

### AGENDA MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2022

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

- Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at
- Commencing at 10.00am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Allan McGill
Temporary Chief Executive Officer

### **AGENDA**

1	WELC	COME & APOLOGIES
	1.4 1.5 1.6	WELCOME PRESENT APOLOGIES LEAVE OF ABSENCE DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES apiti Local Authority - 28 September 2022
2	GENE	RAL BUSINESS
	Nil	
3	REPO	PRTS FOR INFORMATION
	3.1	2022/2023 – LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT4
4	REPO	PRTS FOR DECISION
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	Nil	
6	Busii	NESS ARISING
	Nil	



### MINUTES OF THE MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI ON WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10:00AM

### 1 Welcome & Apologies

### 1.1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.00am.

The Mayor welcomed councillors and guests.

### 1.2 Present

Chairperson	
Malcolm Wilson	MLA member
Councillors & MLA Members	
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Milikapiti Ward
Councillor Lynette De Santis	Milikapiti Ward
Christine Joran	MLA member
Loretta Cook	MLA member
Edwina Moreen	MLA member
P.F. Puruntatameri	MLA member
Thomas Puruntatameri	MLA member
Trevor Wilson	MLA member
TIRC Staff	
Allan McGill	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Bala Donepudi	Chief Financial Officer
Bill Toy	Manager for Community Services

### 1.3 Apologies

Apologies from members who were a	bsent from the meeting
Roy Farmer	MLA Member
Jed Leach	MLA Member
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### 10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Edwina Moreen Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

### That members

1. Accept the acknowledgement from the member that they were unable to attend

the meeting.

2. Approve the applications from the members for leave of absence from the meeting.

3. CARRIED

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

- 1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff
- 1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### Milikapiti Local Authority - 22 June 2022

### 11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Patrick Puruntatameri

Seconded: Trevor Wilson

That the minutes of the Milikapiti Local Authority on 22 June 2022 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED** 

### **2 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2.1 Funeral shade need ed for the Church but funding would be required. Deferred to the next meeting.
  - **2.2** Power poles need a wire barrier to prevent climbing. Information to be obtained on cots of installing a barrier on all poles.
  - 2.3 Streetlights not working in several places, and this is a safety and security concern. Management to arrange an audit or inspection of streetlights to identify all lights that are not working.
  - 2.4 Uniforms for the MLA are due to be replaced and the opportunity exists for a new design. Patrick and Loretta to propose a new design for the MLA uniform.
  - 2.5 The Christmas part to be held at the Rec Hall on 22 December 2022.

### 3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

### 3.1 2022/2023 – LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT

That the Milikapiti Local Authority notes this report number for information.

### 12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette DeSantis Seconded: Loretta Cook

CARRIED

### 4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 4.1 MILIKAPITI LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY PROJECT

### 13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Loretta Cook Seconded: Christine Joran

- 1. That the Milikapiti Local Authority reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary.
- 2. Notes the funding allocations

**CARRIED** 

### **5 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

### **6 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

### 7 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 20 December 2022

### 8 Closure

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

### 7 NEXT MEETING

### REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER 3.1

**TITLE** 2022/2023 – Local Authority Financial Report

REFERENCE 245166

**AUTHOR** Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer

### TIWI ISLANDS Regional Council

### **SUMMARY**

This information is provided for information to the Milikapiti Local Authority to report on expenditure to 30 November 2022 for the 2022/2023 FY.

### **BACKGROUND**

Council's finance section has prepared Finance report (attached) to be presented to each Local Authority.

This format reports on expenses by location broken down to program and account category.

Following a request from the Milikapiti 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.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Milikapiti Local Authority notes this report number for information.

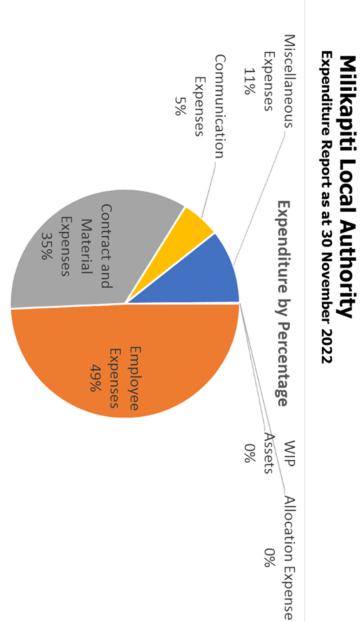
### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Milikapiti Finance report - Nov.22.pdf

## Tiwi Islands Regional Council Milikapiti Local Authority Expenditure Report as at 30 November 2022

Actual	Budget	(	0	50,000	100,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	300,000	350,000	400,000		Total Expenditure	Allocat	Miscell	Comm	Contra	Emplo <sub>)</sub>	WIP Assets	Milikapiti	Expense	Description
0	25,000	WIP Assets											nditure	Allocation Expense	Miscellaneous Expenses	Communication Expenses	Contract and Material Expenses	Employee Expenses	ssets	Ξ.	Expense by Account Category INCLUDING Allocations and Capital Expense	
361,574	324,877	Employee Expenses										Expen					enses				egory INCLUDIN	
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40,237	23,587	Communication Expenses										Expenditure by Account Category	733,247	980	77,070	40,237	253,386	361,574	0	733,247	and Capital Expe	Actuals 11D
												<b>~</b>	52,195	67,666	(23,816)	(16,650)	36,691	(36,697)	25,000	52,195	nse	Variance
77,070	53,255	Miscellaneous Expenses												99%	(45%)	(71%)	13%	(11%)	100%	7%		%
980	68,646	Allocation Expense											1,899,790	164,750	127,811	56,610	696,184	794,435	60,000	1,899,790		Annual Budget

## Tiwi Islands Regional Council





### Tiwi Islands Regional Council Milikapiti Local Authority Expenditure Report as at 30 November 2022

7,662		100%	3,193	0	3,193	120603 (Tied) - Youth Diverson Scheme I
424,060		5%	8,734	161,821	170,554	GM Community Development and Services
10,512 107,500	*	67% 45%	2,947 20,340	1,433 24,452	4,380 44,792	147003 (Untied) - Local Authority Milikapi 147103 (Untied) - Regional Council & Elec
118,012	*	47%	23,287	25,885	49,172	Chief Executive Officer
0	Expenditure on staff housing; Budget will be amended in the next budget review.	(100%)	(17,535) (100%)	17,535	0	131103 (Untied) - Commercial Building Se
4,700 <b>4</b>		(97%)	(1,908) (1,607)	3,866 1,761	1,958 154	122203 (Untied) - Transit Accommodation 129603 (Untied) - Airport Landing Fees M
4,500		100%	1,875	0	1,875	121403 (Untied) - Facilities Milikapiti
61,400	*	61%	15,670 (203)	9,914 6.287	25,583 6.083	119803 (Untied) - Staff Housing - Milikap 120203 (Untied) - Recreation Hall Milikap
264,458	Overspend on material costs ;Budgets will be amended in the next review.	(17%)	(19,200)	129,391	110,191	119703 (Untied) - Mechanical Workshops
33,385	Overspend on external consultant t address casa review	(76%)	(10,610)	24,520	13,910	119603 (Untied) - Airport Inspection Milik
115,625 400		12% 100%	5,732 167	42,445 0	48,177 167	119303 (Untied) - Civil Works Milikapiti 119503 (Untied) - Airport Maintenance Mi
320,077	prices need to be raised	(30%)	(40,000)	173,365	133,365	116003 (Untied) - Fuel - Milikapiti
50,000 6,000 2,500 298,253 7,650		100% 49% 100% (2%) (141%)	20,833 1,215 1,042 (2,838) (4,510)	1,285 0 127,110 7,697	20,833 2,500 1,042 124,272 3,188	164503 (Tied) - Milikapiti Oval Upgrade - 103903 (Untied) - Commercail Facilities - 105503 (Untied) - Fleet Administration - N 108803 (Untied) - Town Services Milikapit 111503 (Untied) - Street Lighting Milikapit
1,183,918	*	(11%)	(51,878)	545,177	493,299	GM Infrastructure
173,800	*	100%	72,417 (365)	365	72,417 0	147803 (Tied) - Local Authority Project Fi 104503 (Untied) - ICT Milikapiti
173,800	*	99%	72,052	365	72,417	Chief Financial Officer
1,899,790		7%	52,195	733,247	785,442	Milikapiti
Annual Budget	Comments	%	Variance	Actuals YTD apital Expense	Budget YTD ations and C	Description  Expense by Directorate INCLUDING Allocations and Capital Expense

### Tiwi Islands Regional Council Milikapiti Local Authority Expenditure Report as at 30 November 2022

1,899,790			52,195	733,247	785,442	Total Expenditure
210,484	*	29%	25,588	62,113	87,702	146403 (Untied) - Administration Service
48,073		(29%)		25,824	20,031	119003 (Untied) - Centrelink Milikapiti
850		100%		0	354	165803 (Tied) - Australia Day Celebration
0 1		(100%)		177	0	138003 (Tied) - Indigenous Community B
0		(100%)		7,772	0	121703 (Tied) - Remote Indegenous Broa
17,595		54%	3,949	3,382	7,331	121503 (Tied) - Library Milikapiti
31,563		100%	7,014	0	7,014	121003 (Tied) - Active Remote Communit
107,833	The program overall is in surplus .The budget will be amended in the next budget review.	(39%)	(17,621)	62,552	44,930	120803 (Tied) - Community Safety - Milik
Annual Budget	Comments	%	Variance	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Description



### **REPORTS FOR DECISION**

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

**TITLE** Local Authority Review Report.

REFERENCE 245028

**AUTHOR** Allan McGill, Interim Chief Executive Officer



### **BACKGROUND**

The Local Government Unit has been reviewing the operation of Local Authorities and has prepared a report for consideration.

The attachment outlines the background and the current report.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

It is important that the Council consider this report and provide any feedback.

The matter can be deferred to the December meeting to enable consultation with the Tiwi LAs

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Comment are due by 20 January 2023 so the Council will need to deal with the matter in 2022.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council refer the review report to each of the three Tiwi local Authorities and consider the matter again at the December meeting of the Council.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 LA Review Report - 12 October 2022 Draft.pdf

### 1. Background

Local authorities (LAs) were established in 2014 under section 53B of the former *Local Government Act 2008* (the 2008 Act). LAs were established as a response to concerns from communities that the transition from the former community government councils to regional councils led to a loss of communities' voices in the planning and delivery of council programs and services in their community.

The inclusion of LAs in the structure of regional councils is intended to ensure communities have a say in their regional councils' planning, prioritisation, funding and delivery of services and infrastructure for their community; and the provision of information and feedback to communities about the councils' decisions and activities in that community. The ultimate goal is effective, responsive council services for remote communities.

### 2. Intent of the Legislative Framework

On 1 July 2021, the intent of the 2008 Act was further strengthened when it was replaced with the *Local Government Act 2019* (the 2019 Act). In addition, the previous *Guideline 8: Regional councils and local authorities* (Guideline 8) was replaced by the new *Guideline 1: Local Authorities* (Guideline 1). The provisions in the 2019 Act were in a new chapter entitled Local Decision Making to reinforce the intent and purpose of LAs.

The 2019 Act requires regional councils to seek their LAs' advice and recommendations in relation to the council's budget; their priorities for expenditure; their service delivery; regional plans; strategic directions; and funding. Regional councils must also ensure their strategies and plans are informed by the vision and priorities of the LAs, and must work with their LAs to foster constructive working relationships between the council and community.

The 2019 Act specifically provides for expanded roles for LAs and a mechanism for giving communities a stronger voice in local government matters that affect them. Section 78 defines the functions of a LA:

- · to involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government;
- ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government;
- to allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region;
- to take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf;
- to contribute to the development of the regional plan;
- to make recommendations to the council in relation to the council's budget and the part of the council's area within which the LA performs its functions.

Guideline 1 provides how LAs are to operate and be administered by their respective regional councils, including appointments and resignations, meetings, LA member payments and reporting.

### Local Authority Review

In 2021, before the commencement of the 2019 Act, the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) started a desktop review (Review 1) of how well regional councils and LAs were meeting the intent of the 2008 Act and Guideline 8. The aim of Review 1 was to identify good practice across the NT as well as areas that could be further strengthened, and to determine what actions could be considered to better support the delivery of the intent

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of LAs given their expanded roles under the 2019 Act. Review 1 focused on the 66 LAs established across the Northern Territory for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Review 1 was informed by the information available on regional councils' websites, information held and observations made by CM&C and some feedback and insights provided by regional councils. The findings and draft recommendations were provided to councils and other stakeholders in early 2022 for comment.

The Review 1 report acknowledged limitations associated with any desktop process. However it provided a platform for more discussion with councils, LA members and others, resulting in the direction outlined in this report.

Review 1 confirmed that there is noticeable diversity in the functioning of LAs and the way councils work with them, with some LAs engaging strongly with their communities and working with their councils to deliver on community priorities and aspirations, and some others struggling to meet or attain quorum to enable recommendations to be made about community priorities. Some LAs, with their councils' support, consider broader matters than council business, acting as a forum and conduit for community engagement in matters including local, Territory and Commonwealth government priorities.

In addition, feedback from councils and LA members has indicated that some of the requirements placed on them by the NT Government, or interpretations of these requirements, are impeding their ability to achieve their core functions.

Feedback on Review 1 included the following:

### Role of LAs:

- a need for greater recognition, promotion and celebration of the strengths of the LA model and more sharing
  of examples of LAs and their councils successfully achieving the intent of the Act;
- the need for CM&C, councils and LAs to have a clear and common understanding of the definition and scope of their core functions and requirements;

### Flexibility:

- the need for flexibility in how LAs and their councils deliver on the core functions (or choose to move beyond the core) to respond to differences between communities, their aspirations and the capacity of LAs;
- providing for flexibility for those communities, LAs and councils who want to have more integrated
  engagement, not just on local government matters. For example, some communities would like to see a
  single body coordinating community input into local government and NT Government (or broader) planning,
  services and prioritisation; while others have indicated a preference that LA members continue to focus on
  local government and other groups are established or continue to provide input into NT Government and
  broader matters;
- recognition that some LAs are well established with consistent membership who deliver well-regarded
  outcomes for their communities and council, and others are less established; and that, over time, LAs may
  cycle through these stages. This impacts on the levels of support needed from councils for their LAs and the
  level of autonomy LAs may have, and needs to be accommodated in expectations set by CM&C and required
  of councils;

### **Decision making**

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LAs should have as much influence and decision-making power as is appropriate to their stage of
development and the delegations of the council; for example, some councils have already delegated decision
making in the use of LA Project Funding (LAPF) to their LA, and some have delegated decision making over
other community funding. The council is the decision-maker about the level of delegation relevant for their
LA/s;

### LA Members:

- a need for greater role clarity, capacity building and support for LA members and LA chairs;
- the need to revisit whether proxies should be permitted for LA members;

### Administration:

- CM&C should remove any administrative requirements that detract from the ability of the LA and council to
  deliver on their core function. This needs to be balanced with good governance and accountable
  administrative process, reflecting that LAs are involved in the use of public resources and should be
  respected in their communities as informed, well governed and responsive structures;
- performance reporting should be focused on the intended outcome; ie the demonstration by councils of the engagement of communities through their LAs, and of the council's responsiveness to the advice, input and advocacy of their LA, including through the delivery of agreed community priorities;
- LAs should be able to set their own agendas and conducttheir own meetings, while recognising the role of
  councils in managing administration, building capacity and responding to the varying levels of experience
  and capacity of members;

### Resourcing/support

- some LAs and their councils continue to see benefit in having CM&C representatives at meetings at least
  occasionally, to coordinate responses to questions from community and LAs about NT Government matters,
  as well as to support engagement with other NT Government agencies;
- LAPF is a valuable resource for LAs and their councils to respond to community priorities. However, some
  councils struggle to spend these funds in the required time frames. The support role of CM&C is important
  in helping councils to address any barriers to the timely expenditure of funding on community priorities as
  determined by the LA and council;
- Accessible information should be provided to enable communities to understand how priorities for the use of LAPF are determined, and where they are spent;
- A need for a review of the LAPF guidelines to ensure their alignment with the core intent of the LAs;
- Any changes to the LA model should avoid requiring additional council resourcing. For example, where
  communities and their LAs want to have a broader role than council matters, there may need to be
  negotiation of partnering with NTG or others to share costs.

As a result of feedback and further discussions, the focus of the Review 1 report changed considerably into this report. This report emphasises the intent of the legislative framework for LAs and provides a principles-based direction for how this intent will be strengthened across the diverse councils of regional NT.

This review does not anticipate a change in the 2019 Act in relation to the role of LAs; LAs will remain part of their regional council structure, and continue to be subject to the control and direction of their relevant regional council.

### 4. Principles

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The following principles have been developed to guide the way in which CM&C, regional councils and LAs will support the effective integration and involvement of communities in the system of local government, as intended in the 2019 Act. An amendment to Guideline 1 will be required to fulfil the aspirations below.

All LAs have a core role: to enable their community to have a say in their regional councils' planning, prioritisation, budgeting, and service delivery for their community; and to support the provision of regular feedback to their communities about council activities and the achievement of LA priorities.  Councils and their LAs, with their communities, will determine how they deliver the role so it is adaptable to different locations, community aspirations, and capacity. CM&C will facilitate the sharing of examples of good practice from LAs across the NT  LAs, with their councils, decide:  • whether they and their community prefer that the LA focus on council business or take a broader approach with a wider range of community matters. If a broader approach is agreed this may need negotiation of support from CM&C or other partners for non-council activities. Also, if a broader approach is agreed community input should ensure it avoids duplicating other community structures, authority or roles and that the role is understood and supported;  • how the LA will conduct meetings and engage with their community;  • how the LA will prioritise LAPF funds including how community input will be heard, how priorities will be decided, and how decisions and outcomes will be communicated to the community;  • whether delegated decision making will be requested from the council;  • the nomination process for LA members, with councils seeking LA and community input into their policy on criteria for selecting LA members:  • the number of appointed members up to a maximum of 14;  • whether the Mayor/President will be a member of LAs beyond their own ward;  • the frequency of LA meetings (minimum four per year, with timing to enable input into, and feedback from, council planning);  • the location of LA meetings - they should be held in public places to maximise opportunity for community members to attend; and  • whether attendance at meetings via phone/video conference will be allowed.  First LA meetings to recommend to council:	PRINCIPLE: Flex	ible governance
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PRINCIPLE: Com	nmunity-centred, place based engagement
What does this mean?	The way the council and LA engage with each other and the community is place-based and adapts to local needs, languages, time frames and cultural protocols to encourage community involvement.
	LAs will recommend to their council the process for community engagement and two-way communication between the council, LA and community
	Community engagement is supported by principles of the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy
	Communication is clear and accessible.
	LAs with their councils decide the nature and format of reports to be provided by councils to LAs – brief, diagrammatic reports are enough
	LAs and their councils decide how the feedback about priorities is given to the LA and community in a timely way such as through the Council Community Based Manager, local council member or LA chair outside of meetings if needed
What does this look like?	<ul> <li>Regional councils support their LAs to host at least one community based event each year to support community input into LA priorities, and council planning. These events may be funded through some LAPF. For example, some LAs may hold community barbecues twice per year: to provide input into LA priorities and council plans for their area; and to receive feedback about how the LA and council has responded to that input.</li> </ul>
	Information is provided by regional councils in LA meeting agenda papers on:
	Decisions that council has made based on the LA's recommendations and advice
	Council resources and service delivery in the community.
	Progress / status updates on LA project recommendations.
	The amount of funding that is available to the LA for community priorities.

PRINCIPLE: Emp	powerment
What does this mean?	LAs have authority to effectively carry out their core role as intended in the Act.
What does this look like?	Where LAs seek to do so, regional councils consider opportunities for delegation of relevant decisions to LAs consistent with the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> , including decision making about priorities for LA project funds  Councils, with CM&C assistance, provide training and resources to support professional development of LA chairs and members in governance and the LA role; and clearly communicate the role of LAs and regional councils to communities.

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PRINCIPLE: Outo	come-focused
What does this mean?	LAs (and communities) can see that their recommendations to the council, based on community engagement, are being acted on; where this is not the case, they are informed of the reason.
What does this look like?	Council annual reports include information that demonstrates how they have engaged with communities via their LA, and the outcomes delivered in response to LA recommendations/decisions.  Compliance activity by CM&C will focus on the intended outcome of LAs

PRINCIPLE: Acco	ountability
What does this mean?	LAs and their councils continue to demonstrate high standards in governance and the use of public resources
What does this look like?	LAs have opportunities for professional development in governance consistent with their core role through their council and/or with support from CM&C if requested Decision making is transparent, focused on the best interests of the community as a whole, and conflicts of interest are managed. Information is accessible to community members about meetings, meeting proceedings, and opportunities for participation. Meetings are generally open to community members unless there is a defined need for confidentiality consistent with the provisions in the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> .

### 5. Examples of Good Practice

To be discussed with, and provided by, regional councils.

### 6. Next Steps

This report will be provided to regional councils and other stakeholders for comment and input. Regional councils are encouraged to engage with their LAs in developing feedback. CM&C is available to assist as needed.

An implementation plan will be drafted for feedback from regional councils and LAs through their respective councils. The implementation plan will be developed through a reference group led by CM&C with the Local Government Association of the NT, and council and LA representatives.

The final LA Review report and Implementation Plan will be provided to the Minister for Local Government for consideration and approval. It is intended that this will be completed within the first quarter of 2023.

The LA Project Fund grant funding guidelines will be reviewed in 2022-23 in consultation with regional councils along with Guideline 1. Any recommendations for changes will then be advised to the Minister for Local Government for consideration for implementation in 2023-24.

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### REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER 4.2

TITLE Milikapiti Local Authority Community Project

REFERENCE 245169

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### **SUMMARY**

To get the consent of the Milikapiti Local Authority to undertake new projects under Local Authority project Funding.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Council has received \$ 260,205 in funding for the last four financial years. Projects worth of \$ 202,000 have been approved by the Milikapiti Local Authority (MLA). This gives the Milikapiti Local authority \$ 44,891 to take up new projects.

The LAPF funds must be fully expended within 2 years from receipt of the funds or department may request unspent funds to be repaid.

The MLA Community Projects Listing will continue to be used for projects and a new A4 Approved Projects Summary will be used to focus discussion on the status of approved Projects.

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.

### ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The aim of today's meeting will be to present MLA in the information presented and get feedback from Local Authority members. The status and expenditure of current projects will be discussed. Any variations required to existing projects and possible unapproved projects will be discussed.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That the Milikapiti Local Authority reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary.
- 2. Notes the funding allocations
- 3. Recommends any new projects to Council for approval to proceed.

### ATTACHMENTS:

**1** MLA Project Listing as at 30.11.2022.pdf

**Total for Completed and Current Projects:** 

\$125,501

\$215,314

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## Summary of available funding as at 31/11/2022

	MLA-21/22-2	MLA-21/22-1	MLA-19/20-1	MLA18/19-2			MLA-20/21-2	MLA-20/21-1	MLA-18/19-6	MLA-18/19-5	MLA18/19-1	MLA-18/19-7	MLA-18/19-4	MLA-18/19-3			MLAI21-22	MI A 120 24 V	MLA - 20-21	MLAIV19-20	MLAI18-19
Total for Current Projects:	Tree Removal Project	Skid Steer Bobcat 3.5 Tonne	Returbishment of Rec Hall	Vet Visit	Summary of Current Projects - Expenditure as at 30/11/2022	Total for Completed Projects:	Fuel Bowser - Roof	Milikapiti Community Easter Celebration	Traffic Management	Hot Spot street lights	MLA Polo Shirts	End of Year Function	Territory Day Celebration	NAIDOC 2019 Celebration	Summary of Completed Projects - Expenditure as at 30/11/2022	Total:	Income from Vet Visits	2021/22 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2024	2020/21 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2023	2019/20 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2022	2018/19 Grant Funding - must be spent by 30 June 2021
\$77,687	\$0	\$71,885	# <del>4</del>	\$5,802	Expenditure	\$47,814	\$0	\$0	\$15,087	\$31,288	\$572	\$867	\$0	\$0	Expenditure	\$260,205	\$94 \$91	\$64,800	\$64,800	\$65,210	\$65,210
\$167,500	\$20,000	\$75,413	\$60,000	\$6,087	Budget	\$47,814	\$0	\$0	\$15,087	\$31,288	\$572	\$867	\$0	\$0	Budget		•				

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### Summary of available funding as at 31/11/2022

### Balance to be spent

Spend by 30 June 2023 Total: \$69,719 \$69,719

Available for new projects: \$44,891

Approved Projects Listing - Expenditure as at 30/11/2022 Milikapiti Local Authority Project Funding A/SDC 147803

In Progress Vet Visit

MLA18/19-2

Balance to be spent Total Expenditure Approved budget \$6,087 \$5,802 \$284

GM CD&S

26/03/2019 - Local Authority Allocated LA Funds of 6,086.66 towards Vet Visits

31/12/2019 - Vet visit carried out week of 5/12/19 12/06/2019 - A Vet Visit is planned in September

16/03/2020 - First Vet visit of the year has been carried out

**Refurbishment of Rec Hall** 

MLA-19/20-1

Approved budget Total Expenditure

Balance to be spent

GM Infrastructure

\$60,000 \$60,000

internal painting of walls and toilets. 29/10/2020 - Hall which includes new tiles, lighting, painting, painting and fixing internal basketball court; 23/06/2020 - Local Authority allocated LA Funds \$60,000 towards refurbishment of the Rec Hall

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## Summary of available funding as at 31/11/2022

	MLA-21/22-1	23-Mar-		MLA-20/21-3
Approved budget Total Expenditure Balance to be spent	Skid Steer Bobcat 3.5 Tonne	23-Mar-21 Milikapiti local authority funds be allocated to cover costs for the 2021 veterinary visits.	Approved budget Total Expenditure Balance to be spent	Vet Visit 2020-21
\$75,413 -\$71,885 \$3,528	GM Infrastructure		\$6,000 \$0 \$6,000	GM CD&S

21-Sep-21 Milikapiti local authority funds for the purchase of skid steer

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## Summary of available funding as at 31/11/2022

	Approved budget Total Expenditure Balance to be spent	MLA-21/22-2 Tree Removal Project
That the Milikapiti Local Authority approve to allocate \$20,000 of local authority funds	\$20,000 \$0 \$20,000	GM Infrastruc