



**AGENDA**

**SPECIAL WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL  
AUTHORITY MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020**

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

- Thursday, 11 June 2020 at
- Wurrumiyanga
- Commencing at 10:00AM

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

**Valerie Rowland**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

1.1 WELCOME

1.2 PRESENT

1.3 APOLOGIES

1.4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1.5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

1.6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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### **2 BUSINESS ARISING**

*Nil*

### **3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

### **4 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

4.1 REPURPOSE THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING INTO THE SCALE  
FUNDING..... 8

### **5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

*Nil*

### **6 OTHER BUSINESS**

*Nil*



**MINUTES OF THE WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2020 AT 10:00 AM**

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**1 Welcome & Apologies**

**1.1 Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:35 am.

The CEO Valerie Rowland welcomed members, staff and guests.

The Mayor then took over and chaired the provisional meeting due to no quorum.

**1.2 Present**

**Chairperson:** Richard Tungatalum (10:48 am).

**Local Authority Members:** Mayor Leslie Tungatalum, John Ross Pilakui, Venard Pilakui, Ronald Tipungwuti, Cr Valentine Intalui, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Miriam Tipungwuti, Marie Frances Tipiloura, Bradley Tipiloura and Nilus Kerinauia.

**Visiting Councillors:** Nil.

**Officers:** Valerie Rowland (CEO), Chris Smith (GM Infrastructure), Michael Taylor (Shire Services Manager Bathurst Is), and Maina Brown (Governance & Compliance Manager).

**Via Teleconference:** Bala Donepudi (Chief Financial Officer) and Bill Toy (GM Community Engagement).

**Guests via teleconference:** Peter Wyatt (Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development).

**Minuter:** Maina Brown (Governance & Compliance Manager).

**1.3 Apologies**

**Accepted:** Jennifer Clancy and Kevin Doolan.

**Not accepted:** Wesley Kerinauia and Francisco Babui.

**1.3 APOLOGIES FOR WLA MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2020**

**1 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua*

*Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti*

**That the apologies of members Jennifer Clancy and Kevin Doolan be accepted by members.**

**CARRIED**

## 2 RESOLUTION

Moved: Nilus Kerinaia

Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

**That the apologies of members Wesley Kerinaia and Francisco Babui not accepted by members.**

**CARRIED**

### 1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

### 1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

There were two conflict of interests.

Venard Pilakui - Item 7.1

Bonaventure Timaepatua – Item 7.1

At this point of the provisional meeting, the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Chairperson took over and opened for ordinary meeting at 10:48 am.

### 1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

#### **Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 21 January 2020**

## 3 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura

Seconded: Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti

**That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority held on 21 January 2020 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 21 January 2020.

## 4 RESOLUTION

Moved: Marie Francis Tipiloura

Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

### 1. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these discussions and report.

#### Update regarding the cashless debit card

- Cashless debit card not yet to be rolled out.
- Only visited Bathurst Is not the whole Tiwi Islands
- Request for WLA members to advise community members that this is currently on hold

#### Item 4.2 Follow up on WLA Community Projects

- Need to focus on one playground project as council received quote it will cost between \$50k to \$70k.

- Suggested one location to install the playground
- Suggested to nominate at least three WLA members to assist GM Infrastructure and Shire Services Manager Bathurst Is.

**2. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority agrees to combine project WLA – 19/20-4 and WLA– 19/20-5 basketball half court to one basketball full court at one location and total amount to be \$100,000 upper limit and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.**

**CARRIED**

**5 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Bradley Tipiloura*

*Seconded: John Ross Pilakui*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority agrees to reallocate funds \$30k from project WLA-19/20-7 public toilets to assist with WLA19/20-6 playground equipment with a total upper limit of \$70k and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.**

**CARRIED**

**6 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Venard Pilakui*

*Seconded: Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority nominate the three members to assist with the GM Infrastructure and Shire Services Manager Bathurst Is with proposed and approved local authority projects and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.**

- Bonaventure Timaepatua
- Bradley Tipiloura
- John Ross Pilakui

**CARRIED**

**7 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Venard Pilakui*

*Seconded: John Ross Pilakui*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority nominates the McGrath (Milimika festival) site for the playground equipment and basketball court projects to be installed and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.**

**CARRIED**

**3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**3.1 MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR 2019/20**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

### 3.2 2019/2020 - LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2020

This information is provided for information to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to report on expenditure to 31 March 2020 for the 2019/2020 FY.

#### 8 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Bonaventure Timaepatua*

Seconded: *Venard Pilakui*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report number 232912 for information and provides any comments or feedback on the new financial reporting format.**

**CARRIED**

**Action:**

GM Infrastructure to follow up on the Airport Inspection overspent.

At this point of the meeting a lunch break was called at 12:39 pm.

The meeting recommenced at 1:27 pm.

#### 4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

##### 4.1 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS FOR TAKARINGUWI AND NON-SKIN GROUP

The Council have been actively seeking nominations to fill two vacancies. Takaringuwi and Non-skin representatives since last year. We have now recently received two nominations to fill these vacancies and members are asked to review both applications and make recommendation to Council for appointment.

#### 9 RESOLUTION

Moved: *John Ross Pilakui*

Seconded: *Bradley Tipiloura*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members review the two new applications and recommend the following applicants to Council for appointment to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority.**

**Annunciata Pupangamirri to fill the Takaringuwi skin group; and**

**Matthew Fowke to fill the Non-skin group.**

**CARRIED**

##### 4.2 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY PROJECT

To get the consent of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to undertake new projects under 2019-20 Local Authority project Funding.

#### 10 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Bradley Tipiloura*

Seconded: *Bonaventure Timaepatua*

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

2. Notes the funding allocations for 18/19 and 19/20.

3. Recommends any new projects to Council for approval to proceed.

Project Description	Project ID	Upper limit	Action Officer
Funeral / Healing Shelter near new church and Jubilee park \$50k each	WLA - 19/20 - 8	\$100,000	Manager Shire Services Bathurst Is
BBQ, Shelter and Table at front beach x 4	WLA - 19/20 - 9	\$25,000	Manager Shire Services Bathurst Is

**CARRIED**

## 5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

### 5.1 2020/21 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN & BUDGET - CONSULTATION WITH WLA

As part of the preparation of the new 2020/21 Council Plan & Budget, Council is required to consult with the Local Authority and the Public covering service delivery across the Tiwi Islands.

#### 11 RESOLUTION

Moved: *John Ross Pilakui*

Seconded: *Ronald Tipungwuti*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receives and notes this report for information and recommends any local authority priorities to Council as part of the overall budget development process.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 DIPL - COVID-19 AVIATION INDUSTRY ADVICE

This report is presented to members for information regarding the COVID-19 Aviation Industry Advice received from Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and note this report for information.**

### 5.3 UPDATE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HUMAN BIOSECURITY DETERMINATION 2020

This report is presented to members for information regarding the Amendments to the Human Biosecurity Determination 2020 received from Department of the Chief Minister (DCM) via Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT).

#### 12 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Bonaventure Timaepatua*

Seconded: *Bradley Tipiloura*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and note this report for information.**

**CARRIED**

**Action:**

WLA members request for the CEO to write to Office of Township Leasing and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Cowan of the Department of the Chief Minister in regards to actions taken to some of the community members in breached of the 14 isolation and quarantine rules.

## **6 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1 RUBBISH TRUCK**

Members raised rubbish collection are not consistent and why.

- Council staff are not allowed to collect bins within the tenants yard.
- GM to drive with the new crew to follow and review their route and routine (Friday 1 May 2020).
- Members to notify families regarding illegal dumping.

### **6.2 INTER-ISLAND FERRY (FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS)**

- Ferry will not be operating on the weekends and it is not required to be open on Saturday 2 May 2020 for burial.
- However ferry will be operating as usual on Friday.
- Members to inform and notify families that ferry does not operate on the weekends.

## **7 Confidential Items**

3:44 pm.

### **13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: *Ronald Tipungwuti*

Seconded: *Venard Pilakui*

That pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider a Confidential matter.

**CARRIED**

At the conclusion of the discussion on the confidential item(s), the meeting was reopened and the decision on the item(s) noted.

### **14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: *Bradley Tipiloura*

Seconded: *John Ross Pilakui*

That the meeting be reopened and the decisions on the confidential item be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM DECISIONS**

### **7.1 VARIATION TO CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECT WLA18/19-1**

This report seeks WLA support to recommend the proposed variation to Cultural Heritage project WLA18/19-1 to Council to proceed.



*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

**8 Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 28 July 2020

**9 Closure**

The meeting closed at 4:43 pm.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 28 July 2020

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**REPORTS FOR DECISION**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Repurpose the Local Authority Project funding into the Scale Funding
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234159
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer



To seek the local authority consent for repurposing the uncommitted Local Authority project Funding to Scale Funding

**BACKGROUND**

The Local Government Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE) program is managed by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development. The program provides one-off funding to local government councils to support business continuity, job creation and retention and other community initiatives directly related to COVID-19.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support the employment of Territorians.
- Encourage and facilitate partnerships between councils, the Northern Territory Government, Australian Government, business and community sectors to create effective locally-based responses to and recovery from COVID-19.
- Assist in the continued delivery of local government essential services.
- Assist to improve sanitation in council areas and of council assets and infrastructure.
- Assist with engaging local communities in activities that are in accord with the latest COVID-19 government announcements and directives.
- Assist with providing messaging and signage in council areas regarding COVID-19.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

This Scale program is available to Northern Territory local government councils that meet the following criteria:

- Certify council will resolve to adopt and apply the “Public Benefit Concessions Policy for Commercial Ratepayers” in relation to waiving and deferring rates for commercial ratepayers based on hardship in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Where a regional council has unspent and uncommitted funding under the Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF), this funding may be repurposed to the SCALE program and spent on initiatives in local authority communities, with an intention of expenditure by **30 September 2020**, unless approval is granted by the Department.

Where regional councils choose to redirect LAPF funds into the SCALE program, details of the unspent and uncommitted funding is to be provided to the Department by **30 June 2020**.

The balance of unspent and uncommitted funding under either the SPG or SIF programs may be retained by council and repurposed to the SCALE program. By 30 June 2020 councils are to report to the Department details of the balance of unspent and uncommitted funding under the SPG and SIF programs to be repurposed to the SCALE program.

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

The department advised that regional council should seek Local Authorities consent to repurpose Uncommitted Local Authority project funds.

The Department has advised that funding will be provided to TIRC once it adopts the “Public Benefit Concessions Policy for Commercial Ratepayers”.

TIRC has received a letter of Offer from the Department. The letter comprises the total grant amount offered and conditions of the grant funding. Councils will need to return the signed acceptance form to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

The SCALE grant funding must be fully expended by 30 September 2020. However, councils may request the Department for an extension to this timeframe.

The acquittal requirement will require a certification statement that provides information about initiatives undertaken with the funding. A certification statement is to be laid before a council meeting. A copy of the minutes is to be provided to the Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:****That Council:**

- 1. The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes the funds received under scale funding.**
- 2. The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority agree/disagree to repurpose the uncommitted Local Authority project funding into scale funding.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Scale Funding Budget WLA 11.06.2020.pdf 1 Page**

