
   - Medical records will tell us about chest infections.
   - We will count chest infections in the vitamin D and placebo babies to see who has the most.
   - We will also look at vitamin D levels, germs in the nose, and how well each baby uses vitamin D.
   - Some blood and nose swab samples will be taken.

3. Where and how will the D-kids study happen?
   - D-kids will be a partnership between Menzies, Indigenous communities and health service providers.
   - The study will happen in Darwin & remote Northern Territory communities (if ok).
   - Pregnant Indigenous mums will first be approached at their local clinic or Royal Darwin Hospital.
   - Follow-up visits will be at local clinics, the Menzies clinic, Royal Darwin Hospital or at home (if ok).
   - We will employ and train as many Indigenous staff and students as possible.

4. The D-kids study will tell us....
   - If taking simple vitamin D drops can reduce chest infections in Indigenous babies.
   - If taking vitamin D drops can stop low vitamin D blood levels in Indigenous babies.
   - About the normal vitamin D levels in pregnant Indigenous mums and babies
This report is provided for information to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to advise on expenditure to 31 December 2018 for the 2018/19 F/Y.

BACKGROUND

Council's finance section has prepared a new 4 page report (attached) to be presented to both Council each month and to each Local Authority.

This new format reports on expenses by location broken down to program and account category.

Following a request from the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority – comments to provide explanation of variations between actual and budgeted amounts that are greater than $10,000 will be presented to the sitting Local Authority.

Please note that this is a new report and it may still require some further development / changes over coming months.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES
Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report number 222777 for information and provides any comments or feedback on the new financial reporting format.

ATTACHMENTS:
1  WLA Finance Report - Dec.18.pdf
Actual Expenditure by Percentage

as at 31-Dec-2018

Expenditure by Local Authority Area - Wurrumiyanga

Tiwi Islands Regional Council
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<td>57,915</td>
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<td>All the project have been cancelled after the resolution passed by the Wumumya LAC. The Budget will be amended after the first budget review.</td>
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<td>159,850</td>
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<td>Actual Expenditure for Councillor allowances less than budgeted</td>
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<td>Project yet to be commence</td>
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<td>Favourable variance due to lower spend on Salary Costs</td>
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<td>1,022</td>
<td>63,339</td>
<td>98%</td>
<td>Labour reallocations still outstanding - will be completed in Jan 2019</td>
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<td>The internal job cards for the waste management are to be posted</td>
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<td>118,042</td>
<td>(16,551)</td>
<td>(16%)</td>
<td>Overspend on the Repairs of a staff House. The Expenditure in the next few months will be reigned in to keep the total spend under the annual budget.</td>
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<td>Underspend on water charges - A bill for 7K will be paid in January.</td>
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At the last meeting (30 October 2018) members discussed and reviewed a number of possible community projects to be reinstated. We have now prepared a new updated spreadsheet list of proposed projects for further discussion at today’s meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Council has received $236,720 in funding for the 18/19 financial year. This provides the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority with total funding of $236,720 to recommend to the Regional Council for expenditure on community projects.

The NT Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has confirmed that the LAPF funds must be fully expended within 2 years from receipt of the funds or DHCD may request unspent funds to be repaid.

The WLA Community Projects Listing will continue to be used for projects and a A4 Approved Projects Summary will be used to focus discussion on the status of approved projects.

The Approved Projects summary has been updated to highlight the total funding received, total expenditure, the balance to be spent by financial year and the total available for new projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES:
The aim of today’s meeting will be to explain the information presented and get feedback from Local Authority members. The status and expenditure of current projects will be discussed. Any variations required to existing projects and possible unapproved projects will be discussed.

CONSULTATION & TIMING:
Variations to existing projects and proposed new projects will be recommended to the Regional Council for approval to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary,

2. Notes the funding allocations for 18/19,

3. Recommend any projects to Council for approval to proceed.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. LAPF as at 30 12 2018.pdf
Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Project Funding A/SDC 147801

Summary of available funding as at 31/12/2018

WLA18-19 2018/19 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2021 $236,720
Income from Vet services $364
Total Income: $237,084

Summary of Current Projects - Expenditure

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<td>Tiwi Spirit Project</td>
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<td>Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Uniform – Shirts</td>
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Total of Current Projects: $52,312 $109,000

Balance to be spent as at 30/06/2018

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Available for new projects: $184,772

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Project Funding A/SDC 147801
Approved Projects Listing - Expenditure as at 31/12/2018

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30/10/18 - Council Approved the project under the 2018/19 Funding

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30/10/18 - Council Approved the project under the 2018/19 Funding
This report is provided to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members regarding the new Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities for information.

BACKGROUND

Council have recently received an email notification from the Department of Housing and Community Development dated Thursday 10 January 2019 notifying Council of the new version of Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities approved by Minister Gerry McCarthy 7 January 2019.

The new Guidelines are effective immediately and include the following changes from the previous version:

- Clause 6 - provides that the names of local authority members need to be made available on the council's website. This was not previously required.

- Clause 8 - emphasises that the council can delegate decision making to local authorities. This has always been possible under the Local Government Act but was not discussed in the previous version of the Guideline.

- Clause 9 - provides that councils must have a policy on the appointment, revocation of appointment and resignation process of members; and a selection process for the chair position. The previous guideline only required councils to have a policy on revocation of appointment. This clause also reduced the time that must be allowed for nominations to fill a vacancy from 28 to 21 days.

- Clause 12 - better explains what is necessary for local authority meetings, including requirements for agendas and the minimum number of meetings. Of note, an agenda now has to include general business, meaning that local authority members are free to raise any new issues.

- Clause 14 - provides clarity around the issue that elected members and council staff cannot receive the sitting fee prescribed by the Guideline for attending a local authority meeting. Elected members and council staff may be able to claim reimbursement of personal travel expenses. Elected members may be entitled to an extra meeting allowance for attending a local authority meeting. As for payment of council staff attending a local authority meeting, it is a matter for the council’s chief executive officer whether council staff will receive any remuneration for attending a local authority meeting.

- Clause 15 - simplifies the financial reporting requirements for local authority meetings.

Attached to this report a completed version of Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil
CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receives and notes this report for information.

ATTACHMENTS:
1 Guideline 8 - Regional Councils and Local Authorities.pdf
GUIDELINE 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities

These guidelines are made by the Minister under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the Local Government Act.

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MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

I, Gerald Francis McCarthy, Minister for Housing and Community Development, hereby make these guidelines under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the Local Government Act.

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GERRY MCCARTHY

7 / 1 / 2019
GUIDELINE 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities

These guidelines are made by the Minister under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the Local Government Act.

1. Title

1.1. These guidelines are called "Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities".

2. Commencement

2.1. These guidelines commence on the date they are made by the Minister.

3. Revocation of previous guidelines

3.1. The version of Guideline 8 that applies on any date is the latest version made at the time. Previous versions do not apply from the date that this guideline is made by the Minister.

4. Definitions

In these guidelines:

- appointed member means a member appointed by the council. It does not include elected members who are on the local authority.

- elected member means a member of the council who represents a ward that covers the local authority’s area and the mayor / president.

- provisional meeting means, at the time and place set for a local authority meeting when a quorum has not been established, a majority (over 50%) of appointed members are present.

  Note: A provisional meeting is able to make recommendations to council pursuant to clause 11.

- quorum means majority (over 50%) of all local authority members including appointed members, elected members and mayor / president are present.

- chair is responsible for running the meeting and ensuring that members are following the conventions of the meeting.

5. Where local authorities are to be established and maintained

5.1. A council must have a local authority at places listed in the Schedule to these guidelines.

5.2. A council must determine the area for each local authority.
GUIDELINE 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities

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6. Publicly available information

6.1. A council must have an up-to-date list of its local authorities, the names of the members, meeting dates, agendas and minutes available on the council’s website.

7. Number of members

7.1. A council must make a resolution about the number of appointed members that a local authority has. There must be at least 6 appointed members and a maximum of 14 members (including elected members), unless the Minister has approved a different maximum number of members for a particular local authority.

Note: Different Local Authorities may have different numbers of members.

8. Delegations and conflict of interest

8.1. Subject to the Local Government Act a council can delegate decision making to local authorities.

Note: It is best practice for local authority project expenditure decisions to be delegated to local authorities.

8.2. When a local authority is making a decision, or considering a matter, each member must consider whether they have a conflict of interest and, if so, they must leave the meeting while the matter is considered.

Note: Sections 32 and 73 of the Local Government Act deal with delegations and conflict of interest respectively.

9. Policy for member appointments, terminations and resignations

A council must have a policy that provides for:

9.1. The council CEO calling for nominations as soon as practicable after a vacancy arises and allowing at least 21 days for nominations to be received.

9.2. How the call for nominations is to be advertised and promoted so that residents of the area know about it, know who to give a nomination to and when nominations close.

9.3. Consideration of the nominations received, which must be an agenda item at the first ordinary meeting of council after nominations have closed.
GUIDEINE 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities

These guidelines are made by the Minister under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the Local Government Act.

9.4. How, and in what circumstances, appointment of a local authority member may be revoked.

Note: The policy could require, for example, that the council must give consideration to revoking an appointment where a member is absent, without permission of the local authority, from two consecutive meetings of the local authority.

9.5. The process for the resignation of a local authority member in writing.

9.6. Selection process for the chair and the term of appointment of the chair.

Note: It is best practice to have an appointed member as chair with a constant term length (not a rotating chair).

10. No proxies

10.1. A local authority member is not allowed to send a proxy or substitute if the member cannot attend a meeting.

11. Provisional meeting where quorum not present

11.1. If a quorum is not attained for a local authority meeting, but the majority of appointed members are present, the members who are in attendance may hold a provisional meeting.

11.2. During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed. Minutes must be taken and clearly identified that it was a provisional meeting.

11.3. Members at a provisional meeting may, by majority vote, make recommendations to the council, including local authority projects, provided any such recommendation is specifically qualified as being a recommendation of a provisional meeting, rather than a local authority.

11.4. A provisional meeting can approve the minutes of a provisional meeting but cannot approve the minutes of a local authority meeting. A local authority may approve minutes of a provisional meeting or a local authority meeting.

11.5. A provisional meeting does not have the powers or functions that a council may have delegated to a local authority.

12. Local authority meetings

12.1. The council CEO must ensure that a minimum of four meetings for each local authority are held in each financial year.
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Note: Either a local authority meeting or a provisional meeting can be counted in reaching the minimum total of four. For example, three provisional meetings and one local authority meeting would make up the required minimum number of four.

12.2. The agenda must be prepared in consultation with the Chair of the local authority and include, at least:
   a. items requested by members;
   b. any reports on service delivery issues in the local authority area;
   c. any responses by the council to matters raised at a previous local authority meeting or provisional meeting;
   d. a written report from the council CEO on current council services in the local authority area and, after any council meeting that considers local authority projects, a report on what project(s) has been approved or the reason why the project(s) has not been approved;
   e. visitor presentations; and
   f. general business.

12.3. Once in each financial year a local authority agenda must include reviewing:
   a. the council's annual report for the previous financial year;
   b. the council's proposed regional plan for the next financial year;
   c. the council's budget for proposed projects for the local authority area for the next financial year; and
   d. any relevant community plan of the council or local authority.

13. Council consideration of minutes

13.1. The minutes from local authority meetings or provisional meetings (these will normally be unconfirmed minutes) must form part of the agenda papers for the next ordinary meeting of council. The council must consider any items for attention, raised by each local authority meeting or provisional meeting, at the next ordinary meeting of council after the local authority meeting or provisional meeting.

13.2. The council's response to items above (at clause 13.1) must be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting and communicated to the local authority.
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14. Local authority sitting fee

14.1. Appointed members are entitled to a sitting fee for each local authority meeting or provisional meeting they attend:
   a. Chair, if eligible, 143 revenue units
   b. other eligible members, 107 revenue units

   Note: The value of a revenue unit is on the website of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

14.2. Elected members and council staff are not entitled to the sitting fee for attending local authority meetings or provisional meetings.

   Note: Subject to council policy, reimbursement of personal travel expenses is allowed for all members, e.g. kilometre allowance paid for the use of a private vehicle.

   Note: Subject to council policy, elected members are entitled to extra meeting allowances pursuant to Guideline 2 for attending a Local Authority meeting or provisional meeting.

   Note: It is a matter for a council CEO as to whether council staff will receive any payment for attending a local authority meeting or provisional meeting.

15. Council regional plans, budgets and financial reports

15.1. A council must take the projects and priorities of its local authorities into consideration, whether submitted to council or recorded in minutes, when developing the council regional plan and budget.

15.2. The budget of a council must include a separate budget for each local authority area.

15.3. At each local authority meeting, the council is to submit a current financial report of actual results against the latest approved budget for the local authority area.

16. Council annual report

16.1. The annual report of a council must include information which assesses performance in relation to service delivery and planned projects in each of its local authority areas.
GUIDELINE 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities

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SCHEDULE:

Where local authorities are to be established and maintained.

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This report provides an update on the approved TIRC Annual Report and Audited Financials 2017/18 for members information.

BACKGROUND

Under the Ministerial Guidelines No. 8 there is a compliance requirement for the Regional Council to report on the previous financial year to each Local Authority in their Council area. The 2017/18 Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report.

Each year Council prepares an Annual Report which under normal circumstances would be completed and lodged with the Minister for Local Government on or before the 15th November each year.

At the last Special Council meeting held on 12 November 2018, Council adopted the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Annual Report and Audited Financials 2017/18.

A copy of the TIRC Annual Report and Audited Financials 2017/18 was hand delivered to the Minister for Local Government and to the Chief Executive Officer for Department of Housing and Community Development on Thursday 15 November 2018. An electronic copy was also sent to the LG compliance unit.

A copy of the approved TIRC Annual Report and Audited Financials 2017/18 will be tabled on the day of the meeting.

Soft copy is available on the Council website and hard copy is available at the TIRC Council offices.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES
Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING
Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes the 2017/18 Tiwi Islands Regional Council’s Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements.

ATTACHMENTS: