

# MINUTES OF THE WADEYE LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD AT THE WADEYE COUUNCIL OFFICE ON Tuesday 19 March 2024 AT 10:00 am

The meeting commenced at 10:27 am.

## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS

West Daly Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands on which we live and work, paying our respect to Elders past, present and in the future.

# 2 PRESENT APOLOGY AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

# **Local Authority Members**

Name	Present	Apology	Absent
Mayor Ralph Narburup	<b>√</b>		
Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris			Х
Cr. Tunmuck-Smith		Α	
Damien Tunmuck	✓		
Ken James	✓		
Mark Ninnal			Х
Timothy Dumoo	✓		
Cyril Ninnal	✓		
Basil Parmbuk			Х
Margaret Perdjert			Х
Anne Marie Nudjulu			X
Gregory Munar	✓		
Steven Pulchen (Chairperson)	✓		

Note: Quorum achieved

#### Staff in attendance

Mark BlackburnScott PageA/Chief Executive OfficerCouncil Services Manager

Michelle Griffin
 Executive Officer (minutes secretary)

Tinos Rushwaya
 Senior Accountant

Lemaki Curulala
 A/Chief Operations Officer (via Teams)

#### **Guests in attendance**

Birrigan Young
 Office of the Chief Minister

# 2.1 Present Apology and Leave of Absence

Resolution: WLA-2024/0

1. That the Wadeye Local Authority receive and accept the apology from Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith.

Moved: LA Member - Gregory Munar Seconded: LA Member - Cyril Ninnal

Carried 7 / 0

# 3 CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS ON AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest raised at this meeting.

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 Wadeye Local Authority Meeting held on 22 November 2023

Resolution: WLA-2024/1

1. That the Wadeye Local Authority confirms the minutes of the provisional Wadeye Local Authority Meeting held on 22 November 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: LA Member - Timothy Dumoo

Seconded: LA Member - Damien Tunmuck

Carried 7 / 0

#### 5 REPORTS

#### 5.1 A/Chief Operations Officer Report

Resolution: WLA-2024/2

- 1. That the Wadeye Local Authority approved the re-allocation of \$280,000 funds from the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 budgets to enable the Council to award a contract to YMCA for the Wadeye Swimming Pool operations.
- 2. That the Wadeye Local Authority receive and note the report.

Moved: LA Member - Cyril Ninnal

Seconded: LA Member - Gregory Munar Carried 7 / 0

Mayor Ralph Narburup left the meeting at 11:02 am.

Mayor Ralph Narburup returned to the meeting at 11:08 am.

#### Comments throughout report presentation:

- LA member suggested that tank and taps should be installed at the cemetery.
- A/COO, Lemaki Curulala, is seeking suggestions for where the additional solar lights in community should go. No feedback provided.

#### Wadeye Pool

- A/COO explained that the Council has developed a plan for the short-term operations of the Wadeye pool through a third party.
- Council has committed funds towards the operation, however, there is shortfall of \$280k
- Council officers are requesting the LA commit funds towards the operation of the pool to enable it to reopen to the community and provide much needed relief and activities for the children.
- This request will involve reallocating funds previous years LAPF commitments:
  - Nilinh to Wadeye Footpath
  - Main Street Beautification
  - Church Shed and Shelter
  - Community event
  - Additional bollard install
- The Council is advocating for the Northern Territory Government to provide ongoing operational funding for future years.

# **5.1 Community Services Manager Report**

Resolution: WLA-2024/3

1. That the Wadeye Local Authority receives and notes the Community Services Manager's Report.

Moved: LA Member - Timothy Dumoo

Seconded: LA Member - Damien Tunmuck Carried 7 / 0

#### **5.2 Finance and Project Report**

Resolution: WLA-2024/4

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Executive Director Corporate Services's report.

Moved: LA Member - Gregory Munar

Seconded: LA Member - Timothy Dumoo Carried 7 / 0

# 5.3 Wadeye Consultation for Strategic Plan 2024-27

Resolution: WLA-2024/5

That the Wadaye Local Authority notes and accepts the report for the draft Strategic Plan 2024-27 acknowledging the request for feedback.

Moved: LA Member - Cyril Ninnal

Seconded: LA Member - Damien Tunmuck Carried 7 / 0

The Wadeye Local Authority expressed their support for the 2024-27 Strategic Plan.

# 5.4 Wadeye Consultation for Regional Plan 2024-25

Resolution: WLA-2024/6

1. That Wadeye Local Authority notes and accepts the report, acknowledging community engagement is required for the Regional Plan 2024-2025 within the timeframe legislated.

Moved: LA Member - Gregory Munar Seconded: LA Member - Timothy Dumoo

Carried 7 / 0

The Wadeye Local Authority identified the following projects for inclusion in the 2024-25 Regional Plan:

- speed humps
- road safety signage
- wheelchair access for the footpath on the side of the courthouse and shop
- water bubblers at the church
- irrigation at the church
- trees at the church
- community events
- lighting at the barge

# **6 ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### Notice of temporary beach area closure

Leon Melpi visited the members prior to the commencement of the meeting to notify them of the beach closure due to a recent passing.

#### **By-election**

The A/CEO, Mark Blackburn, notified the Local Authority that the recent Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward by-election failed due to no nominations. The Local Authority was encouraged to raise awareness in the community about the vacant position. The Council staff in the Wadeye offices are available to provide assistance to anyone wishing to submit a nomination. A new round of nominations will be announced soon.

# 7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Wadeye Local Authority will be held on Tuesday, 15 May 2024.

#### 8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11:49 am.

This page and the preceding three (3) pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Wadeye Local Authority held on Tuesday, 19 March 2024.