



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**WADEYE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE WADEYE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**ON THURSDAY 21 APRIL 2022**  
**AT 10:00AM**

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Chairperson Leon Melpi arrived before the Local Authority meeting and informed the CEO and community membership that he was resigning from his position effective immediately.

West Daly Regional Council thanks member Leon Melpi for his passionate service to the Wadeye Local Authority.

The *Local Government Act* section 100 was referred to as community members agreed to start the meeting when the majority of Local Authority members arrived.

The CEO has complied with legislation by providing the appropriate notice that the meeting is to be postponed for a short time.

The Local Authority members nominated Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris to Chair the meeting with the verbal resignation of Leon Melpi.

**Meeting opened: 10:40 by Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris when Local Authority members arrived.**

**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.

## PRESENT, APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE

### LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

	Name	Present	Apology	Absent
1	Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris	X		
2	Mayor Ralph Narburup		X	
3	Cr. Jake Clark	X		
4	Cr. Tunmuck-Smith		X	
5	Leon Melpi (Chairperson)	Resigned before LA members prior to meeting		
6	Damien Tunmuck		X	
7	Ken James	X		
8	Mark Ninnal			X
9	Timothy Dumoo			X
10	Cyril Ninal			X
11	Basil Parmbuk	X		
12	Margaret Perdjert	X		
13	Anne Marie Nudjulu	X		
14	Gregory Munar	X		
15	Steven Pultchen	X		
	<b>Quorum achieved</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

### STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Eastham	Chief Executive Officer
Renaë McGarvie	Chief People and Strategy Officer
Troy Pollard	Community Services Manager
Katrina Seeley	Manager Community Night Patrol
Rebecca Fauntleroy	EA to CEO and Mayor via ZOOM
Sharon Binns	Governance and Quality Assurance Officer (Minute taker) via ZOOM

### STAFF APOLOGY

James Cartwright	Chief Financial Officer
Andrew Everingham	Chief Operations Officer

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris asked if anyone had a conflict of interest to declare on any matters on the agenda. Confirmed with no response, no members reported a conflict of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **1) Local Authority Meeting minutes for 8 December 2021**

001/2022

The Governance and Quality Assurance Officer spoke to the report.

#### **Motion:**

- 1. That Wadeye Local Authority members note and confirm the minutes from the meeting held on 8 December 2021 as true and correct.**

Moved: Cr. Clark

Seconded: Basil Parmbuck

Resolution: Unanimously

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2) Business arising from last meeting**

002/2022

The Governance and Quality Assurance Officer spoke to the report.

#### **Motion:**

- 1. That the Local Authority members note the action items and the status.**

Moved: Cr. Clark

Seconded: Margaret Perdjert

Resolution: Unanimously

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Troy Pollard - Council Services Manager (CSM)** – Planting of mature trees in community.

**Katrina Seeley - Manager Community Night Patrol (CNP)** – Overview of CNP.

**CEO** – Local Authority Chairperson nomination

## REPORTS

### 3) **Local Authority Member Attendance Records**

003/2022

The Governance and Quality Assurance Officer spoke to the report.

The CEO confirmed with the verbal resignation of Chairperson Leon Melpi, that the membership numbers were within legislated limits.

Reference was made to the *Local Government Act*.

#### **77 Constitution of local authority**

(1) A local authority consists of:

- (a) at least one member of the council appointed by the council by resolution; and
- (b) such other members of the community or communities within the local authority's area as the council appoints as members of the local authority by resolution.

*Note for subsection (1)*

*A member of the council's staff is eligible for appointment as a member of a local authority.*

- (2) The member mentioned in subsection (1)(a) is required to be a member for the ward in which the local authority is located and may be the principal member.
- (3) The council must appoint the members under subsection (1)(b) in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

Deputy Mayor Harris thanked outgoing Chairperson Leon Melpi for his contribution to the Wadeye Local Authority during his term.

Local Authority members discussed the resignation and decided to discuss and come back to nominate a new Chairperson to the role at the next meeting.

#### **Motion:**

**1. That the Local Authority receives and notes the attendance report.**

**2. ~~The Local Authority reviewed membership attendance and recommends for Council to revoke membership of .....~~**

**or**

**3. The Local Authority notes member Leon Melpi has resigned verbally in front of Local Authority members today and will confirm his resignation in writing.**

**or**

**4. ~~The Local Authority wishes Council to make a determination on membership as unable to decide.~~**

Action: Leon Melpi is to resign in writing as per policy GOV10 Local Authorities and Ministerial Guideline 1. Governance and Quality Assurance Officer to follow up.

Moved: Cr. Clark  
Seconded: Basil Parmbuck  
Resolution: Unanimously

**4) Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 20 January and 17 March 2022**

004/2022

The Governance and Quality Assurance Officer spoke to the report.

**Motion:**

- 1. The Local Authority noted the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 January 2022.**
- 2. The Local Authority noted the minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 March 2022.**

Moved: Gregory Munar  
Seconded: Basil Parmbuck  
Resolution: Unanimously

**5) Finance Report period ending 31 March 2022**

005/2022

The CEO spoke to the finance report on behalf of the CFO.

CEO recommended that the Local Authority look at a larger projects to spend the funding.

The following issues were discussed and would be bought up when discussing the Regional Plan:

- Shading for community
- Footpath and stairs for a well-used path that has an incline.

**Action: CEO to speak to CFO to confirm funds available for Local Authority to decide on the amount to spend.**

**Motion:**

- 1. That the Local Authority receives and notes the financial information provided by Council for period ending 31 March 2022.**

Moved: Ken James  
Seconded: Steven Pultchen  
Resolution: Unanimously

**6) Service Delivery Report**

006/2022

The CEO spoke to the report on behalf of the Chief Operations Officer.

**Motion:**

- 1. That Wadeye Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery report.**

Moved: Cr. Clark  
Seconded: Ken James  
Resolution: Unanimously

**7) CSM Report Wadeye**

007/2022

The CSM spoke to the report.

**Motion:**

- 1. That Wadeye Local Authority note and accept the Council Service Managers Report.**

Moved: Cr. James

Seconded: Cr. Clark

Resolution: Unanimously

**8) CEO Report - Wadeye Local Authority**

The CEO spoke to his report and asked Local Authority members if there were any questions.

There was discussion regarding upgrades to the basketball court and sporting area. Funding of this project is via a Grant. LA members agreed that the project was great. Further development options were discussed.

In Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris opinion, sporting activities assist with the reduction of violence and brings community together. It has worked in the past.

The CEO stated that a review on the transport available for civil workers around the community for short trips was conducted. Using the bigger vehicles uses more fuel. In light of the current fuel prices, it is not cost effective and alternative has been looked at for Local Authority consideration.

Discussion amongst membership occurred and a decision was made.

An All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) for Civil staff to get around community up to the value of \$40k.

**Action item: CSM to get a quote for an ATV for community within the limit of \$40k.**

**Motion:**

008/2022

- 1. That the Local Authority acknowledges the opportunity to discuss matters with the CEO and notes the information discussed with the CEO.**

Moved: Steven Pultchen

Seconded: Cr. Clark

Resolution: Unanimously

## Recommendation

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2. **The Wadeye Local Authority made a commitment of up to \$40,000 to assist the Civil Services to purchase an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV).**

Moved: Steven Pultchen  
Seconded: Cr. Clark  
Resolution: Unanimously

9)

## Regional Plan 2022-2023

010/2022

The Governance and Quality Assurance Officer spoke to the report.

The CEO invited discussion from the membership.

The previous year Regional Plan 2021-2022 was referred to for items that the Local Authority identified as matters to plan and included:

### **Community safety was raised.**

LA members spoke about footpaths and the need for a winding footpath that snakes upwards in the Nilinh and Manthathpe

Solar lighting is still important.

Airport signage has been done and can now be removed from the current Regional Plan.

A query with unrest in the community whether houses could have bigger fences put around them. The CEO stated this is a Housing issue and is something that could be addressed when they visit community.

There was discussion on the CCTV on the main street and as a consequence the unrest and violence in community has moved location, away from recording to the oval.

As a community safety matter the Local Authority discussed getting Elders to do a short video with a safety message that also relates to community night patrol responsibilities.

### **Community enhancements was raised.**

Discussion around the height of the speed bumps and need for their removal as they are not safe and requires upgrade to legal height. CSM spoke about this.

Seating in a yarning circle which has been in some communities may be of benefit.



Cultural festival and education with the aim to bring community together and celebrate culture.

Redevelopment of park area to be a Memorial Pak, Pirrimngiearl in honour of the Catholic Father/Dean whose name was not confirmed. A sign his name is acceptable and acknowledgement of the service given to the community. Request for a beautification garden area surrounding this memorial.

Local Authority members acknowledged the community has a feral cat problem. Animal Management is to continue.

Trees and main street enhancements to continue. Discussion surround the cost of planting mature heavier trees at \$225 each which are harder to pull out and destroy.

**Strategic projects was raised.**

The current strategic projects to continue.

Manthathpe bridge from community safety into this project specific area.

It was discussed that there are burial sites (graves) that don't have headstones to identify those buried. Discussion around purchasing headstones once burial site and deceased are identified at the local Cemetary.

Museum idea was put on the table and decided it will need to be a discussion with TDC if anything was to be progressed into the future.

The CEO noted that there will be further opportunity for feedback once the Draft Regional Plan is released. Encouraged LA members to keep thinking of ways in which the LA & Council can contribute to the community.

**Motion:**

- 1. That Wadeye Local Authority notes and accepts the report, acknowledging community engagement is required for the Regional Plan 2022-2023 within the timeframe legislated.**

Moved: Cr. Clark

Seconded: Cr. Harris

Resolution: Unanimously

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **10 PLANTING OF MATURE TREES - CSM Troy Pollard**

011/2022

The CSM spoke about the tree planting and asked for the LA to commit \$15k for up to 20 trees.

Discussion also occurred regarding the 'Big Ass Fan' and LA support was provided.

#### **Motion:**

- 1. The Wadeye Local Authority commits \$15k for the purchase and planting of mature trees.**
- 2. The LA commits up to \$30k for the installation for the Big Ass Fan for the recreation hall including flood lights.**

## **BULK RESOLUTION**

Moved: Gregory Munar

Seconded: Steven Pultchen

Resolution: Unanimously

### **Katrina Seeley Manager Community Night Patrol (CNP) -**

It has been challenging recently. Our goal is to bring Night Patrol back to a safe place to work.

First quarter last year CNP, 3,573 people were assisted with an increase of helping 7,400 people increased for the first quarter 2022.

CNP are on track and need patience from the community and hoping you can see an improvement.

### **CEO Local Authority Chairperson position –**

The CEO invited Local Authority members to chat with one another to discuss who wants the opportunity as Chairperson.

**With no more matters to discuss, Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris declared the MEETING CLOSE at 12:41 pm.**

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Meeting of Wadeye Local Authority  
HELD ON Thursday, 21 April 2022  
AND TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday, 1 June 2022.