



# **WEST DALY**

*Regional Council*

## **AGENDA**

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 12 December 2024**  
11:00 am

Held at the West Daly Regional Council Chambers  
1/4 Albatross Street, Winnellie NT

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**WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL – “Working Together to Make a Difference”**



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## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 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 ABSENT**

### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

- Mayor John Wilson – Tyemirri Ward
- Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward
- Council Mark Tunmuck-Smith - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward
- Councillor Terry Sams – Nganmariyanga Ward
- Councillor Peter Cumaiyi - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward

### **OFFICERS**

- John Thomas – Chief Executive Officer
- David Glover – Executive Director, Corporate Services
- Dorothea Janczewska – Director People, Safety and Projects
- Michelle Griffin – Executive Manager

## **3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Are there any members present who wish to declare a conflict or interest or raise any concerns regarding potential conflict that have arisen or may arise in the agenda at this meeting?

## 5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

### REPORT FOR DECISION

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Budget Review 2024-25
<b>PREPARED BY</b>	David Glover (Executive Director of Corporate Services)



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#### PURPOSE

To provide Council with a review of the 2024-25 Annual Budget as from reporting to 30 November 2024, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2019*, and the *Local Government (General) Regulations*.

#### BACKGROUND

Councils 2024-25 first budget was provided in final form at an ordinary meeting of Council held 26 June 2024. Council is then required to perform two additional reviews of the budget during the 2024-25 financial year.

#### SUMMARY

At the time of drafting the first budget, the final numbers for the 2023-24 financial year were not finalised, with the financial report including the month of June not yet completed.

Following year end, normal end of year processes were undertaken, and the numbers eventually settled, and were externally audited. On 15 November 2024 the final 2023-24 financial statements were ready for external audit sign. They were then presented to a meeting of Council. Council approved release, following approval by the auditor for sign off. This took place and the 2023-24 audited Annual Financial Statements were released.

This included finalisation, as at 30 June 2024 of the many contracts, programs and grants undertaken through the year. It enabled identification of any unspent amounts to be carried forward into 2024-25, and identification of other unspent amounts that were required to remain in the 2023-24 financial year.

The corporate team keep records of both types of carry forward amount and have continued to record expenditure against them in order to finalise the programs and grants throughout the 2024-25 financial year.

Since 1 July 2024, Council has continued to receive reporting in accordance with the first approved budget.

At this stage, and following the November 2024 finalisation of the 2023-24 Annual Financial Statements, Council commenced undertaking an intensive review of income and expenditure, which will be reported in the second review of the budget. This will include recommended changes to capital expenditure, as the needs to replace aging and deteriorated plant and vehicles has been identified, along with strategies to renew.

Presently Council is satisfied to continue with the first budget previously presented in June 2024, while those additional reviews are undertaken. This is to ensure the goals and objectives within the 2024-25 Regional Plan are met.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

*Local Government Act 2019*, Chapter 10, Part 10.5, and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, clause 9 (1) (a)

## IMPACT FOR COUNCIL

The annual budget is the most significant financial document that the Council deals with and sets out the services and projects that the Council will deliver to its communities.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This report is aligned to the West Daly Strategic Plan 2024-2025

Focus 1 – A Strong Council	
Governance	
1.	Strengthen governance by meeting or exceeding compliance mandates and requirements for Elected Members and Council

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council note the report and approve the first budget revision being a continuation of the first adopted 2024-25 Annual Budget.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. WDRC Budget revised Dec 2024 [5.1.1 - 3 pages]

## Annual Budget 2024-25

### Budget 2024-25 - Income and Expenditure

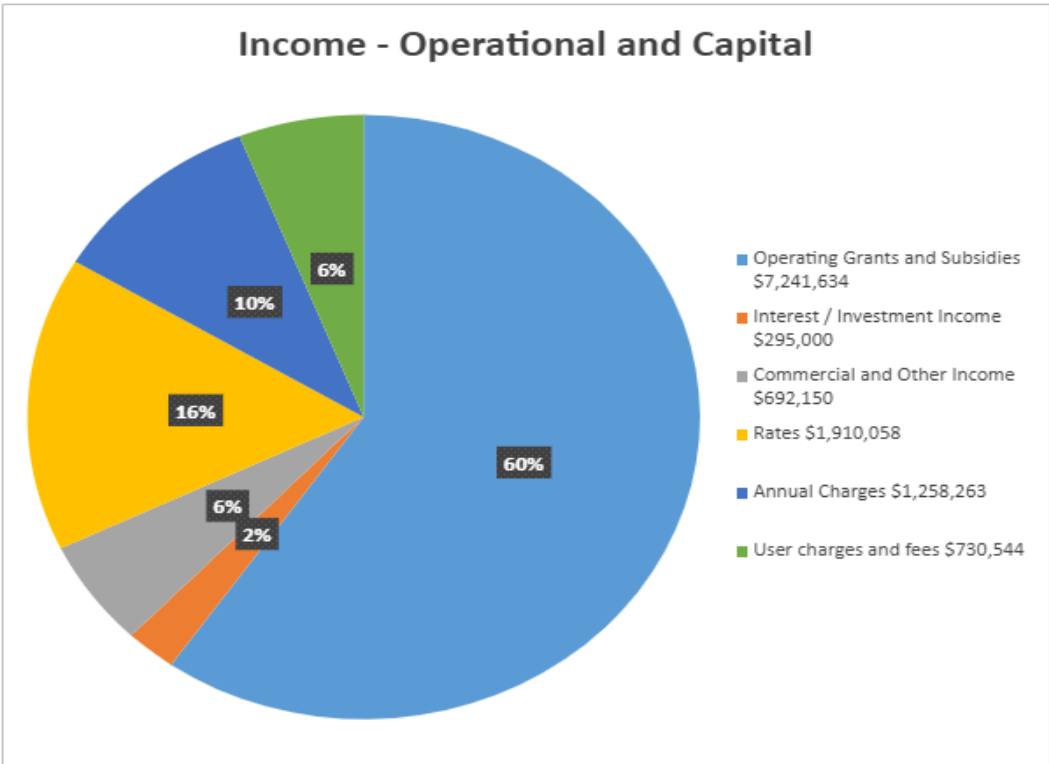
Operating Income	Operating Grants and Subsidies	\$7,241,634
	Interest / Investment Income	\$295,000
	Commercial and Other Income	\$692,150
	Rates	\$1,910,058
	Annual Charges	\$1,258,263
	User charges and fees	\$730,544
	<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$12,127,648</b>
Operating Expenditure	Council Committee and LA Allowances	16,000
	Council Committee and LA Expenses	8,000
	Elected Member Allowances	\$284,200
	Elected Member Expenses	\$38,400
	Employment Expenses	\$7,094,433
	Repair and maintenance	\$1,643,500
	Materials and Contracts	\$180,000
	Interest Expense	\$310,000
	Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	\$1,350,000
	Other Operational Expenses	\$2,278,115
	<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$13,202,648</b>
<b>BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>		<b>-\$1,075,000</b>

**Budget 2024/25 - Annual Budget  
Operating Position**

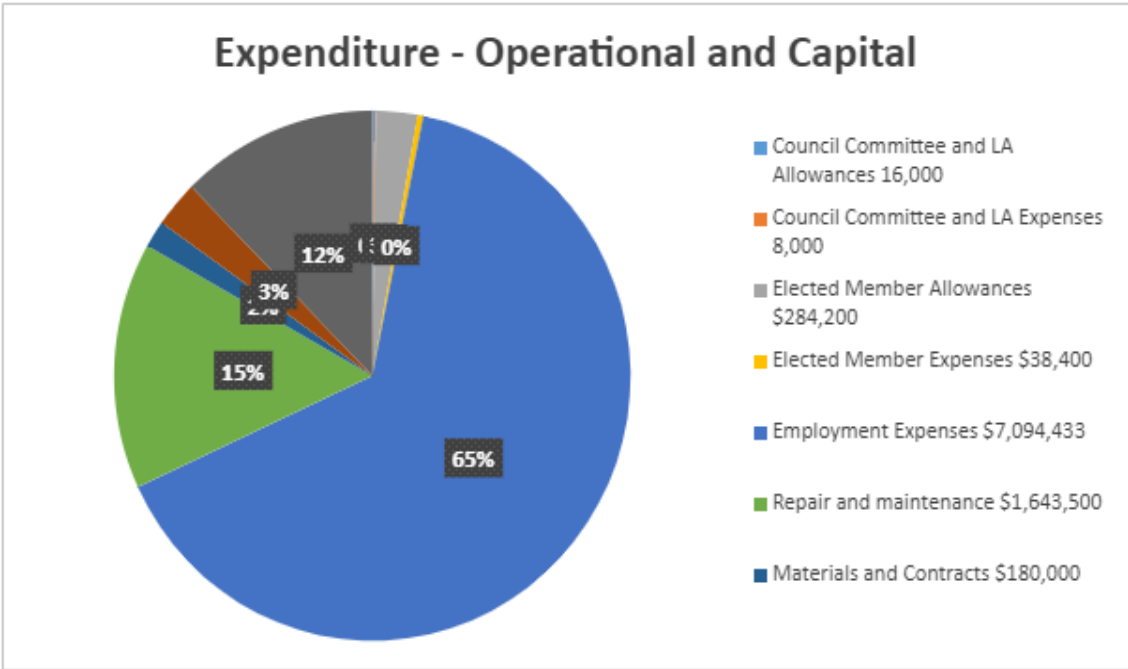
<b>BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>		<b>-\$1,075,000</b>
<b>Remove NON-CASH ITEMS</b>		
Less Non-Cash Income		\$0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses		\$1,350,000
<b>TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS</b>		<b>\$1,350,000</b>
<b>Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>		
Capital Expenditure		-\$315,000
Borrowing Repayments (Principle Only)		
Transfers to Reserves		\$0
Other Outflows		\$0
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>		<b>-\$315,000</b>
<b>Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		\$40,000
Capital Grants Income		\$0
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding		\$0
Other Inflow of Funds		\$0
Transfers from Reserves		\$0
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>		<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>		<b>-\$0</b>



### Income - Operational and Capital



### Expenditure - Operational and Capital



## **6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **6.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION**

#### **6.1.1 CEO Remote Work Arrangement**

*Regulation 51(1)(a) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). 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.*

#### **6.1.2 Citizen of the Year Awards**

*Regulation 51(1)(b) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

#### **6.1.3 Memorandum of Understanding - Community Safety Patrol and NT Police**

*Regulation 51(1)(c)(ii) - The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.*

## **7 NEXT MEETING**

## **8 MEETING CLOSE**