

MEETING OF COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2018

9:30 am till 5:00pm

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West Daly Regional Council Meeting

9:30AM, Wednesday 24 January 2018

WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL OFFICE 1/70 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE DARWIN OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2017 AT 9:30AM

Mayor Wilson opened the meeting at 9:47am and welcomed all in attendance

PRESENT

Mayor	John Wilson
Deputy Mayor	Terry Sams
Councillor	Mark Martin
Councillor	Wally Minjin
Councillor	Ralph Narburup

STAFF	
Chief Executive Officer	Shaun Hardy
Manager Governance	Rebecca Purser
Regional Services Manager	Steve Horton
Regional Services Manager	Michael Fitisemanu
Regional Services Manager	Glenn Parker

GUEST Staff for Warren Snowden Member for Lingiari NT Stuart McGill

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor

Mark Tunmuck-Smith

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

There were no declarations of interest at this Council Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 November 2017; Local Authority Meeting Wadeye 8 December 2017, Local Authority Meeting Palumpa 7 December 2017 and Local Authority Meeting Peppimenarti 6 December 2017.

182/2017RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

Moved: Cr. Minjin Seconded: Cr. Martin Resolution: Unanimously

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

9:50am – The following persons from Menzies School of Health joined the meeting:

Bianca Middleton – Paediatrician Rebecca Pincus - Study Coordinator Ada Parry – Cultural Advisor

Menzies School of Health - Optimising Rotavirus Vaccination in Aboriginal 1) Children (ORVAC)

Bianca Middleton conducted a power point presentation regarding the Rotavirus Vaccination in Aboriginal infants. Currently infants receive two vaccinations however Rotavirus is still prevalent in the communities. Menzies School of Health wish to conduct a study on whether a third booster vaccination will be effective in eradicating Rotavirus in Aboriginal infants.

18 Motion:

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01 1. That Council approves the Menzies School of Health to conduct an 7 **ORVAC study in the Wadeye Community.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams Seconded: Cr. Martin **Resolution: Unanimously**

10:15am – Bianca Middleton, Rebecca Pincus and Ada Parry left the meeting at the conclusion of the presentation.

10:15am – Paul Henderson from Project Sea Dragon joined the meeting.

2) **Presentation - Project Sea Dragon**

Paul Henderson informed the Council of Project Sea Dragon and the employment opportunities for local Indigenous people that the project will bring. Construction will being in the Dry Season 2018 with Stage 1 production to commence in 2019. Councillors have indicated that they would like to visit the Cardwell prawn farm for comparative purposes and Mr Henderson will make inquiries in this regard. Councillors have also requested that a joint stakeholder meeting in Wadeye be arranged in the Dry Season and for Project Sea Dragon to attend and advise all stakeholders of the project and possible employment opportunities.

Motion: 18

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01 1. That Council notes the presentation on Project Sea Dragon.

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Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams Seconded: Cr. Narburup **Resolution: Unanimously**

10:39am - Paul Henderson left the meeting at the conclusion of discussions.

3) **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

CEO spoke to his written report. Matters to note were that given the AFL grand final was such a success, Council will continue to support community events. Clarification was provided to the Councillors with regards to homeland funding, particularly HEA and SPG - the funds are for specific items only and there are no administration fees

deducted from the funding. RSM Peppi raised the question if it was possible that pay day could be changed to Friday as staffing is a major issue with staff AWOL after pay day. CEO will make inquires with CouncilBiz for options regarding pay day and will present to Council at next Council meeting.

18 Motion:

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1. That Council note the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams Seconded: Cr. Martin Resolution: Unanimously

11:41am - The following persons from Yingwati Pty Ltd joined the meeting:

Kim Hill – Yingwati Managing Director John Halkitis – Director Halkitis Brothers/Yingwati Theo Rapp – Yingwati Civil and Construction Manager

4) Yingwati Pty Ltd - Power Point Presentation

Kim Hill presented Council with an overview of Yingwati and the services they can offer to West Daly Regional Council.

18 Motion:

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⁰¹ 1. That Council notes the presentation from Yingwati Pty Ltd

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Moved: Cr. Martin Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams Resolution: Unanimously

12:09pm - Stuart McGill left the meeting

12:25pm – Kim Hill, John Halkitis and Theo Rapp left the meeting at the conclusion of the presentation.

12:25pm - Mayor Wilson closed the meeting for lunch

1:22pm – Mayor Wilson re-opened the meeting.

1:22pm – The following persons from BCA National joined the meeting:

Jill Newlands – Quality delivery process and training Chris Stevens – Business and financial management Bruce Callaghan – Governance

5) BCA National - Power Point Presentation

Jill Newland conducted presentation on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) Standards and the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). Information and reporting requirements for NATSIFAC Standards and CHSP Standards were delivered to Council.

Chris Stevens advised the Council on the Thamarrurr Aged Care Services sources of revenue and its obligations in meeting funding body financial requirements. Mr Stevens also advised that the Minister has recently announced that all site visits regarding quality reviews will be unannounced.

Bruce Callaghan addressed the Council with regards to good governance.

It was noted that an Aged Care Strategic Plan will be developed for presentation to Council at its February 2018 Meeting.

18 Motion:

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01 1. That Council receives and notes the information provided by BCA 7 National.

Moved: Cr. Narburup Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams Resolution: Unanimously

2:12pm – Jill Newland, Chris Stevens and Bruce Callaghan left the meeting at the conclusion of presentation and discussions.

Draft CouncilBiz Constitution 6)

18 Motion:

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01 1. That Council endorses the revised CouncilBiz Constitution.

Moved: Cr. Sams Seconded: Cr. Narburup **Resolution: Unanimously**

7) **Financial Report - November 2017**

CEO spoke to the written report provided by the Senior Financial Consultant. Matters to note were that all current underspends are planned to be fully spent by end June 2018. Deputy Mayor Sams queried whether an upgrade of the Emu Point Oval could be funded through Local Authority funds allocated to the Wadeye Local Authority (Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward).

ACTION: RSM to seek quotes for upgrade of Emu Point oval for next Wadeye Local Authority meeting.

18 Motion:

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01 That Council receives and notes the financial report for November 1. 7 2017.

Moved: Cr. Narburup Seconded: Cr. Martin **Resolution: Unanimously**

8) **CCTV** Camera Installation – Wadeye

Council declines to accept the proposal from NTPFES at this stage until further information as to actual costs is provided and considered reasonable and affordable.

19 Motion:

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01 1. That Council receives and notes the information regarding the

7 NTPFES proposal to install CCTV cameras in Wadeye. Moved: Cr. Narburup Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams Resolution: Unanimously

9) Variation No.1 of 2017-18 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homelands Jobs Funding Agreement

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1. That Council approves the use of the common seal on Funding Agreement Variation No.1 of 2017-2018 Municipal and Essential Services, Housing Maintenance Services and Homelands Jobs from Department of Housing and Community Development

Moved: Cr. Martin Seconded: Cr. Narburup Resolution: Unanimously

10) Local Authority Projects and Action Items Update

Councillors were advised that Victims of Crime Remote Communities Program (VoCNT) grant of \$10,000.00 per community has been approved in principle for speed humps and lighting. The following projects have been recommended by Council for submission to VoCNT:

Wadeye - Solar Lights

Palumpa – Speed Humps

Peppimenarti – Speed Humps

- 19 Motion:
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That Council approves the following recommendations from the Local
 Authority Peppimenarti:

1. An amount of \$11,044.00 for the purchase and installation of two (2) sheltered picnic areas in front of the Council office.

2. An amount of \$6,763.89 for the purchase and installation of a Solar Light at Emu Point from Wadeye Local Authority funding.

3. An amount of \$5,455.00 for the purchase and installation of one (1) picnic bench for the clinic waiting area in the garden.

4. That Council approves the nomination received from Nathan Ahwon-Wilson as a Local Authority Member for Peppimenarti.

That Council approves the following recommendations from the Local Authority Palumpa:

1. An amount of \$1,500.00 to cover costs of food drinks, gloves, rubbish bags and prizes for children.

2. The purchase of a Solar Light for the rear access point to the Community at a cost of \$6,439.89.

3. The purchase of Park Benches for Community use at a cost of \$11,044.00 which includes freight from Victoria to Darwin.

4. The purchase of three Rubbish Bins for the WIFI area at a cost of \$4,350.00 plus GST.

That Council approves the following recommendations from the Local Authority Wadeye:

1. An amount of \$4,057.00 for the installation of one Sentinel 50 LED light outside Manthathpe Store.

2. An amount of \$9,822.20 for the installation of a pedestrian crossing in front of Manthathpe Store.

An amount of \$12,694.00 per unit for the installation of 6 calming wombats around Wadeye, Nilinh and Manthathpe.

Council further approves under the Victims of Crime Remote Communities Grant of \$10,000.00 per community, speed humps for Palumpa and Peppimenarti and solar street lighting for Wadeye.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sams Seconded: Cr. Minjin Resolution: Unanimously

COMMUNITY REPORTS

11) Regional Services Manager's Report - Palumpa

Regional Services Manager Palumpa spoke to his written report.

19 Motion:

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1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's
 7 report.

2. That Council accepts the recommendation to dispose of the former Sport and Recreation vehicle (NT registration CA-23-PO) and have it removed from the asset register

Moved: Cr. Narburup Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sams Resolution: Unanimously

12) Regional Services Manager's Report - Wadeye

Regional Services Manager Wadeye spoke to his written report. Matters to note were requests from Councillors that barriers on either side of recently installed speed humps were required to stop people driving around them. Quotes for a suitable vehicle with

relevant fit out for aged care requirements be sourced.

19 Motion:

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That Council Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's
 report.

2. That Council accepts the recommendation that the Aged Care Mercedes bus (NT registration CA-35-YD) be sent to Graysonline for auction and have it removed from the asset register.

Moved: Cr. Martin Seconded: Cr. Minjin Resolution: Unanimously

13) Regional Services Manager's Report - Peppimenarti

Regional Services Manager spoke to his written report. Matters to note were that the refurbishment of the old BRACS building for the Community Night Patrol office are in the vicinity of \$20,000.00 and in excess of available budget. Grants Manager to investigate the possibility of a Special Purpose Grant.

19 Motion:

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1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's 7 Report.

Moved: Cr. Minjin Seconded: Cr. Narburup Resolution: Unanimously

14) Night Patrol Manager's Report

Regional Services Manager from Wadeye spoke to the written report provided by the Night Patrol Manager.

19 Motion:

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1. That Council receives and notes the Night Patrol Manager's report

Moved: Cr. Minjin Seconded: Cr. Narburup Resolution: Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Wilson raised concern over potential hazard regarding houses at Fossil Head. The houses are currently unsafe as wires from the lighting in the ceiling are exposed and with water leaking through the roof when raining may cause possible injury. It was noted that the exposed wires were not recorded on the Homelands Servicing Report however given the urgency of the repairs, this matter would be given priority.

Homeland service and delivery plans are currently being developed with health and safety issues being first priority, second priority, third priority and so forth. As Council does not employ either an electrician or a plumber, quotes will be sourced where applicable.

CEO advised that there are 5 graders on the ground at the moment on outstation roads with expected completion by next week and that an electrician would be engaged for immediate rectification of the electrical wiring hazards at Fossil Head.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the *Local Government Act* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

15 Organisational Chart - *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.

16 Palumpa Station Rates - The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

17 Delegations Register - 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.

The meeting closed at 3:30pm.

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WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 1

Prepared by Shaun Hardy, Chief Executive Officer

National Disability Insurance Scheme

Purpose

Information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme to be presented to Council by the National Disability Insurance Agency.

Background

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing support for Australians with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS will provide about 460,000 Australians under the age of 65 with a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life.

The NDIS gives all Australians peace of mind that if their child or loved one is born with or acquires a permanent and significant disability they will get the support they need. The NDIS supports people with disability to build skills and capability so they can participate in the community and employment.

The NDIS helps people with disability to:

Access mainstream services and supports

These are the services available for all Australians from people like doctors or teachers through the health and education systems. It also covers areas like public housing and the justice and aged care systems.

• Access community services and supports

These are activities and services available to everyone in a community, such as sports clubs, community groups, libraries or charities.

• Maintain informal support arrangements

This is help people get from their family and friends. It is support people don't pay for and is generally part of most people's lives.

• Receive reasonable and necessary funded supports

The NDIS can pay for supports that are reasonable and necessary. This means they are related to a person's disability and are required for them to live an ordinary life and achieve their goals.

Assistance from the NDIS is not means tested and has no impact on income support such as the Disability Support Pension and Carers Allowance.

Impact for Council

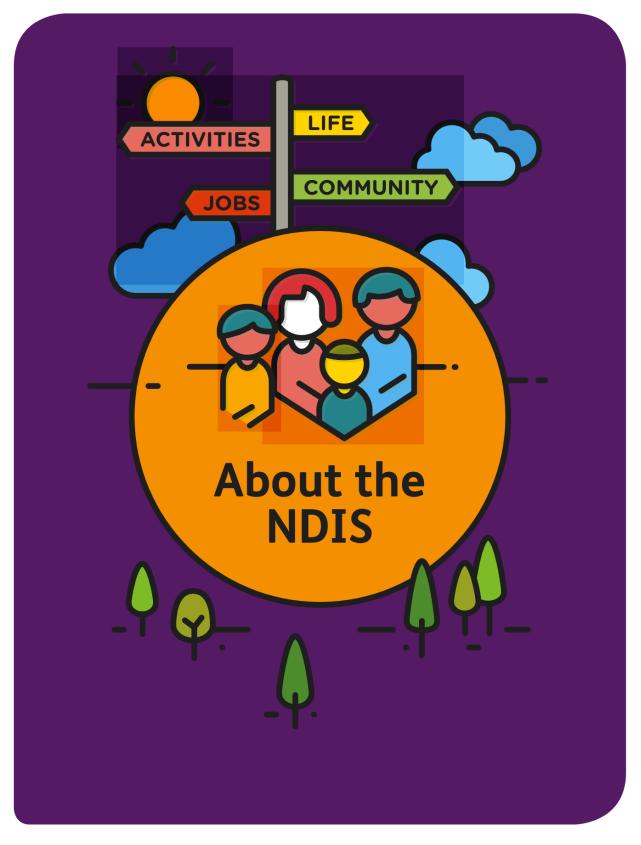
Subject to a detailed business case assessment, the National Disability Insurance Scheme may present service delivery opportunities for Council.

Recommendation

1. That Council notes the information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme presented by the National Disability Insurance Agency.

Attachments

- 1 NDIS Overview
- 2 NDIS Provider





ndis.gov.au

Attachment 1

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (also called the NDIS) is the new way of providing disability support.

The NDIS will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.



The NDIS will help people with disability achieve their goals. This may include greater independence, community involvement, employment and improved wellbeing.



As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life.



The NDIS also provides people with disability, their family and carers with information and referrals to existing support services in the community.

By 2019, the NDIS will support about 460,000 Australians with disability.







Can I access the NDIS?

To become an NDIS participant a person must:

- Have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities;
- Be aged less than 65 when they first enter the NDIS;
- Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa; and
- Live in Australia where the NDIS is available.

The NDIS is being introduced progressively around Australia from 1 July 2016.

Can I still receive support if I do not meet the access requirements for the NDIS?

A person does not have to be an NDIS participant to receive support from the NDIS.



The NDIS will connect people with disability, their families and carers, including people who are not NDIS participants, to disability and mainstream supports in their community.

To find out more about information, links and referrals to community and mainstream support services visit www.ndis.gov.au or call 1800 800 110.



When will the NDIS be available in my area?

The NDIS began in a number of trial sites around Australia from July 2013.

The NDIS is being rolled out gradually around the rest of Australia from 1 July 2016.

The NDIS is being introduced in stages around Australia to ensure it is successful and sustainable because it is a major change. Your existing supports will remain in place until the NDIS is available in your area. People will enter the NDIS differently depending on where they live, how old they are and the type of support they currently receive. In some states and territories, the NDIS will be rolled out by area while in others people will enter by age groups.

To find out when the NDIS is coming to your area visit www.ndis.gov.au or call 1800 800 110.



Why is the NDIS important?

Why do we need the NDIS?

People with disability have the same right as other Australians to determine their best interests and to have choice and control over their lives.

The NDIS recognises that everyone's needs and goals are different.

The NDIS provides people with individualised support and the flexibility to manage their supports to help them achieve their goals and enjoy an ordinary life.



The NDIS replaces a disability system that was unfair and inefficient with a new, national system that is world-leading, equitable and sustainable. This provides certainty and consistency for people with disability, their families and carers.

Australians will now have peace of mind that if their child or loved one is born with or acquires a significant disability that is likely to be with them for life they will get the support they need, when they need it.

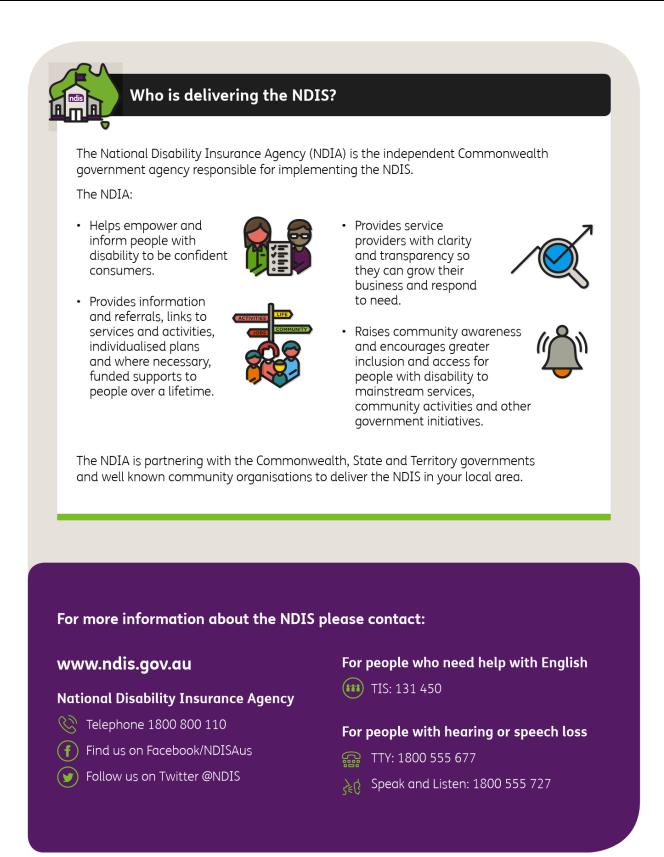
Why an insurance scheme?

The NDIS is social insurance, not welfare. As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach to

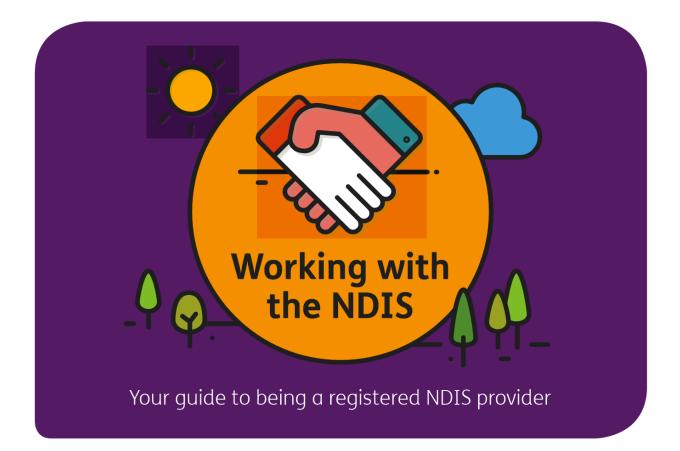


support, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life.









The National Disability Insurance Scheme (also called the NDIS) is a new way of providing disability support.

The NDIS will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.



The NDIS began with some trial sites around Australia from July 2013. It will be rolled out gradually around the rest of Australia from 1 July 2016. The NDIS is being introduced in stages around Australia



to ensure it is successful and sustainable. People who are eligible for NDIS support are called participants.

Each participant has their own NDIS plan that identifies the outcomes they wish to achieve, the supports that will be funded by the NDIS and other supports the person requires. People with disability will choose the providers they engage and can change providers at any time.





Your guide to being a registered NDIS provider



What is a registered provider?

Registered providers are individuals or organisations that are registered with the NDIA to deliver a support or a product to a participant in the NDIS.

The NDIS will be rolled out gradually around Australia from 1 July 2016. People with disability will continue to receive supports from the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments until the NDIS is rolled out in their area.

Getting ready

To get ready for the registration process potential providers can start reviewing the Provider Toolkit on our website including the NDIS Terms of Business and price guides. It is important at this stage to determine any conflict of interest and consider a value proposition for NDIS participants.

Providers also need to:

- Determine how they will market their service to participants
- Engage with participants as clients (customers)
- Understand the participant's goals, preferences and objectives.



Registered

NDIS

provider

Can I provide supports?

To register with the NDIS, providers need to consider their suitability to provide services in the NDIS marketplace and ability to meet Quality and Safeguards requirements.

Some of the questions to consider include:

- Where do you want to provide supports?
- What are the Quality and Safeguards requirements for those areas?
- Are you registered with your National Body and do you have appropriate qualifications?
- What types of services would you provide and to who?

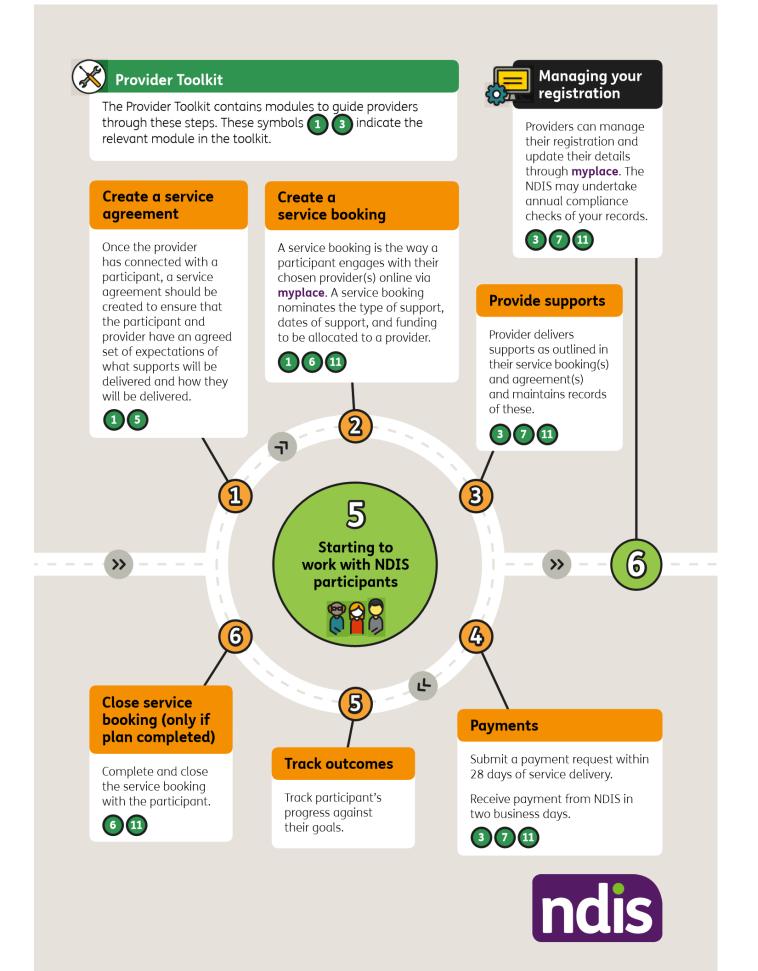


Getting registered

To register as a provider you need to:

- Complete the PRODA
 authentication process and
 obtain a **myplace** account
- Submit an intent to register
- Select the registration groups to register for
- Read and sign the Declaration of Suitability; and
- Provide supporting evidence and documentation.







Benefits of working with the NDIS

By 2019, the Scheme will support about 460,000 Australians with disability and invest \$22 billion a year in services and equipment. There are significant growth opportunities for providers who respond to this new demand. Benefits of working with the NDIS include:

- Helping participants achieve their goals
- Being part of a vibrant, innovative and competitive marketplace
- Enjoying new business opportunities
- Online systems
- Fast payment processing



Types of supports funded under the NDIS

For a support to be funded it needs to be reasonable and necessary and be linked to an outcome in a participant's plan.

Supports must be related to the participant's disability and help them to reach their goals. They must help a participant to build the skills they need to live the life they want, including opportunities to work, further their education, volunteer or learn something new.

This may include undertaking activities or funding equipment aimed at increasing their independence, inclusion, and social and economic participation.

The funding model that underpins the NDIS is designed to be flexible and to allow service innovation. Importantly, the supports delivered will be chosen, and paid for out of an individually allocated budget to each participant.

More information

Resources and the Provider Toolkit are available at www.ndis.gov.au/providers to help providers understand the NDIS market and guide them through the registration process.

www.ndis.gov.au/providers

National Disability Insurance Agency

- 🔆 Telephone 1800 800 110
- Find us on Facebook/NDISAus
- Follow us on Twitter @NDIS

For people who need help with English

💷 TIS: 131 450

For people with hearing or speech loss

- 🔛 TTY: 1800 555 677
- ≩€ Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727





WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 2

Prepared by Shaun Hardy, Chief Executive Officer

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet - Information and Updates

Purpose

Information and updates to be presented to Council by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Background

On behalf of Council, an invitation was extended to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Darwin Regional Office) to meet with Council for a general discussion, information and updates regarding:

- Indigenous Advancement Strategy and next steps;
- Aboriginals Benefit Account upcoming grant round;
- Collaborative partnership opportunities including Council and local associations;
- Community Night Patrol agreement and current activities; and
- Any other issues PM&C would like to raise with Council.

Impact for Council

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet is one of Council's key stakeholders and funding agencies.

Recommendation

1. That Council notes the information and updates presented by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.



WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Report for Agenda Item No 3

Prepared by Shaun Hardy, Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update progress on Council activities and inform about issues relevant to the governance and management of Council.

Background

Regional Plan and Budget 2017-18

Council's Regional Plan and Budget 2017-18 sets out the goals and strategies for what we want to achieve during the 2017-18 financial year.

A mid-year review of Council's Regional Plan and Budget 2017-18 is currently underway and a report will be presented at Council's February 2018 meeting.

Community Development

Community consultation regarding a Community Justice Agreement was held on 20 December 2017 at the Wadeye Court House Meeting Room. Following a request by senior men present at the meeting, the Department of the Chief Minister has requested access to Council's Meeting Room for future meetings. The Department confirmed that the agreement is for the Thamurrurr region.

Council's views on local Aboriginal associations' use of Council facilities for meetings across communities, and the application of charges, are sought.

It is recommended that Council continues to support community events including the Wadeye Festival 2018, NAIDOC Day in our main communities of Wadeye, Palumpa and Peppimenarti, and the Wadeye AFL 2018 Finals.

A joint meeting between Council, Thamurrurr, Mutchirr, Deewin Kurim and other stakeholders is being arranged for March 2018. Council's views on agenda items for this meeting are sought.

An Australian Citizenship Ceremony planned to be hosted by Council at Wadeye on 26 January 2017 (Australia Day) is the subject of a separate Agenda Item.

Local Authorities

Council has held three successful rounds of Local Authority meetings for 2017-18 following meetings held in Wadeye, Palumpa and Peppimenarti in December 2017. Quotations for new local projects are currently being sought.

Progress with Local Authority local projects is the subject of a separate Agenda Item.

In line with requests for meetings with the Department of Housing and Community Development on housing matters, community meetings have been held in Peppimenarti and Palumpa, and a further meeting is being arranged in Wadeye.

<u>Homelands</u>

Council's assessment visits to each Homeland and residents' input were completed in late October 2017 and early November 2017. The results of the Homelands assessments and recommended works were collated into a consolidated report, which is being used to complete Service Delivery Plans.

Quotations are being sought where required and works programs are being implemented within the budget allocations for each Homeland. Roads maintenance grading has been completed for Homelands serviced from Peppimenarti (eg Delye, Uminyuluk, Mulingi, Wudaduk, Perreder) and commenced for those serviced from Wadeye (eg Fossil Head, Kuy).

Homelands Extra Allowance applications for additional funding are being prepared, based on the recent assessments and recommendations.

An internal Homelands Workshop for Council is planned for February 2018 to program works for full expenditure of grant funding by end-June 2018.

<u>Roads</u>

A Local Roads Workshop is being arranged for March 2018 to prioritise Council's roads and 2017-18 Budget preparations. The workshop will include Councillors and other relevant stakeholders. The results from the workshop will determine Council's roads maintenance program and Budget allocations.

Waste Management

Council has undertaken a range of clean-up activities in each community as part of preparations for the cyclone season and potential flooding events.

Following assessment reports and recommendations from the Big Rivers Waste Management Coordinator, Council is developing a grant application under the Building Better Regions program for upgrades to the Wadeye, Palumpa and Peppimenarti waste management facilities. The Big Rivers Waste Management Committee (through Katherine Town Council) has awarded the scrap metal collection tender to Sims Metal. The scrap metal collection of car bodies, whitegoods and other hard waste will commence in the West Daly region as soon as weather permits heavy vehicle roads access in early 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 February.

Aged Care

The Thamurrurr Aged Care facility in Wadeye continues to move forward positively in staffing capacity and service delivery as evidenced in ongoing reviews by the Aged Care Quality Agency. The most recent assessments have found all key expected outcomes to be Met for both residential (NATSIFACP) and community care (CHSP), which is a great achievement.

Council's support providers, BCA National and CareLynx, are providing assistance with management, procedures, reporting and clinical monitoring.

Staffing

The negotiations for Council's first ever Enterprise Agreement concluded with a second successful meeting held on 5 December 2017 with staff and union representatives. The revised draft Enterprise Agreement included a 2 per cent pay increase on commencement and then again in July in each of the 3 years. The Agreement included enhanced leave provisions and revised Remote Locality Allowance for those eligible of \$3,000 per annum (lump sum option).

On Monday 18 December 2017, a resounding majority of Council staff (97 per cent) voted Yes to the Enterprise Agreement which, subject to the Fair Work Commission's approval, result in West Daly negotiating its first ever Enterprise Agreement, with all staff working under the same terms and conditions.

The Director Council and Community Services –Wadeye position has been completed with Regional Services Manager Palumpa, Steve Horton, the successful applicant. Steve will transfer to the position late January 2018.

Glenn Parker will transfer from Peppimenarti to the Regional Services Manager Palumpa in late January 2018 and Scott Page will return to his position of Night Patrol Manager. The Regional Services Manager Peppimenarti position will be filled as soon as possible.

The Manager Aged Care – Wadeye position has been filled by Gail Dodson, Aged Care Clinical Coordinator – Wadeye filled by Julie Bamford, Mechanic – Wadeye filled by Aaron Healey and Supervisor Civil – Wadeye filled by Damien Oppel. All positions will commence in January and February 2018.

Stakeholder Meetings

For the period mid December 2017 to mid January 2018, I have undertaken external stakeholder meetings regarding the following:

AG – Prime Minister and Cabinet AG – Health– Aged Care AG – National Disability Insurance Agency BCA National – Aged Care CareLynx – Aged Care CouncilBiz Davidson Workplace Solutions – Enterprise Agreement GHD Consulting – Engineers NTG – Chief Minister – Regional Network NTG – Housing and Community Development NTG – Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics SeaFarms – Project Sea Dragon Thamurrur Development Corporation

Impact for Council

For information.

Recommendation

1. That Council note the Chief Executive Officer's report.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.



WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 4

Prepared by Ramesh Pudasaini, Senior Financial Consultant

Financial Report - Dec 2017

Purpose

To provide financial information for the month of December 2017 by providing information on issues related to cash ratio, cash and bank balance, income and expenses of Core and Agency funded programs, variance analysis and information on large debtors and creditors.

Background

In conjunction with WDRC, CouncilBiz is responsible for preparing the council's budget and overseeing all accounting procedures including accounts payable, accounts receivable and rates receivable, cash and bank administration, procurement, grants supervision, budget monitoring and all other necessary functions to run day to day financial activities of the council.

Financial Overview

	Dec-17	Nov-17	Variance	
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Cash & Bank	9,133,518	8,931,275	202,243	Increased
Receivable	353,948	364,092	(10,144)	Decreased
Current Liabilities				
Staff Liability	300,594	336,426	(35,832)	Decreased
Trade & Other Liability	75,890	50,161	25,729	Increased
Unspent Grants (tied fund)	5,905,809	5,891,781	14,028	Increased
PO Commitment (tied fund)	225,987	253,541	(27,554)	Decreased

<u>Financial Snapshot</u>	Dec-17	Monthly Average	Nov-17	Monthly Average	Varia	ance
Income	12,081,108	2,416,222	11,148,066	2,229,613	933,042	Increased
<u>Expenses</u>						
Expenses - Staff	2,930,542	586,108	2,379,002	475,800	551,540	Increased
Expenses - Councillors	119,075	23,815	91,778	18,356	27,297	Increased
Expenses - Others	3,030,847	606,169	2,347,168	469,434	683,679	Increased

Non Current Assets	Fair Value	Acc. Dep	Net Value
Buildings	21,056,212	4,444,410	16,611,802
Road Infrastructures	3,377,270	1,432,531	1,944,739
Plant & Equipment	1,424,279	918,676	505,603
Structures	412,156	181,371	230,785
Furniture & Fittings	85,213	61,583	23,630
Motor Vehicle	1,292,432	865,849	426,583
Site Improvements	1,750,853	708,998	1,041,855
Total	29,398,415	8,613,418	20,784,997

Cash and Short Term Deposits

	Dec-17	Nov-17	Variance
Cash & Bank	9,133,518	8,931,275	202,243

Cash on hand at the end of December 2017 was \$9,133,518 and is the equivalent of 11 months cash capacity based on average year to date payments of \$817k to suppliers, councillors and employees (excluding average depreciation of \$196k).

Out of total cash & bank, \$5m has been deposited in short term deposit for higher interest rate.

Product	Actual Balance	Available Balance	Interest Rate	Maturity
Fixed Term Deposit	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	2.28%	9/04/2018
Fixed Term Deposit	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	2.28%	28/03/2018
Fixed Term Deposit	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	2.37%	6/04/2018
Fixed Term Deposit	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	2.35%	20/03/2018
Fixed Term Deposit	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	2.32%	14/05/2018
Fixed Term Deposit	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	2.30%	26/02/2018

Current Ratio

The current ratio identifies the Council's ability to meet short term financial obligation.

Current Ratio - Dec 2017		1.48	
Current Assets	5	Current Liabilitie	S
Cash & Bank	9,133,518	Payables - Trades	22,016
Receivable	314,481	Payables - Others	53,874
Prepayments	39,467	Payable Funding Agency	
Less:		Add:	
Staff Liability	300,594	Unspent Tied Grants	5,905,809
		(Agency & Core)	
		Commitment Amounts	225,987
	9,186,872		6,207,686

Current Ratio - Nov 2017		1.45	
Current Assets	5	Current Liabilitie	s
Cash & Bank	8,931,275	Payables - Trades	39,969
Receivable	338,167	Payables - Others	10,192
Prepayments	25,925	Payable Funding Agency	
Less:		Add:	
Staff Liability	336,426	Unspent Tied Grants	5,891,781
		(Agency & Core)	
		Commitment Amounts	253,541
	8,958,941		6,195,483

Unspent grants at the end of the month are \$5.9m and all related to various tied funds.

Note: While calculating current ratio; unspent grant (tied only) and commitment amount has been add back as liability.

Receivables / Debtors

Total receivable amount at the month end of December 2017 is \$354k.

Receivable	Dec-17	Nov-17
Receivables P & R Rates	92,189	93,996
Receivables Trade	145,510	142,458
Accrued Income	13,872	12,204
Inventory - Fuel	32,752	38,336
Receivables Others	30,158	51,173
Prepayments General	39,467	25,925
Total	353,948	364,092

Accrued Income is related to Interest Income and receivable others related to rental bond deposit, GST and workers compensation claim.

Trade Debtors Age Analysis

The table below compares aged analysis of current, 30 days, 60 days and 90 days for the month of December 2017.

Trade Debtor's Account - Age Analysis	Dec-17	Nov-17
Unapplied	(709,839)	(177,064)
Current	730,847	238,947
Over 30 days	57,260	13,754
Over 60 days	11,365	11,997
Over 90 days	55,877	54,825
Total	145,510	142,459

Creditors / Payables

As at end of December 2017, total payable amount outstanding is \$376k, the detail break down is listed below;

Payables	Dec-17	Nov-17
Payables - Employees (Leave Provision)	300,594	336,426
Payables - Trades	22,016	39,969
Payables - Others	53,874	10,192
Payables - Funding Agency (Grants)	-	-
Total	376,484	386,587

Payable Employees figure is made of provision for Annual Leave and Long Service Leave.

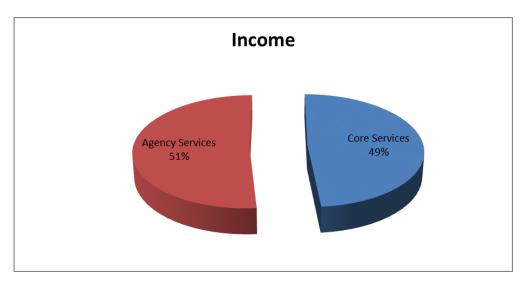
The table below compares aged analysis of current, 30 days, 60 days and 90 days for the month of December 2017.

Creditor's Account - Age Analysis	Dec-17	Nov-17	
Unapplied	(102,422)	(3,755)	
Current	69,236	2,148	
Over 30 days	15,896	1,725	
Over 60 days	374	38	
Over 90 days	38,932	39,812	
Tota	l 22,016	39,969	

Summary of Revenue & Expenditure

<u>Revenue</u>

Council received \$12.08m in revenue. Within income, Core (Council) revenue is \$5.9m and Agency revenue is \$6.2m.



While re-classifying as untied and tied,

Rem Tied/Untied Fund	Actual /	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
TIED - Tied Funding	(8,373,939)	0	(8,373,939)	(10,783,901)	(2,409,962)
UNTIED - Untied Funding	(3,707,168)	(33,492)	(3,740,661)	(5,660,481)	(1,919,820)

Income – Location

Location	Actual 🛆	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
700 - Wadeye	(7,225,567)	(27,830)	(7,253,397)	(10,012,635)	(2,759,238)
300 - Palumpa	(3,485,513)	(5,663)	(3,491,176)	(4,258,479)	(767,303)
400 - Peppimenarti	(1,365,394)	0	(1,365,394)	(2,173,268)	(807,874)
200 - Darwin	(4,633)	0	(4,633)	0	4,633

Untied Income – Program

Program	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
AD - Administration	(1,393,513)	(909)	(1,394,422)	(2,757,898)	(1,363,477)
AF - Asset Managemen	(37,650)	0	(37,650)	0	37,650
CA - Commercial Arra	(313,840)	(32,583)	(346,424)	(586,773)	(240,349)
CF - Council Fund	(806,685)	0	(806,685)	(667,638)	139,047
CG - NTG Budget Assi	0	0	0	(300,000)	(300,000)
HS - Housing - Staff	(11,930)	0	(11,930)	(21,931)	(10,001)
PG - Parks and Garde	(2,500)	0	(2,500)	0	2,500
PL - Pools	(10,909)	0	(10,909)	(20,000)	(9,091)
RM - Road Maintenanc	(646,604)	0	(646,604)	(838,198)	(191,594)
WM - Waste Managemen	(483,538)	0	(483,538)	(468,042)	15,496

Tied Income – Program

Program	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
AG - Aged Care Serv	(3,034,822)	0	(3,034,822)	(4,125,596)	(1,090,774)
CA - Commercial Arra	(88,416)	0	(88,416)	(161,579)	(73,163)
CP - Community Patro	(550,305)	0	(550,305)	(1,487,520)	(937,215)
CR - Community Progr	(1,048)	0	(1.048)	(1.048)	157 177
CZ - Capital P/P	(91,279)	0	(91,279)	(91,309)	(30)
ES - Essential Servi	(61,725)	0	(61,725)	(121,458)	(59,733)
LA - Local Authoriti	(879,627)	0	(879,627)	(827,572)	52,055
LI - Libraries	(133,430)	0	(133,430)	(127,131)	6,299
MB - Media and Broad	0	0	0	(69,094)	(69,094)
OC - Outstations and	(1,355,561)	0	(1,355,561)	(1,510,358)	(154,798)
RM - Road Maintenanc	(1,810,385)	0	(1,810,385)	(1,810,385)	
SG - Special Purpose	(276,258)	0	(276,258)	(109,883)	166,375
SR - Sport and Rec	(23,160)	0	(23,160)	(240,958)	(217,798)
VC - Vacation Care	(67,924)	0	(67,924)	(100,010)	(32,086)

Untied Income – Fund

Fund	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
101 - Gen Operating	(2,196,172)	(909)	(2,197,081)	(3,110,202)	(913,120)
201 - Airport Maint	(181,350)	0	(181,350)	(271,351)	(90,002)
203 - Aust Post	(7,847)	0	(7.847)	(14,448)	(6,601)
205 - Mech Workshops	0	0	0	0	151177
206 - Accomodation	(76,191)	0	(76,191)	(135,500)	(59,309)
207 - Comm Buildings	(48,453)	(32,583)	(81,036)	(165,474)	(84,438)
703 - NTG Ind Dev Job	(140,327)	0	(140,327)	(592,000)	(451,673)
719 - NTG - FAA Gener	(1,056,829)	0	(1,056,829)	(1,371,506)	(314,677)

<u> Tied Income – Fund</u>

Fund	Actual 🛆	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
804 - AuGov Flexi Age	(2,189,901)	0	(2,189,901)	(2,565,437)	(375,536)
811 - AG Roads to Rec	(986,160)	0	(986,160)	(986,160)	
722 - NTG Local Autho	(879,627)	0	(879,627)	(827,572)	52,055
741 - ISLRF Palumpa R	(824,225)	0	(824,225)	(824,225)	15-3-77
711 - Age Care - CHSP	(705,735)	0	(705,735)	(1,299,640)	(593,905)
704 - NTG MES Funding	(573,716)	0	(573,716)	(770,386)	(196,670)
806 - AuGov Night Pat	(519,929)	0	(519,929)	(1,457,520)	(937,591)
705 - NTG Outstn Main	(223,933)	0	(223,933)	(306,389)	(82,456)
725 - Homelands extra	(198,988)	0	(198,988)	(93,994)	104,995
746 - Ablution Block	(180,000)	0	(180,000)	(180,000)	
737 - NTG - Mantha Cr	(166,375)	0	(166,375)	0	166,375
807 - AuGov NT Jobs	(139,187)	0	(139,187)	(329,614)	(190,427)
709 - NTG Libraries	(133,430)	0	(133,430)	(127,131)	6,299
736 - Township Bus Se	(109,883)	0	(109,883)	(109,883)	
204 - Centrelink	(88,416)	0	(88,416)	(161,579)	(73,163)
805 - AuGov Emu Point	(67,924)	0	(67,924)	(100,010)	(32,086)
761 - SPG Road Roller	(65,855)	0	(65,855)	(65,885)	(30)

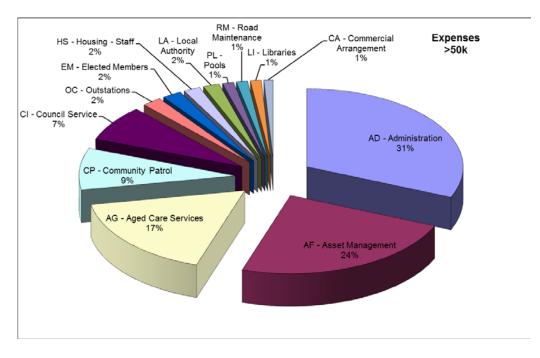
761 - SPG Road Roller	(65,855)	0	(65,855)	(65,885)	(30)
720 - NT Jobs Package	(61,725)	0	(61,725)	(121,458)	(59,733)
744 - Fossil Head Sol	(59,809)	0	(59,809)	(59,809)	
747 - Grading of inte	(46,544)	0	(46,544)	(46,544)	177
760 - Refurb bskb Crt	(40,386)	0	(40,386)	(40,386)	V V V
821 - AG Nght Pat Bui	(30,375)	0	(30,375)	(30,000)	375
755 - Merrepen Solar	(25,424)	0	(25,424)	(25,424)	
822 - AG - IAS S&R	(25,237)	0	(25,237)	(25,237)	
750 - Fossil Head Abl	(20,000)	0	(20,000)	0	20,000
743 - Fossil Head Pow	(18,688)	0	(18,688)	(18,688)	
762 - Mob Booster Sys	(12,000)	0	(12,000)	0	12,000
748 - Kuy New Water T	(10,000)	0	(10,000)	0	10,000
749 - Nemarluk Water	(10,000)	0	(10,000)	0	10,000
745 - Uminyuluk Sewer	(1,500)	0	(1.500)	(1,500)	
418 - Wadeye Festival	(1,048)	0	(1.048)	(1,048)	
738 - NTG - SPG Outst	(382)	0	(382)	(33.048)	(32,666)
707 - NTG Sports Rec	42,463	0	42,463	(175,335)	(217,798)

Expenses

Council spent \$4.9m in operating expenses and \$1.2m as unfunded depreciation expenses. In total, Council spent \$6.08m till December 2017.

Employee	Councillors	Operating		Total
Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Depriciation	Expnediture
2,930,542	119,075	1,857,262	1,173,585	6,080,464

Expenses – Program



Expenses Untied & Tied

Rem Tied/Untied Fund	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
TIED - Tied Funding	1,921,404	160,132	2,081,536	10,530,161	8,448,625
UNTIED - Untied Funding	4,159,060	206,880	4,365,940	8,823,147	4,457,207

Location – Expenses

Location	Actual $ abla$	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
700 - Wadeye	4,484,537	245,707	4,730,244	13,054,312	8,324,067
400 - Peppimenarti	745,336	12,760	758,096	1,844,314	1,086,219
300 - Palumpa	628,251	92,121	720,371	4,028,521	3,308,149
<u> 200 - Darwin</u>	222,340	16,424	238,765	426,162	187,397

Untied Expenses – Program

Program	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
AD - Administration	1,739,390	121,411	1,860,800	3,632,001	1,771,201
AF - Asset Managemen	1,414,622	0	1,414,622	2,490,179	1,075,557
CA - Commercial Arra	12,760	43,074	55,835	155,180	99,346
CE - Chief Executive	138,949	341	139,290	285,313	146,024
CI - Council Service	444,657	0	444,657	1,084,738	640,081
EM - Elected Members	119,075	3,563	122,638	356,417	233,779
HS - Housing - Staff	103,487	14,005	117,491	235,475	117,984
LA - Local Authoriti	6,304	0	6,304	16,200	9,897
PG - Parks and Garde	32,729	4,190	36,920	102,200	65,281
PL - Pools	69,807	1,918	71,725	134,943	63,218
RM - Road Maintenanc	53,082	15,357	68,438	210,000	141,562
TR - Training & Devp	2,820	0	2,820	80,000	77,180
WM - Waste Managemen	21,378	390	21,768	0	(21,768)
WS - Work Health and	0	2,632	2,632	40,500	37,868

Tied Expenses – Program

Program 🛆	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
AG - Aged Care Serv	1,024,616	18,637	1,043,252	3,960,616	2,917,364
CA - Commercial Arra	43,763	0	43,763	131,579	87,816
CP - Community Patro	518,227	5,457	523,685	1,434,760	911,076
CR - Community Progr	0	0	0	1,048	1,048
CZ - Capital P/P	0	19,812	19,812	91,309	71,497
ES - Essential Servi	28,796	0	28,796	121,457	92,661
LA - Local Authoriti	94,395	44,016	138,411	827,572	689,161
LI - Libraries	67,840	14,727	82,568	127,131	44,563
MB - Media and Broad	0	0	0	69,094	69,094
OC - Outstations and	121,105	0	121,105	1,510,358	1,389,253
RM - Road Maintenanc	16,014	57,243	73,257	1,810,385	1,737,128
SG - Special Purpose	3,575	0	3,575	109,883	106,308
SR - Sport and Rec	3,071	240	3,311	234,958	231,647
VC - Vacation Care	0	0	0	100,010	100,010

Untied Expenses – Fund

Fund	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
101 - Gen Operating	4,146,300	163,806	4,310,106	8,667,967	4,357,861
201 - Airport Maint	(5.651)	43,074	37,423	43,680	6,257
205 - Mech Workshops	1,089	0	1,089	0	(1,089)
206 - Accomodation	6,725	0	6,725	76,500	69,775
207 - Comm Buildings	10,597	0	10,597	35,000	24,403

Tied Expenses – Fund

Fund	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
204 - Centrelink	43,763	0	43,763	131,579	87,816
418 - Wadeye Festival	0	0	0	1,048	1,048
704 - NTG MES Funding	90,797	0	90,797	770,386	679,589
705 - NTG Outstn Main	16,047	0	16,047	306,389	290,342
707 - NTG Sports Rec	3,100	0	3,100	169,335	166,235
709 - NTG Libraries	67,840	14,727	82,568	127,131	44,563
711 - Age Care - CHSP	160,159	3,243	163,402	1,245,640	1,082,238
720 - NT Jobs Package	28,796	0	28,796	121,457	92,661
722 - NTG Local Autho	94,395	44,016	138,411	827,572	689,161
725 - Homelands extra	1,900	0	1,900	93,994	92,094
736 - Township Bus Se	3,575	0	3,575	109,883	106,308
737 - NTG - Mantha Cr	0	0	0	0	
738 - NTG - SPG Outst	0	0	0	33,048	33,048
741 - ISLRF Palumpa R	16,014	57,243	73,257	824,225	750,968
743 - Fossil Head Pow	0	0	0	18,688	18,688
744 - Fossil Head Sol	0	0	0	59,809	59,809
745 - Uminyuluk Sewer	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
745 - Uminyuluk Sewer	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
746 - Ablution Block	0	0	0	180,000	180,000
747 - Grading of inte	0	0	0	46,544	46,544
748 - Kuy New Water T	1,594	0	1,594	0	(1,594)
755 - Merrepen Solar	0	19,812	19,812	25,424	5,612
760 - Refurb bskb Crt	0	0	0	40,386	40,386
761 - SPG Road Roller	0	0	0	65,885	65,885
762 - Mob Booster Sys	10,768	0	10,768	0	(10,768)
804 - AuGov Flexi Age	804,176	15,394	819,570	2,454,457	1,634,887
805 - AuGov Emu Point	0	0	0	100,010	100,010
806 - AuGov Night Pat	518,227	5,457	523,685	1,404,760	881,076
807 - AuGov NT Jobs	60,281	0	60,281	329,614	269,333
811 - AG Roads to Rec	0	0	0	986,160	986,160
821 - AG Nght Pat Bui	0	0	0	30,000	30,000
822 - AG - IAS S&R	(29)	240	211	25,237	25,026

Variance – Income

Fund Source/ Program	Program Description	Total Actual Income	Total Budgeted Income	Income Variance	% Variance	Explanation
Council Fund	s					
Untied						
AD	Administration	1,393,513	1,387,220	6,293	0%	
AF	Asset Management	37,650	-	37,650	100%	disposal of assets
CA	Commercial Arrangement	313,840	293,386	20,454	7%	
CF	Council Fund	806,685	667,638	139,047	21%	Timing effect
HS	Housing - Staff	11,930	10,966	964	9%	
PG	Parks and Garden	2,500	-	2,500	100%	additional Income
PL	Pools	10,909	10,000	909	9%	additional income
RM	Road Maintenance	646,604	433,432	213,172	49%	Timing effect
WM	Waste Management	483,538	444,292	39,246	9%	additional Income
	Council funds untied sub-total	3,707,168	3,246,934	460,234		

Fund Source/ Program	Program Description	Total Actual Income	Total Budgeted Income	Income Variance	% Variance	Explanation
Council Fund	ls					
Tied						
CA	Commercial Arrangement	88,416	80,789	7,626	9%	
RM	Road Maintenance	1,810,385	1,810,385	(0)	0%	
SG	Special Purpose	276,258	109,883	166,375	151%	additional grants received
	Council funds tied sub-total	2,175,059	2,001,057	174,001	9%	

Fund Source/ Program	Program Description	Total Actual Income	Total Budgeted Income	Income Variance	% Variance	Explanation
Agency Fund	ls					
Tied						
AG	Aged Care Services	3,034,822	2,850,419	184,404	6%	
CP	Community Patrol	550,305	854,760	(304,455)	-36%	Grants yet to receive
CR	Community Program	1,048	1,048	0	0%	
CZ	Capital P/P	91,279	91,309	(30)	0%	
ES	Essential Services	61,725	60,729	996	2%	
LA	Local Authority	879,627	619,429	260,198	42%	due to c/f figures
LI	Libraries	133,430	63,566	69,865	110%	Grants yet to receive
MB	Media and Broad	-	69,094	(69,094)	-100%	c/f figure refunded
OC	Outstations	1,355,561	1,163,515	192,046	17%	additional grants received
SR	Sport and Rec	23,160	182,958	(159,798)	-87%	Program ceased
VC	Vacation Care	67,924	70,119	(2,195)	-3%	
	Agency funds tied sub-total	6,198,880	6,026,945			

Variance – Expenses

Fund Source/ Program	Program Description	Total Actual Expenses	Total Budgeted Expenses	Expenses Variance	% Variance	Explanation
Council Funds						
Untied						
AD	Administration	1,878,339	2,025,669	147,330	7%	
AF	Asset Management	1,414,622	1,245,090	(169,533)	-14%	repair and maintenance
CA	Commercial Arrangement	12,760	79,270	66,510	84%	need budget adjustment, power transfer to other user's name
CE	Chief Executive					
CF	Council Fund	-	-	0		
CI	Council Services	444,657	584,090	139,432	24%	saving in other expenses
EM	Elected Members	119,075	178,208	59,133	33%	saving in other expenses
HS	Housing - Staff	103,487	117,738	14,251	12%	saving in other expenses
PG	Parks and Garden	32,729	51,100	18,371	36%	under spent in other expenses
PL	Pools	69,807	70,335	528	1%	
RM	Road Maintenance	53,082	105,000	51,919	49%	under spent in other expenses
TR	Training & Development	2,820	40,000	37,180	93%	under spent in other expenses
WM	Waste Management	21,378	-	(21,378)	100%	additional expenditure
WS	Work Health and Safety	-	20,250	20,250	100%	under spent in other expenses
	Council funds untied sub-total	4,152,757	4,516,749			

Fund Source/ Program	Program Description	Total Actual Expenses	Total Budgeted Expenses	Expenses Variance	% Variance	Explanation
Council Funds	6					
Tied						
CA	Commercial Arrangement	43,763	69,860	26,097	37%	Saving from Centrelink
RM	Road Maintenance	16,014	824,225	808,211	100%	Timing effect
SG	Special Purpose	3,575	57,167	53,591	 94%	project yet to decide
	Council funds tied sub-total	63,352	951,252			

Fund Source/ Program	Program Description	Total Actual Expenses	Total Budgeted Expenses	Expenses Variance	% Variance	Explanation
Agency Funds						
Tied						
AG	Aged Care Services	1,024,616	2,032,006	1,007,390	50%	under spent in other expenses
CP	Community Patrol	518,227	756,881	238,654	32%	under spent in other expenses
CR	Community Program	-	1,048	1,048	100%	
CZ	Capital P/P	-	78,597	78,597	100%	Yet to spend
ES	Essential Services	28,796	65,385	36,589	56%	saving from staff cost and other cost
LA	Local Authority	94,395	413,786	319,391	77%	saving from staff cost and other cost
LI	Libraries	67,840	65,804	(2,036)	-3%	saving from staff cost and other cost
MB	Media and Broad	-	69,094	69,094		
OC	Outstations	121,105	845,929	724,824	86%	under spent in other expenses
SR	Sport and Rec	3,071	152,211	149,139	98%	no program
VC	Vacation Care	-	54,489	54,489	100%	program yet to start
	Agency funds tied sub-total	1,858,052	4,535,230			

Local Authority

Location 🛛	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
300 - Palumpa	(68,130)	0	(68,130)	0	68,130
400 - Peppimenarti	(58,024)	0	(58,024)	0	58,024
700 - Wadeye	(659,078)	44,016	(615,062)	0	615,062

Outstations

Fund	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
704 - NTG MES Funding	(482,919)	0	(482,919)	0	482,919
705 - NTG Outstn Main	(207,887)	0	(207,887)	0	207,887
725 - Homelands extra	(197,088)	0	(197,088)	0	197,088
738 - NTG - SPG Outst	(382)	0	(382)	0	382
743 - Fossil Head Pow	(18,688)	0	(18,688)	0	18,688
744 - Fossil Head Sol	(59,809)	0	(59,809)	0	59,809
745 - Uminyuluk Sewer	(1,500)	0	(1,500)	0	1,500
746 - Ablution Block	(180,000)	0	(180,000)	0	180,000
747 - Grading of inte	(46,544)	0	(46,544)	0	46,544
748 - Kuy New Water T	(8,406)	0	(8,406)	0	8,406
749 - Nemarluk Water	(10,000)	0	(10,000)	0	10,000
750 - Fossil Head Abl	(20,000)	0	(20,000)	0	20,000
762 - Mob Booster Sys	(1,232)	0	(1,232)	0	1,232

Conclusion

The financial report for the period shows that WDRC has met its financial obligations for the period.

Bank Balance – \$5m is in short term deposit and \$4.1m in operating account.

Accounts Payable (Trade – \$22k) and Accounts Receivable (\$145k) are both regularly monitored for timely payment and collection.

The cash ratio is 1.48 for December 2017.

Unspent grant in cash ratio is \$5.9m.

Tied Income is \$8.3m and Untied Income is \$3.7m, total Income is \$12m.

Total Operating expenditure is \$4.9m and unfunded depreciation of \$1.2m, total expenditure is \$6m.

Impact for Council

Council fulfil the reporting requirement of Local Government Act and Regulations.

Recommendation

1. That Council receives and notes the financial report for Dec 2017.

Attachments

1 Trial Balance - Dec 2017.pdf

As at 31st December 2017	
WEST DALY Regional Council	
Description	Closing Balances 31st December 2017
BALANCE SHEET	
Current Assets	
11110 - Cash at Bank Operational	712,080
11130 - Cash at Bank High Interest Savings	3,419,838
11210 - Petty Cash- Cash on Hand	1,600
12110 - Cash & BankTerm Deposit	5,000,000
13110 - Receivables P&R Rates General	67,367
13140 - Receivables P&R Waste Collection General	24,822
13210 - Receivables CONTROL ACCOUNT	145,510
13230 - Receivables Accrued Income	13,872
13240 - Receivables GST PAID	22,158
13270 - Receivable - Rental Bond	8,000
14120 - Inventory Fuel and Oil General 15100 - Prepayments General	32,752 28,601
15180 - Prepayment - Fringe Benefits Tax	10,866
Total Current Assets	9,487,465
Non Current Assets	
36210 - Acquisition of Buildings	21,056,213
36220 - Accumulated Depreciation of Buildings	(4,444,410)
36310 - Acquisition of Road Infrastructure	3,377,270
36320 - Accumulated Depreciation of Road Infrastructure	(1,432,531)
36410 - Acquisition of Plant & Equipment	1,424,279
36420 - Accumulated Depreciation of Plant & Equipment	(918,676)
36510 - Acquisition of Structures	412,156
36520 - Accumulated Depreciation of Structures	(181,371)
36610 - Acquisition of Furniture, Fittings & Office Equip	85,213
36620 - Accum Depreciation of Furniture, Fittings & Office Equip	<mark>(61,583)</mark> 1,292,432
36710 - Acquisition of Motor Vehicles 36720 - Accumulated Depreciation of Motor Vehicles	(865,849)
36810 - Acquisition of Site Improvements	1,750,853
36820 - Accumulated Depreciation of Site Improvements	(708,998)
Total Non Current Assets	20,784,996
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TOTAL ASSETS	30,272,461

Current Liabilities

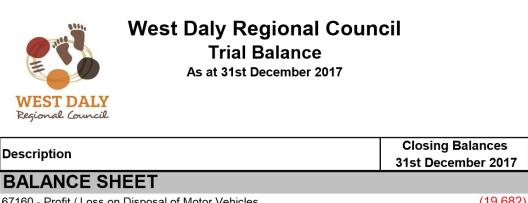
ourient Liabilities	
22210 - Payables CONTROL ACCOUNT	(22,016)
22230 - Payables PAYG WITHHELD	(30,102)
22240 - Payables GST COLLECTED	(23,473)
22280 - Payables Others	(299)
23120 - Current Provisions Employees Annual Leave	(184,546)
23130 - Current Provisions Employees Long Service Leave	(116,497)
23131 - Current Provisions Time Off in Lieu	(234)
27140 - Workers Compensation Clearing	683
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West Daly Regional Cou Trial Balance As at 31st December 2017	uncil
Description	Closing Balances
Description	31st December 2017
BALANCE SHEET	
Total Current Liabilities	(376,485)
Non Current Liabilities	
43130 - Non-Current Provision Employee Long Service Leave	(46,213)
Total Non Current Liabilities	(46,213)
TOTAL LIABILTIES	(422,698)
NET ASSETS	29,849,763
Equity	
51110 - Accumulated Surplus Deficit	(23,519,228)
Unspent Grants	(6,330,535)
Total Equity	(29,849,763)
TOTAL EQUITY	(29,849,763)
CHECK	(0)
INCOME & EXPENDITURE	
Revenue	

61110 - Garbage General	(474,462)
61115 - Waste Dump Fees	(8,640)
61130 - Agency Income	(7,847)
61140 - Council Rates	(806,685)
61160 - Rent Employee Housing	(11,930)
61170 - Rent and Leases Property	(43,812)
61180 - Fuel Rebate Income	(2,939)
61200 - Hire of Council Assets	(12,227)
61210 - Interest Received	(65,589)
62100 - NTG - Operational Grants	(2,039,532)
62110 - NTG Special Purpose Grants (Operational)	(218,375)
62200 - Aust Gov - Operational Grants	(2,464,076)
62210 - Aust Gov - Capital Grants	(457,044)
62500 - Income - Contribution	(112,837)
62900 - Grant Income Adjustment	42,463
63100 - Period Contracts - Airports	(176,092)
63110 - Period Contracts Other	(90,888)
63200 - Commercial Services Income	(79,956)
63300 - Fuel Sales - Diesel / ULP (to 3rd party customers)	(1,113)
63500 - Other Current Income	(23,662)
67140 - Profit / Loss on Disposal of Plant & Equipment	(8,018)
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TOTAL REVENUE

(12,081,108)



or root - Front / Loss of Disposal of Motor Vericles	(13,002)
68940 - Grant Income Opening Balance Brought Forward (Cr)	(4,998,165)

Expenditure	
71110 - Salary Normal	1,607,055
71120 - Salary Overtime	116,590
71130 - Salary Allowances	112,382
71140 - Sick Leave	30,098
71150 - Other Leave	15,589
71170 - Workers Compensation	26,344
71210 - Travel Allowance - Meals and Incidentals	8,188
71230 - Accommodation	7,491
71240 - Fares - Air/Road	2,815
71250 - Taxi/Hire Car Fares	820
71410 - Superannuation	171,474
71510 - Annual Leave	153,820
71520 - Long Service Leave	21,548
71531 - TOIL	(2)
71540 - Office Uniforms	493
71560 - Recruitment & Relocation	13,373
71570 - Training	73,302
71571 - Employee Travel & Accom	79
71575 - Screening and License Checks	144
71580 - Professional Development	68
71600 - Office Amenities	2,672
71601 - Outsourced Services	566,197
72100 - Councillors Electoral Allowances	83,248
72110 - Councillors Extra Meeting Allowances	2,035
72210 - Councillors Travel Allowance - Meals and Incidentals	336
72230 - Councillors Accommodation	3,468
72240 - Councillors - Fares Air / Road	1,109
72540 - Councillors Uniform	635
72580 - Councillors Professional Development	136
73115 - Administration Fees	288,190
73120 - Advertising	2,638
73130 - Audit Expenses (external)	48,747
73140 - Levy, Fees and Charges	26,001
73150 - Cleaning Products and Contractors	17,363
73160 - Conferences, Seminars and Ceremonies	5,343
73200 - Consulting Fees	39,233
73230 - Utilities - Electricity	42,114
73240 - Utilities - Water & Sewerage	43,419
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Description	Closing Balances 31st December 2017
BALANCE SHEET	
73260 - Hire of Plant, Equipment and Motor Vehicles	6,534
73290 - Licenses and Registrations - MV & PE	18,555
73321 - Health and Safety Expenses	3,128
73330 - Catering - Council, Committees, Seminars	3,573
73332 - Consumable Items	82,489
73343 - Operating Leases Office Equipment	3,413
73344 - Operating Leases Property	294,280
73350 - Printing, Postage (stamps) & Stationery	8,663
73400 - Subscriptions and Memberships	21,074
73430 - Airfares (not employees or councillors)	8,403
73450 - Street Light Maintenance	17,351
73460 - Street Light Electricity Payments	4,836
73511 - Freight Expenses	30,932
73531 - Fuel Diesel /ULP	72,364
73540 - Insurance Premiums	257,239
73542 - Insurance Excess/ Payout Expense - MV/ P&E	1,455
73800 - Contractor Materials and Labour	60,452
73830 - Repairs & Maintenance Plant (Small Plant Items)	13,218
73831 - Repairs & Maint MV & PE - Tyres	22,001
73832 - Repairs & Maint MV & PE - Servicing	27,742
73833 - Repairs & Maint MV & PE - Others	128,788
73834 - Repairs & Maintenance Roads	39,432
73836 - Repairs & Maintenance Buildings	90,393
73841 - Contractors Electrical	4,657
74110 - Depreciation - Building	644,261
74120 - Depreciation - Road Infrastructure	166,047
74130 - Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	91,459
74140 - Depreciation - Structures	28,252
74150 - Depreciation - Furniture, Fittings & Office Equip	13,911
74160 - Depreciation - Motor Vehicles	131,293
74170 - Depreciation - Site Improvements	98,362
74600 - ICT - Phone/Fax/Internet	22,066
74610 - ICT Satellite Telephone	22,496
74620 - ICT Mobile/ Modem Telephone	13,425
74630 - ICT - Consultants / Service Providers	17,323
74640 - ICT Software	3,613
74650 - ICT Hardware < \$5,000	3,935
74760 - Materials - Furniture & Office Equipment	9,105
74770 - Materials - Tools	17,730
74780 - Materials Minor Assets < \$5,000	35,547
79020 - Committee Sitting Fees	6,109
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,080,464

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West Daly Regional Co Trial Balance As at 31st December 2017	ouncil
WEST DALY Regional Council	
Description	Closing Balances 31st December 2017
BALANCE SHEET	
NET (SURPLUS)/LOSS	(6,330,535)
ReAllocations	
91220 - Property Lease Cost Allocation	337,335
91500 - Insurance Cost Recovery	(41,701)
91520 - Property Lease Cost Recovery	(337,335)
91910 - Administration Fees Cost Allocation	(288,190)
TOTAL REALLOCATIONS	(329,891)
CHECK A = L + P	
ASSETS	30,272,461
LIABILITIES	(422,698)
EQUITY	(29,849,763)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	(30,272,462)
VARIANCE	(0)
SALES	0
- COGS	- 0
GROSS PROFIT	0
+	+
INCOME	(12,081,108)
EXPENSES	- 6,080,464
REALLOCATIONS	(329,891)
NET (SURPLUS)/LOSS	(6,330,535)

Trial Balance - Dec 2017



WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 5

Prepared by Rebecca Purser, Manager Corporate

Councillor Development 2017-18

Purpose

Inform Councillors about options for individual development during 2017-18 and determine preferences.

Background

Councillors receive a development allowance of \$3,653.68 per member for 2017-18, with activities to be determined individually by each Councillor.

Several options that may be considered by Councillors include:

Training Courses

Australian Institute of Company Directors – Darwin (supported by LGANT and Department of Housing and Community Development). Held at Novotel Darwin Airport Hotel - 20 and 21 February 2018 – (*note: Ordinary Council Meeting is currently scheduled for 21 February 2018 in Wadeye*)

Description	Cost
Registration fees (elected members free)	\$0.00
Accommodation	\$278.00
Airfares	\$660.00
Travel Allowance	\$320.90
Cab Vouchers	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,308.00

Conferences

Australian Local Government Association National Conference – Canberra (ACT) 17-20 June 2018 (*note: Ordinary Council Meeting is 20 June 2018*)

Description	Cost
Registration fees (including 2 x dinner)	\$1644.00
Accommodation (3 nights)	\$840.00
Airfares (Qantas)	\$819.00
Travel Allowance	\$320.00

Cab Vouchers (approximately)		\$100.00
	TOTAL	\$3,723.00

NT Aboriginal Housing Forum 7th – 9th March 2018 at Hilton Hotel Darwin

Description	Cost
Registration fees	\$0.00
Accommodation	\$417.00
Airfares (if applicable)	\$660.00
Travel Allowance	\$263.40
Cab Vouchers (if applicable)	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$1,390.40

Study Tour

SeaFarms Prawn Farming Operations – Cardwell and Innisfail (QLD) (Proposed travel is 14-18 May 2018)

Description	Cost
Registration fees (not applicable)	\$0.00
Accommodation	\$735.00
Airfares	\$474.66
Travel Allowance	\$562.55
Car Hire	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$2,571.00

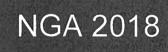
The above represents a small number of possible options for development and training and there are many other activities that may be considered by Councillors, within the development allowance for 2017-18 of \$3,653.68.

Recommendation

1. That Councillors individually nominate which development activity they wish to undertake for 2017-18.

Attachments

- 1 National General Assembly of Local Government
- 2 Australian Institute of Company Directors
- 3 NT Aboriginal Housing Forum
- 4 SeaFarms



National Convention Centre Canberra 17-20 June 2018

National General Assembly of Local Government Call for Motions Discussion Paper

Australia's Future, Make it Local

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide guidance to councils for the development of Motions for debate at the 2018 National General Assembly. The paper provides an overview of policy areas in which the NGA has well-established positions and identifies potential new and emerging policy areas which are being developed by ALGA and require detailed consideration. Councils are particularly encouraged to submit Motions on these policy areas.

Highlighting the issues below contributes to implementing ALGA's Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and its objectives to:

- strengthen Local Government in the areas of financial sustainability; delivering services in regional cities; infrastructure; and innovation and digital transformation, as well as,
- facilitating collaboration between state and territory associations in Local Government's role in Indigenous policy issues, scale and capacity; women in Local Government; and diversity in representation.

Criteria for Motions

Motions must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ be **relevant** to the work of local government **nationally**
- ✓ be consistent with the theme of the NGA
- complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
- ✓ be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
- ✓ propose a clear action and outcome
- ✓ not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Your Opportunity

The primary focus of all Motions should be to strengthen the capacity of local government to provide services and infrastructure in Australia. Providing clear actions within areas that are still emerging provides councils with an opportunity to influence the development of ALGA policy and advocacy by ALGA on federal election commitments.

Emerging Issues

Councils across Australia are constantly being asked to do more with less. Changing community needs, including ageing populations, technological advancements and changing economic circumstances, are a challenge for all communities.

Analysis suggests that a Commonwealth election may well be called between August 2018 and May 2019. The 2018 NGA therefore provides an important opportunity to progress Local Government issues in the Federal agenda. Below are some critical areas in which Local Government needs to consider the role it can in local communities on the national stage. In particular, the 2018 NGA is calling for Motions that provide clear policy advice and/or policy initiatives that will help Local Government to address the following policy challenges:

Housing Affordability

Housing affability is a major challenge in many communities. The Commonwealth frequently asserts that housing affordability is a problem because of the supply of housing. As such there has been a focus on planning reform.

Motions are called for on ways to improve housing supply and improve land use planning and associated local government infrastructure to support increased housing supply.

Financial Sustainability – Oppose Cost Shifting

In 2005 The House of Representatives Inquiry into Cost Shifting from States onto Local Government estimated that cost shifting amounted to between \$500m - 1.4b annually. This includes regulatory and other services that Local Government provided on behalf of states without adequate compensation.

Motions are called for on ways to reduce cost shifting from states and the Commonwealth on to Local Government and on areas of regulatory reform and services that Local Government could provide efficiently and effectively on behalf of states or the Commonwealth if appropriately funded.

Innovation and Digital Transformation – Smart Communities

Technological advancements are changing the way councils communicate with citizens and deliver services and infrastructure.

Motions are called for on ways to improve the ability of councils to support their community to understand and benefit from digital transformation, ways to improve data, protect privacy and increase security of council-held data.

Harmonising Local Government Data

National Local Government data is held in a variety of places and is often of variable quality. National advocacy on behalf of Local Government needs a strong evidence base. ALGA has been working with JRA on the State of the Assets project which collects data on the quality and condition of all local government assets. Increasingly, councils are being required to provide data to third parties.

Motions are called for on ways to improve the collection of local government data, how data could be better linked across the sector, and ways to improve the quality of data.

Cyber Security

Recent malware attacks have highlighted the vulnerability of business and government computer systems. Strong measurers are required to ensure that all Australians and Australian businesses and governments are aware of the risks and take appropriate measures to ensure cyber security.

Motions are called for on ways to improve local government cyber security.

Environment

Local Government plays a critical role in environmental management, with actions often embedded into other day to day operations as well as included in economic management considerations

Motions are called for on what should be national priorities and on ways to improve environmental management systems, waste management, product stewardship and biodiversity.

Regional Development

Local Government plays a critical role in regional development, with an active role working with neighbouring councils, industry, state government agencies, community and other key stakeholders to set and achieve regional goals.

Motions are called for on ways to improve regional policy approaches, funding ideas on regional sustainability and equity.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA webpage at: alga.asn.au. All Motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your Council.

Motions should be received by ALGA no later than **11:59pm on Friday 30** March **2018**.



Established ALGA Policy Areas

Financial Assistance Grants

Adequate and appropriate Local Government services and infrastructure are critical to all communities. The Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants are important to all councils. Success has been achieved in the last 12 months by restoration of the indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). ALGA's priority in this area is to continue advocating for FAGs funding to be increased to a level equal to at least one per cent of commonwealth taxation revenue.

Freight Strategy

Local government manages around 75 per cent of Australia's local roads network. These roads were generally built decades ago and today are required to carry increasing amounts of freight, including higher productivity vehicles. Poor and unsafe roads are a barrier to increased productivity. ALGA's priority is the promotion and development of a freight strategy with funding of \$200m per year for five years to address first and last mile access issues, leading to an increase in local, regional and national productivity.

Roads to Recovery

The Roads to Recovery Program provides councils with essential additional funding to help address the backlog of maintenance and renewal of local roads. Success was achieved with Roads to Recovery by having the expiration date removed and essentially creating an ongoing program. Further work in this area is being undertaken to ensure Roads to Recovery funding is permanently doubled.

Additional Local Roads Funding for South Australia

Additional funding for South Australian local roads to address an anomaly in FAGs ceased in 2014. It was reinstated in 2017–18 but only for two years. The focus is now on securing ongoing additional funding for South Australian local roads, indexed annually in line with FAGs.

Climate Change Plans

Many councils are addressing or wish to address climate change. With the important role Local Government can play helping the Australian Government to achieve internationally agreed climate change targets, a priority has been placed on supporting councils to work with local businesses and communities to implement local and regional Climate Change Adaptation Plans.

Indigenous

Addressing Indigenous disadvantage across Australia is a priority for all Australian governments. Advocacy is about closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the areas of housing, health, early childhood development, education, economic participation and remote service delivery.

Community Infrastructure

Funding support for community infrastructure will enable all local councils to plan and deliver adequate and appropriate community infrastructure. ALGA is urging political parties to commit to specific local government community infrastructure funding at the level of \$300 million per annum over the next four years.













AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE of COMPANY DIRECTORS

Program overview

The program is designed to provide elected members with a basic overview of their duties and responsibilities through interactive working sessions and the use of relevant case studies.

DAY ONE

Governance essentials for Local Government – Role of the Councilor and Leadership Governance

Presenter Lindsay Holmes FAICD

The Role of the Council and Councillor provides an overview of how the council uses systems and processes to control and monitor — or govern — council activities. These are distinct from management's role, which is to ensure that the day-to-day operations of the council are carried out within the framework of policies and strategic guidelines the councillors have established. Participants also explore the duties and responsibilities of a councillor; and the council's key governance relationships, including those with local, state and federal levels of government, local government staff, the local community and special interest groups.

Upon completion of *The Role of the Council and the Councillor*, participants should be able to:

- Identify the role and key functions of the Council
- Explain the purpose and essential features of good governance within local government organisations
- Outline the key duties and responsibilities of Councillors and explain the associated liabilities and their related protection
- Know the rights of Councillors
- Recognise the consequences of breaching Councillors' duties
- Identify the regulatory frameworks and the roles of various regulators
- Know the role of the State Government and State Minister responsible for the Local Government portfolio.

DAY TWO

Introduction to Financial Information for Councillors

Presenter Henry Botha FAICD

Introduces elected members to financial concepts, the key financial statements, the duties imposed on them, and how to establish a basic understanding of assessing financial performance. Participants learn common ratios used by boards to monitor performance; and consider issues to be mindful of when questioning management on the preparation of financial statements and when reviewing financial reports. Upon completion of Introduction to Financial Information for Councillors, participants should be able to:

- Examine the major elements of financial statements
- Appreciate the relationship between financial statements
- Explore the areas where councillors need to question financial statements
- Identify councillors' roles with regard to financial statements and financial reports
- Review performance over time through using each of the three main financial statements
- Identify ratios used by boards to monitor performance, adapt them to councils and consider the financial ratios required to assess the council's annual financial statements
- Consider the questions you need to ask of management when reviewing the monthly and long term financial reporting
- Strategy execution 'good' execution, strategic readiness ready, willing and able, monitoring strategy

LGANT is meeting the cost of the training through a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development although councils will be required to fund travel and accommodation if it is needed.

The course is available for a maximum of **25 persons**.

Please send in your registrations as soon as possible to secure a place. Closing date for registrations is 21 January 2018.

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory

An alliance of the Central and Northern Land Councils, Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service, North Australian Aborlginal Justice Agency and Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

NT ABORIGINAL HOUSING FORUM



APO NT and AHNT are hosting a housing forum to gather a strong and diverse representation of Aboriginal people from across the NT, and seek direction and collective agreement on priorities for moving forward on housing related issues.





ABORIGINAL HOUSING NT

Date & time: 7th- 9thMarch 2018 (2.5 day)

Venue: Hilton Hotel - Darwin

For more information:

Contact Theresa Roe PH: 08) 8944 6624 M: 042 999 1765





· Turtle Point, which does provide important habitat

for migratory shorebirds, will not be impacted by

the project as it is about 25 kilometres away from

The results of the assessment concluded that the

construction and operation of the project will

not result in a significant impact to nationally

important aggregations of waterbirds, or other

listed threatened and migratory species under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity

Conservation Act and Territory Parks and Wildlife

For more information on Project Sea Dragon go

to www.seafarms.com.au/project-sea-dragon.

Project Sea Dragon

Stage 1 Legune Grow-out Facility

Protecting the environment at Legune Station

Protecting the environment is a core priority for Seafarms, which is proposing to build a prawn aquaculture farm at Legune Station in the Northern Territory.

Exmouth

the project site.

Conservation Act.

Legune Station was specifically chosen as a location due to its geographic isolation from existing prawn aquaculture farms, its existing agricultural land use and the absence of sensitive reef marine environments.

The Project will be staged to facilitate an adaptive management approach. Stage 1 will establish three prawn farms, which include 1120 hectares of grow-out ponds. Each farm has between 36 to 40 10 hectare ponds.

The Stage 1 Grow-out Facility is about two percent of Legune Station and has been deliberately located away from areas of conservation significance. To minimise potential impacts the Project footprint covers largely grassed areas currently used for cattle operations.

Water birds

The Legune coastal floodplain has been identified as a site of conservation significance because it supports internationally and nationally significant numbers of some waterbird species, including several shorebird species.

Seafarms conducted an extensive terrestrial fauna and avifauna field survey program over 12 months between May 2015 and May 2016, focussing on any protected species. A team of eight highly experienced biologists spent more than 130 days surveying estuarine and freshwater habitats at Legune Station, including Osman's Lake, Alligator Creek, Forsyth Creek and Bob's Creek.

Survey results

The surveys identified that:

- none of the freshwater habitats important for waterbirds will be cleared as part of the project
- the grow-out ponds are located in areas that are not used by waterbirds during the dry season

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For more information please contact info@seafarms.com.au







Project Sea Dragon



Stage 1 Legune Grow-out Facility

Water use

Seafarms' Project Sea Dragon at Legune Station, Northern Territory, has been designed to minimise any impacts on water quality from its operations.



Prawn grow-out ponds at Seafarms' current operations in Queensland

The Project will be staged, with Stage 1 to establish three prawn farms, which include 1120 hectares of grow-out ponds.

Seawater, freshwater from the existing Forsyth Creek dam and internally recycled water are all used to maintain salinity suitable to prawn growth in the ponds.

Project design

Some of the water used to grow prawns will be released into Alligator Creek. A wide, shallow water discharge retention channel will be built to allow any suspended solids or nutrients in the water from the ponds to settle in constructed wetlands before it enters Alligator Creek.

Pond water will only be released on an outgoing tide when the water flows away from the upper reaches of the creek.

Water quality monitoring

Seafarms monitored water quality in areas around Legune Station for 14 months to record existing water quality conditions, including the presence of nutrients that naturally occur in the environment – nitrogen and phosphorous. Computer modelling was used to predict how the water used to grow prawns would disperse once released into the environment.

A comprehensive investigation showed that elevated nutrients will only be detected a short distance (less than 200 metres) on either side of the outfall at Alligator Creek and will be diluted by the large tidal range. Outside of this small area the impact on water quality will be undetectable.

The assessment shows that Alligator Creek is a very active area due to large tidal flows and is not a significant habitat area for marine animals or plants.

Seafarms will conduct water quality monitoring during the operations phase of Project Sea Dragon. For more information on Project Sea Dragon go to www.seafarms.com.au/project-sea-dragon.



Alligator Creek, Legune Station

www.seafarms.com.au

For more information please contact info@seafarms.com.au







Project Sea Dragon

Core Breeding Centre and Broodstock Maturation Centre



Bynoe Harbour, Northern Territory

Seafarms is proposing to establish breeding centres to select, develop and grow families of breeding prawns (broodstock) for their hatcheries as part of its prawn aquaculture proposal Project Sea Dragon.

The company is looking to locate a core breeding centre and broodstock maturation centre together on the same site at Point Ceylon in Bynoe Harbour in the Northern Territory.

The breeding facilities will occupy approximately 152 hectares and would share common infrastructure including administration and accommodation facilities, a manager's residence, trades workshops, water storage tanks and an electrical substation for on-site power. The breeding centre and maturation centre require both seawater and freshwater, with seawater to be piped in via a water intake pipeline extending into Bynoe Harbour. Both facilities will be fully bio-secure. At full capacity the breeding centre will hold up to 400 families.

The core breeding centre will comprise about 16 poly tunnels containing tanks for spawning, hatching and rearing prawn stock to the post-larvae stage, as well as buildings for growing algae feed and feed preparation.



The maturation centre will be used to mature the

from the breeding centre to produce commercial

The young broodstock entering the core breeding centre and the maturation centre will be Specific Pathogen Free, in good health and brought up to a suitable size and condition for breeding. The majority of the activities at the maturation centre will be contained in raceways within poly tunnels (*example above*). In the maturation centre, prawns swim around in 500 square metre rectangular plastic-lined raceways eating and growing until they are adult prawns and ready

selected post larvae and larger broodstock supplied

numbers of spawners (adult prawns) and their mates

Covered poly tunnels for a maturation centre

Broodstock Maturation Centre

for the commercial hatchery.

Core Breeding Centre

At the breeding centre, families of prawns will be raised in separate tanks (*example below*) to maintain genetic lineages and avoid cross-breeding. A family of prawns is a group of animals with a traceable and controlled pedigree. The top individual breeders within the top families will be selected to supply the maturation centre and produce commercial broodstock for a hatchery. Broodstock prawns are sexually mature adults that are ready to spawn.



Breeding tanks

www.seafarms.com.au

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to be transferred to the hatchery.



Darwin

Legune



Project Sea Dragon

Legune	Grow-ou	t Facility
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Legune Station, Northern Territory

Seafarms is establishing prawn farms at Legune Station in the Victoria River District of the Northern Territory as part of its prawn aquaculture proposal, Project Sea Dragon.

Exmouth



Prawn grow-out ponds at Seafarms' current operations in Queensland

The Legune Grow-out Facility is a series of prawn farms, each made up of a number of grow-out ponds where prawns are grown from juveniles (post-larvae) to a marketable size of about 30 grams.

The project will be staged, with Stage 1 to establish three prawn farms, which include 1120 hectares of grow-out ponds. Each farm is about the same size as a wheat farm in Western Australia.

Stage 1 includes three separate farms made up of 36-40 ponds. Each pond covers 10 hectares of land.

As well as the ponds, each farm has a recycling pond so water can be re-used, a power supply, a manager's house and short-stay accommodation facilities. The property will also support the ancillary infrastructure needed to support the farms, including accommodation facilities, a power station, trades workshops and laboratories.

Prawns will be delivered from a hatchery to the Grow-out Facility as juveniles and grown out to market size. This growth period varies from 90 to 175 days. Prawns will be fed a specific diet three to four times a day during grow-out, according to prawn size, maturity and feeding pattern preferences. Once at a marketable size, prawns will be harvested and sent to a processing plant in an ice slurry.



The finished product weighing 30 grams

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WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 6

Prepared by Rebecca Purser, Manager Corporate

Local Authority Projects

Purpose

To inform Councillors of the current status of Local Authority projects.

Background

Regional Services Managers have been progressively working through completing approved Local Authority projects. A list of approved projects and their current status is attached to this report for Council's information.

As at 19 January 2018, current funds available for Local Authorities are:

	Loc/ Prog/ Fund	Actual	Commitments	Total Actual	Annual Budget	Funds Available
Þ	300LA722 - Palumpa/Local A	(68,130)	0	(68,130)	0	68,130
	400LA722 - Peppim/Local Au	(42,474)	0	(42,474)	0	42,474
	700LA722 - Wadeye/Local Au	(659,078)	116,945	(542,134)	0	542,134

The next round of Local Authority meetings are scheduled for the third week in April 2018. As there is a substantial amount of funding available for Wadeye, it is proposed that an additional Local Authority meeting be held for Wadeye in February 2018 for further projects to be identified and approved in 2017-18.

Impact for Council

Completion of Local Authority projects and expenditure of available funding.

Recommendation

1. That Council receives and notes the Local Authority Projects update.

2. That Council approves an additional Local Authority Meeting for Wadeye to be held on ______.

Attachments

1 2017-2018 Projects-Action Items

WADEYE – THAMURRUR/PINDI PINDI WARD

Regional Plan 2017/18 - Priorities highlighted by the Local Authority

Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Children's playground equipment Community Safety Infrastructure

				Budget/		
				Approved	Actual	
Date	Project	Action	Progress	Amount	Amount	Comments
LA Meeting	held 18 July 2017					
	Playground equipment for Manthathpe including soft-fall	Completed	STC Farmbuild will be placing fireproof/flammabl e proof equipment	\$25,000.00		
	Pedestrian Crossing/Wombats	Completed	4 have been installed along Perdjert Street	\$33,858.00		
	CCTV for the Pool	Completed		\$3,944.00	\$3,944.00	
	Street Lighting Repairs	Completed				
	Manthathpe Walk Way Shade Shelters for	EOI to be submitted Council approved	The Walkway/Bridge needs to be designed and engineered. Currently preparing a brief and an EOI will be submitted to suitable company to design and construct. Waiting for Installation from	605 C00 00		
	Main Oval (x3) Softball Oval - fence	25/10/17	Countrywide TDC will be commencing work on enlarging the softball diamond and the fencing.	\$36,699.00		
	Median Strip Irrigation		DJ Electrical to provide work scope			

	I	1	1	I		I
			TDC will			
			commence works			
	Softball Oval -		after fence has			
	Leveling		been installed			
			Approved -			
			Installation will			
	Aged Care Warning	Quotes	commence in			
		-				
	Call Alerts System	obtained	January 2018			
LA Meeti	ng held 17 October 2017					
		1	1	1	1	1
		Quotes				
	Road Signage (ie:	being				
	speed/crossings)	sourced				
	Light Pole Access					
	Prevention	Quotes				
	(Manthathpe	being				
	Crossing)	sourced				
		Application				
		currently				
		being				
		prepared				
	Victims of Crime	for solar	Expected			
	Project Funding up	light	completion date			
	to \$10,000.00	installation	is March 2018			
LA Meeti	ng held 8 December 2017	1				
		1	1	1	ſ	1
		Council	Purchase order			
	One Sentinel 50	Approved	raised - Waiting			
	LED Light outside	13/12/17	for DJ Electrical to			
	Manthathpe Store	-	commence works	\$4,057.00		
					1	
		Council	Purchase order			
	Pedestrian crossing	Council Approved	Purchase order raised. Waiting			
	Pedestrian crossing in front of	Approved				
	-		raised. Waiting	\$9,822.20		
	in front of	Approved	raised. Waiting for STC to	\$9,822.20		
	in front of	Approved	raised. Waiting for STC to	\$9,822.20		
	in front of Manthathpe Store	Approved 13/12/17 -	raised. Waiting for STC to commence works	\$9,822.20 \$12694 x 6		
	in front of Manthathpe Store 6 calming wombats	Approved 13/12/17 - Council	raised. Waiting for STC to commence works Purchase order			

PALUMPA - NGANMARRIYANGA WARD

Regional Plan 2017/18 - Priorities highlighted by the Local Authority

Takeaway Store Community Safety Signage Community Fencing Children's Playground Swimming Pool Lawn Mowing Waste Management Local Roads

			Budget/		
	Project/Action		Approved	Actual	
Date	Item	Progress	Amount	Amount	Comments
LA Meeting held	20 July 2017				
	Supply and				
	Installation of 3				
	Solar Lights within				
	the community	Completed	\$20,000.00	19,600.00	Completed
	Speed, Road and				
	School signs to be				
	purchased and	Concrete required			
	installed	to install posts	\$9,139.13		Waiting for Installation
	Floor				
	Cleaner/Scrubber				
	for meeting room				
	to be purchased	Completed	\$2,224.50	\$2,224.50	
					Shade Cloth purchased
		Shade cloth has			and am waiting on
		been purchased,			Cherry Picker so that
	Replace damaged	awaiting			installation can take
	shade cloth over	installation in			place, Contractor Cherry
	playground	conjunction with	¢F 720 00		Picker currently
	Equipment	the street lights	\$5,720.00		undergoing repairs NOTE: Consultation is to
		Held in abeyance			take place with relevant
		pending			stakeholders to ensure
	Speed Hump	completion of road			humps are installed in
	installation	works	\$15,000.00		mutually agreed areas.
			+_0,000.00		Survey box has been in
					Council Office calling for
		Suggestion box to			suggestions for street
		be placed out in			names, very little
	Street Naming	front of office			response

Attachment 1

	Fencing for 19 houses	Quotes for Materials sourced -	Approx. cost is \$35,000.00	Quotes have been provided to Council and waiting on decsion
LA Meeting held	18 October 2017	L	I	
	Ready Mix Concrete to be purchased to allow installation of road signs		\$1,000.00	Collected
	Donation of Sporting Equipment to Nganmarriyanga School	Completed		Completed
	Denstion of			
	Donation of Sporting Equipment to Mutchirr Association	Completed		Completed
	RSM to Source Quotes for truck/trailer with lifter system which is more suited to remote areas and then the current garbage truck can be disposed.	Quotes being sourced		Quotes obtained and provided to CEO for consideration by Council
	RSM to liaise with Department of Education regarding assistance for children at Merrepen and Nemuluk to attend school	Currently in discussions with school Principle re: RASS - Remote Assistance Study Scheme where they employ local pople as RASS Officers to collect kids and take them to and from school and the importance of school attendance.		RASS funding ends 2018, will discuss with School Principal on other alternatives

			Expected	
	Victims of Crime	Application for	completed	
	for Project Funding	Speed Hump near school made	is February 2018	
	up to \$10,000.00	school made	2018	
LA Meeting held 7	7 December 2017			
	Community Clean			
	Up Day - purchase			
	of food, drinks,			
	rubbish bags,			
	gloves and prizes	Council approved		
	for children	13/12/17	\$1,500.00	
		Council approved		
	Solar Light for rear	13/12/17 -		
	access point	Purchase order to	40,000,000	
	entrance	be raised	\$6,439.89	
		Council approved 13/12/17 -		
	Park Benches for	Purchase order to		
	Community Use	be raised	\$11,044.00	
		Council approved 13/12/17 -		
	Rubish Bins (x3) for	Purchase order to		
	the WIFI area	be raised	\$4,350.00	

Peppimenarti - Tyemirri Ward

Regional Plan 2017/18 - Priorities highlighted by the Local Authority

Local roads including culverts

Footpathway

Convert council infrastrcuture for library and aged facilities

Homelands and outstations roads

Animal management

Community bus

				Budget/		
Date	Project	Action	Progress	Approved Amount	Actual Amount	Comments
LA Meeting held 17 July 2017						<u> </u>
	8ft Slasher to be purchased	3 quotes to be obtained	Currently waiting for Tractor to be repaired and returned. Currently have received one quote. Waiting on two more.	\$20,000.00		
	Walkway	EOI to be submitted	Graded and cleared the main path. We need bridge section over the top of the wet season water course.			The Walkway/Bridge needs to be designed and engineered. Currently preparing a brief as at 4/12/17 and an EOI will be submitted to suitable company to design and construct.
LA Meeting held 16 October 2017						
			Civil and summarth			
	Pot Holes/Puddle s	Pot Holes/Puddles to be filled in	Civil are currently working on repairs to potholes and hope to have completed by end			

			of January 2018		
	Repairs for				
	Lot 14 and 76				
	(repairs and	Kitchen for Lot			
	maintenance	14 awaiting			
)	installation			
	,	Kitchen for Lot			
		76 awaiting			
		installation			
Ordinary	Council Meeting hel	d 25 October 201	7		I
		RSM to obtain			
		quotes for			
		repairs/Maint			
		enance of			
		identified			
		office spaces			
		for the Mayor	quotes have been		
	Office Space	and CNP Team	received however		
	for Mayor	Leader noting	due to the		
	and Office	that any major	amount of the		
	Space for	repairs will	cost of repairs,		
	CNP Team	require NLC	we may need to		
	Leader	approval.	look at an SPG,		
		Applications			
	Victims of	for Speed			
	Crime for	Humps has			
	Project	been	Expected		
	Funding up	submitted to	commencement		
	to	Victims of	is late January		
	\$10,000.00	Crime NT	2018		
.ocal Aut	hority Meeting 6 Dec	cember 2017			
	Purchase and				
	installation				
	of two				
	sheltered				
	picnic areas	Council			
	picific areas		1	1	Not actioned - end
	in front of	approved on	Purchase order to		Not actioned - end
	-	approved on 13/12/17	Purchase order to be raised	\$11,044.00	wet season
	in front of council office	13/12/17		\$11,044.00	
	in front of			\$11,044.00	

area	13/12/17	be raised	\$5,455.00	wet season
Bench for the clinic waiting	Council approved on	Purchase order to		Not actioned - end
Purchase and Installation of one Picnic				
at Emu Point				



WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 7

Prepared by Rebecca Purser, Manager Corporate

Local Authority Nomination - Peppimenarti

Purpose

Approve Local Authority membership nomination.

Background

A Local Authority Nomination Form has been received from Nathan Ahwon-Wilson which (if approved) will result in a total of 7 Local Authority Members. Local Authorities are required to have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 14 members.

All nominations for Local Authority membership appointment must be approved by Council.

Impact for Council

Additional Member for Peppimenarti Local Authority.

Recommendation

1. That Council appoints Nathan Ahwon-Wilson as a Local Authority Member for Peppimenarti

Attachments

1 LA Nomination Form

Community: <u>Peppimenarti</u> Date: 6/12/17 Name of Nominee: <u>Nathan</u> Ahuon Wil		
Contact Information: andline:		
Mobile:		
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Postal Address: Lot 68 Peppimenarti Comm	inity	-
Lot 68 Peppimenarti Comm	for your Local Authorit	- y:
Lot 68 Peppimenarti Comm Please explain why you would be a good candidate	for your Local Authorit	- y:
Lot 68 Peppimenarti Comm Please explain why you would be a good candidate	for your Local Authorit	- y:



WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 8

Prepared by Shaun Hardy, Chief Executive Officer

Australian Citizenship Ceremony

Purpose

To inform Council about arrangements for an Australian Citizenship Ceremony to be held at Council's Wadeye Office on 26 January 2018.

Background

Council received a request from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to host an Australian Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January 2018 (Australia Day) as there are two approved applicants from Wadeye.

Australian Citizenship Ceremonies fulfil legal requirements prescribed under legislation to award citizenship to new Australian citizens. The ceremonies are generally public and provide an opportunity to formally welcome new citizens as full members of the Australian community.

Representatives of the three levels of government are invited to attend as are local Aboriginal leaders and family and friends of the new citizens.

There are three legal requirements which must be followed:

- The presiding officer of the ceremony must be authorised by the Minister responsible for citizenship matters (for local government councils either the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Chief Executive Officer is authorised);
- The presiding officer must read schedule 1 (the preamble) of the Australian Citizenship Regulations 2007 to the candidates; and
- The candidates must make a pledge of commitment as a citizen of Australia before the presiding officer.

The Citizenship Ceremony Preamble and Pledge are attached to this report.

A draft Citizenship Ceremony program is also attached.

Impact for Council

This is the first time that an Australian Citizenship Ceremony will be held in the West Daly region.

dation	
Council	
Ceremony to be held at C	for an Australian Citizenship Council's Chambers at Wadeye on y 2018; and
nominates	_ to be the presiding officer; and
nominates Welcome to Country.	_ to be invited to present a
	Ceremony to be held at C Australia Day, 26 January nominates nominates

Attachments

- 1 Citizenship Ceremony Preamble and Pledge
- 2 Citizenship Ceremony Program

Citizenship Ceremony Preamble and Pledge

Preamble from Schedule 1 of the Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016

"Australian citizenship represents full and formal membership of the community of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Australian citizenship is a common bond, involving reciprocal rights and obligations, uniting all Australians, while respecting their diversity.

Persons on whom Australian citizenship is conferred enjoy these rights and undertake to accept these obligations:

- (a) by pledging loyalty to Australia and its people;
- (b) by sharing their democratic beliefs;
- (c) by respecting their rights and liberties; and
- (d) by upholding and obeying the laws of Australia."

Citizenship Pledge

I would now like to ask the conferees who are making the Pledge to stand. If you wish to make the pledge on a holy book, please hold it in your hands now.

Please repeat this pledge, line by line, after me:

From this time forward, under God,[pause - colorI pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,[pause - colorWhose democratic beliefs I share,[pause - colorWhose rights and liberties I respect,[pause - colorAnd whose laws I will uphold and obey.[pause - color

Thank you, please be seated.

- [pause conferees repeat] [pause – conferees repeat] [pause – conferees repeat] [pause – conferees repeat]
- [pause conferees repeat]

The National Anthem

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice, For we are young and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross We'll toil with hearts and hands; To make this Commonwealth of ours Renowned of all the lands; For those who've come across the seas We've boundless plains to share; With courage let us all combine To Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

Composed by Peter Dodds McCormick Australian citizenship affirmation

As an Australian citizen, I affirm my loyalty to Australia and its people, Whose democratic beliefs I share, Whose rights and liberties I respect, and Whose laws I uphold and obey.

Australian Citizenship Ceremony

West Daly Regional Council, Wadeye

10.30am, 26 January 2018



FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 9

Prepared by Michael Fitisemanu, Regional Services Manager

Regional Services Manager's Report - Wadeye

Visitors

Nil

Events And Activities

NIL over the Xmas and New Years period

Meetings

No formal meetings were scheduled

Strategic Issues

With the introduction of the Director at Wadeye, there will be a strategic realignment of responsibilities and reporting lines that will be discussed

Community Issues

There has been some community unrest resulting in instances of violence. Believed to have originated from a card game. Tension has simmered and has abated a great deal

Staffing

- 1. Mechanic to start Tuesday 16.01.2018
- 2. New EN nurse to start Tuesday 16.01.2018
- 3. New Director to start Monday 22.01.2018

Projects

Core/Infrastructure Services

Public And Street Lighting

There is no ongoing issues with the public/street lighting.

Maintenance Buildings And Fixed Assets

Maintenance on council buildings is mainly centred on staff accommodations and their preparation for incoming staff and outgoing contracted short term staff.

Cemetery Assistance

Ground upkeep is ongoing and is centred around grass trimming etc

Swimming Pool

Had to overcome several difficulties over the festive season.

- 1. Was unable to attract/appoint temporary or fulltime staff to look after the pool in the absence of Kellum going on A/L
- 2. There was some minor vandalism occurring
- 3. The pool pump became severely blocked resulting in chemical additives to be added to clean the pool. Resulted in the pool turning green
- 4. Ă report commissioned earlier on was received. The recommendations will be reviewed.

Animal Welfare And Control

Nil this period

Local Road Maintenance

Awaiting the arrival of the trial all purpose tar seal to Wadeye for application

Traffic Management On Local Roads

The new speed humps have received favourable reviews and appear to fulfilling its intention – keep speed down.

Waste Management And Litter Control

Rubbish collection fully operational

Plant And Equipment

The new mechanic will be anxiously engaged from when he starts, in maintaining the machinery, and in a timely manner

Airport Maintenance

On going and operational.

Power, Water And Sewerage

Nil to report

Community Services

Aged Care

Carelinks will be withdrawn in major part from AgedCare. They will continue to provide monitoring assistance once month going forward to assist in compliance issues.

- 1. Staffing issues as lateness, non show etc continues to impact on operational requirements.
- 2. There is a serious need for a reliable night shift employee to be had
- 3. Continued investigation regarding the provision of meals is ongoing

Night Patrol

Refer Night Patrol managers report

Sport And Recreation

The outside basketball court floor has been laid and now currently sourcing basketball rings and nets

Community Bus

New plastic window screens for the bus have been provided and are ready to be installed. The mechanic and civil staff will attend to this in January and the bus should be up and ready for operation beginning of February 2018. A conversation will have to be conducted between Prime Ministers Cabinet representative in Wadeye, and Council, regarding ongoing passenger fare charges. There will also be a need to seek a suitable driver with the appropriate licence to drive the bus.

Community Cyclone Preseason cleanup.

This was achieved with minimum fuss and fanfare. Council was able to remove some vehicles but problems with the tilt tray and the need for its ongoing presence elsewhere impacted on this. Evidence of whitegoods removed can be seen at the waste disposal with large numbers placed there. General rubbish clearance continued and is still continuing throught the Christmas and New Year period. There was a period where both rubbish trucks were off road but that has been rectified. There was no negative feedback received from Community, business or organisational entities regarding preseason cleanup.

Recommendation

1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's report.

Attachments

Nil attachments to this report



FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 10

Prepared by Glenn Parker, Regional Services Manager

Regional Services Manager's Report - Peppimenarti

Meetings

Housing meeting took place 16/01/18 seeing 2 nominations for new housing. Unsure when more houses will be built. It depends on demand however it is likely another house will be delivered later in the year.

Community Issues

Very quiet over the Christmas and New Year period. Several community members in town due to late wet season.

Staffing

A number of staff were "rained out" over the New Year period until the second week of January.

All staff have returned other than Civil Team Leader whom is on annual leave until 22/01/18.

1 civil labourer has resigned however a replacement has been found.

Projects

A number external access to driveways have had puddles/potholes filled and rolled.

Core/Infrastructure Services

Core functions such as rubbish being carried out (manually by trailer). Took possession of large slasher however large tractor is playing up and has been referred to our new mechanic. 6" slasher has been fully rebuilt and is back in action. Took possession of new Caterpillar mini road roller compactor.

Local Emergency Management

Cyclone clean-up carried out

Animal Welfare And Control

As mentioned in previous reports dog control is required. Many sick and aggressive dogs in the community.

Traffic Management On Local Roads

Quotation and slap map forwarded to Grants Manager for speed bump funding.

Airport Maintenance

Slashing not complete but immediate areas around strip is satisfactory. Big slasher and tractor should be back in action in coming weeks.

Recommendation

1. That Council receives and notes the Regional Services Manager's report.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.



FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 11

Prepared by Scott Page, Community Night Patrol Manager/Acting Regional Services Manager Palumpa

Regional Services Manager's Report - Palumpa

Visitors

Since the last Council meeting Centerlink staff have spent a week in Palumpa in early January.

Events And Activities

Since Sport & Rec has been taken over by Mutchirr there has been no activities for the children of Palumpa, I bought down from Wadeye a couple of footballs and basketballs so the kids could have some sort of sports activities amongst themselves.

Meetings

A community meeting with Territory Housing is due to take place at Palumpa on the 17th January.

Community Issues

Non Police attendance in Palumpa still continues to cause problems, in early January the community had problems with drunk people speeding around town and ongoing fighting, Police were contacted several times on 1 morning regarding this and no response was forthcoming.

Staffing

2 new male staff have been employed as casuals for the Night Patrol team.

Projects

The new street signage will be erected as soon as possible.

Public And Street Lighting

Quiet a few street lights need to be replaced.

Local Emergency Management

Civil staff continue to clean up around the community.

Maintenance Buildings And Fixed Assets

Civil staff have 3 ride-on mowers working constantly mowing lawns around the community, as well as whipper snipping around trees and fence lines. Chemical spray is being used to control grass and weeds in compounds where access is not possible.

Local Road Maintenance

The main road through the community is very rough and full of potholes during the wet season, civil staff use the Shire backhoe to back blade the road as best they can. All of the internal roads are in a very sad state and need repairs.

Waste Management And Litter Control

Rubbish continues to be collected twice weekly, and the rubbish dump is pushed up with the backhoe weekly.

Plant And Equipment

All the machinery is in need of a service, but with the new Council mechanic starting mid January this will be undertaken as soon as possible.

Airport Maintenance

The airstrip has been slashed, and the runway lines repainted.

Community Services

Aged Care

Meals are being delivered to clients 5 days per week.

Night Patrol

Night Patrol has not run since the Christmas break as a staff member has gone AWOL , 2 new staff have been employed and normal patrols will recommence on the week of 15^{th} January.

Recommendation

1. That Council Council receives and notes the Acting Regional Services Manager's report.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.



FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 12

Prepared by Scott Page, Community Night Patrol Manager

Night Patrol Manager's Report

2017 proved to be a busy year across the 3 WDRC communities as can be seen on the attachment.

Throughout 2017 all staff worked hard to roll out a program that benefits all WDRC communities and staff have continually stepped up and aided community members when needed. I would like to commend all CNP staff on a job well done throughout the previous year.

Wadeye CNP

Around Christmas time violence broke out in Wadeye, CNP staff were threatened with violence, as a precaution to staff safety patrols were cancelled for a few days whilst things settled down. Enquiries are being made with Eagle Training to complete Certificate 3 in CNP for staff across all 3 communities.

Palumpa CNP

Palumpa had its own problems towards the end of the year with alcohol coming into town with fighting and drunk driving causing some problems. With the onset of the wet season upon us things hopefully should be quiet for a few weeks now.

Patrols have not run in Palumpa for a couple of weeks now as the Team Leader has been on leave, another team member was supposed to return to work after the Christmas break but has been AWOL up until this time. 2 male staff members have been recruited and as they have both previously worked for CNP patrols have restarted.

Peppimenarti CNP

Things have been fairly quiet at Peppimenarti as staff have been away on leave and wet weather is keeping things quiet. We really need to make some headway on creating an office space for the CNP team to work out of as staff are finding it hard to send through weekly reports and such when the Council office is closed. CNP have put together a wish list of things that are needed to aide in presenting the Night Patrol program:

- A new 4wd to be based in Wadeye. -
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- Laptop computer for Peppimenarti Team Leader. Office refurbishment for Peppimenarti Team Leader and staff. -
- Go-pro for staff members, (this will aide the Police). Senior first aid training for CNP staff. Basic computer course for staff members. -
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Recommendation

1. That Council receives and notes the Community Night Patrol Manager's report.

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FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 JANUARY 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 13

Prepared by Tracey Clarke, Administration Officer

Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

Correspondence Register – Incoming Mail OCM Jan 2018

Date	Addressed to	Corresponde nce from	Letter, Report, Email	Title/Content	Forwarded to
14/12/17	Mayor, Councillors and CEO	Mayor David O'Loughlin, Australian Local Government Association	Letter	ALGA's conferences	CEO
22/12/17	CEO	Tracey Clerke, Aged Care Quality Agency	Email, Report	Aged Care assessment contact report	CEO
16/01/18	Mayor, Councillors and CEO	Yingwati Party Limited	Email	Potential partnership with Yingwati	CEO

Correspondence Register – Outgoing Mail OCM Jan 2018

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14/12/17	Australian Aged Care Quality Agency	Letter	Response to assessment contact report – Aged Care	CEO
19/1/18	Mr and Mrs Lee Minister Dutton Minister Scullion Member for Lingiari Member for Daly	Letters	Invitation to attend Australian Citizenship Ceremony	CEO
19/1/18	NT Department of Infrastructure Planning Logistics	Letter	10 Year Infrastructure Plan – Port Keats Road	CEO

Recommendation

1. That Council receives and notes the correspondence.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.