

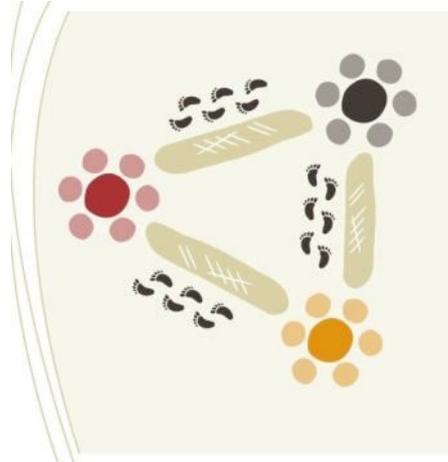


West Daly Regional Council

Regional Plan 2018-19



**The West Daly Regional Council acknowledges
the Traditional Owners of our region, past and present**



The communities within the West Daly region are represented by the colours of their ceremony dance group. Wadeye is black (Thanta), Peppimenarti is red (Wangga) and Nganmariyanga is yellow (Lirrga). 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.

Designed by Annunciata Wilson from Peppimenarti.

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Message from our Council Mayor

Welcome to the 2018-19 Regional Plan for the West Daly Regional Council.

It has been an eventful year for our new Council and I congratulate the three Councillors who have returned as well as our new arrivals. We have a good blend of experience and each of our elected members is very committed to a strong local voice for their local communities and homelands, as well as for the region overall.

Some of the key areas we have focussed on in our role as Councillors, through our decision making and in guiding the Council Executive are consistent with Council's vision: supporting regional development including local jobs for local people; delivering quality services to communities and homelands; and improving the quality of life for residents in our region.

As most residents in the West Daly region already know, I am always open to listen and to talk about the issues that are important in our communities and that affect our daily lives.

Our region has been independently measured by the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 Census results to be the most disadvantaged in the Northern Territory, and the second most disadvantaged in Australia. We must work to turn this around; not only for ourselves and our quality of life but for our children and our grandchildren.

Council can't address all of the underlying issues alone, such as housing, education and employment, and that is why Council is furthering supportive relationships: with our residents; with our Local Authorities; with our local stakeholders; and with the NT and Australian Governments.

Current levels of funding and grants from both tiers of government are important and greatly appreciated by Council and our residents. If we are to seriously tackle the levels of disadvantage in the West Daly region, we need to continue to work together and with open communication.

I encourage all residents in the West Daly region to talk to Councillors, talk to your Local Authority members and talk to Council staff across our region so that we can improve our services and our infrastructure and make a difference to our quality of life. Let's do this together.



Mr John Wilson
Mayor



Message from our Chief Executive Officer

We are pleased to present the West Daly Regional Council Plan for 2018-19. Our plan outlines how Council will deliver services across a range of areas in its communities of Wadeye, Nganmariyanga and Peppimenarti and importantly, our surrounding homelands.

Council aims to provide the highest quality services, within our financial resources, that support the achievement of Council's goals: Developing our Region; Servicing our Residents; Engaging our Communities; and Strengthening our Organisation.

To achieve our goals, we will proactively engage with our stakeholders, develop collaborative partnerships and pursue opportunities for shared servicing and co-funded program delivery. In line with this, examples that Council has been involved in include working with local associations and corporations on roads maintenance, regional waste management collaboration, regional animal management collaboration, and ICT and financial services processing through CouncilBiz.

As we move into our fifth year as a Regional Council, the youngest council across the Territory, I am proud of West Daly's recent progress in not only delivering improvements in our service standards, and being more responsive to our residents, but importantly in applying Council's values in the way that we work: Respect; Integrity; Openness; and Innovation.

A large part of Council's role is to ensure that we pass a budget that allows for important programs and projects to be delivered across its communities. We are committed to making sure that the West Daly Regional Council meets its financial and service delivery obligations in 2018-19.

The year ahead will be full of challenges and opportunities, but we are sure that all Council members and Council staff will work towards meeting all of the goals outlined in this year's Regional Plan with passion and commitment. I look forward to seeing you in our region.



Mr Shaun Hardy
Chief Executive Officer



Our Council

The West Daly Regional Council commenced operation on 1 July 2014 in response to an identified need to present a stronger voice and greater control over the delivery of services in the West Daly region. The Council area covers the communities of Wadeye (Port Keats), Nganmarriyanga (Palumpa) and Peppimenarti and surrounding region and exists to serve and strengthen the community through the policies and programs of Council and governments.

The Council area covers 14,000 square kilometres and has a population of more than 3,000 community members throughout the communities of Wadeye, Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti. Wadeye is the largest remote community in the Territory and the fifth largest town.

There are a total of 33 homelands in the West Daly region of which Council delivers municipal and essential services and housing maintenance services for 14 (Fossil Head, Deleye, Kuy, Merrepen, Mulingi, Nama, Namarluk, Old Mission, Perrederr, Redcliffe, Sabina, Uminyuluk, Wudaduk and Wudapuli).

Council meets monthly to deal with a wide range of Council business matters. These meetings are open to community members as part of Council's commitment to openness and transparency. Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings and speak to Council about concerns they may have about their community, hopes for the future or any issues they wish to bring to Council. Council publishes all meeting agenda papers, minutes including resolutions and other relevant policies and plans on its website www.westdaly.nt.gov.au.

Councillors

The role of Councillor is to represent the interests of all community members within the local ward for which they were elected. They participate in discussion and decision making at Council's monthly Ordinary Council Meetings.

Councillors must act in the best interests of their electorate. They are elected for a fixed term and may stand again for election at the expiry of that term.

The last local government general election was held on 26 August 2017 and the next local government general election will be held in August 2021. By-elections are held whenever Council vacancies arise and calls for candidate nominations are advertised widely.



**Mayor John Wilson – Peppimenarti
Tyemirri Ward**



**Deputy Mayor Terry Sams – Emu Point
Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi Ward**



**Councillor Ralph Narburup – Nganmarriyanga
Nganmarriyanga Ward**



**Councillor Mark Tunmuck-Smith – Wadeye
Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi Ward**



**Councillor Mark Martin – Wadeye
Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi Ward**



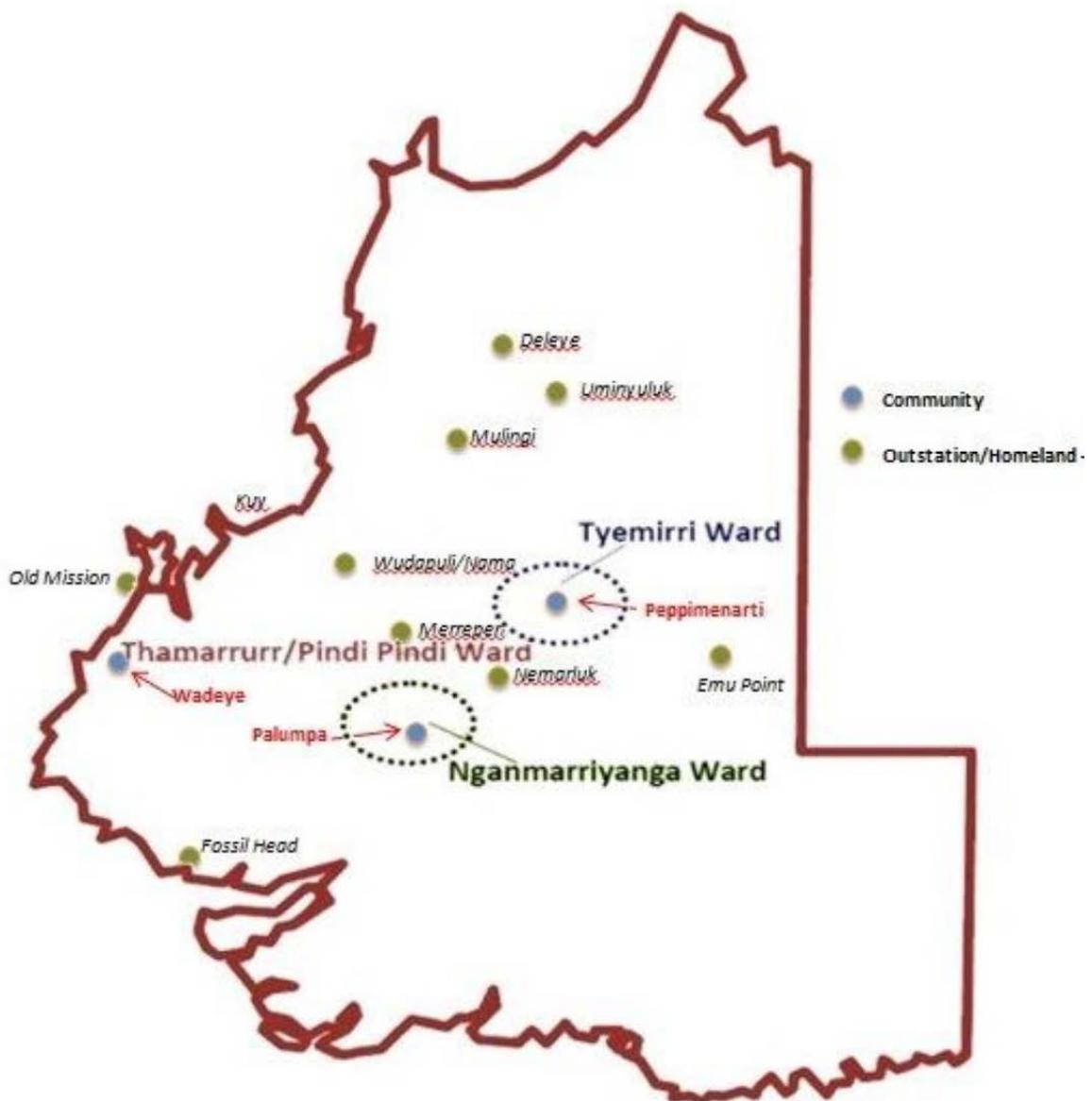
**Councillor Wally Minjin – Wadeye
Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi Ward**

Wards

Council is divided into three wards:

The wards and their principal communities are:

- Thamarrurr / Pindi Pindi (Wadeye)
- Nganmariyanga (Palumpa)
- Tyemirri (Peppimenarti)



Constitutional Arrangements

The Council area is divided into three wards, with six elected members (including the Mayor). The current ward structure was developed to provide direct representation to the three main communities, taking into account the remoteness and the vastness of the Council area.

Ward	Members	Electors	Member / Elector Ratio
Nganmarriyanga	1	197	1:197
Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi	4	1,486	1:372
Tyemirri	1	97	1:97
Total	6	1,780	1:297

Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi Ward covers the majority of Council's area with 1,486 electors (83%). The remaining 294 electors reside in Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti. One of the tasks of Council in consultation with communities is to determine how many elected members are required to fulfil the roles and responsibilities of Council and provide fair and equitable representation of the electors. As the newest created Council in the Northern Territory, the West Daly Regional Council will continue to develop and meet its challenge of providing effective representation to its communities.

As per Section 23 of the *Local Government Act*, the West Daly Regional Council is required to assess the adequacy of constitutional arrangements once during each term.

In 2015, Council undertook a review to:

- Assess its current constitutional arrangements;
- Determine whether the current arrangements provide the most effective elector representation for the council area; and
- Publicly consult with community members.

Based on the review, the former Council was satisfied that the existing arrangements regarding ward boundaries and elector representation were adequate.

The next review of Council's constitutional arrangements (electoral representation) will take place during the current term of Council, with preparations to commence in 2018-19.

Local Authorities

Council has established Local Authorities to facilitate community input on issues that affect the communities within the Council area. Local Authorities are maintained at Wadeye, Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti. Local Authorities meet at least 4 times per year and interested residents can nominate for vacancies as they arise. Please visit Council's offices or website for more information.

Local Authorities have the following roles:

- Advise Council on and have input into Service Delivery Plans for communities or local regions;
- Input into Regional Plans and Management Plans;
- Advise Council on specific Council community and social projects that impact on their community or region;
- Alert Council to new and emerging issues affecting communities; and
- Ensure Council considers the needs of the local community or region.

Council is committed to supporting the many issues of importance raised by its Local Authorities and each Local Authority has a budgetary allocation to use at its discretion to fund priority local projects.

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

Governance

The governance structure for Council is based upon:

- Representation from all areas;
- Retention of local cultural identities;
- Opportunities for local community issues and concerns to be raised; and
- Ensuring all community interests are considered and supported.

Governance refers to the framework of policies and procedures of an organisation and the practices by which decisions are made and held to account. This framework is what allows an organisation to provide effective services and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders.

Council's policies and procedures provide a framework to guide our service delivery and to ensure consistency in applying Council's values in the way that we work:

- Respect – we are respectful of our local cultures and in the way we work together
- Integrity – we are honest and accountable for our work and outcomes
- Openness – we are open in our engagement and involve our local communities
- Innovation – we actively seek out new approaches to improve our work

Council's governance framework provides an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Councillors and Council staff. This system of checks-and-balances ensures Council's operational business can be conducted in a way that best serves community members.

As part of its commitment to provide best-practice good governance for the organisation, Council maintains an Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is Council's mechanism for the monitoring and oversight of Council's financial management, risk management and operational activities.

The Audit Committee's role is to identify and suggest appropriate actions to remediate risk practices in the organisation. They are tasked with financial oversight, as well as risk management framework.

Independent Committee members are chosen for their skills and experience in a range of fields, particularly finance and business. Their independence from Council ensures they will act in the best interests of Council due to their impartiality. Nominated Councillors also sit on the committee.

Council's auditor for 2017-18 was Deloitte and Council will seek expressions of interest for its auditor for 2018-19.

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Our Communities

Wadeye – Thamurrurr/ Pindi Pindi Ward

Wadeye (also known as Port Keats) is situated on the far western edge of the Daly River Region approximately 230kms by air and 360kms by road south-west of Darwin. It is one of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities, and is the fifth largest community in the Northern Territory.

During the wet season road access is often cut by flooding. The community relies on aircraft and coastal barges for transport and the provision of supplies.

The population of Wadeye is predominately Indigenous (90% as at 2016 Census). Several different languages are spoken, the predominate languages being Murrinh Patha and English.

From the 2016 Census results, the West Daly region, including Wadeye, is the most disadvantaged local government region in the NT, and second most disadvantaged region in Australia.

There are five main clan/ kinship groups in the community. These are:

- Nangiomeri
- Marimanindji
- Marithiel
- Maringar
- Mulluk Mulluk

The community of Wadeye has a thriving cultural industry based around contemporary art, textiles and food. Palngun Wurnangat Aboriginal Corporation is an independently owned Indigenous women's organisation that assists local female artists to create traditional designs for textiles and manchester. Thamurrurr Development Corporation provides a range of economic development programs including housing and Thamurrurr Youth provides youth, sport and recreation programs.

Wadeye is a well-serviced, modern community with traditional values. Services include an airstrip, medical centre, police station, school, supermarket, café, bakery and other local businesses.

Council relies heavily on the Wadeye Local Authority to give a 'voice' to community members. Council consults regularly with the Local Authority to ensure planned services and programs are considered necessary and appropriate priorities for community members.

Priorities highlighted by the Wadeye Local Authority include:

Sport and recreation infrastructure
 Children's playgrounds
 Parks and gardens
 Community safety infrastructure
 Local roads
 Waste management
 Cemeteries

Nganmarriyanga – Nganmarriyanga Ward

Nganmarriyanga (also known as Palumpa) is an Indigenous community in the Daly River Region. It is located 131kms west of the Daly River crossing along the Port Keats Road and 45kms east of Wadeye.

The main language spoken in the community is Murrinth Kura, with English considered the second language.

Although only 45kms from Wadeye, the community of Nganmarriyanga is cut off from both there and Darwin during the Wet season. Aircraft are the only way of accessing and servicing Nganmarriyanga during this time.

The local Aboriginal association is Mutchirr Association and a pastoral station is operational at the community. The community of Nganmarriyanga is particularly sporting. The small community has a women's softball team and a men's AFL team. The Palumpa Power plays in the local football competition and often travels to Wadeye and Peppimenarti to play games.

Local priorities highlighted by the Nganmarriyanga Local Authority include:

- Community safety
- Community fencing
- Children's playground
- Swimming pool
- Takeaway store
- Waste management
- Local roads

Peppimenarti – Tyemirri Ward

Peppimenarti is situated on Tom Turner Creek 320kms west of Darwin. The smallest of Council's three communities (with a population of 190), it is located 120kms west of the Daly River crossing.

In 2001, a group of local artists formed Durrmu Arts. Durrmu Arts is renowned for its contemporary acrylic painting and fibre weaving work. Peppimenarti art has been shown both nationally and internationally – with Regina Wilson being awarded the General painting Prize at the 2003 Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Peppimenarti is surrounded by pristine flood-plains and is popular with bird-watchers from around Australia. Slim Dusty wrote a popular song called 'The Plains of Peppimenarti' after visiting the area and declaring it one of his favourite places to visit.

The local Aboriginal association is Deewin Kirim and the community of Peppimenarti enjoys the convenience of a modern supermarket and all-weather airstrip.

The Peppimenarti Store Indigenous Corporation runs the local supermarket. The commercial kitchen provides nutritious meals and healthy food options for community members. The store is one of the area's major employers, with meaningful jobs being created for local residents, and is an example of the ability of local community members to plan, run and profit from a community-based business.

Local priorities highlighted by the Peppimenarti Local Authority include:

Community safety

Local roads including culverts

Pedestrian pathway

Homelands and outstations roads

Animal management

Community bus

Homelands

Homelands play a significant role in Aboriginal life, serving to enable clan groups to maintain and develop their connections to country and their spiritual past as well as providing the opportunity to pass on cultural practices and bush knowledge to younger generations.

There are over 30 homelands in the West Daly region, 14 of which Council is funded to deliver housing maintenance services and municipal and essential services:

- Deleye
- Fossil Head
- Kuy
- Merrepen
- Mulingi
- Nama
- Nemaarluk
- Old Mission
- Perrederr
- Redcliffe
- Sabina
- Uminyuluk
- Wudaduk
- Wudapuli

In addition, the large homelands of Emu Point and Woodycupuldiya are located within the Council's local government area but serviced by a separate service provider.

Council receives Municipal and Essential Services (MES) funding to provide maintenance and repair program for homelands. This program provides services such as:

- Airstrip maintenance
- Waste disposal

- Power systems
- Water systems
- Sewage systems

Council's Housing Maintenance Services (HMS) delivers planned and emergency maintenance to all homeland houses.

The Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA) funding is additional funding that is paid per house that can be used for any repairs and maintenance work that is agreed between Council and the occupant of a homelands house.

The occupation of homelands and outstations varies due to a number of factors, especially seasonal weather conditions. Over 2,000 community members occupy houses at some point during the year, with a majority of those in the Wadeye area. Approximately 350 residents occupy homelands in the Nganmarriyanga area and 150 in the Peppimenarti area.

Darwin

Council's Darwin Office provides corporate, human resources, governance, grants, assets, procurement and financial processing services and co-ordinates a range of services to ensure that communities have the staffing, plant and equipment, and infrastructure required to deliver services.

CouncilBIZ provides ICT and financial processing services to Council and is a Local Government subsidiary of all nine Regional Councils and the Local Government Association of the NT. West Daly Regional Council is a member of CouncilBIZ. For more information visit www.councilbiz.nt.gov.au



Our Strategic Plan

Council Vision

The vision of the West Daly Regional Council is to:

- Deliver quality services to communities and homelands;
- Support development opportunities including local jobs for local people; and
- Improve the quality of life for residents in our region.

Council Values

The key values of Council are:

- Respect – we are respectful of our local cultures and in the way we work together
- Integrity – we are honest and accountable for our work and outcomes
- Openness – we are open in our work and involve our local communities
- Innovation – we actively seek out new approaches to improve our work

Council Goals

Council's current and long term goals are:

1. Developing our Region;
2. Servicing our Residents;
3. Engaging our Communities; and
4. Strengthening our Organisation.

Our Opportunities and Challenges

Council's key opportunities and challenges for local government service delivery in the West Daly region for 2018-19 are identified as follows:

<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Strong communities Stakeholder partnerships Local knowledge New Council/ Innovation Staff commitment Land tenure</p>
<p>CHALLENGES</p> <p>Staffing in remote communities Ageing plant and equipment Vandalism of assets Poor state of roads/ Accessibility Short-term agency contracts Financial sustainability</p>

Further to Council's opportunities, Council will proactively engage with external organisations to pursue greater efficiencies in service delivery including collaborative funding initiatives, service delivery partnerships and outsourcing (where cost-effective to do so). In line with Council's goals and objectives, local Aboriginal employment will remain a particular focus.

Areas to be proactively engaged with external organisations around shared servicing in 2018-19 include waste management, animal management, roads maintenance, labour hire, plant and equipment and corporate services-related initiatives.



Our Objectives

1. Goal 1. Developing our Region

- 1.1 Promote local Aboriginal employment
- 1.2 Partner with local stakeholder organisations
- 1.3 Support economic development

2 Goal 2. Servicing our Residents

- 2.1 Improve service delivery standards
- 2.2 Develop community infrastructure
- 2.3 Lead community and cultural events

3 Goal 3. Engaging our Communities

- 3.1 Involve Local Authorities in decision making
- 3.2 Consult with communities and homelands
- 3.3 Engage with local and external stakeholders

4 Goal 4. Strengthening our Organisation

- 4.1 Develop Council's staff, assets and equipment
- 4.2 Support good governance and compliance
- 4.3 Encourage innovation, shared servicing and collaboration

Our Regional Plan

Goal 1: Developing our Region

Objectives	Strategies	Indicators
1.1 Promote local Aboriginal employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a high percentage of local Aboriginal staff • Engage with stakeholder organisations to identify entry level candidates • Support local Aboriginal employment through Council's policies and practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and percentages of local Aboriginal staff • Number of placements through stakeholders • Staff turnover rates
1.2 Partner with local stakeholder organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with local stakeholder organisations to identify regional development opportunities • Sub-contract local stakeholder organisations for service delivery if in Council's best interests • Improve relationships with community and homelands residents through local stakeholder organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and nature of regional development initiatives created and supported • Number and value of outsourced services and outcomes • Community and homelands residents feedback
1.3 Support local economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and deliver services and infrastructure that support economic development • Engage with government and private sector organisations to identify economic development opportunities • Increase awareness of West Daly region as the most disadvantaged in the NT and second most disadvantaged in Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and value of services and infrastructure delivered by category • Number and nature of local economic development initiatives created and supported • Number and nature of awareness initiatives

Goal 2: Servicing our Residents

Objectives	Strategies	Indicators
2.1 Improve service delivery standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and infrastructure delivered are in line with community and homelands residents' priorities • Develop a framework for Council service standard levels • Engage with other Councils around service delivery methods, plant and equipment and innovative approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and value of services and infrastructure delivered by category • Community and homelands residents feedback • Service standards framework completed • Service delivery efficiencies
2.2 Develop community infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with community and homelands residents around infrastructure priorities • Engage with stakeholder organisations to collaborate on co-funding and co-delivery of community infrastructure projects • Investigate energy efficient technologies for infrastructure projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and homelands residents feedback • Number and value of co-funded and co-delivered projects and outcomes • Number and value of energy efficiency initiatives
2.3 Lead community and cultural events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage across communities to identify and coordinate community and cultural events • Council supports providing direct and in-direct assistance for community and cultural events • Local Authorities support providing direct and in-direct assistance for community and cultural events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community and cultural events • Value of assistance for community and cultural events • Funerals information and coordination resources developed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a central information and coordination resources for funerals 	
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Goal 3: Engaging our Communities

Objectives	Strategies	Indicators
3.1 Involve Local Authorities in decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate Local Authorities input into local service delivery decisions • Facilitate Local Authorities local priority projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authorities meetings and outcomes • Number and value of Local Authorities projects
3.2 Consult communities and homelands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop community beautification plans in consultation with residents • Develop local infrastructure plans in consultation with communities and homelands residents • Action a program for regular joint visits by Councillors and staff to communities and homelands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and homelands residents feedback • Beautification plans completed • Infrastructure plans completed • Number of joint visits completed
3.3 Engage local and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate regional stakeholders meetings to discuss collaboration on community development and economic development • Further develop collaborative relationships with government and non-government organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of regional stakeholders meetings and outcomes • Stakeholders feedback

Goal 4: Strengthening our Organisation

Objectives	Strategies	Indicators
4.1 Develop Council's staff, assets and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop staff capacity and capabilities through targeted internal and external training and development programs • Review assets and equipment, update registers and action preventative maintenance schedule • Replace ageing assets and equipment on a rolling basis and standardise fleet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of training and development programs completed • Assets and equipment reviewed • Assets and equipment condition status
4.2 Support good governance and compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence review of Council Constitutional arrangements (electoral representation review) • Maintain effective compliance monitoring and be proactive in seeking advice • Review risk management framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional arrangements review commenced • Internal and external compliance review findings • Risk management framework reviewed
4.3 Encourage innovation, shared servicing and collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a staff incentive program for innovative service delivery proposals • Explore further options for shared servicing and collaboration initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff incentive program developed and implemented • Number and value of shared servicing and collaboration initiatives and outcomes

Our Frameworks

Administrative and Regulatory Framework

All local government Councils are regulated by the requirements of the *Local Government Act*, *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations*, *Local Government (Administration) Regulations*, *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations*, a series of specific Local Government Guidelines and General Instructions. In addition, all local government Councils are regulated by the requirements of the *Cemeteries Act* and *Cemeteries Regulations*. These are all accessible via the Department of Housing and Community Development website at www.dhcd.nt.gov.au.

Every Municipal, Regional or Shire Council must have a plan for its area (Section 22 of the Local Government Act refers). West Daly Regional Council's plan is called a Regional Plan. Council must adopt their plan between 1 April and 31 July each year and undergo a minimum of 21 days public consultation.

West Daly Regional Council is also required to prepare an annual budget in accordance with the requirements of Part 10.5 of the Local Government Act. This legislation is the framework which governs the content and approval process of the budget. Consistent with the Regional Plan, the annual budget must be adopted by Council by 31 July in the relevant financial year.

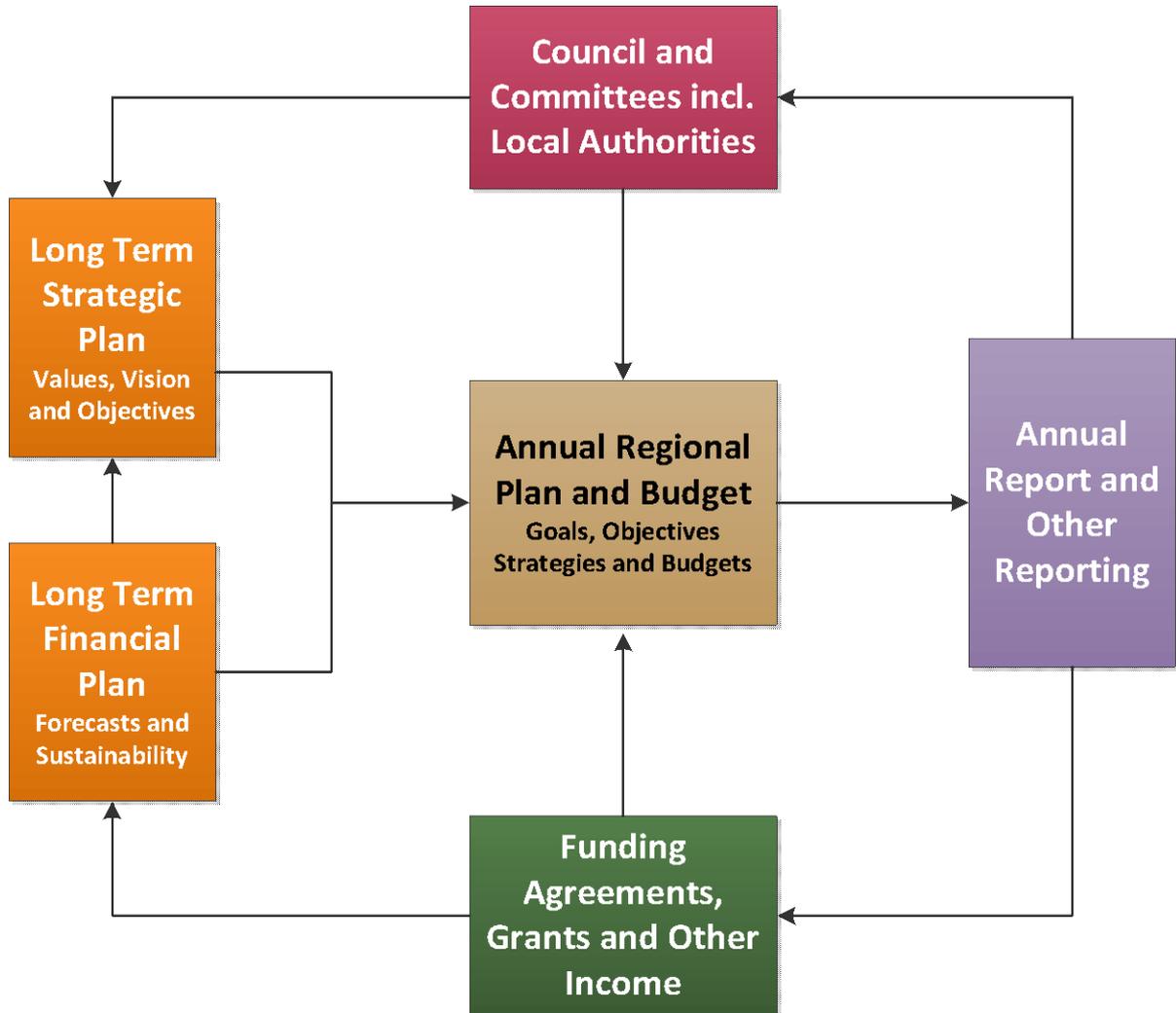
The following Council information can be accessed from Council's website www.westdaly.nt.gov.au:

- Declaration of Election Results
- Code of Conduct
- Register of Interests
- Reviewable Decisions
- Correction of an entry to the Assessment Record
- Rates and Charges
- Regulatory Orders
- Council Policies
- Regional Plans
- Annual Reports

Hardcopies of Regional Plans and Annual Reports are available at Council's Darwin Office. Printed copies are available for purchase.

In assessing possible changes to West Daly Regional Council's administrative and regulatory framework for delivering local government services in Council's area, it is considered that proposed changes to the *Local Government Act* and the *Cemeteries Act* may have some impact, but it is not currently known what changes will be introduced or when. Council will continue to monitor the NT Government's progress with possible future changes and provide input when invited to do so.

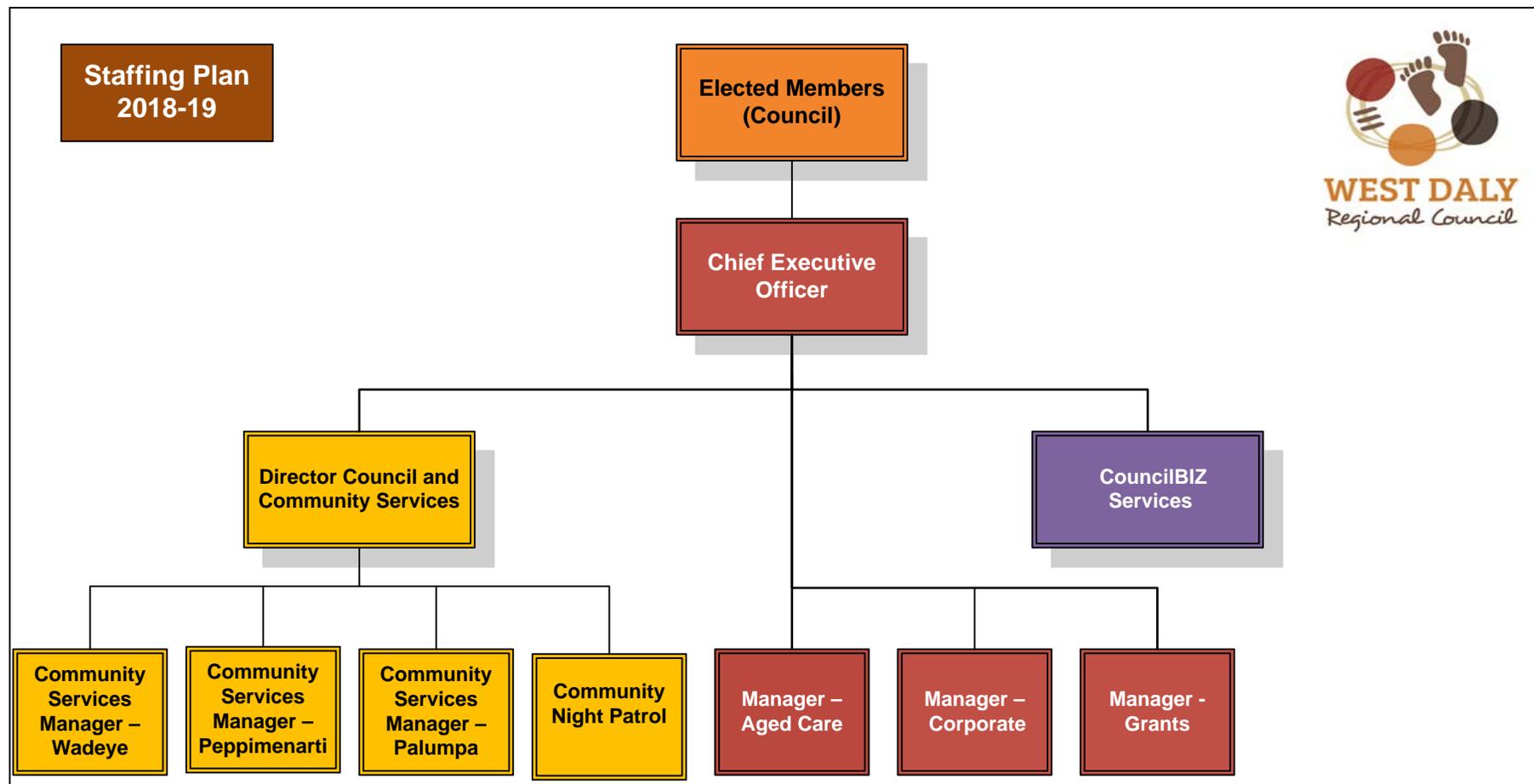
Planning and Reporting Framework



Staffing Framework

Council’s employment conditions are determined by the West Daly Regional Council Enterprise Agreement 2017, which nominally expires 30 June 2021.

Council’s organisational structure for 2018-19, as approved by Council, is as follows:



Financial Framework

Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act, notice is hereby given that the following rates and charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2019 were presented to Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 May 2018.

Declaration of Rates and Charges 2018/2019

Pursuant to Chapter 11 the *Local Government Act* (“**The Act**”), notice is hereby given, that the following rates and charges were declared by the West Daly Regional Council (“**Council**”) at the Special Council Meeting held on 18 May 2018 in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2019.

Rates

Council intends to raise \$885,003 for general purposes by way of rates.

The bases of the rates will be differential valuation-based and differential fixed charges as described below.

In the case of valuation based charges, the assessed value will be the unimproved capital value (UCV) of an allotment as it appears on the valuation roll prepared by the Valuer General under the *Valuation of Land Act*.

The UCV of a mining tenement will be its assessed value, calculated by using the “Schedule of Fees and Rent” provided by the Department of Mines and Energy.

Rates will apply per allotment as identified in the assessment record.

Residential rate

Ratable allotments which are not rated under any other class and are used for residential purposes.

- A differential rate of 0.0310 of the assessed value (UCV), with a minimum charge of \$1,048.04 per allotment, whichever is greater.

Commercial rate

Ratable allotments which are not rated under any other class and are used for commercial purposes.

- A differential rate of 0.1033 of the assessed value (UCV), with a minimum charge of \$1,240.18 per allotment, whichever is greater.

Temporary Accommodation rate

Ratable allotments which are not rated under any other class and are used for temporary accommodation.

- A minimum charge of \$628.82 per transportable dwelling.

Other rate

Ratable allotments not described elsewhere in this declaration.

- A differential rate of 0.0310 of the assessed value (UCV), with a minimum charge of \$1,048.04 per allotment, whichever is greater.

Pastoral Leases

Crown leases of pastoral land under the *Pastoral Land Act*

- Will be 0.000302 of the assessed value (UCV) or a minimum of \$371.99, whichever is greater.

Mining Tenements

Mining tenements as defined in the *Local Government Act*

- 0.003434 of the assessed value or a minimum of \$880.40, whichever is greater.

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Rating Policy Assessment

WDRC determines that there are minimal social and economic effects of its adopted rating policies. Revenue raised from rates collection is an extremely small proportion of the total budget, due to the low number of rateable properties and valuations. Income is predominantly sourced from tied and untied grants and supplemented by the securing of other non-rate based revenue and therefore minimal socio-economic impacts apply.

CHARGES

Council intends to raise \$516,998 by way of charges for garbage collection services and landfill access services. Council declared the following charges in respect of garbage collection services and waste management.

Garbage Collection Services

A charge for which council is willing and able to provide a collection service of one 240 litre bin per allotment collected weekly. The standard service is one bin per week but a ratepayer may request additional bins and additional weekly services, an additional service request will be considered by Council on a case by case basis.

Garbage collection service charge for residential allotments =

- \$834.53 multiplied by the number of 240 litre bins.
- \$417.27 multiplied by each additional weekly kerbside service.

Garbage collection service charge for commercial allotments =

- \$1,512.41 multiplied by the number of 240 litre bins.
- \$756.20 multiplied by each additional weekly kerbside service.

Garbage collection service charge for all other allotments =

- \$834.53 multiplied by the number of 240 litre bins.
- \$417.27 multiplied by each additional weekly kerbside service.

Landfill Access Service

A charge of each allotment for which council is not able or not willing to provide a garbage collection service. This charge provides access to landfill facilities within the Council boundaries.

- Landfill access service charge = \$262.19 for residential allotments.
- Landfill access service charge = \$687.44 for commercial allotments.

Relevant interest rate

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 8.77% (ATO General Interest charge (GIC) rates for 4th quarter of 2017-18) per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment dates

The Council determined that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 inclusive shall be due and payable by the 28th September 2018.

A ratepayer 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 limited to, debt collection agency fees and legal costs.

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

	SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES	each/per	FEES/CHARGES FOR FY 2017/18	FEES/CHARGES FOR FY 2018/19
ADMINISTRATION				
Rate & Property Services				
	Change of Ownership Advices - Rates	Advice	\$45.00	\$50.00
	Copies of Rates Notices	Notice	\$35.00	\$40.00
Late Payment Fees				
	Late fees on Invoice Payment (more than 30 days)	Per	\$35.00	\$50.00
Documentation Assistance				
	Filling up forms, application etc	Hour		\$50.00
Photocopying				
	A4 - single sided	copy	\$1.00	\$1.00
	A4 - double sided	copy	\$1.00	\$1.00
	A3 - single sided	copy	\$1.00	\$1.00
	A3 - double sided	copy	\$2.00	\$2.00
	Copy to disc	Disc	\$6.00	\$6.00
Scanning				
	Domestic charge - within NT (send)	Page	\$1.00	\$1.00
	Domestic charge - Interstate (send)	Page	\$1.00	\$1.00
	International charge (send)	Page	\$2.00	\$2.00
	Receiving Scanned Documents - A4	Email	\$1.00	\$1.00
Laminating				
	A4	Page	\$4.00	\$4.00
	A3	Page	\$7.00	\$7.00
Printing				
	Black and white only	Page	\$1.00	\$1.00
Internet Access Library				
	per 30 minutes	half hour	\$7.00	n/a
	per hour	hour	\$10.00	n/a
ACCOMMODATION - VOQ				
Accommodation (Palumpa)				
	<i>Visitor's quarters - per person/per night</i>			
	Visitor's quarters (2 bedroom)	Night	\$350.00	\$350.00
	Visitor's quarters (1 bedroom)	Night	\$240.00	\$240.00

Accommodation (Peppi)			
<i>Visitor's quarters - per person/per night</i>			
Visitor's quarters (2 bedroom)	Night	\$350.00	\$350.00
Visitor's quarters (1 bedroom)	Night	\$240.00	\$240.00
Accommodation (Wadeye)			
<i>Visitor's quarters - per person/per night</i>			
Visitor's quarters (2 bedroom)	Night	\$350.00	\$350.00
Visitor's quarters (1 bedroom)	Night	\$240.00	\$240.00

Long term accommodation booking will be discounts (subject to availability);

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%

PLANNING			
Temporary Road Closure			
Fee on application	Application	Quote	Quote
ECONOMIC SERVICES			
Lawn Mowing			
Domestic lawn	Hour	\$100.00	\$50.00
Whipper snipper	Hour	\$100.00	\$50.00
Other Refuse			
Replacement of bin (GST included)	Bin	Replacement Cost	\$140
Repairs to bin	Bin	Repair Cost	n/a
Non Residence Waste Disposal Charges			
Commercial and Industrial (C&I) C&I waste is all waste produced by institutions and businesses including offices, schools, retail, restaurants and industries including manufacturing, mining and agriculture. It can include a wide range of wastes including organics, glass, plastics and cardboard.	Cubic meter	\$15.00	\$20.00
Construction and Demolition (C&D) C&D waste refers to waste which is produced by construction, demolition and maintenance activities. The types of waste generated from C&D activities may include; waste asphalt, bricks, concrete, plasterboard, timber, vegetation, asbestos, contaminated soil, metals and excavated materials.	Cubic meter	\$567.00	\$600.0
Listed Wastes (LW) LW includes hazardous and controlled wastes, these are listed on the NTEPA's listed waste register and include items such tyres, batteries asbestos and contaminated soils.		Not Accepted	Not Accepted
Other Charges - Clearing Vehicle & Parts			
Towing abandoned vehicle	Vehicle	Recovery Cost	Recovery Cost + 15% admin

			fees
Car bodies	Car body	\$150.00	\$150.00
Car tyres	Tyre	\$10.00	\$10.00
4WD tyres	Tyre	\$15.00	\$15.00
Truck tyres	Tyre	\$35.00	\$35.00
Earthmoving tyres	Tyre	\$100.00	\$100.00
COMMUNITY HALL HIRE			
Civic Hall			
Hall hire	Day	\$150.00	\$150.00
Functions Hire - General			
Evening functions	Day	Quote	Quote
Council Chambers	Day	Quote	Quote
Multi Resource Centre	Day	\$250.00	\$250.00
Multi Resource Centre (minimum hire)	1/2 Day	\$125.00	\$125.00
Deposit to repair Damage to Footpath, Kerb, Road reserve/Sinking fund			
Single Residential block, having one street boundary	Residential block	\$385.00	\$385.00
Single Residential block, having two street boundaries	Residential block	\$530.00	\$530.00
Duplex Block, having one street boundary	Duplex Block	\$530.00	\$530.00
Duplex Block, having two street boundaries	Duplex block	\$690.00	\$690.00
Multi residential block, up to maximum	Residential block	\$1,200.00	\$1'200.00
Services Trades and commercial, up to maximum	Commercial block	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
PLANT HIRE - all on a wet hire basis - must include WDRC employee as Driver With operator & fuel			
Grader	Hourly Rate		\$225.00
Dingo and attachments	Hourly Rate		\$100.00
Loader	Hour		\$250.00
Bobcat and operator	Hour	\$150.00	\$150.00
2010 Volvo Flat Top Truck (tilt tray)	Per KM	\$3.50	\$3.50
2010 Volvo Flat Top Truck (tilt tray)	Daily Rate	\$600.00	\$1,250.00
Labour			
Unskilled Labour	Hour	\$50.00	\$50.00
Semi Skilled Labour	Hour	\$70.00	\$70.00
Skilled Labour	Hour	\$90.00	\$90.00
Supervisor	Hour	\$120.00	\$120.00
Workshop Materials	Per	Cost + 10%	Cost + 10%
Mobilisation/Demobilisation charges also apply		Actual cost + 15% admin fee	Actual cost + 15% admin fee

Tyre Plug			\$20
Patch repair			\$50
New Tube			\$60
Airport Charges			
<9,000kg	Per landing	\$22.90/t	\$22.90/t
≥9,000kg	Per landing	\$31.50/t	\$31.50/t
Heli<2,500 kg	Per landing	\$22.90/t	\$22.90/t
Heli≥2,500 kg	Per landing	\$31.50/t	\$31.50/t
minimum	Per landing	\$22.90/t	\$22.90/t

Terms, Payments & Recourse

1. All accounts for the purchase of goods or services, provide by the West Daly Regional Council are to be settled in full within 30 days from date of Invoice.
2. Should the Customer default in the payment of any monies due under this Agreement, then all monies due to West Daly Regional Council shall immediately become due and payable, and shall be paid by the Customer within fourteen (14) days of the date of written demand from West Daly Regional Council.
3. In the event an account is not settled, West Daly Regional Council 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 shall be calculated on a daily basis from the due date for payment until the date that West Daly Regional Council receives payment, at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia Business Overdraft Rate at the applicable time, plus 2% per annum.
4. Any expenses, costs or disbursements whatsoever incurred by West Daly Regional Council 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.
5. For Fees & Charges not mention in above list, Council authorised CEO to determine reasonable fees & Charges and inform council with updated Fees and Charges table.