

Yu kanhi thimneme da ngarra putek neki
Welcome to Country

Regional Plan 2025-26



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

Our Brand

Our Council's logo was developed from a concept design created by Annunciata Wilson of Peppimenarti. The communities within the West Daly region are represented by the colours of their dance group.

Communication between communities was sent via message sticks to advise of the passing of a loved one or ceremonies. People would walk to where they needed to be and they would count the number of days it would take by marking the message stick.

Peppimenarti is red (Wangga)

Nganmarriyanga is yellow (Lirrga)

Wadeye is black (Thanta)



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Warning:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this document may include the images of people who are deceased.

West Daly region overview

The land in which Elected Members, Local Authority Members and residents reside is known as Tharmarrur, which in local Murinh-Patha language means 'coming together to work as one people'. There are three Wards that make up our Council – Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi, Nganmarriyanga and Tyemirri.

Population focus

3,426

Population (as at 30 June 2023, increase of 13 from previous year)

2,642

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

26

median age (compared to 33 NT wide)

88.4%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island population (compared with 26.3% NT wide)

50%

couples with children (compared with 27% NT wide)

84%

language at home other than English

12.8%

unemployed (as at 30 June 2022, compared to 3.9% for Northern Territory)

439.5

SEIFA index of disadvantage

9%

single person household

74%

households rent

34.7%

of people in younger age groups 0-17 years

6%

people in older age groups 60+ years

(Figures are from Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2021 unless otherwise stated)

Selected subpopulation categories

West Daly Regional Council LGA – Total people (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	RDA Northern Territory %	Number	%	RDA Northern Territory %	2016 to 2021
Population group							
Males	1,490	50.1	50.5	1,554	49.1	51.8	-64
Females	1,486	49.9	49.5	1,613	50.9	48.2	-127
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	2,631	88.4	26.3	2,875	90.8	25.5	-244
Australian citizens	2,790	93.8	79.8	3,006	94.9	78.6	-216
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	1,804	60.6	58.3	1,810	57.2	56.9	-6
Population over 15	2,148	72.2	79.0	2,117	66.8	78.4	+31
Employed Population	474	81.3	94.4	453	57.5	93.0	+21

Source: RDA Northern Territory economic profile, id., Regional Development Australia NT– Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Census. 2021 data unless stated otherwise.

Economic focus (as at 30 June 2023)

**Gross Regional
Product (GRP)**
\$0.10 billion



506
local jobs



682
employed
residents



9
local
businesses

Council overview



West Daly Regional Council is aligned with the Northern Territory Government's Top End Regional Economic Growth Plan 2022-2030, which has been developed to enhance social and economic opportunities for people throughout the region.

Council works with the Northern Territory Government on their 4 key priorities to achieve this:

1

Identify and construct key infrastructure to support economic growth

2

Prioritise Aboriginal capability and leadership

3

Grow existing industry and skilled local workforce

4

Identify and activate economic opportunity

Council plays a key part in the economic and social development of the West Daly region and is extending its services to deliver infrastructure in the region on behalf of the Northern Territory and Australian governments.

We work hard to create real opportunities and provide services and facilities for everyone. Our aim is to strengthen Council's position to build capability and capacity in our communities, develop good infrastructure, increase jobs, improve wellbeing and support our people to prosper and grow.

West Daly Regional Council continues to work in partnership with the Northern Territory and Australian governments and community partners, such as Thamarrurr Development Corporation, to improve how we live in the community.

Council is focused on strengthening its local decision making and capability of its Local Authorities - working together to make a real difference.

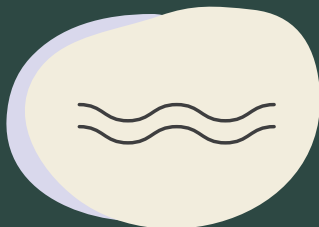
Highlight of key projects for 2025–26

The West Daly region is located in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

The region is a place of untouched beauty with expansive beaches that meet mangrove and melaleuca forest with savannah reaching out to the floodplains of the fertile Moyle River.

The region has diverse flora and fauna across a spectacular landscape that is the traditional lands of Thamarrurr. There are two main languages other than English spoken in the West Daly Region – Murrinh Patha and Kriol.

West Daly Regional Council covers around 14,000 square kilometres and is located about 300 to 420 kilometres south-west of Darwin. The area is mainly rural, with three Indigenous communities at Peppimenarti, Nganmarriyanga and Wadeye which are managed by Council.



Securing long term operational funding for the Wadeye Swimming Pool



Improving connectivity and communication in Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti to support the functioning of Council



Seek funding to improve interior roads and access to Homelands



Improve systems, processes and functions to enhance capacity



Enhance the Wadeye landfill site and continue the abandoned vehicle collection program

Message from the CEO



Murrinh nukunu thanguu CEO – (Welcome message from CEO)

It is my pleasure to present the 2025-26 West Daly Regional Plan. I look forward to working collectively towards the priorities set out by Council in this plan to improve the liveability and quality of life for people in our communities.

Firstly, with Council elections set to be held in August this year, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the existing councillors for their dedicated service in representing the West Daly people.

It is evident that our region continues to face ongoing challenges with isolation remaining a key challenge. Short term fixes to roads in the dry season often wash away during the wet, leaving communities and Homelands cut off from access to food security, healthcare, jobs and communication. The Australian Government has committed \$40 million to upgrade and seal priority access roads to communities including the access road to Emu Point. We anticipate works will commence this dry season. Our roads require ongoing support and investment from all levels of government.

Good communication and strong relationships with Northern Territory and Australian governments is paramount to the sustainability of our region. In the Northern Territory, we will continue to speak with the relevant government ministers to advocate for our specific remote funding needs as well as the implementation of Local Decision Making partnerships for West Daly.

Council will continue to remove unsightly and unsafe abandoned vehicles, undertake slashing and mowing works to improve aesthetics and implement more street lights and speed bumps to increase community safety. It is essential that we continue to focus on creating jobs and providing training opportunities for young people. The ongoing social and economic benefits of a skilled workforce will pave the way for future generations and create a ripple effect of positive outcomes across all areas of wellbeing.

Securing ongoing operational funding for the Wadeye Swimming Pool is being addressed as matter of urgency. With the current contract lapsing on 30 June 2025, Council must find a long-term solution to keep the pool open and ensure community health, youth engagement, and social cohesion is maintained. The closure of the Wadeye Swimming Pool would have a severely detrimental effect to the wellbeing of the entire community and undo the great work we have achieved as a Council to establish this important asset. I warmly thank the Wadeye Local Authority's 50% contribution to the operational funding to date and hope to share positive news on securing the required funding.

As we continue to work together on issues that matter to our West Daly communities, we must ensure that Local Authority meetings are being held when scheduled and additional meetings are called throughout the year as needed. It is essential that our local representatives are listening to the concerns of the community, remaining connected and reporting back to Council regularly to stay on the pulse of what is happening in the homelands and regions.

Internally, I am overseeing a renewal of operations to improve systems, processes, policies and procedures for a more efficient and better governed Council. Work is already underway and these improvements will put us in the position to take on new projects and initiatives into the future.

I look forward to continuing to engage with our communities and delivering on Council's strategic priorities for the West Daly region over the coming year.

John Thomas
Chief Executive Officer



Our Council

Welcome deyida ngumamnara

Welcome to our region

The West Daly Regional Council covers about 14,000 square kilometres along the western coast of the Top End, bordering the Timor Sea.

The land in which our Elected Members live and work is known as Thamarrurr. In local Murrinh Patha language this means 'coming together to work as one people'.

The traditional lands of Thamarrurr have significant natural, cultural and spiritual values for its people.

Council sees its role as working together with local people to build a stronger community.

We embrace our rich history and natural environment while working towards opportunities for economic and social development.

West Daly Regional Council is made up of 3 wards – Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi, Nganmarriyanga and Tyemirri.

Council's headquarters are located on the main street of Wadeye and is the hub from which we deliver operational and support services to Wadeye, Peppimenarti, Nganmarriyanga and the surrounding areas. Our Homelands service centre in Wadeye delivers municipal, essential and housing maintenance services to 13 Homelands across the West Daly region.

Council offices are also located in Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti, while a small team of administrative, financial and support services is located at the Council's office in Darwin.

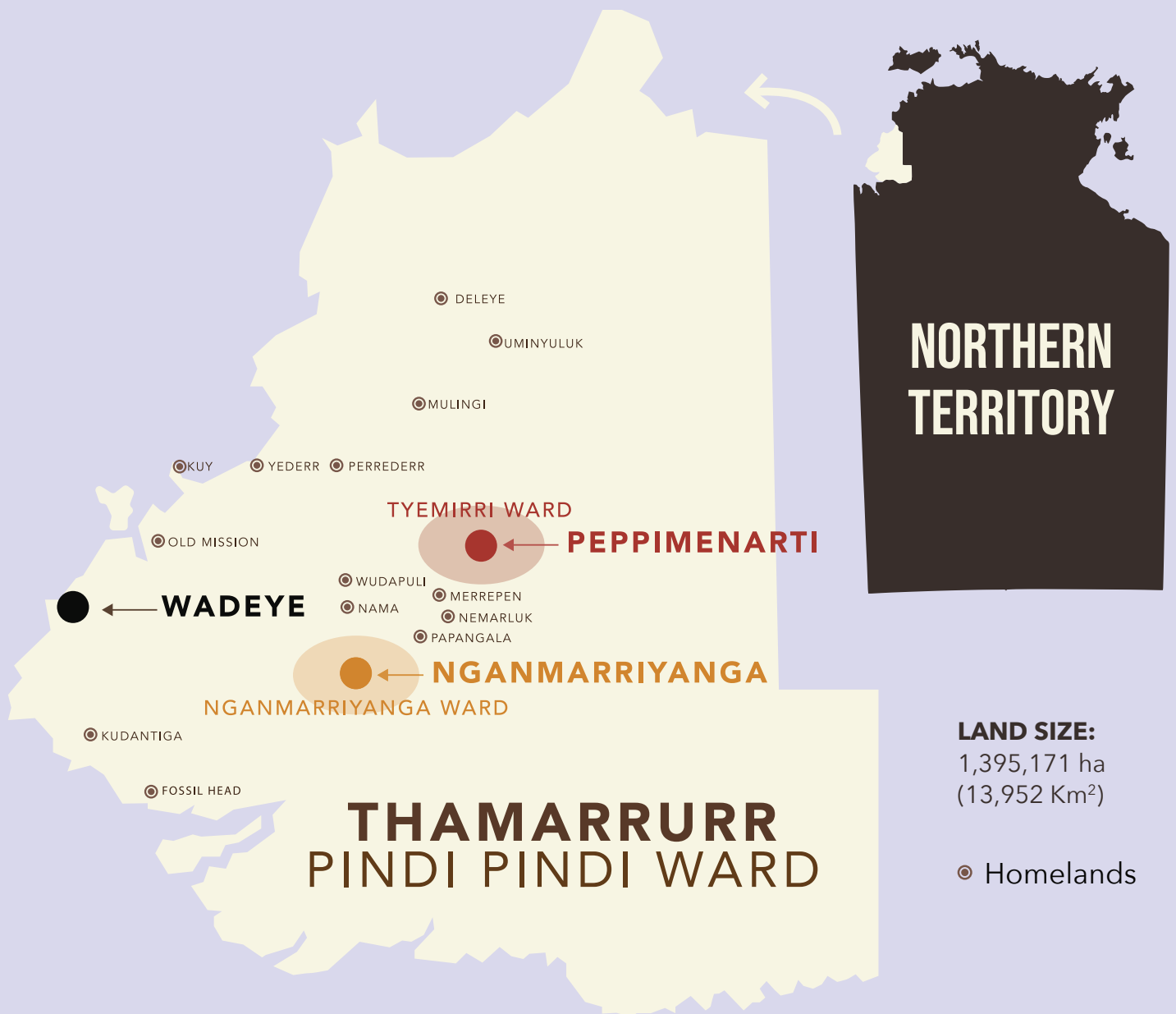
Council uses Local Decision Making as a key way to listen and engage with the community. Council works with each of the Local Authorities in our 3 main communities to identify priority projects and services to involve the community and hear what they need and want to improve their lives and their community.

We deliver our services in partnership with government and local non-for-profit organisations.

Our Elected Members represent Council across the West Daly region and are involved in a range of local committees and organisations.



Our community



Our Focus Areas

West Daly Regional Council's Focus Areas are strategic objectives that develop and change with the needs of our community.

Our focus areas for 2025-26 are outlined below.

Focus area

Objective

1. A strong Council

We build strong foundations and continuously improve our governance, planning and systems to create a resilient organisation.

2. Strong, safe and healthy people

We build capability and capacity in our communities, and support all our people by investing in the environment and their safety, growth and wellbeing.

3. Developing Council for community

We aim to provide stable opportunities for our communities through improved infrastructure, increased employment and cultural and sporting events.

4. Delivering on our promises

We grow our services by listening and seeking new opportunities, working with others to support our communities today and in the future.

Our Elected Members

**Kardu kanhi ngarra thumampunkungkarat-neme
welcome puyemamka-neme da ngarra putek kanhi**

The Elected Members of the West Daly
Regional Council welcome you to Country

West Daly Regional Council is made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 4 Councillors who are elected for a 4 year term. There are 3 electoral wards, with each ward represented by Elected Members based on their population size, including:

- *Nganmarriyanga Ward - one representative*
- *Thamarrurr/Pindi Ward - 4 representatives*
- *Tyemirr Ward - one representative.*

Role of members

according to the *Local Government Act 2019*

The role of a member of a council is:

- (a) to represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers of the council area; and
- (b) to provide leadership and guidance; and
- (c) to facilitate communication between the members of the council's constituency and the council; and
- (d) to be properly informed to enable participation in the deliberations of the council and its community activities; and
- (e) to ensure, as far as practicable, that the council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities; and
- (f) to ensure that council resources are used prudently and solely in the public interest; and
- (g) to actively monitor the financial affairs of the council.

However, a member of the council has no power to direct or control staff of the council, or to interfere with the management of staff of the council.

A member of the council has a duty to act, at all times, in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the council's constituency.

Our Council wards

Thamurrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward

Wadeye, also known as Port Keats, is one of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities located approximately 420 kilometres south-west of Darwin.



Tyemirri Ward

'Peppi' as it is known, is located on Tom Turner Creek approximately 320 kilometres by road south-west of Darwin. The community was established in approximately 1974 with the people calling the area Peppimenarti long before European settlement of Australia.

Nganmarriyanga Ward

Palumpa is located 353 kilometres south-west of Darwin on Port Keats Road between the communities of Peppimenarti and Wadeye.

Elected Members



John Wilson - Mayor
Tyemirri Ward



Terry Sams - Deputy Mayor
Nganmarriyanga Ward



Mark Tunmuck-Smith - Councillor
Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward



Peter Cumaiyi - Councillor
Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward



Our Governance

The West Daly Regional Council is a local government entity governed by several laws but primarily by the *Local Government Act 2019* and its regulations and guidelines, as well as the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and *Fair Work Act 2009*.

Council uses best practice governance to meet its legal and ethical compliance obligation, demonstrate a strong corporate responsibility and deliver services in a timely manner.

Council makes sure its decisions are made within budget and allocates resources appropriately to provide the greatest benefit to our communities.

Our governance structure is designed to enable Council to implement its vision and values with internal controls in place to fulfill its commitments.

This structure holds the Elected Members of Council and our Chief

Executive Officer to account by defining their responsibilities and Council's policies, processes and practices. This ensures we can meet our strategic direction and the performance standards set by legislation and governance standards.

Councillors meet every 2 months to discuss and debate local issues, projects and services in our region at an Ordinary Council Meeting, which is open to the public unless dealing with confidential business matters.

Additional Council meetings are sometimes held to address priority issues.

In the alternate months, the Finance Committee meets to ensure Council's finances are regularly reviewed in accordance with legislative requirements.

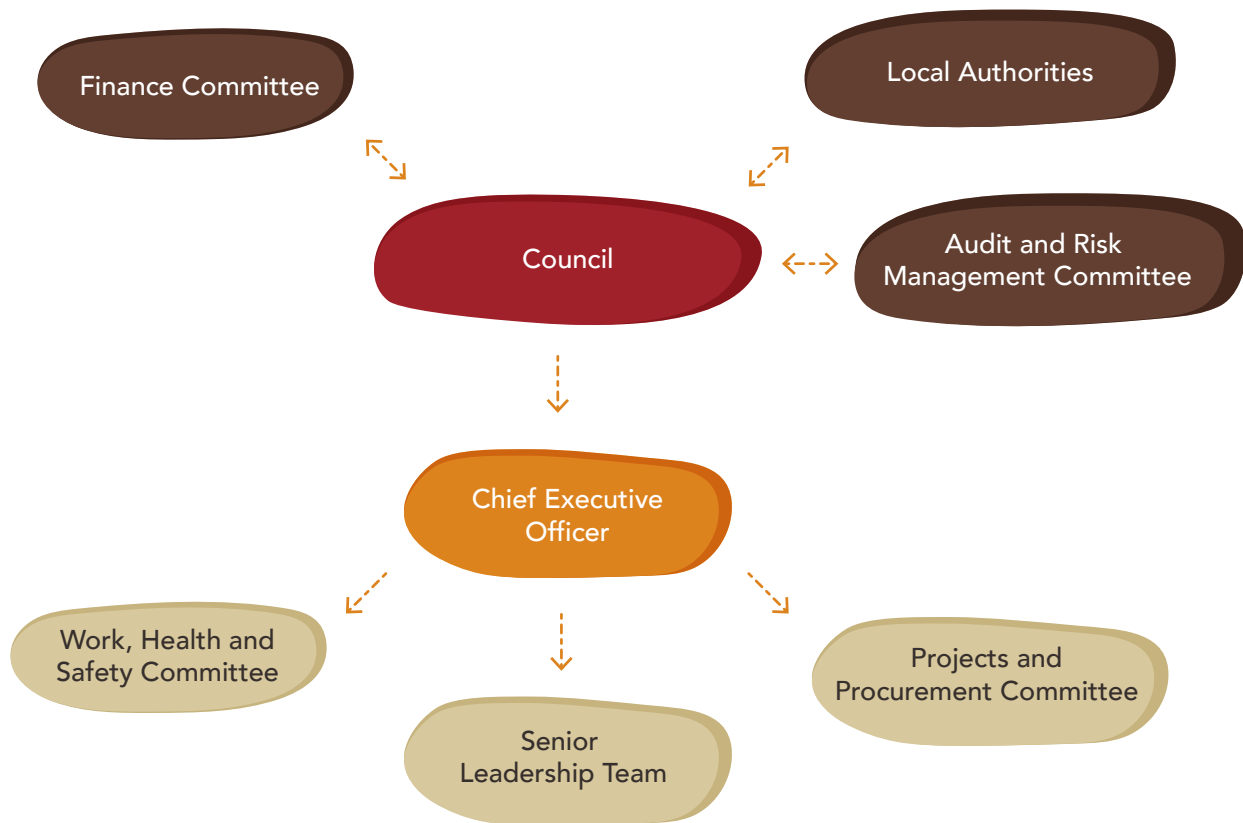
Local Authority meetings are held in the community throughout the year to allow community members to attend and have input into services and opportunities to improve their community.

Council is committed to keeping our people informed by being open and transparent.

Council publishes all meeting agenda papers, relevant policies, plans and minutes, including resolutions, on its website www.westdaly.nt.gov.au



Our governance framework

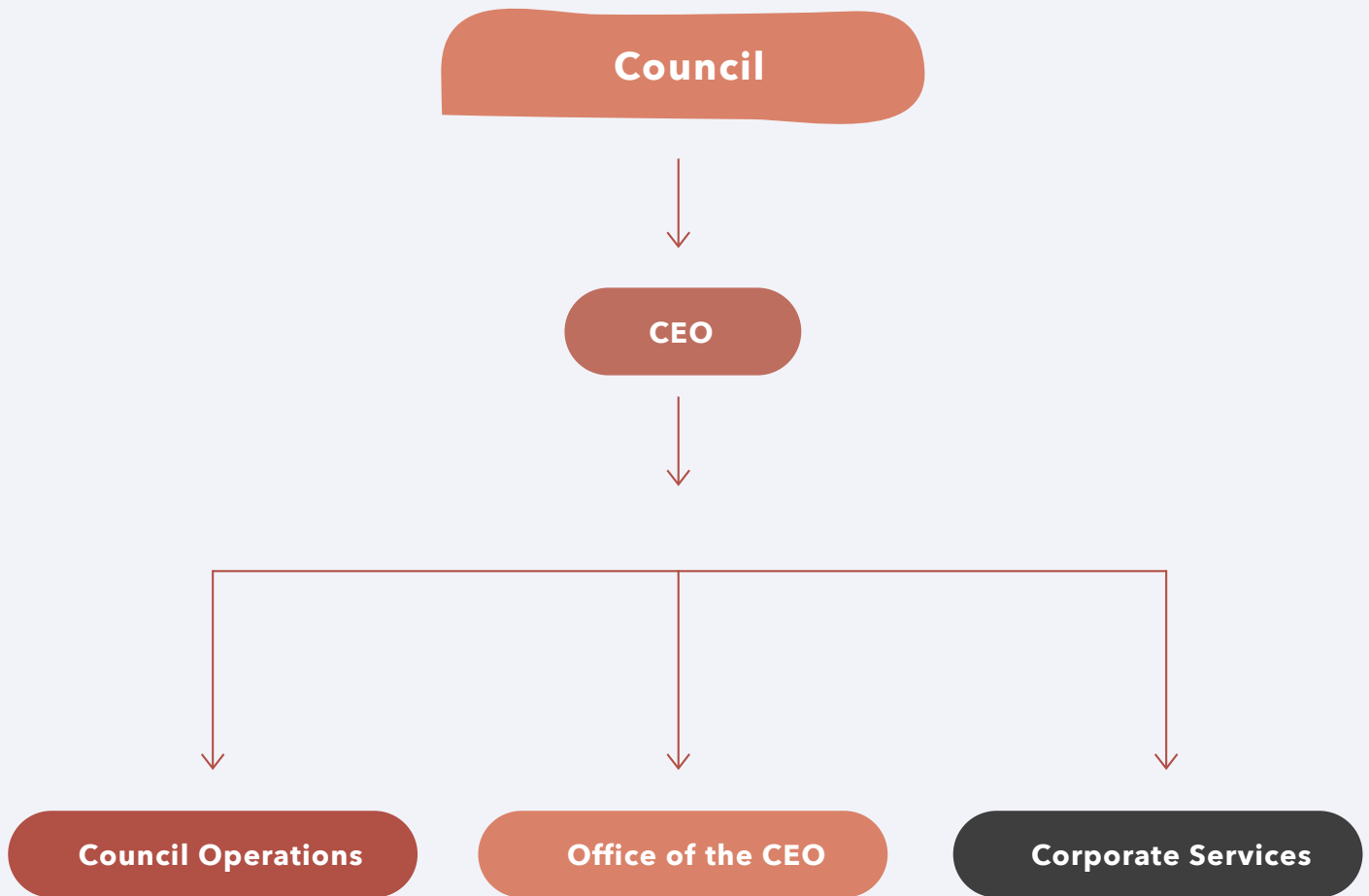


The purpose of the West Daly Regional Council's governance framework is to provide a clear focus on regulatory outcomes, demonstrate a risk-based approach to regulation, improve engagement with stakeholders and inform organisational improvement.

Potential influences on Council's administration and regulatory framework include:

- *Local Government Act 2019*
- Council's policies and procedures
- Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Council's Finance Committee.

Our people



Office of the CEO

People and Culture

Executive Support
and Governance

Grants

Work, Health
& Safety

Council Operations

Homelands

Infrastructure and
Civil Works

Municipal Services

Corporate Services

Finance and Rates

Asset Management

Payroll

Information &
Communication Technology

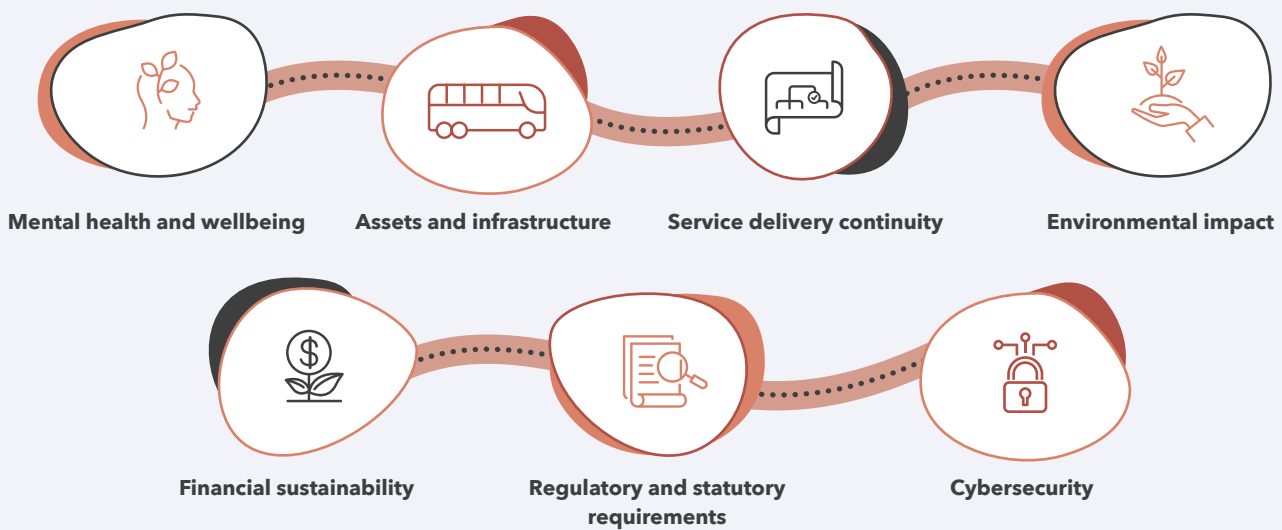
Our Operating Environment

Our risks

Council aims to apply its risk profile to every business, strategic and operational decision it makes into the future.

This risk framework provides us with the architecture to map our Regional Plan and inform reporting on our performance including strategic outcomes, services and project success.

Identified risk areas



Our opportunities and challenges

West Daly Regional Council experiences unique challenges but also opportunities to focus on specific areas to improve how we provide services and programs in our community.

Social disruption due to community unrest coupled with our remote location present challenges in our ability to deliver services. As a result we are refocusing our organisation to create a respectful, peaceful and safe community.

We are working with our communities, our partners, and the Northern Territory and Australian governments, to come up with local solutions for these complex challenges.

We will listen to what our community want and find the investment opportunities we need to make a difference in our community.

Directing this investment to the right areas, such as our ageing infrastructure, will help Council to build the foundations so our organisation and community can grow.

Our people, their passion, drive and resilience, are what makes our community and Council strong. We will use their local knowledge and skills to grow our services and local jobs.

Opportunities

- > Improve communication and engagement with community
- > Strengthen Local Authorities
- > Increase local employment
- > Train and develop staff
- > Introduce health and wellbeing strategies
- > Create new partnerships
- > Grow grant funding
- > Diversify funding options
- > Support emerging leaders
- > Promote Elected Members professional development
- > Introduce new technology
- > Improve cybersecurity safety

Challenges

- > Maintaining good mental health and wellbeing
- > Managing the financial cost of delivering services in a remote area
- > Dealing with the impact of community unrest and social disruption on our organisation and people
- > Building financial sustainability
- > Maintaining ageing assets and infrastructure
- > Providing continued service delivery
- > Providing environmental health services and animal management
- > Managing impacts of seasonal accessibility
- > Providing a safe working environment
- > Retaining staff
- > Managing inefficient information technology services

Who we work with

West Daly Regional Council collaborates with a wide range of community, business and government organisations to support our community and help deliver services and investment in our region.

Our partners include:





Local Authority pillars

West Daly Regional Council places great importance on its Local Authorities, which serve as the community's "voice" and contribute to the decision-making process within the region. Local Authorities play a crucial role in representing the community's interests and making recommendations to the Council based on the Regional Plan.

West Daly Region Local Authorities Pillars

Pillar 1

Vital entities as representatives of the community

The Local Authorities in the West Daly region are vital entities that act as representatives of the community. They bring recommendations to the Council, aligning them with the Regional Plan, which serves as the community's "wish list" for the region.

Pillar 2

Empowering residents through Local Authority meetings

Residents are encouraged to actively participate in the decision-making process by attending Local Authority meetings. The dates and times of these meetings are made available through community office advertisements, reflecting the Council's commitment to openness and community engagement.

Pillar 3

Preserving cultural identity: Nurturing local community heritage

Local Authorities emphasise the importance of retaining cultural identity at the local community level. This indicates a commitment to preserving the unique cultural aspects of the region.

Pillar 4

Effective governance and community engagement: Fostering informed decision-making

The governance structure ensures Council is well-informed about issues affecting community members. This structure likely involves regular communication and collaboration between the Local Authorities and the Council.

**Pillar 5****Empowering Local Authorities:
shaping inclusive decision-making**

The Council considers the recommendations put forward by the Local Authorities during its meetings. These recommendations play a pivotal role in the Council's decision-making process, which in turn influences the actions taken by the Council.

Pillar 6**Strategic meetings and
collaborative engagement**

Meetings are the cornerstone of effective collaboration. Local Authorities typically meet 4 times in a financial year, covering the period from July 1 to June 30. These regular gatherings serve as a vital avenue for decision-making, community engagement, and fostering partnerships.

Pillar 7**Leadership integration:
The role of Mayor and
Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have the privilege and opportunity to serve as members of each Local Authority. This involvement ensures a direct connection between the Council's leadership and the Local Authorities.

Pillar 8**Community empowerment through
Local Authorities**

Elected Members who are appointed to Local Authorities represent the specific community to which the Local Authority is attached. This indicates a localised approach to decision-making, ensuring that the unique needs and concerns of each community are considered.

Local Authorities

The West Daly Regional Council has 3 Local Authorities to give people a strong local voice in their community.

Local Authorities are created under the *Local Government Act 2019* to represent regional and remote areas in the Northern Territory to help councils listen and work with community residents.

They give community members more control over the services that affect them and involve people in planning projects and services the community need and want.

Local Authorities represent people in Wadeye, Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti and meet 4 times a year to give feedback on service delivery and identify priority community projects.

For the West Daly Regional Council, the 3 Local Authorities:

- enable local communities to be closely involved in issues related to local government
- ensure local communities have an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government
- act as advocates for the local community by taking their views directly back to Council
- advise Council and contribute to Service Delivery Plans for local communities and region
- contribute to developing Regional Plans
- recommend priorities for expenditure in Council's budget

- advise Council on its specific community and social projects that impact their community or region
- alert Council to new and emerging issues affecting the community.

Each Local Authority has a budgetary allocation to fund priority local projects based on community need and want.

Local Authorities are governed in accordance with the provisions of *Ministerial Guideline 1, Local Authorities, Local Government Act 2019*.

Council publishes all Local Authority meeting agendas, papers, relevant policies, plans and minutes, including recommendations, on its website.

Local Authority members

WADEYE

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Chairperson Steven Pultchen
Councillor Tunmuck-Smith
Damien Tunmuck
Ken James
Mark Ninnal
Timothy Dumoo
Cyril Ninnal
Basil Parmbuk
Margaret Perdjert
Anne Marie Nudjulu
Gregory Munar

PEPPIMENARTI

Mayor
Chairperson Karl Lukonavic
Councillor Wilson
Henry Wilson
Annunciata Wilson
Leaya Smith
Nathan Wilson
Anastasia Wilson

NGANMARRIYANGA

Mayor
Chairperson Amy Narburup
Councillor Sams
Jack Wodidj
Lorraine Keringbo
Jimmy Murielle
Moses Wodidj
Jeff Wodidj
Roger Wodidj
John Paul Wodidj
Warren Wodidj
Alex Jacky
Sandra Jacky
Mary Wodidj

Our Homelands

Homelands are where small populations of people live, whose rightful homes are located on ancestral lands that have cultural and spiritual significance.

The West Daly Regional Council is committed to improving outcomes for all Aboriginal people and recognise Homelands as being intimately connected to social, cultural and emotional wellbeing.

Also sometimes referred to as outstations, Homelands are the traditional country of groups of Aboriginal people, often families or closely related people that vary in population and size.

There are more than 30 Homelands in the West Daly region, 13 of which the West Daly Regional Council is funded to deliver a range of

municipal, essential and housing maintenance services under 4 different grant programs.

These include:

- Municipal and Essential Services (MES) – repairs and maintenance, minor works and general operational costs for delivering municipal and essential services to Homelands
- Housing Maintenance Services (HMS) – conducting urgent, general and routine repairs and maintenance to extend the life of houses and minimise deterioration so Homelands

residents can live in a safe and healthy environment

- Homelands Jobs – employ local Aboriginal people in Homelands to help deliver Homelands programs to increase economic participation by offering employment and training opportunities to residents
- Homelands Capital Grants (HCG) – to buy and build capital infrastructure that supports the delivery of municipal and essential services to Homelands not covered by Northern Territory Government leases.

Homelands services by West Daly Regional Council:

Kuy

Old Mission

Perrederr

Fossil Head

Merrepen

Nama

Uminyuluk

Kudantiga

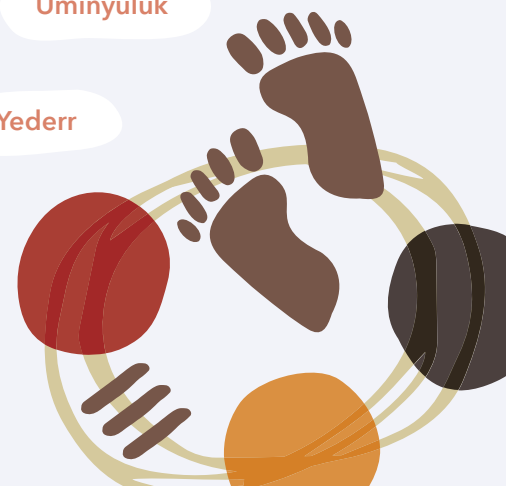
Mulingi

Nemarluk

Yederr

Papangala

Wudapuli



Our service delivery

West Daly Regional Council delivers a range of municipal and essential services across 3 communities, Peppimenarti, Nganmariyanga and Wadeye, and surrounding Homelands.

These services create many local employment opportunities and support developing and maintaining community infrastructure, assets and programs to meet our communities' needs.

	DARWIN	WADEYE	NGANMARRIYANGA	PEPPIMENARTI	HOMELANDS
Municipal services					
Cemetery maintenance		✓	✓	✓	✓
Road infrastructure and maintenance		✓	✓	✓	✓
Sporting facilities		✓	✓	✓	
Homelands municipal services					✓
Parks and gardens		✓	✓	✓	
Waste management		✓	✓	✓	✓
Council infrastructure		✓	✓	✓	
Animal management		✓*	✓*	✓*	✓*
Council engagement					
Local Authorities		✓	✓	✓	
Council engagement					
Community night patrol		✓	✓	✓	
Bus services		✓			
Library services		✓		✓	
Swimming pool		✓		✓	
Airstrip maintenance services		✓	✓	✓	
Centrelink services			✓	✓	
Post office agency			✓	✓	
Street lights		✓	✓	✓	
Support services					
Administration support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asset procurement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Governance and compliance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financial services	✓				
People and wellbeing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Health, safety and risk	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Information technology	✓*				
Records management	✓				
Grant management	✓				

* in collaboration



Internal and Homeland access road network

Council maintains an extensive network of internal roads across the West Daly Region. Council also coordinates maintaining and upgrading a vast network of formed and gravel Homelands access roads. A major budgetary consideration for Council is the ageing internal road network within the communities and a shift to a higher standard for rural roads. Limited funding, extreme environmental impacts due to wet season rains, and the need to source materials and specialist road crews from major urban centres contribute to the challenges, cost and complexity.

Waste management

Council provides a range of waste management services for residents, businesses and community-based organisations. These include regular waste collection services, kerbside garbage collection, litter patrol, regular hard waste removal, community and pre-cyclone clean-up days, waste management facilities management, planning and developing operational policy and strategy, and community education and engagement.

Waste management is critically important across the West Daly region. Our community recognises the link between effective waste management, environmental sustainability, our country, and our people's health.

Council's waste management practices and policies are guided by the *Waste Management Strategy for the Northern Territory 2015-2022*, the *National Waste Policy Action Plan 2019*, and the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 2007*.

This is supported by a national shift in thinking about waste as a resource and applying the principles of a circular economy, including:

- avoid waste
- improve resource recovery, increase use of recycled materials and build demand and markets for recycled products
- better manage material flows to benefit human health, the environment and the economy
- improve information to support innovation, guide investment and enable informed consumer decisions.

Achieving this desired approach presents a significant and ongoing challenge to our Council. Our remote and isolated region with vast distances of unsealed roads, high transport costs, and limited waste infrastructure create barriers to efficiently separate and transport recyclables and hazardous wastes. The historical practices of waste burial and incineration continue across some parts of our region where limited alternative options are available. Failure to demonstrate the economic incentives and positive environmental impacts surrounding resource recovery will continue to undermine any incentive for the community to engage in more sustainable practices.

Cemetery management

Council maintains responsibility for managing and maintaining cemeteries within our region. This is coordinated under the *Burial and Cremation Act 2022* and *Burial and Cremation Regulations 2022*, with strong support from Local Authorities and Traditional Owners.

Several cemeteries and burial sites are located within the 3 communities throughout the Homelands.

Parks and open spaces

Parks and open spaces are vital places for communities within the West Daly region to connect, socialise and play. Coming from often crowded living conditions, community parks and open spaces are seen as a refuge and communal meeting places to share stories and enable culture to exist and flourish in a contemporary setting. Council's civil crews take great pride in ensuring these places are well maintained with regular mowing, spraying, irrigation and general maintenance and upgrade activities subject to available funding.

Sports Grounds

Sport continues to play an essential part in the lives of community members within our region. This passion is reflected in Council's commitment to maintaining and improving our sporting grounds and facilities.

The main sports within the region remain Australian Rules Football and softball. Council maintains both sporting code ovals in each community. Civil crews regularly undertook lighting, irrigation and mowing maintenance programs to ensure the grounds remain playable.

The 'supporting healthy communities through sports and recreation programs' report showed there are many benefits to Aboriginal communities participating in sport and recreation programs. These include improving school retention and attitudes to learning, social and cognitive skills, physical and mental health and wellbeing, increased social inclusion and cohesion, increased validation of and connection to culture, and crime reduction.

Animal management

Dogs and other animals are very important to the people within our region, and dogs occupy a vital place in the culture of our communities. Living conditions in our remote communities impact animal and human health. There are clear links between the health of the local dog populations and their human companions.

Large unmanaged dog and cat populations can cause problems for our communities, including overpopulation, Zoonosis (transfer of disease from animal to human, i.e. scabies and hookworm), noise, litter, dangerous and threatening behaviour, and loss of food and livestock.

Principally, animal management refers to companion animals such as dogs and cats but may include larger animals such as horses.



Weed control and fire hazard reduction

Weeds severely impact the Northern Territory's environmental, economic, social and cultural values. Under the *Weeds Management Act 2001*, Council works closely with Weed Management Branch of the Northern Territory Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (now Department of Lands, Planning and Environment) and the Thamarrurr Development Corporation (TDC) Ranger Program to prevent, monitor, notify and dispose of declared weeds within our region.

Bushfires are part of the Northern Territory landscape. The fire season within the West Daly region runs from April to November. Council undertakes pre-season maintenance mowing, spraying, clearing fire breaks, and pruning to reduce the fire risk and effectively manage weed control.

There are 5 management zones across the Northern Territory under the *Bushfires Management Act 2016* and within Bushfires NT jurisdiction, with the West Daly region under the Vernon Arafura Bushfire Management Zone. The Vernon Arafura Regional Bushfire Management Plan supports community-wide fire management within our region and guides our response to and management of fire prevention activities.

Commercial services

Council provides commercial services to several Australian Government agencies and private businesses to deliver contracts in remote communities in the West Daly region.

Australia Post

Council delivers postal services to Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti on behalf of Australia Post.

Council staff collect, sort, and distribute mail at each location. Council staff also redirect uncollected mail. All mail is secured in the Council office until collected.

Centrelink

Services Australia contracts Council to provide the Agents and Access Program in Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti. As an Agent, Council is committed to providing and improving the quality of Services Australia services available to customers in the region.

All service access equipment is housed inside Council offices and accessible to customers during Council hours of operation. Services accessed by clients include Centrelink, Medicare, accessing MyGov, and general assistance by Council Agents to access self-service equipment and referral to the Services Australia call centre.

Aerodrome management

Council conducts inspections and facilitated maintenance work and reporting for 3 aerodromes of Nganmarriyanga, Peppimenarti and Wadeye on behalf of the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

Council employs Aerodrome Reporting Officers (ARO) for each aerodrome to respond to after-hours calls and ensure the safety of the airstrip before landing. Works Safety Officers (WSO) complete regular inspections and maintenance activities.

Remote tenancy management

Council provides Tenancy Management Support Services for Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti (including the Homelands of Nama and Wudapuli).

Council Community Housing Officers deliver education to tenants around the living strong program, provide assistance with administrative support, and report repairs and maintenance requests to contractors.

Focus 1: A strong Council

Objective: We build strong foundations and continuously improve our governance, planning and systems to create a resilient organisation.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Develop and implement an Organisational Risk Framework	<p>Approve and implement an Organisational Risk Framework by 30 June 2026, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Restructure the organisational chart and review role descriptions> Review roles against skills and capacity.
2. Review and update policies and procedures	<p>Implement a schedule by 30 June 2026 to review and update all policies and procedures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Conduct a gap analysis of policies against legislation> Develop a schedule of updates> Develop an internal communication and training plan> Develop a documented process manual.
3. Improve project management of grants and contracts	<p>Implement a schedule by 30 June 2026 to project manage grants and contracts to achieve budget efficiencies and better service delivery to the community, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Review existing awarded grants and appropriately acquit remaining funds> Conduct a gap analysis of supplier performance and service delivery against contract requirements> Develop a management plan for service delivery improvement on a case by case basis.

Focus 2: Strong, healthy and safe people

Objective: We build capability and capacity in our communities and support all people by investing in the environment and their safety, growth and wellbeing.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Improve regional waste management by enhancing operational efficiency at the Wadeye landfill site	<p>Improve regional waste management practices and address long standing environmental, health and safety issues by enhancing operational efficiency at the Wadeye landfill site, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Conduct an audit and implement actions to ensure Wadeye landfill site is compliant by 30 June 2026 > Work with Thamarrurr Development Corporation to continue the abandoned vehicle program as a regular Council service throughout 2025-26 > Recover scrap from outstations as a regular Council service throughout 2025-26 > Secure funding from NIAA to fund ongoing operational costs by 30 June 2026.
2. Secure sustainable funding to operate the Wadeye swimming pool	<p>Work with Local Authorities and government to secure sustainable funding to operate the Wadeye swimming pool in 2025-26 and beyond, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Regular opening hours > Offering diverse programs for the whole community (mums and bubs, learn to swim and adult programs) > Efficient management of the operations contract.
3. Lead by example as a high-quality employer in the region and a leader in governance	<p>Council to lead by example as an employer for the region by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Providing training and professional development to staff, aligned with Council's Workforce Management Strategy throughout 2025-26 > Ensuring all new Elected Members complete mandatory governance training by 30 June 2026.

Focus 3: Developing Council for community

Objective: We aim to provide stable opportunities through improved infrastructure, increased employment and cultural, sporting and social events

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Implement funding from the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Fund	<p>Realise the benefits of the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) Remote Jobs and Economic Development Fund grant by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Creating new jobs that communities want and need > Advertising and filling the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community engagement assistants - Mechanic apprentices - Trade assistants - Work, Health and Safety local assistants - Animal management liaison assistants - Bus drivers
2. Publish and hold a calendar of community events	<p>Develop an annual calendar of community events that is published on Council's website, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Cultural events like NAIDOC Week > Sporting events like football carnivals > Community events like International Women's Day.
3. Advocate for the region's needs to government	<p>Advocate and be a voice for the region's needs by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Attending relevant government and stakeholder forums throughout 2025-26 > Building strong relationships with the Northern Territory Government, particularly the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development > Building strong relationships with the Australian Government, particularly the National Indigenous Australians Agency > Briefing government on regional priorities throughout 2025-26 > Reporting on advocacy action in the quarterly standing report to Council.

Focus 4: Delivering on our promises

Objective: We grow our services by listening and seeking new opportunities, working with others to support our communities today and in the future.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Develop sustainable partnerships to deliver community services and meet community needs and priorities	<p>Develop sustainable partnerships with community service providers and government agencies across 2025-26, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Thamarrurr Development Corporation for several programs such as weed management and community safety management > Murin for passenger and freight services > AMRRIC for animal management services > The Y for swimming pool operation and management > NIAA for funded remote jobs. <p>See page 21 for <i>Who we work alongside</i></p>
2. Complete Local Authority funded 2025-26 projects	Complete projects by 30 June 2026.
3. Improve connectivity in the region	<p>Improve phone and internet connectivity in the region to support Council and other organisations to function by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Implementing Starlink in Peppimenarti and Palumpa by 30 June 2026 > Conducting an IT system upgrade in Peppimenarti and Palumpa by 30 June 2026.

FEATURE STORIES

Remote Area Jobs and economic development

Focus Area 3: Developing Council for community

Over 2025-26, people living in our region will see more job advertisements from Council.

Our recent grant application to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) within the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Fund has been successful. The program is about creating new jobs that communities want and need, and Council is excited to take part in the program.

Funding for additional jobs within our communities has been allocated for the following roles:

- > Community engagement assistants
- > Mechanic apprentices
- > Trade assistants
- > Work, Health and Safety assistants
- > Animal management liaison assistants
- > Bus drivers.

Providing additional employment opportunities for people in our communities creates stronger families, improves health and wellbeing outcomes and benefits the local economy.

The grant application and job proposals were developed in close consultation with Elected Members and the community. Jobs will be advertised later in 2025.



FEATURE STORIES

Providing ongoing animal management within our communities

Focus Area 4: Delivering on our promises

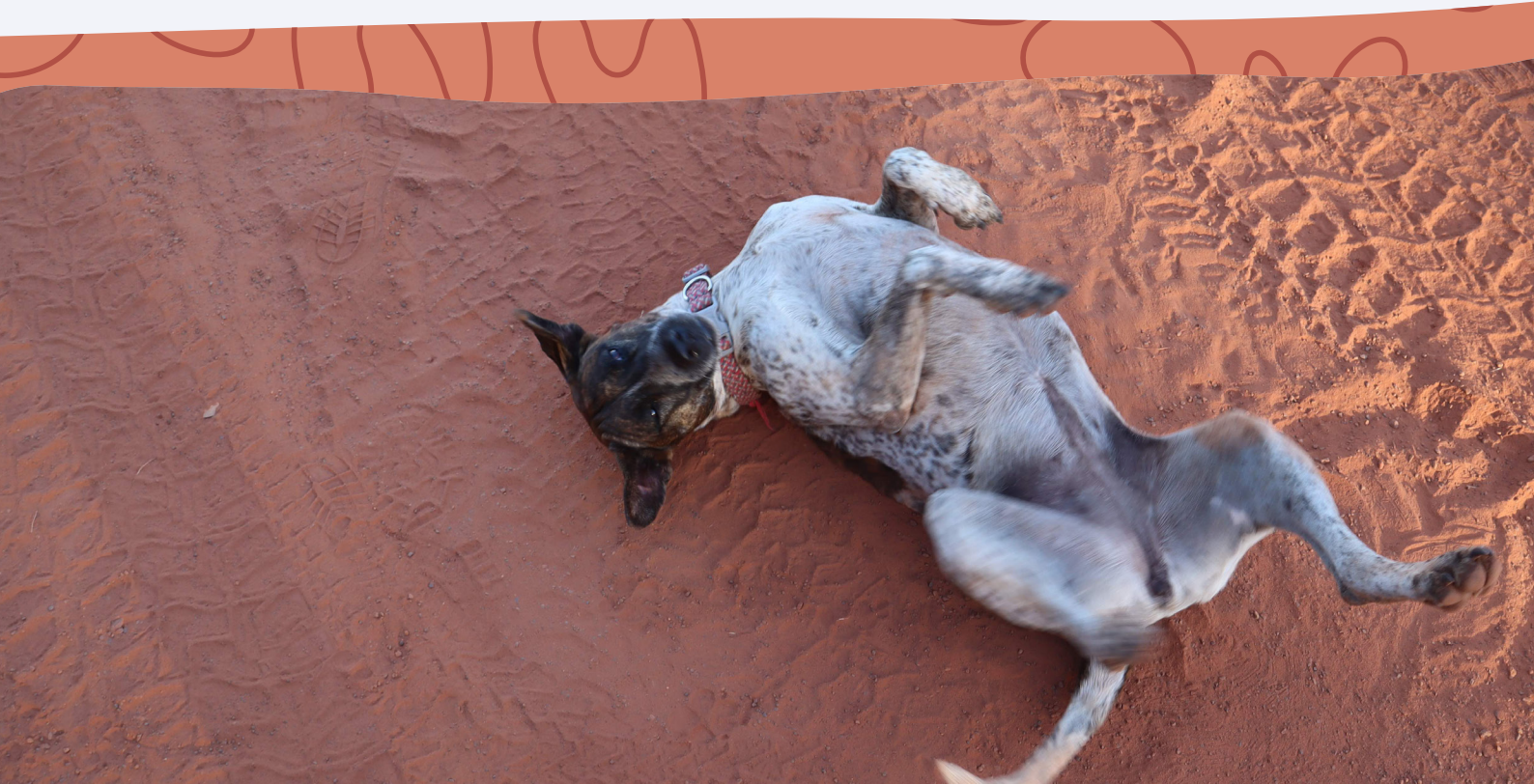
Dogs and other companion animals are very important to the people within our region. Council is committed to providing ongoing animal management programs within our communities to improve health, wellbeing and safety outcomes for both pets and their owners.

Large unmanaged dog and cat populations can cause problems for our communities, including overpopulation, Zoonosis (transfer of disease from animal to human, i.e. scabies and hookworm), noise, litter, dangerous and threatening behaviour, and loss of food and livestock.

Following the success of these programs, Council aims to expand on its existing animal management operations, proposing an increase to the 'Animal Management Charge' for the 2025-26 financial year.

This will allow Council to commit to a minimum number of animal management programs to be delivered throughout the dry season in Wadeye, Palumpa, Peppimenarti and several Homelands. Currently, Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) has been undertaking animal management in these areas on behalf of Council, providing vital veterinary services and animal care education.

Improvements to the West Daly animal management services are supported by the Local Authorities and regional funding, including a new animal management liaison officer casual positions funded under the Remote Area Jobs Project.



FEATURE STORIES

Facilitating sport and recreation activities in the West Daly region

Focus Area 2: Strong, healthy and safe people

Sport and recreation facilities are the heartbeat of our communities. They improve physical and mental health outcomes and create opportunities for social inclusion and community cohesion.

Facilities such as the Wadeye Swimming Pool and Chicken Oval offer opportunities for fun, fitness and sporting education and play a crucial role in the overall health and wellbeing of our youth and wider community.

Council is committed to working with the Northern Territory and Australian governments to build capacity in this space and discussions with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) are underway.

Securing funding for sport and recreation facilities across West Daly communities including ongoing program delivery in Palumpa and Peppimenarti is a priority for Council over the next year.

Currently, Palumpa has an oval with no supporting facilities and the main oval in Wadeye has sustained significant damage to water tanks, lighting, and toilets due to vandalism. The main sports within the region continue to be Australian Rules Football and softball. Council maintains both sporting code ovals in each community and bringing these facilities back to code will be a key focus over the coming months.



FEATURE STORIES

ICT remote connectivity and systems

Focus Area 4: Develop sustainable partnerships

Improving mobile and internet connectivity delivers significant benefits to remote communities including better response times in an emergency, improved healthcare access, online education and training opportunities, improved social connection with friends and family and access to government online services.

Starlink was successfully installed in Wadeye across 2023-24, increasing internet connectivity across the region and establishing important communication links. Over the next year, Council will be working towards installing Starlink in Peppimenarti and Palumpa.

Remote connectivity is also important for the functioning of Council. Currently, the meeting rooms at Palumpa and Peppimenarti are in need of screens and cameras to enable virtual Council meetings. Improving connectivity will be at the forefront of Council's agenda over 2025-26.

Upgrading the Wadeye landfill site

Focus Area 2: Strong, healthy and safe people

The Wadeye landfill site has enhanced waste management in the community. To continue to improve environmental and public health outcomes, essential upgrades are required.

As part of Council's wider waste management strategy, partnerships with the Thamarrurr Development Corporation and Murin Association will continue to increase capacity for collecting unsafe and unsightly scrap across our regions.

Council has agreed to extend the Wadeye Abandoned Vehicle Pilot Program that saw more than 500 cars collected and properly disposed of in the last year and has bought a new tilt tray. In 2025-26, Council aims to dispose of 16 cars a week across the West Daly region.

Waste management programs within remote communities improves health and safety outcomes for people and the land, and Council is committed to continuous improvement in this area.



Financial Statements

for year ending
30 June 2025

Our Financial Plan

2025–2026

Budget overview

West Daly Regional Council has prepared its budget for the 2025-26 financial year in line with the *Local Government Act 2019*. This plan outlines how we aim to manage our funding, services, and community priorities over the next year.

Our goals

In 2025-26, Council will continue to focus on delivering reliable and sustainable services across our region. Our core goal is to maintain essential community services, especially civil services, by meeting minimum service standards and ensuring consistent delivery.

How we'll do it

- > **Investing in people and services:** We're committed to building the capacity of our workforce to meet the needs of our communities.
- > **Managing costs and assets:** We will continue to control operating costs, maintain our vehicles and machinery, and replace equipment that has reached the end of its useful life. Where appropriate, we apply the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to adjust costs in line with inflation.
- > **Growing our own revenue:** Council is expanding local services, like building works, mechanical repairs, accommodation and Post Office services, to reduce reliance on government funding and generate income over time.

> **Living within our means:** The current budget assumes no increase in funding. Council will update the budget throughout the year as funding is confirmed and projects from last year continue.

> **Replacing ageing assets:** Many of our vehicles and equipment were transferred to us in 2014 and now require higher maintenance. Replacing them will depend on receiving grants from the Australian and Northern Territory governments.

No major capital projects planned

While Council will maintain services, no major new infrastructure projects are currently funded over the next 4 years.

Program administration

To help manage the cost of running funded programs and projects, Council applies an administrative fee of 15%. This remains unchanged from last year.

Measuring success

Council will track performance using clear key performance indicators (KPIs), which are outlined in our 2025-26 Regional Plan.

Budget summary

The full budget for 2025-26, including expected income and expenses, is included in the Regional Plan and meets all legal requirements.

Annual Budget 2025-26

Budget 2025/26 – *Income and Expenditure*

Operating Income	Operating Grants and Subsidies	\$8,660,510
	Interest / Investment Income	\$120,000
	Commercial and Other Income	\$1,538,820
	Rates	\$1,983,561
	Annual Charges	\$1,274,629
	User charges and fees	\$269,938
	Income Total	\$13,847,458
Operating Expenditure	Council Committee and LA Allowances	13,000
	Council Committee and LA Expenses	5,000
	Elected Member Allowances	\$277,680
	Elected Member Expenses	\$33,500
	Employment Expenses	\$6,256,223
	Repair and maintenance	\$1,250,000
	Materials and Contracts	\$2,000,000
	Interest Expense	\$240,000
	Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,226,790.00
	Other Operational Expenses	\$3,725,000
	Expenditure Total	\$15,027,193
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT		-\$1,179,735

Budget 2025/26 – *Annual Budget Operating Position*

BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-\$1,179,735
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS	
Less Non-Cash Income	\$0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	1,226,790.00
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	\$1,226,790
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	
Capital Expenditure	-\$762,513
Borrowing Repayments (Principle Only)	
Transfers to Reserves	\$0
Other Outflows	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-\$762,513
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	
Capital Grants Income	\$762,513
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	\$0
Other Inflow of Funds	\$0
Transfers from Reserves	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	\$762,513
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$47,055

Budget 2025/26

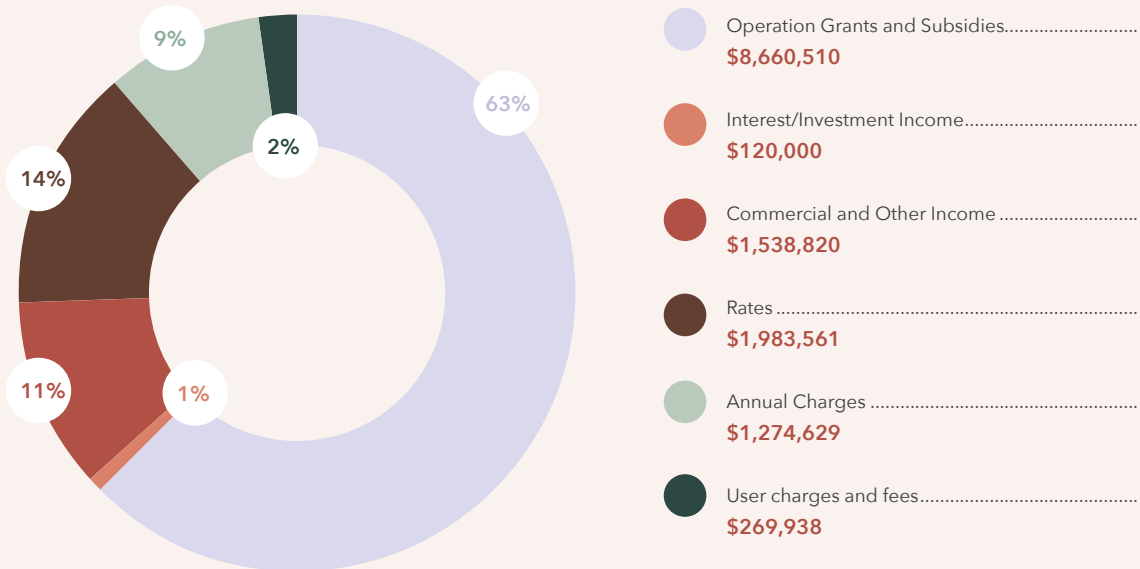
Local Authority Budgets	Darwin/Regional	Nganmarriyanga	Peppimenarti	Wadeye	Total
Operating Income					
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	1,968,249	1,937,349	4,754,913	8,660,510
Interest / Investment Income	120,000	-	-	-	120,000
Commercial and Other Income	-	41,528	10,681	670,547	722,757
Rates	-	150,484	164,869	1,668,207	1,983,561
Annual Charges	-	150,170	167,158	1,136,361	1,453,689
User charges and fees	-	242,352	239,078	425,510	906,941
Income Total	120,000	2,552,783	2,519,136	8,655,539	13,847,458
Operating Expenditure					
Council Committee and LA Allowances	-	3,250	3,250	6,500	13,000
Council Committee and LA Expenses	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Elected Member Allowances	-	23,183	60,183	194,315	277,680
Elected Member Expenses	-	3,269	3,269	26,962	33,500
Employment Expenses	1,711,587	498,701	860,099	3,185,837	6,256,223
Repair and maintenance	6,074	138,178	170,406	935,343	1,250,000
Materials and Contracts	-	166,600	166,600	1,666,800	2,000,000
Interest Expense	240,000	-	-	-	240,000
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	493,216	150,187	150,187	433,200	1,226,790
Other Operational Expenses	965,570	309,883	365,309	2,084,239	3,725,000
Expenditure Total	3,421,446	1,293,249	1,779,302	8,533,196	15,027,194
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-3,301,446	1,259,534	739,834	122,343	-1,179,735

Budget 2025/26

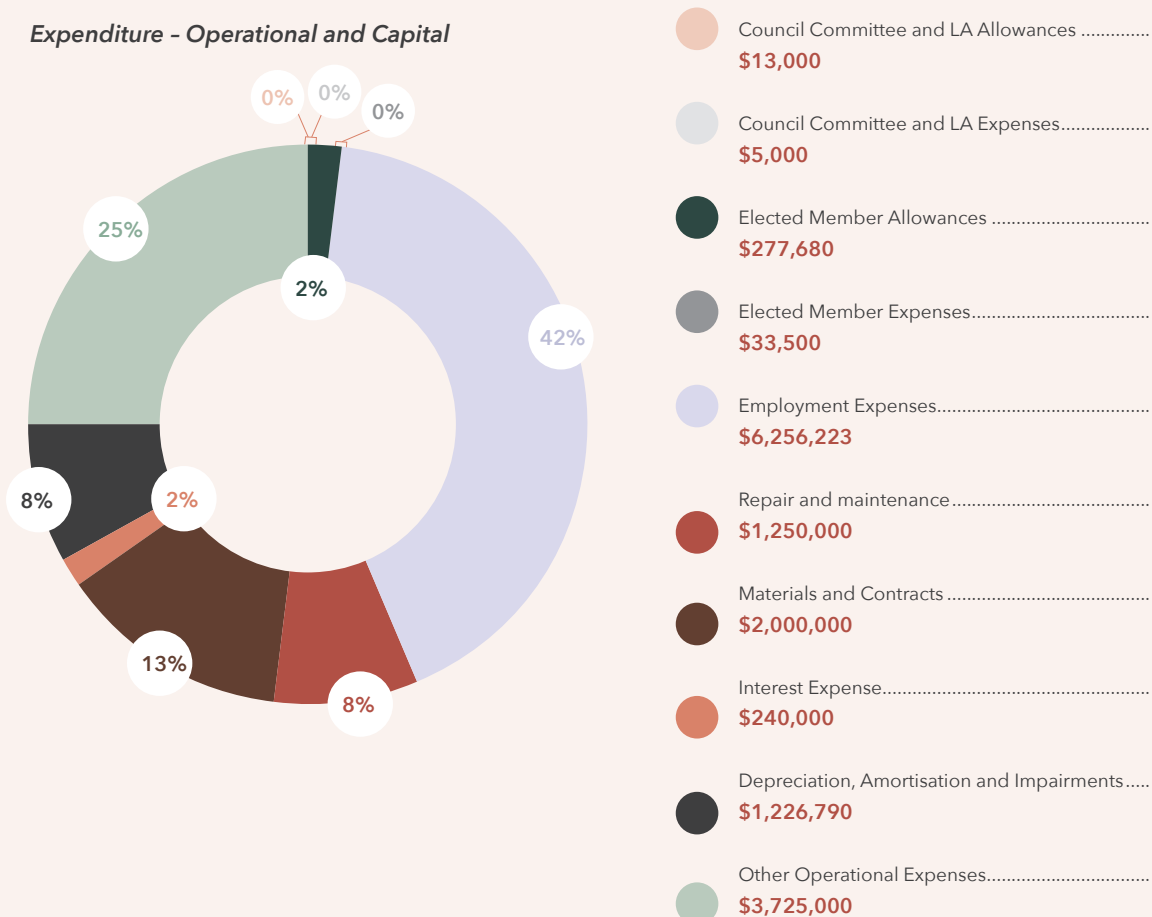
Local Authority Budgets	Darwin/Regional	Nganmarriyanga	Peppimenarti	Wadeye	Total
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS					
Less Non-Cash Income	-	-	-	-	-
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	493,216	150,187	150,187	433,200	1,226,790
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	493,216	150,187	150,187	433,200	1,226,790
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS					
Capital Expenditure	-76,251.30	-152,503.00	-152,503.00	-381,257.00	-762,514.30
Borrowing Repayments (Principle Only)	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-76,251	-152,503	-152,503	-381,257	-762,514
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS					
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants Income	76,251.30	152,503.00	152,503.00	381,257.00	762,514.30
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	76,251	152,503	152,503	381,257	762,514
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-\$2,808,231	\$1,409,721	\$890,021	\$555,543	\$47,055

2025/26 Budget

Income - Operational and Capital



Expenditure - Operational and Capital



Proposed allowances for 2025/26

Allowances	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
Base Councillors Allowance	21,320	21,320	21,320
Principal Members Allowance	85,280	16,000	-
Total Allowance	106,600	37,320	21,320

Other Allowances

Professional Development	5,000	5,000	5,000
Extra Meeting Allowance **	-	10,000	10,000
Vehicle Allowance if no vehicle is provided	40,000	-	-
Capped Allowances Total	45,000	15,000	15,000

** Extra meeting allowance is to be paid to eligible members (not including Principle Member) for attendance at extra meetings or activities is the accumulated hours on any one day and are:

- Up to 2 hours \$200
- Between 2 and 4 hours \$300
- More than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable any one day)

A capped vehicle allowance at \$10,000 will be available in certain circumstances, including:

Travel to and from statutory & official Council meetings, approved functions representing the Principle member, Local Authority Meetings within the Councillors own ward, and meetings where an extra meeting has been approved.

Further information is available in the Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal, Determination of allowances for members of Local Councils, Determination No.1 of 2025.

Allowances - Local Authority	Chair	Member
If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300	\$200
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450	\$300
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600	\$400

Schedule of fees and charges

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2025-26
ADMINISTRATION		
Rate & Property Services		
Change of Ownership Advices - Rates	Advice	\$55.00
Rates Search	Property	\$55.00
Copies of Rates Notices	Notice	\$44.00
Late Payment Fees		
Late fees on Invoice Payment (>30 days)	Month	\$50.00
Documentation Assistance		
Completing forms, application, etc.	Hour	\$66.00
Printing A4	Page double side B&W	\$2.20
	Page B&W	\$1.30
	Page double side colour	\$3.70
	Page colour	\$2.20
Photocopying A4	Page double side B&W	\$2.20
	Page B&W	\$1.30
	Page double side colour	\$3.70
	Page colour	\$2.20
Printing & Photocopying A3	Page B&W	\$3.00
	Page colour	\$6.00
Scanning	Page double side	\$2.20
	Page	\$1.30
Laminating		
A4	Page	\$5.50
A3	Page	\$11.00
Internet Access Library - Wadeye Only		
Computer hire	Hour	Free
ACCOMMODATION - Visitor's Quarters (VOQ)*		
Nganmarriyanga		
VOQ	Night	\$272.00
Peppimenarti		
VOQ - 2 Bedroom	Night	\$397.00
VOQ - 1 Bedroom	Night	\$272.00
Wadeye		
VOQ Unit	Night	\$397.00
VOQ single person Accommodation	Night	\$272.00

Long term accommodation bookings (subject to availability) will be discounted as follows;

Booking more than 2 weeks less than 4 weeks - 15%

Booking more than 4 weeks less than 6 weeks - 20%

Booking more than 6 weeks - 25%

*VOQ rate is per person, per night

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2025-26
CONFERENCE ROOM HIRE		
Winnellie	Full Day	\$910.00
	Half Day	\$455.00
Wadeye	Full Day	\$510.00
	Half Day	\$285.00
Nganmarriyanga	Full Day	\$510.00
	Half Day	\$285.00
Peppimenarti	Full Day	\$227.00
	Half Day	\$142.00
PLANNING		
Temporary Road Closure		
	Occasion	\$340.00
ECONOMIC SERVICES		
Lawn Mowing (minimum charges)		
Domestic		
Lawn	Hour	\$125.00
Whipper Snipper	Hour	\$125.00
Commercial		
Lawn	Hour	\$193.00
Whipper Snipper	Hour	\$193.00
Equipment Hire		
LED Screen on Trailer	Hour	\$85.00
	Day	\$567.00
BBQ Trailer	Day	\$115.00
Mobilisation/Set-up/Return	Occasion	\$85.00
SPORTS & RECREATION		
SWIMMING POOL		
Out of Hours	Hour	\$110.00
OVAL		
Community	3 hours	Free
Commercial	Occasion max 8 hours	\$150.00
Oval Lights	Hour	\$25.00

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2025-26
WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES		
Municipal Solid Waste (non-commercial)	Unit	Fee (GST Inc)
Clean Fill	m ³	No charge
General Waste	m ³	No Charge
Green Waste	m ³	No Charge
Bins (non-commercial)	Unit	Fee (GST Inc)
Replacement 240 litre Wheelie Bin	Each	\$165.00
Commercial and Industrial	Unit	Fee (GST Inc)
Unsorted Waste will be charged at m ³ rate	m ³	\$408.00
Animal Carcasses	Each	\$55.00
Oil-Cooking	Per ltr	\$2.50
Batteries	Each	\$22.00
Car/vehicle bodies dumping only	Each	\$50.00
Car/vehicle bodies removal and dumping	Each	\$430.00
Concrete/rubble	m ³	\$227.00
General waste	m ³	\$62.50
Green Waste	m ³	\$62.50
Metal uncontaminated	m ³	\$62.50
Mixed Fill (soil, rock, rubbish)	m ³	\$62.50
Solar Hot Water Systems	Each	\$77.00
Timber (untreated)	m ³	\$60.50
Timber (treated) includes pallets	m ³	\$60.50
Tyre - Vehicle	Each	\$25.00
Tyre - Light Truck 16"	Each	\$45.00
Tyre - Truck Heavy Vehicle	Each	\$90.00
Tyre - Tractor/Grader/Loader	Each	\$221.00
White Goods	Each	\$50.00

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2025-26
TRADES CHARGE		
Labour (within Community)*		
Unskilled/Semi Skilled Labour	Hour	\$91.00
Skilled Labour	Hour	\$136.00
Supervisor	Hour	\$250.00
Administration Services	Hour	\$115.00
Cleaner	Hour	\$91.00
Trades*		
Mechanic	Hour	\$193.00
Carpenter	Hour	\$182.00
Builder	Hour	\$205.00
Trades Assistant	Hour	\$136.00
Travel	KM	\$3.40
<i>*Minimum charge is 1 hour; 50% rate increase after 4:30PM and 100% rate increase for weekends.</i>		
Others		
Workshop Materials	Per	Cost + 30%
Mobilisation/Demobilisation charges	Occasion	Actual cost + 15% admin fee
Workshop Consumables	Per	\$40.00
Key Cutting	Key	\$25.00
Vehicle Inspection - not exceeding 4.5 tonnes	Per	\$70.00
Trailer - not exceeding 4.5 tonnes (Aggregate trailer mass)	Per	\$70.00
Vehicles - Over 4.5 tonnes	Per	\$160.00
AIRPORT CHARGES (subject to Avdata charge rates. Refer www.avdata.com.au)		
<9,000kg	Landing per tonne	\$25.19/t
≥9,000kg	Landing per tonne	\$34.65/t
Heli <2,500 kg	Landing per tonne	\$25.19/t
Heli ≥2,500 kg	Landing per tonne	\$34.65/t
Minimum	Landing per tonne	\$25.19/t
Airport Transfer	Trip	\$110.00

Schedule of fees and charges	Fees/charges 2025-26	
	PLANT HIRE*	
	Rate per Hour	Rate per Day # (7 hours)
Grader	\$350.00	\$2,500.00
Loader	\$350.00	\$2,500.00
Volvo Flat Top Truck (tilt tray)**	\$250.00	\$1,800.00
Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader	\$220.00	\$1,700.00
John Deere Tractor 5093E inc slasher	\$250.00	\$1,700.00
Hino Tip Truck	\$250.00	\$1,600.00
Roller	\$250.00	\$1,600.00
Backhoe	\$300.00	\$1,750.00
Bobcat	\$250.00	\$1,600.00
Excavator 2.5 Tonne	\$250.00	\$1,800.00
Trailer Tandem Wheels	NA	\$150.00
8FT Slasher	\$70.00	NA
6FT Slasher	\$50.00	NA
Forklift	\$220.00	NA
Ride on Mower	\$200.00	NA

* All on a wet hire basis - must include WDRC employee as Driver, with operator and fuel; A mobilisation/set-up/return fee of **\$83** per occasion is charged if plant hire is required outside the Community.

** Volvo Flat top truck (tilt tray) can also be hired per kilometre basis at \$3.50/KM. Minimum charge \$500 for out-of-community collection.

Day rate is from 8 am to 4 pm (7 hours maximum)

Terms, Payments & Recourse

- All fees are inclusive of GST.
- All accounts for the purchase of goods or services, provided by the West Daly Regional Council (WDRC) are to be settled in full within 30 days from date of Invoice.
- Should the Customer default in the payment of any monies due under this Agreement, then all monies due to WDRC shall immediately become due and payable, and will be paid by the Customer within fourteen (14) days of the date of written demand from WDRC.
- In the event an account is not settled, WDRC reserves the right to withhold any further supply of goods and services and shall be entitled to charge interest on all amounts not paid by the due date for payment and the Customer undertakes to pay any interest so charged. Such interest will be calculated on a daily basis from the due date for payment until the date that WDRC receives payment with 10.0% per annum. Late payment processing fees of \$35.00 will be charged on top of interest.
- Any expenses, costs or disbursements whatsoever incurred by WDRC in recovering any outstanding monies, including debt collection agency fees and legal costs, shall be added to the original monies owed and will be paid by the Customer on an indemnity basis and all such costs shall be recoverable as a liquidated debt.
- For Fees & Charges not mention in above list, Council authorised the CEO to determine reasonable Fees & Charges and inform council with any updates to the table.
- These fees & Charges are for short-term (daily / weekly) purpose. For long term and commercial activities, separate fees & charges will be negotiated.
- Debit card and Credit card (MasterCard / Visa) attracts 1.0% Surcharge.
- Staff and councillors are entitled to 35% discount on listed labour rates.



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Declaration of Rates and Charges 2025/2026

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), that the following rates and charges were declared by the West Daly Regional Council ("Council") at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act, in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

For the purpose of this declaration:

"allotment"	has the meaning set out in section 225 of the Act.
"Commercial purposes"	means rateable land used for commercial, industrial, community or other business purposes and irrespective of any intention to profit from such use.
"Council area"	means the area of Council as defined in the Act.
"garbage collection service"	<p>the "garbage collection service" comprises a kerbside collection service of one garbage collection visit per week with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection visit. The total garbage collection service charge for an allotment is as follows:</p> <p>Total Garbage Collection Service Charge = garbage collection service charge x #bins assigned x #assigned minimum garbage collection services.</p> <p>The number of assigned collection services are dependent upon the community.</p>
"Mining tenement"	has the meaning set out in section 7 of the Act.
"Pastoral lease"	has the meaning set out in section 3 of the <i>Pastoral Land Act</i> .
"Rateable land"	as defined at section 218 of the Act.
"Residential dwelling"	means a dwelling, house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land (whether or not it is exempt from rates) and includes a unit within the meaning of the <i>Unit Titles Act</i> and the <i>Unit Titles Schemes Act</i> ;
"Residential land"	means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling);
"Residential purposes"	means rateable land used or capable of being used for residential purposes.
"the Act"	means the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> (NT) as in force.

Rates

The Council made the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act:

- Pursuant to section 227 of the Act, the Council adopts, as the basis of determining the assessed value of all allotments in the Council area, the unimproved capital value as it appears on the valuation roll prepared by the Valuer-General under the *Valuation of Land Act 1963* (NT).
- However, consistent with section 227(3) of the Act:
 - the unimproved value of a mining tenement is its assessed value; and
 - the unimproved value is taken to be 20 times the annual rental payable under the tenement.

3. The Council, pursuant to section 237 of the Act, declared that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$1,983,561 which will be raised in accordance with section 226 of the Act. The basis of rates are the valuation-based amounts calculated as a proportion of the assessed value of each allotment with which are subject to minimum amounts and/or fixed amounts.
4. The Council declared the following differential rates with minimum amounts being payable in application of each of those differential rates:
 - (a) With respect to every allotment classed as Residential land in the council assessment record, a differential rate of 6.11285% of the assessed value of such land will apply with a minimum amount being payable in the application of this rate being \$2,070.29 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act); or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
 - (b) With respect to every allotment classed as Commercial land in the council assessment record, (excluding Pastoral leases and mining tenements), a differential rate of 19.17006% of the assessed value of such land will apply with a minimum amount being payable in the application of this rate being \$2,300.69 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act); or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
 - (c) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is classed as Vacant land, a differential rate of 6.11285% of the assessed value with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,070.29 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (d) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is classed as Other land [not listed elsewhere in this declaration] a differential rate of 6.11285% of the assessed value with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,070.29 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (e) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Residential purposes, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,070.29 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (f) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Commercial purposes (excluding Pastoral leases and mining tenements), where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,300.69 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (g) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is Vacant Land, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,070.29 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (h) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is Other Land [not listed elsewhere in this declaration], where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,070.29 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (i) With respect to every allotment of land within the Council area, which is subject to Mining Tenements, the rate will be the assessed value (being 20 times the annual rental payable under the tenement) multiplied by 0.008960, with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$2,297.21 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).

- (j) Note:
- (i) contiguous tenements or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person are to be rated as if they were a single tenement;
 - (ii) if the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of the land underlying the mining tenement and is liable for the rates for the underlying land tenure, the only rates payable are either the rates for the mining tenement or the rates for the underlying land tenure, whichever is greater.
- (k) With respect to every allotment of land within the Council area over which there is a Pastoral Lease, the rate will be the assessed value multiplied by 0.000789, with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$970.61 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).

Charges

Garbage Collection charges

5. Pursuant to Section 239 of Act, the Council declared the following charges for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of garbage collection services and the waste disposal services it provides for the benefit of eligible ratepayers within the Council area (except such land as Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined it is impractical to provide such services) and the occupiers of such land. The Council intends to raise \$1,190,377 by way of these charges.
6. The following charges were declared by the Council:
- (a) Residential Garbage Collection Charge:
 - (i) a charge of \$1,576.83 per annum per allotment of Residential dwelling will apply.
 - (ii) the purpose for which this charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of Residential land in the Council area;
 - (iii) where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 7. (a)(ii), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins. An additional service fee of \$1,576.83 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, and the additional service fee shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 7.(a)(i).
 - (b) Commercial Garbage Collection Charge:
 - (i) a charge of \$2,857.68 per annum per allotment of Commercial purposes land will apply;
 - (ii) the purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of Commercial purposes land in the Council area;
 - (iii) where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a Commercial Purposes land referred to in paragraph 7.(b)(ii), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins, an additional charge of \$2,857.68 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, which charge shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 7. (b)(i).

(c) All Other Garbage Collection Charge:

- (i) a charge of \$1,576.83 per annum per all other allotment will apply;
- (ii) the purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of all other land not applicable to paragraphs 6(a) and 6(b) in the Council area;
- (iii) where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of another allotment referred to in paragraph 7. (a)(ii), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins. An additional service fee of \$1,576.83 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, and the additional service fee shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 7.(a)(i).

Waste Disposal and Management Charge

- 7. Pursuant to section 239 of the Act, the Council declared the following charges in respect of Waste Disposal and Management Charge services it provides for the benefit of all land within the Council area (except such land as Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined it is impractical to provide such services). The Council intends to raise \$14,198 by way of these charges.
- 8. A charge of every allotment for which the Council is not able to, or not willing to provide a garbage collection service. This charge provides access to landfill facilities within the Council boundaries and is as follows:
 - (a) Waste Disposal and Management charge = \$418.50 for residential allotments.
 - (b) Waste Disposal and Management charge = \$1,092.15 for commercial allotments.

Animal Management Charge

- 9. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is used for Residential purposes in the Council assessment record, and for which the rural classification is not applicable, the Council declared a special charge to be imposed on Rateable land generally for the purpose of "Animal Management" and to assist the implementation of Animal Management in the Council area. The Council intends to raise the amount of \$23,000 by way of this special charge. This rate will be levied on all "Residential land" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$50.00 per allotment.

Environmental Charge

- 10. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, the Council declared a special charge to be imposed on Rateable land generally "Environmental Charge" for the purpose of assisting with the implementation of waste facility management in the area. The Council intends to raise the amount of \$47,055 by way of this special charge and is as follows:
 - (a) This rate will be levied on all "Residential purposes" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$92.40 per allotment; and
 - (b) This rate will be levied on all "Commercial purposes" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$115.50 per allotment.

Relevant interest rate


- 11. The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is calculated daily.

Payment dates

12. The Council determined that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 inclusive shall be due and payable by the 30th of September 2025.
13. Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.
 - (a) details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant rates notice in accordance with section 242 of the Act ("the Rates Notice").
 - (b) variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.
14. A concession will be provided to eligible residents who qualify under the NT Concession and Seniors Recognition Scheme.
15. A ratepayer and or charge payer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates, charges and interest (if applicable) plus any expenses, costs or disbursements whatsoever incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates, charges and interest, including but not limited to, debt collection agency fees and legal costs.

Rates Assessment Record Certification

I certify to the Council that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the rates assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the West Daly Region.



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ASSESSMENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE RATING POLICY

West Daly Regional Council's rates and charges are set each year with consideration to a variety of criteria, such as rising service delivery costs, planned capital projects, rising service levels, and other Council initiatives. The

Council also considers statistical measures such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and potential increases in wage costs because of the Council's enterprise agreement.

To minimise the impacts on ratepayers, Council consciously aims to minimise rates increases while generating enough income to meet its goals and maintain appropriate service levels.

The council's revenue from general rates represents 14.2% of total budgeted operating revenue. This is a small portion of the Council's total revenue in comparison to many Councils in larger and urban areas. To sustain the provision of existing levels of service provided by the Council, the rates have been increased by 5% for this 2025-26 financial year. This increase is a result of the necessity to make up for decreased revenue from other sources as well as the above mentioned considerations. The Council's does not hold sufficient reserves to be able to support major capital programs and is reliant upon prudent Grant and Project Funding applications having reference to the Regional Plan to be able to provide major capital and project spending in the coming year.

Ratepayers within the West Daly regional will continue to pay rates which are comparable with other local government jurisdictions. Therefore, the Council's assessment of the social and economic effects of the Council's rating policy is deemed to have no substantial social or economic impact on the Council's ratepayers.

Long Term Financial Plan

Council's budget for 2025-26 has been created to support our long-term financial planning. This plan helps ensure we can keep providing important services to the community in the years ahead. However, some parts of the plan are uncertain, especially when it comes to funding for certain programs and contracts.

Council receives income from commercial services, user fees, and contracts with other organisations. Our biggest source of funding is government grants. This income helps pay for essential Council services like administration, human resources, and looking after roads and buildings. It also helps fund upgrades to community infrastructure.

To stay financially strong in the long term, Council depends on steady funding from the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government. If this funding changes, or if some contracts are not renewed, it could affect the services we provide to our communities.

Main points of the long-term plan:

- Council plans to continue delivering all current essential services.
- Grant-funded services (like some community programs) are only included in the plan if we know the funding will continue. At the time of writing, we don't yet know what funding will be available for the next 4 years, so we have based estimates on previous funding levels and expected price increases.
- We assume there will be no major policy changes from government that would affect how the Council operates.
- We expect prices (CPI) to rise 3% p.a. over the next three years, based on current data.
- We are not planning any new major projects outside of what's already in the Regional Plan, unless extra funding becomes available.
- Maintenance and upgrades to Council infrastructure will continue at current levels, with future costs adjusted for inflation.

This plan is designed to make sure we can keep delivering the services that matter most to our communities, using public money wisely and planning for the future.

Long Term Financial Plan

		2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Operating Income	Operating Grants and Subsidies	\$8,660,510	\$8,920,326	\$9,187,936	\$9,463,574
	Interest / Investment Income	\$120,000	\$123,600	\$127,308	\$131,127
	Commercial and Other Income	\$1,538,820	\$1,584,985	\$1,632,534	\$1,681,510
	Rates	\$1,983,561	\$2,043,068	\$2,104,360	\$2,167,491
	Annual Charges	\$1,274,629	\$1,312,867.87	\$1,352,253.91	\$1,392,821.52
	User charges and fees	\$269,938	\$278,036	\$286,377	\$294,969
	Income Total	\$13,847,458	\$14,262,882	\$14,690,769	\$15,131,492
Operating Expenditure	Council Committee and LA Allowances	\$13,000	\$13,390	\$13,792	\$14,205
	Council Committee and LA Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,305	\$5,464
	Elected Member Allowances	\$277,680	\$286,010	\$294,591	\$303,428
	Elected Member Expenses	\$33,500	\$34,505	\$35,540	\$36,606
	Employment Expenses	\$6,256,223	\$6,443,910	\$6,637,227	\$6,836,344
	Other Operational Expenses	\$3,725,000	\$3,836,750	\$3,951,853	\$4,070,408
	Repair and maintenance	\$1,250,000	\$1,287,500	\$1,326,125	\$1,365,908.75
	Materials and Contracts	\$2,000,000	\$2,060,000	\$2,121,800	\$2,185,454
	Interest Expense	\$240,000	\$247,200	\$254,616	\$262,254
	Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	\$1,226,790	\$1,245,860	\$1,267,937	\$1,291,019
	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$15,027,193	\$15,460,275	\$15,908,785	\$16,371,092
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT		-\$1,179,735	-\$1,197,393	-\$1,218,016	-\$1,239,601
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS					
Less Non-Cash Income					
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses		\$1,226,790	\$1,245,860	\$1,267,937	\$1,291,019
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS		\$1,226,790	\$1,245,860	\$1,267,937	\$1,291,019

Long Term Financial Plan (continued)...

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	-\$762,513	-\$883,116	-\$923,317	-
Borrowing Repayments (Principle Only)	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Reserves	-	-	-	-
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-\$762,513	-\$883,116	-\$923,317	\$0
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants Income	\$762,513	\$883,116	\$923,317	-
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	\$762,513	\$883,116	\$923,317	\$0
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$47,055	\$48,467	\$49,921	\$51,418

Capital Expenditure and Funding

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

	2025/26 BUDGET	2026/27 BUDGET	2027/28 BUDGET
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **			
Infrastructure (including roads, footpath, Park Furniture)	643,213.00	763,816.00	804,017.00
Waste and Management Resource	119,300.00	119,300.00	119,300.00
Vehicles	370,000.00	180,000.00	187,200.00
Plant and Equipment	260,000.00	273,000.00	286,650.00
Furniture and fitting	90,000.00	108,000.00	129,600.00
Buildings	262,513.00	322,116.00	319,867.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE*	1,745,026.00	1,766,232.00	1,846,634.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY: **			
AG-Road to Recovery	643,213.00	763,816.00	804,017.00
NTG-CMC-Waste and Management Resource	119,300.00	119,300.00	119,300.00
LRCI (TBC Year 2026/2027/2028)	173,422.10	when program opens	
Operating Fund (not adjusted for LRCI funding in 2026/2027/2028)	\$589,090.90	\$883,116.00	\$923,317.00
DOH Purchase of Disability Bus	220,000		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	1,745,026	1,766,232	1,846,634

Planned Major Capital Works

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project* (A)	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals	2025-26 BUDGET	2026-27 BUDGET	2027-28 BUDGET	Total Planned Budget \$ (H=B+C+D)	Expected Project Completion Date
Road infrastructure	Infrastructure (including roads, footpath, Park Furniture)	\$1,575,488.45	\$643,213.00	\$763,816.00	\$804,017.00	\$2,211,046.00	30th June 2028
Waste Facility	Waste and Management Resource	\$20,459.00	\$119,300.00	\$119,300.00	\$119,300.00	\$357,900.00	Ongoing
Vehicles	Vehicles	\$438,699.40	\$370,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$187,200.00	\$737,200.00	Ongoing
Plant and Equipment	Plant and Equipment	\$95,682.23	\$260,000.00	\$273,000.00	\$286,650.00	\$819,650.00	Ongoing
Furniture and fitting	Furniture and fitting	-	\$90,000.00	\$108,000.00	\$129,600.00	\$327,600.00	Ongoing
Building & site improvement	Building & site improvement	\$66,129.03	\$262,513.00	\$322,116.00	\$319,867.00	\$904,496.00	
TOTAL		\$2,196,458.11	\$1,745,026.00	\$1,766,232.00	\$1,846,634.00	\$5,357,892.00	

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