



AGENDA

MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026

Notice is given that the next Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting of Tiwi Islands Regional Council will be held on:

- Tuesday 21 April 2026
- in Milikapiti Council Boardroom
- Commencing at 10:00 am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Heidi Dorn
Acting Chief Executive Officer

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES	3
1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting	3
1.2 Present	3
1.3 Apologies	3
1.4 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff	3
1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes	3
2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	9
3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS	11
4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION	29
4.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Finance Report as of 31 March 2026	29
5 REPORTS FOR DECISION	36
5.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Mar 2026	36
5.2 Tiwi Cultural Festival 2026 – Financial Contribution	42
5.3 Milikapiti Local Authority Nomination for Takaringuwi (Male) Skin Group	43
6 OTHER BUSINESS	45
7 NEXT MEETING	46
8 CLOSURE	46

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

1.2 Present

1.3 Apologies

1.4 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Summary

This report is to table for Council's record, the disclosure of conflicts of interests by Council members and staff members.

Recommendations

That council receives and notes the disclosure of conflict of interest.

Legislative Framework

1. Section 114, s115, s116 and s117 of the *Local Government Act of 2019*.
2. Section 179 of the *Local Government Act of 2019*.
3. Regulation 57 and 58 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

1.5.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 16 February 2026

That the minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 16 February 2026 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.



**MINUTES OF THE MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI
COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES	2
1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting.....	2
1.2 Present	2
1.3 Apologies.....	2
1.4 Leave of Absence	3
1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff	3
1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes	3
2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	3
3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS	4
4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION	4
4.1 Local Authority Financial Report to Milikapiti Local Authority as of 31st Jan 2026	4
5 REPORTS FOR DECISION.....	4
5.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Jan 2026	4
5.2 Re-advertisement of Milikapiti Local Authority Vacancy – Takaringuwi (Male) Skin Group	Error! Bookmark not defined.
5.3 ANZAC Day 2026 – Local Authority Responsibility for Hosting and Funding Community Ceremonies	Error! Bookmark not defined.
6 OTHER BUSINESS	5
7 NEXT MEETING	5
8 CLOSURE.....	5



1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

At 10.30 am quorum was not present. Two members were in attendance.

In accordance with section 100 of the Local Government Act 2019, the members present resolved to postpone the meeting to 11.00 am.

At 11.00 am quorum was present.

As the appointed Chairperson was an apology, Trevor Wilson was appointed to Chair the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.05 am due to technical difficulties and resumed at 11.20 am once resolved.

The Chair welcomed members and guests.

1.2 Present

Chair	Trevor Wilson	In Person
Member	Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri	In Person
Member	Roy Farmer	In Person
Member	Christine Joran	In Person
Member	Edwina Moreen	In Person
Mayor	Lynette De Santis	In Person
Councillor	Pius Tipungwuti	In Person
Staff		
Acting Chief Executive Officer	Heidi Dorn	In Person
Chief Financial Officer	Jayesh Vasandani	Teleconferencing
Community Engagement Manager	Bill Toy	In Person
Projects and Contracts Manager	Salman Samee	Teleconferencing
Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator	Lauren Davidson	Teleconferencing
Guests		
Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	George Amegavi	Teleconferencing

1.3 Apologies

Apologies from members who were absent from the meeting

MLA/45 RESOLUTION

Moved: Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the Milikapiti Local Authority members accept apologies from Thomas Puruntatameri, Loretta Cook and Jed Leach.

CARRIED



1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

1.6.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 15 July 2025

MLA/46 RESOLUTION

Moved: Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 15 July 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

1.6.2 Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 14 October 2025

MLA/47 RESOLUTION

Moved: Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri

Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting held on 14 October 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

MLA/48 RESOLUTION

Moved: Roy Farmer

Seconded: Christine Joran

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Receives and notes the Business Arising – Action Tracker report.**
- 2. Reviews and updates the Action Tracker Items.**

CARRIED



3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Governance Training for Local Authority Members

MLA/49 RESOLUTION

Moved: Christine Joran
Seconded: Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri

That the presentation on Governance Training for Local Authority Members be postponed due to three members being absent, and that Mr Amegavi be invited to attend the next Milikapiti Local Authority meeting scheduled for 21 April 2026.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 Local Authority Financial Report to Milikapiti Local Authority as of 31st Jan 2026

MLA/50 RESOLUTION

Moved: Edwina Moreen
Seconded: Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri

That the Milikapiti Local Authority notes this report for information.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Jan 2026

MLA/51 RESOLUTION

Moved: Christine Joran
Seconded: Edwina Moreen

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary as on 31st January 2026.**
- 2. Notes the funding allocations as on 31st January 2026.**

CARRIED

5.2 Re-advertisement of Milikapiti Local Authority Vacancy – Takaringuwi (Male) Skin Group

MLA/52 RESOLUTION

Moved: Edwina Moreen
Seconded: Roy Farmer

That the Milikapiti Local Authority authorises the Chief Executive Officer to re-advertise the vacancy for the Takaringuwi (Male) skin group representative until Monday, 13 April 2026.

CARRIED



5.3 ANZAC Day 2026 – Local Authority Responsibility for Hosting and Funding Community Ceremonies

MLA/53 RESOLUTION

Moved: Edwina Moreen

Seconded: Lynette De Santis

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Endorses responsibility for hosting, coordinating and funding ANZAC Day 2026 ceremony and associated community activities.**
- 2. Approves the use of up to \$1,000 of Local Authority discretionary funds for this purpose.**
- 3. Notes that TIRC's Communications & Events Officer will write letters of support seeking external contributions and assistance from community organisations.**

CARRIED

6 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

7 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21 April 2026

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12:22 pm.

UNCONFIRMED

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER: 2.1
TITLE: Business Arising from Previous Meeting
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This report is submitted to the Milikapiti Local Authority to review and discuss the progress of outstanding Action Items from previous meetings. The attached Action Tracker provides an update on the status of each item as at 13 April 2026.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Receive and note the report.**
- 2. Review the attached list of outstanding Action Items and approve completed items for closure.**

Attachments

1. MLA – Action Tracker Items as at 13 April 2026

Milikapiti Local Authority – Action Tracker

As at 13 April 2026

Outstanding Resolutions and Actions

Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Action / Decision	Amount	Responsible Area	Status	Due Date	Comments from 16 February 2026 Meeting	Updates for 21 April 2026 Meeting	Closure
15-Jul-25	MLA/28	Contribute to 2025 Tiwi Cultural Festival	\$ 5,000.00	Finance	Completed	21-Apr-26	Finance to confirm payment, once confirmed item can be closed.	Finance to confirm payment and recommend closure	
15-Jul-25	MLA/31	Community Football BBQ Event	\$ 1,500.00	Finance / Community Engagement	Completed	21-Apr-26	MLA advised this did not go ahead. Finance to confirm no expenditure recorded and close the project.	Finance to confirm payment and recommend closure	
15-Jul-25	General Business	Letter of support for community minibus (Football & Funerals)	N/A	CEO Office	In Progress	21-Apr-26	No response from letter, recommendation to resent to greater community.	CEO to send letter to greater community	
14-Oct-25	MLA/41	Locate Caterpillar Model 432E Backhoe	N/A	Infrastructure	In Progress	21-Apr-26	Infrastructure to assess condition and decide if we repair or sell.	Infrastructure to assess and provide update, then recommend closure.	
14-Oct-25	MLA/42	Community Christmas / New Year BBQ	\$ 2,000.00	Finance / Community Engagement	Completed	21-Apr-26	MLA advised this did not go ahead. Finance to confirm no expenditure recorded and close the project.	Finance to confirm payment and recommend closure	
14-Oct-25	MLA/43	Community Christmas Gifts	\$ 2,000.00	Finance / Community Engagement	Completed	21-Apr-26	Finance to confirm expenditure, once confirmed item can be closed.	Finance to confirm payment and recommend closure	
16-Feb-26	MLA/49	Reschedule governance training presentation	N/A	Governance	In Progress	21-Apr-26	Invite presenter to attend 21 April 2026 MLA meeting.	Training to be conducted at April meeting. Recommend closure at July meeting.	
16-Feb-26	MLA/52	Re-advertise MLA vacancy	N/A	CEO Office	Completed	13-Apr-26	Advertisement to remain open until closing date	Advertisement closed on 13 April 2026. Recommend closure.	
16-Feb-26	MLA/53	Support ANZAC Day 2026 (letters and catering)	\$ 1,000.00	Comms & Events	In Progress	25-Apr-26	Comms & Events to send letters seeking external support and organise catering	Comms to provide update on letters issued and catering arrangements. Item to remain open until post-event review at July meeting.	

Status Definitions

Not Started – Action has not yet commenced

In Progress – Action underway

Awaiting External Party – Dependent on third party

Completed – Action completed (pending confirmation) and awaiting formal closure

Closed – Formally closed by resolution of the Local Authority

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Australian Bureau of Statistics – 2026 Census Presentation
AUTHOR:	Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

A request has been received from representatives of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) seeking to attend Tiwi Islands Regional Council Local Authority meetings to provide a presentation regarding the 2026 Census.

The purpose of the presentation is to:

- discuss the upcoming 2026 Census
- explain the Census process
- outline employment opportunities for local residents during the Census period

The presentation will provide information to Council and Local Authority members and allow time for questions from members.

The presenter has indicated that the presentation will take approximately 10–15 minutes, plus time for questions, with a maximum duration of approximately 30 minutes.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

1. **Receives the presentation regarding the 2026 Census; and**
2. **Notes the information provided regarding Census processes and employment opportunities.**

Attachments

Nil

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER:	3.2
TITLE:	Presentation – Dani Eveleigh (DNA People & Culture / Charles Darwin University Research Project)
AUTHOR:	Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

Ms Dani Eveleigh from DNA People & Culture has requested to attend the Pirlangimpi Local Authority meeting to provide information regarding a research project being undertaken in partnership with Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Participation in the study is voluntary and will involve activities such as short surveys, individual discussions (“yarns”) or small group discussions with adult participants only. No children will be involved in the research process.

The presentation will provide an overview of the research and give Local Authority members an opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback regarding community engagement.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

- 1. Receives the presentation from Ms Dani Eveleigh regarding the respectful relationships research project being undertaken with Charles Darwin University; and**
- 2. Provides feedback on community engagement for the research project within the Tiwi Islands.**

Attachments

1. CDU HREC Participant Information Sheet and Consent form [3.2.1 - 6 pages]
2. s179522 Elder Community Member Questionnaire [3.2.2 - 3 pages]
3. ATSIRA Research Agreement DFSV Tiwi Jan26 [3.2.3 - 6 pages]

Participant Information Sheet

(This is yours to keep for reference)

Research Title:	Strengthening Respectful Relationships on Tiwi Country: Exploring the Role of Early Education Programs in Preventing Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.
Principal Investigator:	Professor Ruth Wallace. CDU Research Supervisor, College of Indigenous Futures, Education and the Arts
Researcher(s):	Dani Eveleigh, BA Honours Student.

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. Please read the following information about the project so that you can decide whether you would like to take part in this research. Please feel free to ask any questions you might have about your involvement in the project.

If you decide to participate in this research, please keep in mind that your participation is voluntary. If you do not wish to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to stop at any time, and you would not need to give any explanation for your decision to stop participating. If you choose to stop participating, your data will not be used in the research.

You will be given the Participant Information Sheet to read and Consent Form to sign, and you will be given a copy to keep. Your decision whether you take part, or not to take part, or to take part and then withdraw, will not affect your relationship with Charles Darwin University.

What is this research about?

This research aims to evaluate the impact of two trauma-informed, culturally sensitive educational programs, examples of respectful relationships education programs delivered in remote Aboriginal communities, particularly on the Tiwi Islands. These programs aim to reduce domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) and harmful alcohol use by educating young people about consent, coercion, healthy relationships, and community safety.

The study will explore behavioural change and community perceptions using surveys, interviews, and focus groups, as well as data trends such as police statistics.

For more information about the study contact: Dani Eveleigh on mobile 0400 268 012 or email dani_eveleigh@hotmail.com

Study aim and objectives:

This research aims to explore the strengths, needs, and future directions of early education programs that focus on preventing domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) in remote Aboriginal communities, with a focus on the Tiwi Islands. The study will gather insights from community members, educators, Elders, and facilitators involved in delivering or supporting these programs. By listening to local voices and experiences, the research seeks to understand what is working well, what challenges exist, and how early intervention and respectful relationship education can better support children, families, and the wider community.

The overall goal is to support safe, culturally strong, and sustainable approaches that reflect the values and priorities of the Tiwi people.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

By sharing your thoughts, you'll help us understand how early education can support respectful relationships and make the community safer for young people and families. Your voice may help shape how these programs grow, improve, or receive funding in the future. This work could also support other communities across the NT.

What are the possible risks and disadvantages of taking part?

Some topics we talk about may be sensitive or bring up strong feelings. You can skip any question, stop at any time, or choose not to be involved. Support from local counsellors or staff will be available if needed.

What is the project about?

This study looks at how early education can help prevent domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) in the Tiwi Islands. We'll talk with adults, like Elders, educators, and community members who want to share their thoughts. We'll have yarns (interviews or small group talks) to hear your ideas. No young people will be part of this study.

If you agree, the conversations may be audio recorded, written down, and grouped into themes to help understand the big messages. A summary will be shared with the community, and we'll also share the results (with permission) in academic reports or presentations.

All data will be stored safely and will follow Aboriginal-led research principles. The Tiwi community will have ownership over what is shared.

What will I need to do?

You're invited to take part because of your connection to respectful relationships education in the community. If you choose to be involved, you might:

- Fill out a short survey before or after a program
- Have a one-on-one yarn (15 minutes)
- Join a small group yarn (2–3 people, about 45 minutes)

You don't have to do all of these—only the parts you feel comfortable with. It's completely voluntary and won't be paid, but your time is appreciated. We'll meet at a place and time that works best for you.

What will happen to the information about me?

All information you share will remain completely confidential and anonymous. I will not use your name or anyone else's name in the research findings. All notes, consent forms, and surveys will be stored securely. Stored documents will be physically in a locked cabinet and digitally on a password-protected device. Data will be stored for 5 years as per CDU policy and then securely destroyed.

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forms. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified, except with your expressed permission.

The research may be published in academic journals and other publications and presented at conferences. We will also be asking your permission to use your data in other projects. This allows us or other researchers to use what you have said in interviews and in your digital story at other times rather than having to speak to you again. You do not have to give this permission. If you choose not to, your data would be destroyed after 5 years as is standard practice in other research projects.

What will happen if I decide to withdraw?

Your participation is free and voluntary. You may withdraw your consent and data at any time up until the point of de-identification or the commencement of data analysis. After that point, withdrawal may not be possible due to aggregation and anonymisation of data.

Can I hear about the results of this research?

I will use information collected in the interviews and surveys for my BA Honours thesis that will be published. I will share a summary of the published document with the Tiwi Land Council and community via a small group meeting. A plain-English summary will also be provided to participants upon request.

Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This project is being managed by Professor Ruth Wallace Faculty of Indigenous Futures, Education and Arts at Charles Darwin University. If you would like more information before you decide to participate, please contact Professor Wallace by email ruth.wallace@cdu.edu.au. You may also contact myself, student researcher, Dani Eveleigh on 0400 268 012 or email dani_eveleigh@hotmail.com. You may use these details at any time during the project, if you need information or wish to withdraw.

This project has been approved by the Charles Darwin University Human Research Ethics Committee ID number EC00154. The project ethics approval number is Hxxxxx. If you have any questions or concerns that you do not want to direct to the researcher, you are invited to contact the Charles Darwin University Research Integrity and Ethics team on (08) 8946 6063, on the toll-free number, 1800 466 215 or by email, humanethics@cdu.edu.au.

The Research Integrity and Ethics team can pass on any concerns to the Charles Darwin University Human Research Ethics Committee (CDU-HREC) and appropriate officers within the University.

Support Pathways

We understand that talking about issues like family violence, community wellbeing, or personal experiences may sometimes feel uncomfortable or bring up strong emotions. If you feel upset or would like to talk to someone during or after the project, we want you to know that support is available. You do not have to share anything you are not comfortable with. If at any point you feel distressed or wish to stop participating, you can take a break or withdraw without any penalty.

Support Services Include:

- **Tiwi Health Service Counsellors**
- **Strong Women’s Program / Community Elders**
- **Northern Territory Mental Health Access Line** – 1800 682 288
- **1800RESPECT (24/7 National Counselling Service)** – 1800 737 732
- **Lifeline** – 13 11 14
- **Kids Helpline** (for under 25s) – 1800 55 1800

Thank you for considering taking part in this research
Professor Ruth Wallace and Ms Dani Eveleigh

Consent Form

Project Title - Evaluating Early Education on Respectful Relationships and DFSV Prevention in the Tiwi Islands. A case study on 'respectful relationships education' and 'respectful relationships education' youth programs
 Researcher - Dani Eveleigh

	Yes ✓	No ✗
I have read (or had read to me) the Plain English Information Sheet which explains what this research project is about, and I understand it.		
I have had a chance to ask questions about the project, and I am comfortable with the answers that I have been given. I know that I can ask more questions whenever I like.		
I have volunteered to participate in the research. I know that I do not have to participate in it if I don't want to. I agree to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a brief survey before and after participating in the program • Participate in an individual interview (approx. 15 minutes) • Participate in a focus group with 2-3 of your peers (approx. 45 minutes) 		
I know that I do not have to answer every question if I do not feel comfortable, or for any reason.		
I know that I am free to withdraw at any time. If I do withdraw, there will be no bad consequences for me.		
If I withdraw, I understand that none of the information I have given can be used in the research.		
I understand that the information I share during the interview is anonymous and will be kept confidential and secure.		
I know that I won't get paid for participating in the research project.		

I have read this Consent Form and been provided a copy of the Participant Information Sheet, and I agree with it

Signed by the research participant: _____

Name of the research participant: _____

Date _____

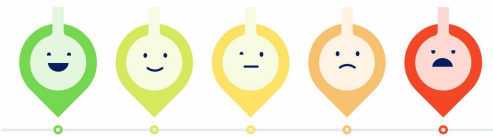
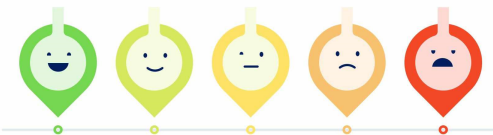

RECORDING ORAL CONSENT where applicable

I have had the Plain English Information Sheet read to me, which explains what this research project is about, and I understand it.



Yes, I confidently understand what was read to me and am happy	Yes, I mostly understand what was read to me and am happy	I think I understand what was read to me	I understand what was read to me but need more information	I did not understand what was read to me and need it explained more
--	---	--	--	---

<p>I have had the Plain English Information Sheet read to me by the researcher, Dani Eveleigh which explains what this research project is about, and I understand it.</p>	
<p>I have had a chance to ask questions about the project, and I am comfortable with the answers that I have been given. I know that I can ask more questions whenever I like.</p>	
<p>I have volunteered to participate in the research. I know that I do not have to participate in it if I don't want to. I agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a brief survey before and after participating in the program Participate in an individual interview (approx. 15 minutes) Participate in a focus group with 2-3 of your peers (approx. 45 minutes) 	

<p>I know that I do not have to answer every question if I do not feel comfortable, or for any reason.</p>	
<p>I know that I am free to withdraw at any time. If I do withdraw, there will be no bad consequences for me.</p>	
<p>If I withdraw, I understand that none of the information I have given can be used in the research.</p>	
<p>I know that the researchers will keep my information confidential so far as the law allows.</p>	
<p>I know that I won't get paid for participating in the research project.</p>	

Signature of the research participant: _____

Name of the research participant: _____

Oral consent conducted by *[insert researcher name]* _____

Date and time _____

[for researcher]

The participant had an opportunity to ask questions and understood the information read to them. The participant completed the above table as part of the consent process:

Yes No

Elder / Community Member Questionnaire

Guide to Researcher

- Consent must be obtained prior to commencement of the interview.
- Allow time for informal conversation and time to gain trust and respect.
- Use visual aids and/or interpreter where required.
- Sessions may be one-on-one or in small group of 2-3 people.
- Ensure the setting is culturally appropriate to hold the discussion. Female and Male Elders met with separately
- Participants must be reminded of their right to withdraw at any time.
- Use plain language throughout the discussion.
- Acknowledge cultural safety and emphasise confidentiality and no judgment.
- Only handwritten notes to be taken.

Purpose and Introduction

Strengthening Respectful Relationships on Tiwi Country: Learning from Elders and Community Voices.

This research is about listening to Tiwi Elders and community members who want to share their thoughts, experiences, and hopes for young people in the Tiwi Islands. You don't have to have been involved in any previous program to take part. Everyone's voice matters.

We are exploring how early education programs can support children and communities to build strong, respectful relationships and prevent domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV). Your perspective will help make sure that future programs are safe, culturally strong, and designed in ways that reflect Tiwi values and priorities.

You are invited to take part because you have valuable knowledge to share about young people, community safety, and what works best on Tiwi Country.

- This is your choice – you can take part if you want to.
- You don't need to have worked on the programs before – everyone's story matters.
- You can skip questions – it's okay to say "I don't know" or "I'd rather not answer".
- What you share will be private – your name won't be used in reports or shared without permission.
- You can stop at any time – you can choose to leave the project at any point, or take a break.
- You will be kept informed – once the research is finished, you'll receive a short summary of what we found.

If you have questions or feel unsure at any time, please talk to the researcher or call the project supervisor (their contact details are on your information sheet).

You may withdraw your consent and data at any time up until the point of de-identification or the commencement of data analysis. After that point, withdrawal may not be possible due to aggregation and anonymisation of data.

Questions:

1. What does a respectful relationship mean to you?

2. What do you think young people in the Tiwi Islands need to learn or talk about to help stop family violence in the future?

3. Do you think respectful relationships education would help young people understand personal respect and safety?

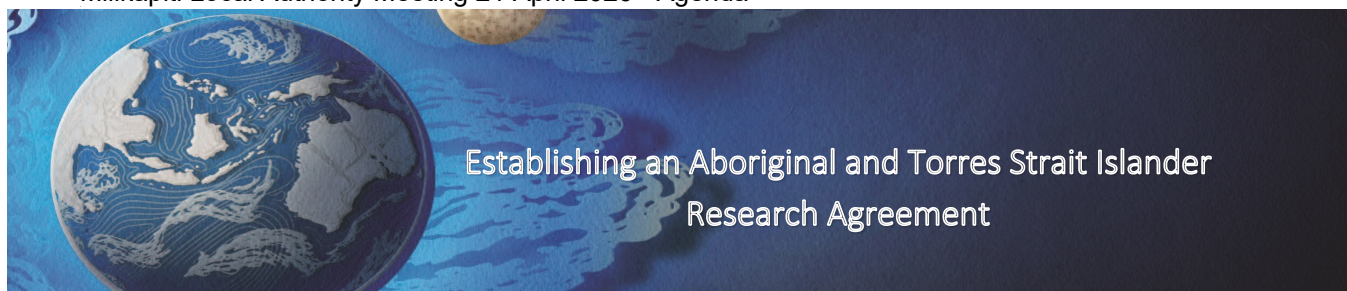
4. What parts of respectful relationships education would you like to see for young people?

5. What is the best way to teach young people about respect and safety in a way that makes sense for Tiwi kids?

6. Are you aware of other programs for young people?

7. Can you tell me things that worked in other programs?

8. Do you think the whole community would support these types of programs for young people?



Establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Agreement

Charles Darwin University is committed to ensuring research undertaken with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities is safe, respectful, responsible, high quality and of benefit to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities.

In keeping with the guidance from the NHMRC on research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities (2018), it is important for researchers to have a negotiated agreement with all relevant Peoples, organisations and communities so that each party fully understands what is expected from them and each other.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities have the right to seek advice and ask for help to negotiate agreements. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities also have the right to expect negotiation of a new agreement if anything substantial changes in the project.

Research agreements are important because they provide protection for organisations and communities involved in the research and for researchers and research institutions. Agreements should be a collaborative process with all parties working together in the development of the agreement.

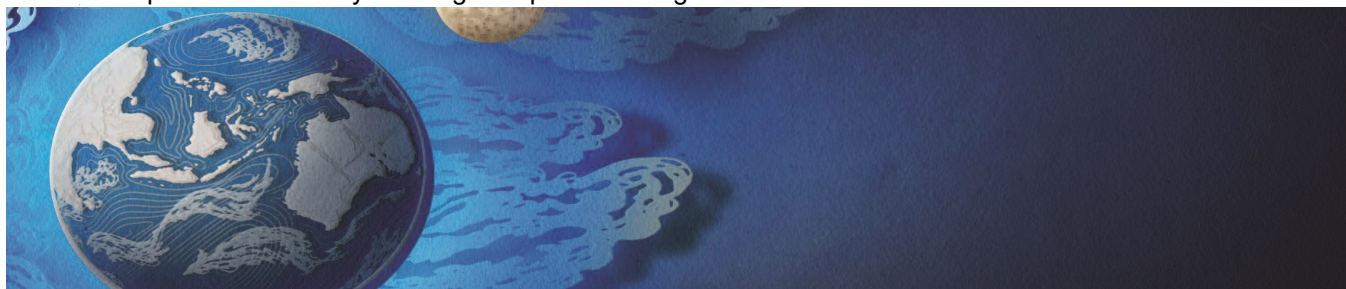
Agreements should include how researchers, organisations and communities will work together respectfully, define roles and responsibilities throughout the research process, identify conflict resolution and complaint processes, outline communication and dissemination strategies and outline the protection of any intellectual property.

Such agreements will vary in format, formality and complexity, depending on the characteristics of each research project. However, the agreement should be comprehensive and cover all aspects of the research, incorporating ethical standards appropriate when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. In some cases (such as research resulting in commercial products) further legal documents will likely be required.

A research agreement might include (but is not limited to):

- aim of the research
- names of researchers and research institution/s
- funding details
- benefit to the participants and broader Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population
- commitment of the researchers and the participating organisations and communities
- copyright and intellectual property management
- clarification of roles and responsibilities of researchers and participating organisations and communities
- informed consent process
- data collection, ownership, analysis and storage
- strengthening capacity strategy
- communication and media strategy
- dissemination process, including to communities and key stakeholders

For further information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research agreements, please refer to the NHMRC publication [Keeping research on track II](#).



Research Agreement Title:

Research Agreement for Respectful Early Education Program on DFSV

Project Title:

Strengthening Respectful Relationships on Tiwi Country: Exploring the Role of Early Education Programs in Preventing Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

Proposed start date:

21 January 2026

Estimated end date:

TBC

Parties to this agreement:

Dani Eveleigh - Student, Charles Darwin University

Professor Ruth Wallace - CDU Research Supervisor, College of Indigenous Futures, Education and the Arts

Tiwi Islands Land Council - Senior Elder or Community Representative

- CDU Faculty: Principle Investigator Professor Ruth Wallace College of Indigenous Futures, Education and the Arts
- Student Researcher: Dani Eveleigh, Honours Student (Bachelor of Arts), CDU
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander/Australian Indigenous Leaders; community representatives;
- Other partners (if relevant) e.g. community-based organisations, researchers from other universities

Purpose:

This agreement formalises a collaborative partnership between Charles Darwin University, and Tiwi Islands Land Council to ethically conduct community-engaged research into the potential benefits of early education programs on preventing domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV). All parties commit to respectful, reciprocal, and culturally safe practices grounded in the AIATSIS Code of Ethics and NHMRC guidelines.

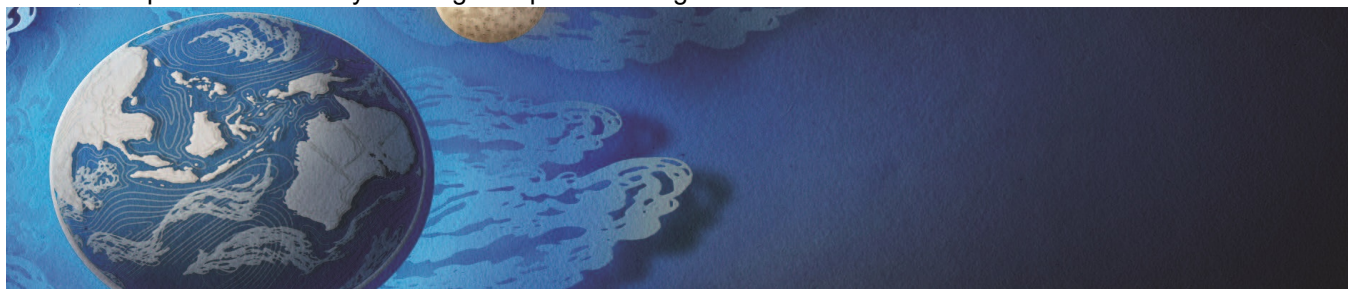
This negotiated agreement supports ethical conduct of research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities. The research agreement certifies that each party fully understands what is expected from them and each other. Research agreements are important because they provide protection for organisations and communities involved in the research and for researchers and research institutions.

The agreement should represent a collaborative process, involving all parties working together to produce a fair plan for the conduct and reporting of research that has merit and integrity and is beneficial, respectful and sensitive to the culture, values and beliefs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities.

The Research Study/Project:

This research does not evaluate any specific education program but instead examines the perceived value and community-led principles of early education as a strategy for preventing DFSV and alcohol harm.

The study is community-led and honours Tiwi ways of knowing, being, and doing. Using qualitative methods, the project will gather insights from adult participants, including Tiwi Elders, community members, and program facilitators with experience in delivering respectful relationships and wellbeing programs in remote communities.



Regular updates, summary findings, and final report shared with Tiwi Islands Land Council and Elders.
Academic publications with community co-authorship where appropriate.

The background justification and purpose of this research project

This research project explores the role and cultural relevance of early education programs that aim to build respectful relationships and prevent domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) in remote Aboriginal communities, with a focus on the Tiwi Islands. Rooted in the community's strong tradition of local leadership and proactive responses to social challenges, the study responds to growing interest from Tiwi educators and community members in embedding culturally safe, age-appropriate, and community-led approaches to violence prevention within school settings.

While the programs "I Respect" and "Girl Speak"—delivered at Tiwi College since 2023—are examples of structured initiatives in this space, the study is not limited to evaluating these programs alone. Instead, it takes a broader view of early education as a protective factor and seeks to understand how programs can reflect Tiwi ways of knowing, being, and doing to promote healthy relationships and community safety from an early age.

The research will explore:

- Local perspectives on the relevance, strengths, and limitations of respectful relationships education as a DFSV prevention strategy;
- The perceived impact of current approaches and programs;
- Opportunities to adapt, co-design, or expand educational initiatives to align with Tiwi priorities and cultural values.

The project will be guided by Tiwi community voices, including adult educators, facilitators, and community leaders, and contributes to the national evidence base for community-based DFSV prevention in remote Aboriginal communities.

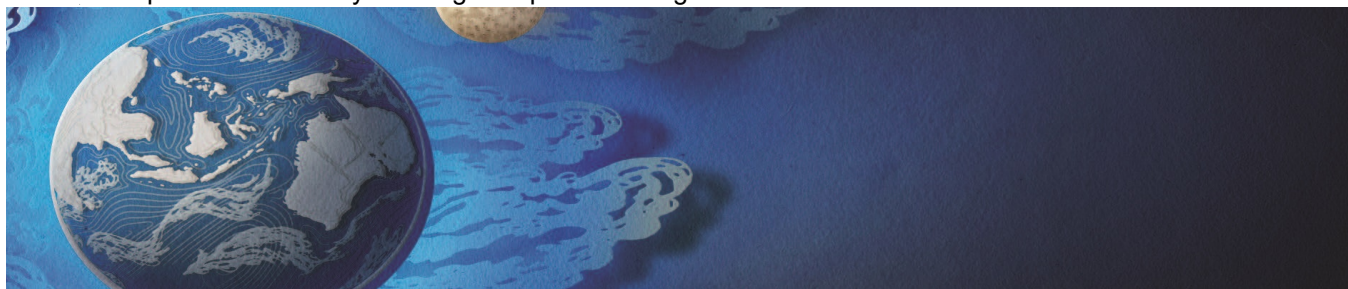
The project aligns with Closing the Gap targets, the National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children, and prioritises First Nations-led, place-based solutions that centre cultural authority and local leadership.

Anticipated Benefits for the Tiwi Community

This research project is designed to deliver practical, community-driven benefits that support the Tiwi Islands' ongoing efforts to create safe, culturally grounded learning environments. By focusing on early education as a strategy for domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) prevention, the project aligns with Tiwi values and community priorities. It contributes to stronger evidence for local decision-making and supports the expansion of Tiwi-led programs that foster respectful relationships from an early age.

Strengthening Community-Based Prevention

Through respectful engagement with Tiwi educators, facilitators, Elders, and community members, the research will document local perspectives on the value of early education in DFSV prevention. It will highlight the cultural strengths already embedded in practice and contribute to a broader evidence base that recognises the expertise of remote Aboriginal communities in addressing complex social issues.



Supporting Local Educators and Enabling Future Investment

Research findings will be used to celebrate and affirm the work of Tiwi educators, while also supporting future planning and funding. These outputs may inform Tiwi College and Tiwi Islands Regional Council submissions for program investment, policy development, or service delivery design ensuring that decisions are informed by locally sourced evidence and community voices.

Community Responsibilities and Engagement

The research will partner with the Tiwi community, who hold an active role in guiding the scope, methodology, and interpretation of findings. Community members are engaged not as participants only, but as co-creators and cultural authorities. Their responsibilities include identifying key knowledge holders, advising on cultural protocols, and reviewing materials prior to publication. This ensures that the research reflects community expectations and values at every stage.

Community Control and Knowledge Ownership

Community control is a core principle of this project. The Tiwi community retains ownership of cultural knowledge shared throughout the study, with all data managed in accordance with community wishes and ethical guidelines. CDU formally recognises Tiwi intellectual property rights and cultural authority. Research outputs will not be published or presented without community review and approval. Data will be stored securely at CDU, with access available to the Tiwi community upon request, and all findings will be shared in a culturally respectful and accessible format.

Commitment to Co-Design, Capacity Building and Culturally Responsive Research

This project upholds a strong commitment to co-design, local capacity-building, and meaningful engagement. Where appropriate, community contributors will be acknowledged. The research team will work to ensure outputs are appropriate, beneficial, and reflective of Tiwi values. Culturally safe qualitative methods such as yarning interviews with adults only will be used, with no children involved in the data collection process.

Informed Consent Process

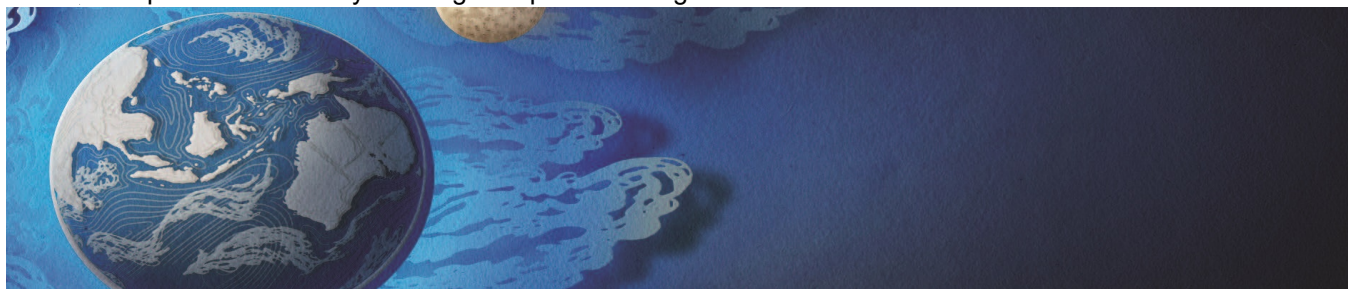
A culturally appropriate informed consent process will be used, including:

- Verbal explanations using plain language and/or local language interpreters as needed.
- Provision of a plain-language information sheet outlining the study purpose, procedures, risks, benefits, and data usage.
- Participants will have time to ask questions and consult with family or Elders before consenting.
- Written consent will be sought where appropriate, but participants may also provide audio-recorded verbal consent if preferred.
- Consent will be ongoing where participants may withdraw at any time.

Protection of Participant Identity and Confidentiality

Participants' identities will be protected by:

- Using pseudonyms or de-identified descriptors in all documentation.
- Providing participants the choice to be named or acknowledged (with consent).
- Ensuring data (audio recordings, transcripts, notes) are stored securely on password-protected devices and encrypted university systems.



- Group data (e.g., themes from yarning circles) will be presented in ways that avoid traceable attribution.

Plan of Analysis

Analysis will follow a thematic approach, using:

- Manual coding of transcripts to identify key themes.
- Collaborative sense-making with cultural advisors and, where appropriate, participant feedback to ensure meaning is not lost.
- Indigenous ways of knowing (e.g., relationality, context, reciprocity) will guide interpretation.
- Draft themes may be shared with community stakeholders for validation and refinement.

Data interpretation will prioritise community meaning-making and lived experience, not just academic framing.

Data Ownership, Confidentiality and Access

All research data including transcripts, audio recordings, field notes, and interpretive materials will be securely stored in accordance with CDU's research data management requirements. Access will be limited to the research team, with Tiwi community access provided on request and in accordance with cultural protocols. Data will not be shared beyond the project without further consent and community approval. In alignment with the AIATSIS Code of Ethics, *Keeping Research on Track II*, and the local partnership agreement with Tiwi Islands Regional Council, all data will be jointly owned by the Tiwi community and the researcher, ensuring ongoing community control and authority over cultural knowledge and use of information.

Methods and timescale for communication of project progress and outcomes to participants, the community, scientific/academic communities

The researcher is committed to regular, transparent communication with both the Tiwi community and academic audiences.

Community updates will occur at key milestones (pre-recruitment, data collection completion, preliminary findings, and final reporting). These will take the form of:

- In-person briefings with Tiwi Land Council
- Summary posters, visual maps, or yarning circle presentations in plain English

Academic outputs will include:

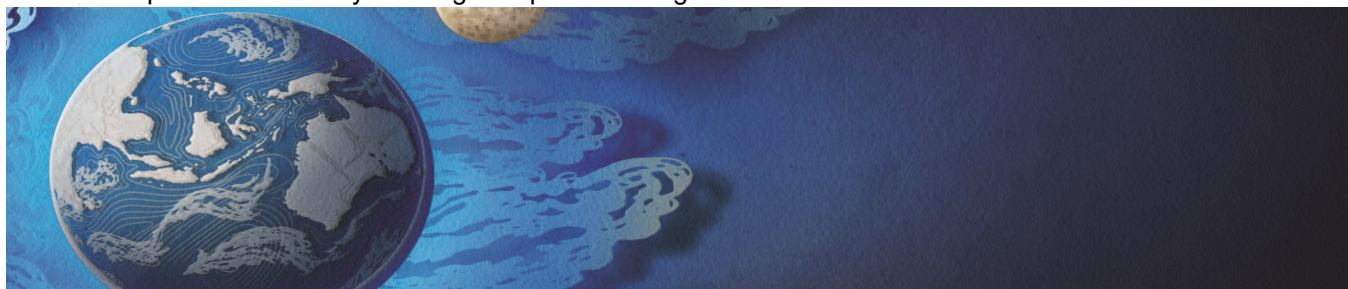
- An Honours thesis submitted to Charles Darwin University
- Possible publication of peer-reviewed articles (co-authored where appropriate)
- Conference presentations that will not disclose identifiable community data without consent

Timeframe:

Data collection and early analysis: January 2026

Final reporting and feedback: TBC

CDU thesis submission: TBC



Conflict resolution and complaint processes

As per CDU ethics protocol; community-nominated mediator involved if required.

The project will follow a two-tiered process for addressing concerns or complaints:

Local Resolution:

Any concerns raised by participants or community members will be addressed directly and respectfully by the researcher (Dani Eveleigh) in consultation with local Elders, school leadership, or Council representatives.

An open-door policy will be maintained throughout the research to enable real-time feedback and adjustment of methods if needed.

Formal Complaints:

Participants will be provided with CDU's formal complaint procedures and contact details for the Charles Darwin University Human Research Ethics Committee (CDU-HREC).

Community organisations will also be provided with the opportunity to submit any formal feedback via a drafted complaint handling flowchart, to be approved prior to fieldwork commencement.

Signatories to the agreement:

1)

Name Dani Eveleigh

Signature

Date 08/01/2026

Position Researcher

2)

Name

Signature

Date

Position – Tiwi Islands Land Council

3)

Name

Signature

Date

Position

Statement of Commitment by the researcher to the Tiwi Islands community:

Signed:

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
T. +61 8 8946 6063 | E. ethics@cdu.edu.au

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER: 3.3
TITLE: Presentation by Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT) - Scam and Cyber Security Tour
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

The purpose of the presentation is to deliver tailored, community-specific information on scams and cybercrime, with a focus on issues impacting remote communities.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority receives and notes the presentation by CEO Veronica Larson, Neighbourhood Watch NT (NHWNT)

Attachments

Nil

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER: 4.1
TITLE: Milikapiti Local Authority Finance Report as of 31 March 2026
AUTHOR: Jayesh Vasandani, Chief Finance Officer

Summary

This information is provided for information to the Milikapiti Local Authority to report on expenditure incurred by Tiwi Islands Regional Council in Milikapiti Region during 1st July 2025 to 31st Mar 2026.

Background

Council's finance section has prepared report (attached) to be presented to both Council each month and to each Local Authority. Comments to provide explanation of variations between actual and budgeted amounts that are greater than \$10,000 will be presented to the sitting Local Authority.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority receives and notes this report for information.

Attachments

1. Finance Report- Milikapiti Local Authority March 2026 [4.1.1 - 6 pages]

Summary Level Expense by Local Authority Area -- Milikapiti Region Mar 2026
as at 31-Mar-2026



Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Comments	Annual Budget
Expense by Account Category INCLUDING Allocations and Capital Expense						
Milikapiti	2,448,924	1,365,753	1,083,171	44%		3,053,737
WIP Assets	694,000	19,370	674,630	97%	Milli Water Park Commitments expected to be completed by June 26	694,000
Employee Expenses	790,062	644,493	145,570	18%	Wages underspent as compared to budget R1 FY 25-26.	1,072,093
Contract and Material Expenses	705,085	444,629	260,456	37%	Out of Total Underspent \$260K - \$155K in Tied Funding & \$105K in Untied Funding.	940,487
Communication Expenses	88,897	52,694	36,203	41%	Out of Total Underspent \$36K - \$15K in Tied Funding & \$21K in Untied Funding.	119,317
Miscellaneous Expenses	167,130	174,309	(7,179)	(4%)	Budget is available for Tied Funding & Untied funding at regional level for the overspent of \$7K.	222,840
Allocation Expense	3,750	30,259	(26,509)	N/A	Budget will be allocated to align with Actual expences in Next budget Review.	5,000
Total INCLUDING Allocations & CapEx	2,448,924	1,365,753	1,083,171	44%		3,053,737

Detailed Expense by Local Authority Area -- Milikapiti Region Mar 2026
as at 31-Mar-2026



Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget
Expense by Account Category INCLUDING Allocations and Capital Expense					
Milikapiti	2,448,924	1,365,753	1,083,171	44%	3,053,737
WIP Assets	694,000	19,370	674,630	97%	694,000
176103 (Tied) - Milikapiti Water Play- Comm. Infra Grant	0	13,359	(13,359)	(100%)	0
176203 (Tied) - MILIKAPIT WATER PARK- NIAA	694,000	6,010	687,990	99%	694,000
Employee Expenses	790,062	644,493	145,570	18%	1,072,093
120603 (Tied) - Youth Diverson Scheme Milikapiti	67,925	45,138	22,787	34%	90,567
120803 (Tied) - Community Safety - Milikapiti	56,229	32,908	23,322	41%	93,649
121703 (Tied) - Remote Indegenous Broadcast Service Milikapiti	24,089	16,857	7,232	30%	32,118
108803 (Untied) - Town Services Milikapiti	159,570	90,881	68,689	43%	212,760
119003 (Untied) - Centrelink Milikapiti	48,073	45,317	2,755	6%	64,097
119303 (Untied) - Civil Works Milikapiti	217,167	217,776	(609)	(0%)	289,555
119603 (Untied) - Airport Inspection Milikapiti	47,993	28,165	19,828	41%	63,990
119703 (Untied) - Mechanical Workshops Milikapiti	47,724	44,631	3,093	6%	63,632
146403 (Untied) - Administration Service Milikapiti	121,294	113,520	7,773	6%	161,725
147103 (Untied) - Regional Council & Elected Member Activities (M)	0	9,301	(9,301)	(100%)	0
Contract and Material Expenses	705,085	444,629	260,456	37%	940,487
120803 (Tied) - Community Safety - Milikapiti	9,750	0	9,750	100%	13,000
121003 (Tied) - Active Remote Communities Sport & Recreation Milikapiti	24,702	16,551	8,151	33%	37,053
121503 (Tied) - Library Milikapiti	6,000	8,877	(2,877)	(48%)	8,000
125003 (Tied) - NIAA - Youth Engagement Project - Milikapiti	45,000	49,653	(4,653)	(10%)	60,000
147803 (Tied) - Local Authority Project Funding - Milikapiti	88,875	3,860	85,015	96%	118,500
164503 (Tied) - Milikapiti Oval Upgrade - Round 2	60,744	6,764	53,980	89%	95,744
168003 (Tied) - Public Library Funding 2023-2028- Milikapiti	2,250	0	2,250	100%	3,000
168803 (Tied) - Sustainable Waste Oil Mgt.-Milikapiti	8,000	0	8,000	100%	8,000
176103 (Tied) - Milikapiti Water Play- Comm. Infra Grant	39,233	0	39,233	100%	39,233
176803 (Tied) - Post Fina - Trees Removal - Milikapiti	0	43,720	(43,720)	(100%)	0
103903 (Untied) - Commercail Facilities - Milikapiti	12,150	6,187	5,963	49%	16,200
104503 (Untied) - ICT Milikapiti	750	0	750	100%	1,000
108803 (Untied) - Town Services Milikapiti	26,625	6,235	20,390	77%	35,500
111503 (Untied) - Street Lighting Milikapiti	12,000	0	12,000	100%	16,000

Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting 21 April 2026 - Agenda

Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget
116003 (Untied) - Fuel - Milikapiti	230,250	185,118	45,132	20%	307,000
119003 (Untied) - Centrelink Milikapiti	2,016	2,240	(224)	(11%)	2,688
119103 (Untied) - Waste Management Milikapiti	2,250	0	2,250	100%	3,000
119303 (Untied) - Civil Works Milikapiti	11,250	7,420	3,830	34%	15,000
119503 (Untied) - Airport Maintenance Milikapiti	0	10,333	(10,333)	(100%)	0
119703 (Untied) - Mechanical Workshops Milikapiti	34,125	10,666	23,459	69%	45,500
119803 (Untied) - Staff Housing - Milikapiti	38,625	30,962	7,663	20%	48,750
120203 (Untied) - Recreation Hall Milikapiti	7,814	14,684	(6,870)	(88%)	10,419
122203 (Untied) - Transit Accommodation - Milikapiti	6,000	4,969	1,031	17%	8,000
129603 (Untied) - Airport Landing Fees Milikapiti	0	440	(440)	(100%)	0
131103 (Untied) - Commercial Building Services Milikapiti	10,875	7,511	3,364	31%	14,500
146403 (Untied) - Administration Service Milikapiti	22,800	24,938	(2,138)	(9%)	30,400
147003 (Untied) - Local Authority Milikapiti	1,500	1,215	285	19%	2,000
147103 (Untied) - Regional Council & Elected Member Activities (M)	750	81	669	89%	1,000
161903 (Untied) - Container Recycling - Milikapiti	0	2,204	(2,204)	(100%)	0
167003 (Untied) - X - Mas Celebration - TIRC Milikapiti	750	0	750	100%	1,000
Communication Expenses	88,897	52,694	36,203	41%	119,317
120803 (Tied) - Community Safety - Milikapiti	0	30	(30)	(100%)	0
147803 (Tied) - Local Authority Project Funding - Milikapiti	6,000	173	5,827	97%	8,000
164503 (Tied) - Milikapiti Oval Upgrade - Round 2	15,638	5,903	9,735	62%	21,638
104503 (Untied) - ICT Milikapiti	75	0	75	100%	100
108803 (Untied) - Town Services Milikapiti	4,500	282	4,218	94%	6,000
116003 (Untied) - Fuel - Milikapiti	50,309	37,368	12,941	26%	67,079
119103 (Untied) - Waste Management Milikapiti	375	0	375	100%	500
119303 (Untied) - Civil Works Milikapiti	3,750	5,573	(1,823)	(49%)	5,000
119503 (Untied) - Airport Maintenance Milikapiti	0	867	(867)	(100%)	0
119703 (Untied) - Mechanical Workshops Milikapiti	3,750	1,381	2,369	63%	5,000
119803 (Untied) - Staff Housing - Milikapiti	750	0	750	100%	1,000
131103 (Untied) - Commercial Building Services Milikapiti	2,250	679	1,571	70%	3,000
146403 (Untied) - Administration Service Milikapiti	1,500	328	1,172	78%	2,000
147003 (Untied) - Local Authority Milikapiti	0	110	(110)	(100%)	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	167,130	174,309	(7,179)	(4%)	222,840
120803 (Tied) - Community Safety - Milikapiti	0	1,687	(1,687)	(100%)	0
147803 (Tied) - Local Authority Project Funding - Milikapiti	0	958	(958)	(100%)	0
176303 (Tied) - SPG IPG - Milikapiti Burial Grounds	0	252	(252)	(100%)	0
176803 (Tied) - Post Fina - Trees Removal - Milikapiti	0	1,758	(1,758)	(100%)	0
104503 (Untied) - ICT Milikapiti	375	0	375	100%	500
105503 (Untied) - Fleet Administration - Milikapiti	0	786	(786)	(100%)	0
108803 (Untied) - Town Services Milikapiti	1,125	973	152	14%	1,500

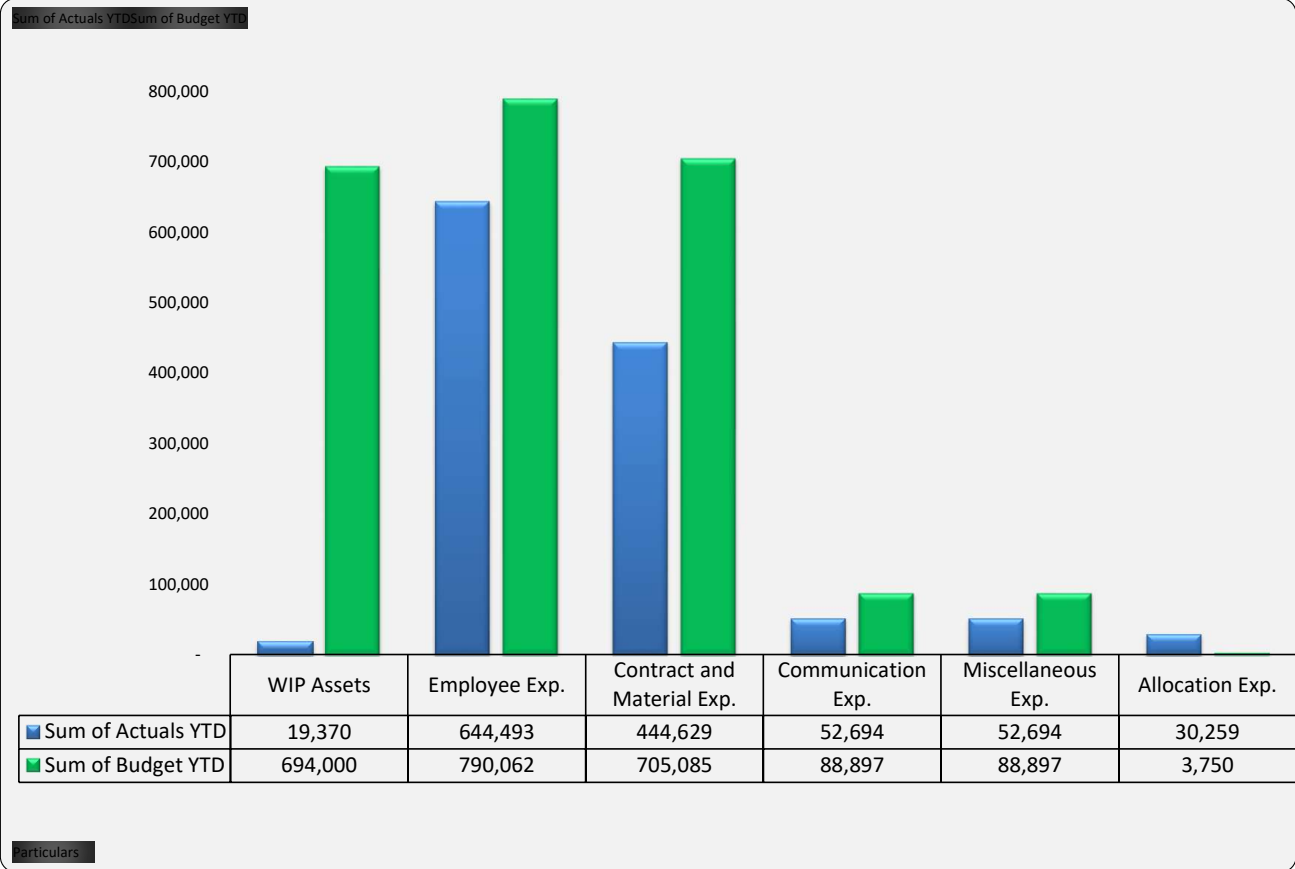
Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting 21 April 2026 - Agenda

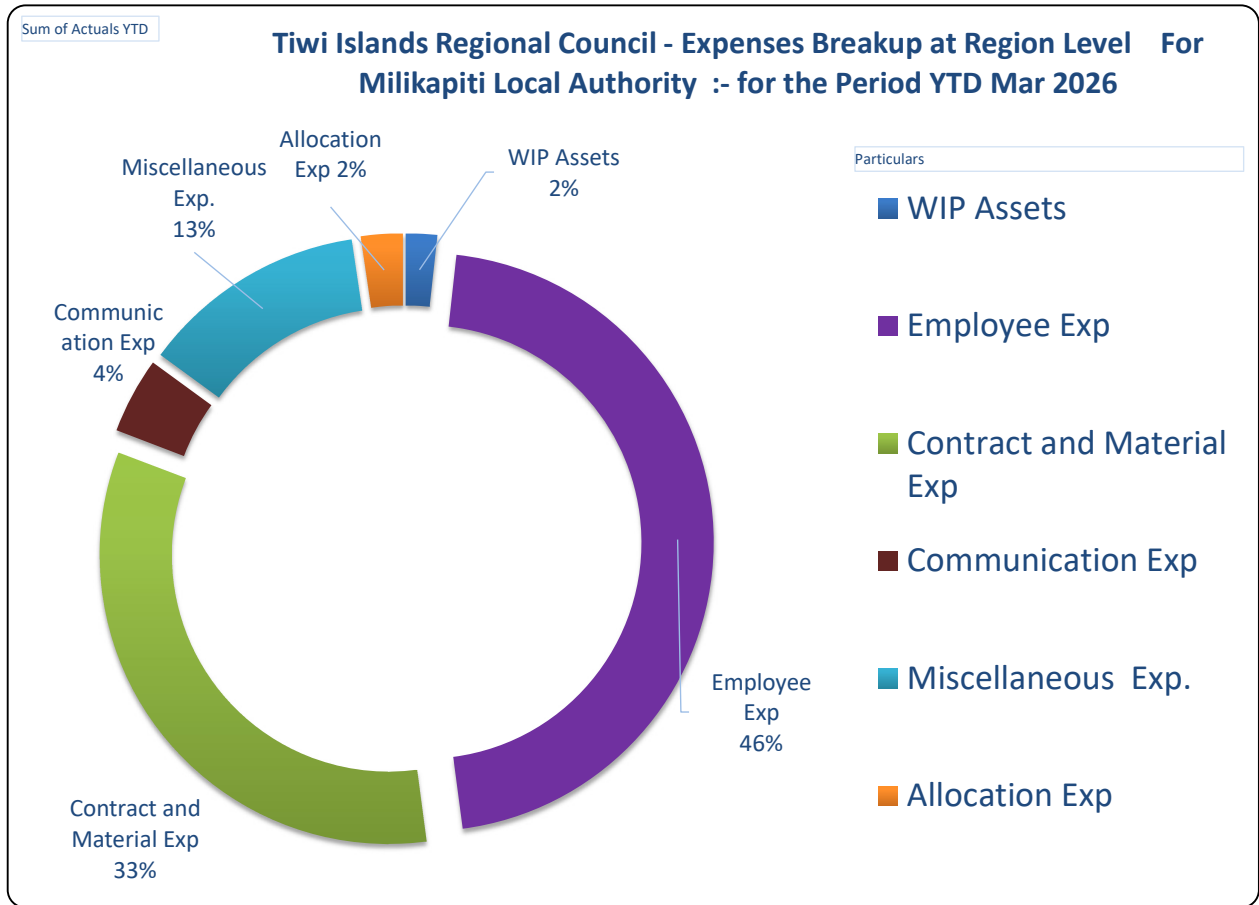
Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget
116003 (Untied) - Fuel - Milikapiti	150	2,721	(2,571)	(1714%)	200
119303 (Untied) - Civil Works Milikapiti	0	2,703	(2,703)	(100%)	0
119603 (Untied) - Airport Inspection Milikapiti	0	4,738	(4,738)	(100%)	0
119703 (Untied) - Mechanical Workshops Milikapiti	6,000	10,224	(4,224)	(70%)	8,000
120203 (Untied) - Recreation Hall Milikapiti	0	760	(760)	(100%)	0
146403 (Untied) - Administration Service Milikapiti	0	797	(797)	(100%)	0
147003 (Untied) - Local Authority Milikapiti	8,550	3,950	4,600	54%	11,400
147103 (Untied) - Regional Council & Elected Member Activities (M)	150,930	142,002	8,928	6%	201,240
Allocation Expense	3,750	30,259	(26,509)	N/A	5,000
120803 (Tied) - Community Safety - Milikapiti	0	1,455	(1,455)	(100%)	0
121703 (Tied) - Remote Indegenous Broadcast Service Milikapiti	3,750	0	3,750	100%	5,000
176803 (Tied) - Post Fina - Trees Removal - Milikapiti	0	11,350	(11,350)	(100%)	0
108803 (Untied) - Town Services Milikapiti	0	7,954	(7,954)	(100%)	0
113403 (Untied) - Waste collection and disposal Milikapiti	0	4,991	(4,991)	(100%)	0
119303 (Untied) - Civil Works Milikapiti	0	3,191	(3,191)	(100%)	0
119703 (Untied) - Mechanical Workshops Milikapiti	0	773	(773)	(100%)	0
146403 (Untied) - Administration Service Milikapiti	0	545	(545)	(100%)	0
Total INCLUDING Allocations & CapEx	2,448,924	1,365,753	1,083,171	44%	3,053,737

Printed by VASANDANIJ, 09-Apr-2026, 11:34:25h

Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting 21 April 2026 - Agenda

Tiwi Islands Regional Council - Expenses Breakup at Region Level - For Milikapiti Local Authority :- for the Period YTD Mar 2026





5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1
TITLE: Milikapiti Local Authority Project Listing - Mar 2026
AUTHOR: Jayesh Vasandani, Chief Finance Officer

Summary

To ask the Milikapiti Local Authority (MLA) consent to undertake new projects under Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF).

Background

The Council has received \$522,520 in funding over the past eight (8) financial years, Projects worth \$ 362,571 have been approved by the Milikapiti Local Authority (MLA).

The DCMC has confirmed that The LAPF funds must be fully expended within Two (2) years from receipt of the funds or Department may request unspent funds to be repaid.

The Approved Projects summary has been updated to highlight the total funding received, Total expenditure, the balance to be spent by financial year and the total available for new Projects.

The status and expenditure of current projects will be discussed with MLA.

To ensure projects are completed in a timely manner it is important that the status of expenditure, including challenges are discussed with MLA Members.

Variations to existing projects and or Projects Scope may be required to ensure Funding Compliance

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority receives, notes and updates the Approved Projects Summary as on 31st March 2026.

Attachments

1. Milikapiti LA Project Summary 31.03.2026 [5.1.1 - 5 pages]

Milikapiti Local Authority Project Funding A/SDC 147803

Summary of available funding as at 31st March 2026

MLAI18-19	2018/19 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2021	\$65,210
MLAI19-20	2019/20 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2022	\$65,210
MLA - 20-21	2020/21 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2023	\$64,800
MLA - 21-22	2021/22 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2024	\$64,800
MLA - 22-23	2022/23 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2025	\$64,800
MLA - 23-24	2023/24 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2026	\$64,800
MLA - 24-25	2024/25 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2027	\$64,800
MLA - 25-26	2025/26 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2028	\$68,100
MLAI20-21-V	Income from Vet Visits	\$94
MLAI21-22	Income from Vet Visits	\$91

Total Income: = (T.I.) \$522,705

Completed Projects - Expenditure as at 31st March 2026

Total of Finished Projects: (F.P.) 242,571 242,571

Summary of Current Projects - Expenditure as at 31st March 2026

Project Code	Project Name	Expenditure	Budget	Balance
MLA-22/23-3	Children's Crossing Bridge	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
MLA-23/24-1	Installation of Tap Water at the Barge Landing	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
MLA-23/24-2	Shed Shelter and BBQ at Ranbu	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
MLA-24/25-2	Milikapiti Water Park - Barbecue and Play Area	\$27,400	\$60,000	\$32,600
MLA-25/26-1	Community Football Barbeque Event	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
MLA-25/26-2	2025 Tiwi Cultural Festival	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
MLA-25/26-3	Vet Visits 2025/26	\$2,453	\$3,500	\$1,047
MLA-25/26-4	Community Christmas & New Year BBQ	\$371	\$2,000	\$1,629
MLA-25/26-5	Christmas Gifts for Community Children	\$1,530	\$2,000	\$470
MLA-25/26-6	ANZAC Day BBQ - Milikapiti	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Current Projects - (C.P.)		\$ 31,755	\$ 120,000	\$ 88,245

Balance for New Projects = (T.I. less F.P. less C.P.)	\$ 160,133
--	-------------------

Summary of available funding as at 31st March 2026

	In %	In \$
Total Income: = (T.I.)	100%	\$522,705
Total of Finished Projects: (F.P.)	46%	\$242,571
Budget Allocated on -Continued Projects	23%	\$ 120,000
Total Committed Projects Expenditure (Finished + Current)	69%	\$ 362,571
Total Fund Available to be spent for New projects	31%	\$ 160,133

Detailed Project Listing As on 31st Mar 2026

Milikapiti Local Authority Project Funding A/SDC 147803

1	MLA-22/23-3	Children's Crossing Bridge	
	Project Owner	Manager Projects & Contracts	
	Current Status	In Progress	
	Approved Budget	5,000	
	Total Expenditure	-	
Balance to be spent		5,000	

Remarks

2	MLA-23/24-1	Installation of Tap Water at the Barge Landing	
	Project Owner	Manager Infrastructure	
	Current Status	In Progress	
	Approved Budget	30,000	
	Total Expenditure	-	
Balance to be spent		30,000	

Remarks

3	MLA-23/24-2	Shed Shelter and BBQ at Ranbu	
	Project Owner	Manager Community Engagement	
	Current Status	In Progress	
	Approved Budget	10,000	
	Total Expenditure	-	
Balance to be spent		10,000	

Remarks

4	MLA-24/25-2	Milikapiti Water Park - Barbecue and Play Area	
	Project Owner	Manager Projects & Contracts	
	Current Status	In Progress	
	Approved Budget	60,000	
	Total Expenditure	(27,400)	
Balance to be spent		32,600	

Remarks

5	MLA-25/26-1	Community Football Barbeque Event	
	Project Owner	Manager Community Engagement	
	Current Status	In Progress	
	Approved Budget	1,500	
	Total Expenditure	-	
Balance to be spent		1,500	

Remarks

Milikapiti Local Authority Meeting 21 April 2026 - Agenda

6 MLA-25/26-2

Project Owner 2025 Tiwi Cultural Festival
Manager Community Engagement
Current Status In Progress

Approved Budget	5,000
Total Expenditure	-
Balance to be spent	5,000

Remarks

7 MLA-25/26-3

Project Owner Vet Visits 2025/26
Manager Community Engagement
Current Status In Progress

Approved Budget	3,500
Total Expenditure	(2,453)
Balance to be spent	1,047

Remarks
 Project Approved by MLA 14th Oct 25 Meeting.

8 MLA-25/26-4

Project Owner Community Christmas & New Year BBQ
Manager Community Engagement
Current Status In Progress

Approved Budget	2,000
Total Expenditure	(371)
Balance to be spent	1,629

Remarks
 Project Approved by MLA 14th Oct 25 Meeting.

9 MLA-25/26-5

Project Owner Christmas Gifts for Community Children
Manager Community Engagement
Current Status In Progress

Approved Budget	2,000
Total Expenditure	(1,530)
Balance to be spent	470

Remarks
 Project Approved by MLA 14th Oct 25 Meeting.

10 MLA-25/26-6

Project Owner ANZAC Day BBQ - Milikapiti
Manager Community Engagement
Current Status In Progress

Approved Budget	1,000
Total Expenditure	-
Balance to be spent	1,000

Remarks
 Project Approved by MLA 16 February 2026 Meeting.

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.2
TITLE: Tiwi Cultural Festival 2026 – Financial Contribution
AUTHOR: Heidi Dorn, Acting Chief Executive Officer / Infrastructure Manager

Summary

This report seeks a decision from the Milikapiti Local Authority regarding a financial contribution toward the 2026 Tiwi Cultural Festival.

Background

The Tiwi Cultural Festival is scheduled for:

- **Saturday 18 July 2026** – Tiwi Cultural Festival
- **Sunday 19 July 2026** – Tiwi Football Grand Final

In 2024 and 2025, Milikapiti Local Authority contributed **\$5,000** toward delivery of the festival weekend.

Tiwi Land Council has indicated it is seeking discussion regarding potential financial support from Council again in 2026.

Current Situation

A contribution amount has not yet been determined.

The Milikapiti Local Authority is requested to consider:

- Whether it supports contributing financially to the 2026 Festival; and
- The amount it wishes to recommend for inclusion in Council's budget.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority approves a financial contribution of a nominated and agreed amount toward the 2026 Tiwi Cultural Festival.

Attachments

Nil

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER:	5.3
TITLE:	Milikapiti Local Authority Nomination for Takaringuwi (Male) Skin Group
AUTHOR:	Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This report asks the Milikapiti Local Authority (MLA) to review the nomination received for the Takaringuwi (Mullet) Male representative vacancy and determine whether to recommend the nominee to Council for appointment.

Background

Under the *Local Government Act 2019*, Councils are required to establish Local Authorities.

In accordance with the Act, Local Government Guideline No. 1: Local Authorities, and Council's Local Authority Policy, nominations were recently called for the vacant positions on the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority.

The composition of the Local Authority must align with Council's adopted structure, as outlined in the table below.

Local Authority	Warntarringuwi (Sun)	Miyartuwi (Pandanas)	Lorrula (Rock)	Takaringuwi (Mullet)	Non-Skin Group	Wurankuwu	TOTAL
Bathurst Island	2	2	2	2	1	2	11
Pirlangimpi	2	2	2	2	1		9
Milikapiti	2	2	2	2	1		9

Current Situation

There is currently one vacancy on the Milikapiti Local Authority for a Takaringuwi (Male) vacancy remains unfilled. To ensure full skin group representation, the MLA is asked to consider re-advertising the vacancy.

One application has been received, assessed for eligibility and is attached for members' consideration.

Issues/Options/Consequences

The mover and seconder of any motion must not be a member of the applicant's immediate family.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority:

1. Reviews the applications received for the Takaringuwi (Mullet) Male representative; and
2. Recommends the successful nominee to Council for formal appointment at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 April 2026.



Local Authority Membership Application & Declaration

I (Full Name) Edward Darcy

Of (Address) Lot 265 Milikapiti Community, Melville Island

Declare that,

1. I am seeking appointment to the position of ordinary member of a Local Authority.
2. I am enrolled as an elector in the Northern Territory and reside within the Local Authority area.
3. I do not hold a judicial office (other than Justice of the Peace).
4. I am not bankrupt or subject to a composition or arrangement with creditors under the Bankruptcy Act 1966.
5. I have not been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (which has not expired) of one year or longer.
6. I am not indebted to the Council for rates or surcharge and will not fail to discharge any such debt within six (6) months after it becomes due and payable.
7. I am capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of a Local Authority member.
8. I understand that appointment to the Local Authority is subject to Council resolution and is for a defined term.
9. I agree to comply with the Elected Member Code of Conduct and relevant Council policies.
10. I declare that I have disclosed any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that may arise in performing the role of a Local Authority member and will continue to do so if appointed.
11. I consent to my personal information being used by Council for the purposes of assessing this application and administering Local Authority membership.

Signature of Applicant

Contact Details (Mobile & Email) 0499 335 928

Proof of identity provided Yes No

Type of Id (e.g. Driver's Licence) Driver Licence

Witness Name Alice Williams Signature

Receiving Officer Alice Williams Date 16/4/2026

Applicant Details

<p>Island of Residence Bathurst <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Melville <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Non-Skin Group Representative <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Skin Group Warntarringuwi <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Miyartuwi <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Lorrula <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Takaringuwi <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Wurankuwu <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Location Bathurst Island <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Pirlangimpi <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Milikapiti <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sex Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Female <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Age Under 25 years <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">25 – 50 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">Over 50 years <input type="checkbox"/></p>
---	--

Council Staff Yes No

Signed Copy to Applicant Yes No

Copy sent to Governance & Compliance Coordinator
Date 16/4/2026

Authorised for distribution by CEO of Tiwi Islands Regional Council

6 OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1
TITLE: Other Business
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This item provides an opportunity for members to raise any matters not included in the main agenda, including urgent issues, minor updates or anything emerging that requires brief discussion.

Recommendation

That the Milikapiti Local Authority notes the items raised under Other Business.

7 NEXT MEETING

8 CLOSURE