



**MINUTES OF THE WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
WURRUMIYANGA BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY, 25 JULY 2023 AT 10:05AM**

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10:05am.

The Chairperson welcomed WLA members, visitors and Staff.

1.2 Present

CHAIRPERSON	
Richard Tungutalum	WLA Member - Miyartuwi
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS	
John Ross Pilakui	WLA Member - Miyartuwi
Savio Timaepatua	WLA Member - Wartarringuwi
Marie Frances Tipiloura	WLA Member – Warntarringuwi
Miriam Tipungwuti	WLA Member – Takaringuwi
Annunciata Pupangamirri	WLA Member - Takaringuwi
Ronald Tipungwuti	WLA Member - Lorrula
Bradley Tipiloura	WLA Member - Lorrula
Veronica Johan	WLA Member – Non Skin
COUNCILLORS	
Leslie Tungutalum	Bathurst Island Ward
Stanley Tipiloura	Bathurst Island Ward
Jeffrey Ullungura	Milikapiti Ward
STAFF	
Gina McPharlin	Chief Executive Officer
Bala Donepudi	Chief Financial Officer
Bill Toy	Community Engagement Manager
David Ciosmak	Town Services Manager
Gavin Ackland	Acting Fleet Manager
Amy Brett	Communications and Project Officer
GUESTS	
Chey Simpson	NT Hearing Services
Debra Smith	NT Hearing Services
Cora Johnston	NT Hearing Services

Minuter: Amy Brett

1.3 Apologies

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS WHO WERE ABSENT FROM THE MEETING

4 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ronald Tipungwuti

Seconded: Veronica Johan

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members accept the apology from Bonaventure Timaepatua.

CARRIED

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 19 April 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority on 19 April 2023 as circulated, be amended and confirmed as a true and correct record of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority meeting on 24 October 2023.

2 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 PRESENTATION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

The Australian Electoral Commission has contacted Council and has requested an opportunity to present to the Local Authority Members to discuss Indigenous Electoral Participation Programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the Australian Electoral Commission did not present.

2.2 NT HEARING SERVICES

The NT Hearing Services contacted Council and has requested an opportunity to present to the Local Authority Members to discuss Over view of NT Hearing Service.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the NT Hearing Services report for information.

3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 2022/2023 – LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2023

5 RESOLUTION

Moved: Veronica Johan

Seconded: Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report for information.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

4.1 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY PROJECT

6 RESOLUTION

Moved: Veronica Johan

Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority

1. reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary,
2. notes the funding allocation, and
3. approves a funding increase to WLA 18/19 -1 and four (4) new Community Projects.

WLA18/19 -1	Cultural History Project via Wurrumiyanga Museum	\$30,000
WLA 23/24 - 1	Community Rubbish Bins (6) – permanent/lockup	\$30,000
WLA 23/24 - 2	Community Portable Toilets – 2023 TIFL Grand Final	\$20,000
WLA 23/24 - 3	Events Marquee - replacement	\$10,000
WLA 23/24 - 4	2024 Tiwi Island Festival (Milimika Festival rename)	\$33,882

CARRIED

5 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

6 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 TIWI ISLAND FESTIVAL PROJECT

During the 25 July 2023 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority meeting it was agreed to fund a 2024 Tiwi Island Festival. The festival will be a relaunch and rename of the Milimika Festival and will have a focus of art, music and culture.

The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority will establish a Tiwi Island (name yet to be decided) Festival Committee and invite Tiwi Island organisations, service providers and community groups to join the committee.

7 RESOLUTION

Moved: Veronica Johan

Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority establish a Tiwi Island (name yet to be decided) Festival Committee with the members of

- John Pilakui
- Ronald Tipungwuti
- Veronica Johan
- Bradley Tipiloura
- Plus, interested community members and service providers.

CARRIED

8 RESOLUTION

Moved: Richard Tungutalum

Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

6.2 INTER-ISLAND FERRY NOT OPERATING ON THE DAY OF MIYARTUWI CLAN GROUP ELECTION.

CARRIED

On 26 June 2023 the Miyartuwi clan group election was held in the community of Pirlangimpi. On the same day the Tiwi Island Regional Council Inter-Island ferry operations was delayed as the ferry assisted the Sea-Link ferry due to a mechanical breakdown.

The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note that transport services between Bathurst and Melville are at times unreliable and this could be detrimental to community members participation in elections and meetings.

8 RESOLUTION:

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority ask the CEO to write to the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and communicate transport challenges and request that in the future consideration is made for alternate voting options.

7 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 24 October 2023

8 Closure

The meeting closed at 2:10pm.