



AGENDA

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025

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

- Monday 10 November 2025
- in Wurrumiyanga Boardroom
- Commencing at 10:30 am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

Maxie Smith
Chief Executive Officer

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

1.2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER: 1.2.1
TITLE: Present and Apologies
AUTHOR: {author-name}, {position}

Summary

This report is to table for Council's records, any apologies and requests for leave of absence received by Council's Chief Executive Officer from Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the following members are present and that quorum has been achieved.
2. Notes the absence of ...
3. Notes the apology received from ...
4. Determines that the following members are absent with permission of the Council.
5. Determines the following members are absent without the permission of the Council.

Legislative Framework

1. Regulation 101 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.
2. Subsection 95(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. Paragraph 47(1)(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Attachments

Nil

1.3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS

ITEM NUMBER: 1.3.1
TITLE: Declaration of Interest of Members
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This report is to table for Council's records, the annual returns of interests for Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council receive the declarations of interests as listed for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 November 2025.

Legislative Framework

1. Section 110 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
2. Section 111 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
3. Regulation 106 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Attachments

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER: 2.1
TITLE: Confirmation of Previous Minutes
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 October 2025, and the Special Council Meeting held on 20 October 2025 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 October 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.
2. Confirm the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 20 October 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Legislative Framework

1. Section 101 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 15 October 2025 [2.1.1 - 7 pages]
2. Special Council Meeting 20 October 2025 - MINUTES [2.1.2 - 3 pages]



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE MILIKAPITI
BOARDROOM ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025 AT 11:00 AM**

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10:36 am.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and guests.

1.2 Present and Apologies

Present

COUNCILLORS	
Mayor Lynette De Santis	Milikapiti Ward
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	Milikapiti Ward
Councillor Luke Tipuamantimirri	Bathurst Ward
Councillor John Ross Pilakui	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Brian Tipungwuti	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Daniel Costa	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Deanne Rioli	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Milikapiti Ward
STAFF	
Bill Toy	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Heidi Dorn	Deputy CEO / Infrastructure Manager
Jayesh Vasandani	Chief Financial Officer
Salman Samee	Projects and Contract Manager
Lauren Davidson	EA / Acting Coordinator Governance

Minute Taker: Lauren Davidson, EA / Acting Coordinator Governance

Apologies

COUNCILLORS	
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Brian Tipungwuti	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	Bathurst Ward
Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn	Bathurst Ward

OCM/178 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui

Seconded: Luke Tipuamantimirri

That Council:

1. Notes the members listed above are present and that quorum has been achieved.
2. Notes the absence of Cr Stanley Tipiloura, Cr Brian Tipungwuti, Cr Jennifer Clancy and Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn.
3. Notes the apology received from Cr Stanley Tipiloura, Cr Brian Tipungwuti, Cr Jennifer Clancy and Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn.

CARRIED



1.3 Declaration of Interest of Members

NIL

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

OCM/179 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui

Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 September 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

3 REPORTS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES

3.1 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - Minutes and Business Arising

OCM/180 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri

Seconded: John Pilakui

That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority be noted.

CARRIED

4 CORRESPONDENCE

OCM/181 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui

Seconded: Jeffrey Ullungura

That Council receives the attached items of incoming correspondence.

CARRIED

OCM/182 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui

Seconded: Jeffrey Ullungura

That Council receives the attached items of outgoing correspondence.

CARRIED



5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 Finance End of Month Report – September 2025

OCM/183 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Pilakui
Seconded: Daniel Costa

That the report entitled Finance End of Month Report – September 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.2 Project Status Report - September 2025

OCM/184 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri
Seconded: Jeffrey Ullungura

That the report entitled Project Status Report - September 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Milikapiti Local Authority Certifications for Project Funding for FY 2024-25

OCM/185 RESOLUTION

Moved: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni
Seconded: John Pilakui

- 1. That the Council notes & reviews & APPROVES the Certificate of Income & Expenditure of Milikapiti Local Authority Project Funding for the Financial Year 2024-25.**
- 2. That the Council APPROVES the CEO to sign off the Certificates of Financial Year 2024-25 to be submitted to NTG as part of the compliance requirement in accordance with LAPG Funding guidelines.**

CARRIED



6.2 Grant Acquittals for Replacement of Essential Community Plant & Equipment 30th June 2025

OCM/186 RESOLUTION

Moved: Daniel Costa
Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

- 1. That the Council notes & reviews & APPROVES the Grant Acquittals for Replacement of Essential Community Plant & Equipment.**
- 2. That the asks the CEO to submit the Grant acquittals to NTG**

CARRIED

6.3 Update Authorised Contact List for MVR

OCM/187 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: John Pilakui

That Council approves the updated list of authorised TIRC personnel to act on behalf of Tiwi Islands Regional Council in all dealings with Northern Territory Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR), effective immediately, with no restrictions.

CARRIED

6.4 Pirlangimpi Local Authority Certifications for Project Funding for FY 2024-25

OCM/188 RESOLUTION

Moved: Jeffrey Ullungura
Seconded: Luke Tipuamantumirri

- 1. That the Council notes & reviews & APPROVES the Certificate of Income & Expenditure of Pirlangimpi Local Authority Project Funding for the Financial Year 2024-25.**
- 2. That the Council APPROVES the CEO to sign off the Certificates of Financial Year 2024-25 to be submitted to NTG as part of the compliance requirement in accordance with LAPG Funding guidelines.**

CARRIED



7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Adjournment of Open Meeting at 01:26 PM.

Moved into Confidential Session at 01:26 PM.

OCM/189 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri

Seconded: Pius Tipungwuti

That pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider a Confidential matter.

CARRIED

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Confidential Item(s), the meeting was reopened and the decision on the Item(s) noted.

The meeting was reopened at 02:18 PM.

OCM/198 RESOLUTION

Moved: Luke Tipuamantumirri

Seconded: John Pilakui

That the meeting be reopened and the decisions on the Confidential Item(s) be noted.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 General Business

OCM/191 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti

Seconded: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That Council notes the following General Business Items raised:

- Regular monthly Wurrumiyanga Community Meetings once new CEO commences
- Skip bins being set on fire in Wurrumiyanga by community, next steps to put notices around the community and discuss at community meetings
- Moving the card mats/games in Wurrumiyanga away from the road, to be discussed at the next WLA meeting
- Movement on the PLA projects

CARRIED



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9 QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

10 NEXT MEETING

Special Council Meeting - Monday 20 October 2025

Ordinary Council Meeting - Monday 10 November 2025

11 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 02:18 pm.



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA
COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:30 AM**

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 11am.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and Staff.

1.2 Present, Apologies and Leave of Absence

Present

COUNCILLORS	
Mayor Lynette De Santis	Milikapiti Ward
Deputy Mayor Mary Dunn	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Stanley Tipiloura	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Luke Tipuamantimirri	Bathurst Ward
Councillor John Ross Pilakui	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Brian Tipungwuti	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Daniel Costa	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Deanne Rioli	Pirlangimpi Ward
Councillor Jeffrey Ullungura	Milikapiti Ward
STAFF	
Bill Toy	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Jayesh Vasandani	Chief Financial Officer
Kesara Scrymgour	Governance Officer

Minute Taker: Kesara Scrymgour, Governance Admin Officer

Apologies

COUNCILLORS	
Councillor Jennifer Clancy	Bathurst Ward
Councillor Pius Tipungwuti	Milikapiti Ward

SCM/31 RESOLUTION

Moved: Lynette De Santis

Seconded: Daniel Costa

That Council:

1. Notes the members listed above are present and that quorum has been achieved.
2. Notes the absence of Councillor Jennifer Clancy and Councillor Pius Tipungwuti.
3. Accepts the apology received from Councillor Jennifer Clancy and Councillor Pius Tipungwuti.

CARRIED



1.3 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

2 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Adjournment of Open Meeting at 11:10 am.

Moved into Confidential Session at 11:10 am.

SCM/32 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mary Dunn
Seconded: Deanne Rioli

That pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider a Confidential matter.

CARRIED

2.9 REOPEN MEETING

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Confidential Item(s), the meeting was reopened and the decision on the Item(s) noted.

The meeting was reopened at 12:15 pm.

SCM/38 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mary Dunn
Seconded: Deanne Rioli

That the meeting be reopened and the decisions on the Confidential Item(s) be noted.

CARRIED

3 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12:20 pm.

4 NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Council Meeting - Monday 10 November 2025

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1
TITLE: Business Arising from Previous Minutes
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This report is submitted for Council to review and discuss the progress on outstanding Action Items from previous Council meetings.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Review the attached list of outstanding Action Items and give approval for completed Items to be removed.

Attachments

1. General Business OCM 15 October 2025 RESOLUTION OC M 191 [3.1.1 - 1 page]



8.1 General Business

OCM/191 RESOLUTION

Moved: Pius Tipungwuti
Seconded: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That Council notes the following General Business Items raised:

- Regular monthly Wurrumiyanga Community Meetings once new CEO commences
- Skip bins being set on fire in Wurrumiyanga by community, next steps to put notices around the community and discuss at community meetings
- Moving the card mats/games in Wurrumiyanga away from the road, to be discussed at the next WLA meeting
- Movement on the PLA projects

CARRIED

4 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER: 4.1
TITLE: Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG) - Remote Laundry Project for Wurrumiyanga
AUTHOR: Heidi Dorn, Deputy CEO / Manager Infrastructure

Summary

This report is provided to Council for Council to accept the guest, Elizabeth Morgan-Brett, from Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG) to present on Remote Laundry Project for Wurrumiyanga.

Recommendation

That Council support AIG's Remote Laundry Project for Wurrumiyanga.

Attachments

1. Consultation Summary for OTL Application [4.1.1 - 14 pages]
2. Corporation Extract - North Australia Aboriginal Corporation [4.1.2 - 4 pages]
3. Photo - Angurugu [4.1.3 - 1 page]
4. Photo - Gunbalanya [4.1.4 - 1 page]



Remote Laundries

Wurrumiyanga Community Consultation

2025



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Remote Laundry Consultation Summary - Wurrumiyanga

1. Executive Summary

The Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG), in partnership with the Santos Foundation, is progressing plans to establish a Remote Laundry facility in Wurrumiyanga.

An extensive consultation process has been undertaken to test community need and stakeholder support. AIG and the Santos Foundation developed the consultation plan in May 2025 and following high level approval from the OTL on 27 June 2025, two consultation rounds were conducted on (1–3 July and 29–31 July 2025). Across all engagements the feedback from Wurrumiyanga was consistently positive and reinforced the urgency and value of having a fixed laundry service in the community.

Engagement was broad and included:

- Tiwi Islands Regional Council
- Office of Township Leasing (OTL)
- Tiwi Land Council
- Mantiyupwi Clan members
- Tiwi Enterprises
- Nguiu Ullintjinni Association
- Fly Tiwi
- Julanimawu Primary Health Care Clinic
- Red Cross
- Tiwi Islands Training & Employment Board
- Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School
- Xavier Catholic College
- Tiwi Resources
- National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)
- Fulcrum Agency
- NR Electrical Services

Findings confirmed

- Clear demand for laundry services in Wurrumiyanga.
- Strong support for AIG and the Santos Foundation as the preferred service partners, acknowledging AIG's culturally responsive and proven operating model.
- Broad endorsement of Lot 938, a central location adjacent to the football oval as the preferred site for the facility (survey results 2025).

Next Steps

1. Secure approvals from OTL and Mantiyupwi Pty Ltd – TBC.
2. Commence implementation in 2026.



2. Model of Success for Remote Laundries

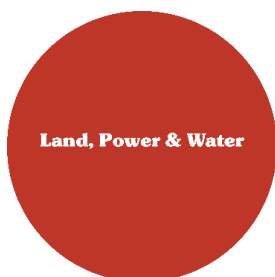
AIG developed the below model for the Remote Laundries Community Consultation process. The sweet spot is where all three areas cross over and while this isn't always possible, through the consultation process in Wurrumiyanga, we believe we have found the 'sweet spot' with Lot 938.



	<p>Needs: is an assessment informed by the community including organisations that understand and have direct impact on the health and wellbeing of the community. In Wurrumiyanga we met with Red Cross, the primary school, council, employment provider, Orange Sky and community stores. Each of these stakeholders confirmed the need for a place based, permanent, free commercial laundry and all endorsed the proposed location.</p>
	<p>Wants: is a qualitative review process and whilst we haven't yet come across a community that 'didn't want' a Laundry, the want in this context relates to the willingness of the community and local community organizations to support the process and ultimately the Laundry operations. We sought and received feedback from over 200 people who live in Wurrumiyanga as well as the organisations listed on page 6. Through our consultation we have demonstrated unanimous support from the community for the Remote Laundry in Wurrumiyanga and we have consensus about the proposed location/lot for the Laundry to operate.</p>



WAS: When considering a community and site for the Laundry, we have found that having close proximity to wrap around services improves engagement with the Laundry and drives better outcomes. This can be the local store, health care clinic, legal/banking services, youth services/facilities, sporting venues/facilities, daycare/school. Delivering in an area where there are a hub of services helps create a space where community members feel safe and included and where one service drives the use of the other. We also know that being in a hub safeguards the laundry asset itself and assists AIG with oversight of the asset and the laundry team operating onsite. The proposed location in Wurrumiyanga aligns with this model. Directly across from the Red Store, has close proximity to food, post office, banking, sporting facilities and schools. The Remote Laundry will be a positive addition to the services provided in this area, and based upon our experience, it will become a safe and inclusive hub for Wurrumiyanga.



LPW: This can often be the most challenging aspect. Whilst the Need/Want and W.A.S can all be fulfilled, if there is no land available and or, no access to Power/Water, the project becomes unviable or simply grinds to a halt. AIG met with NR Electrical Services whilst in Wurrumiyanga to undertake preliminary assessment of Lot 938's utilities. The electrician advised that is unlikely that significant electrical infrastructure upgrades will be required for the inclusion of a Remote Laundry. He noted that the main electrical meter is located on the other side of the lot, which would require additional cabling, however water and sewage mains are adjacent to the ablution block, and easily accessible. In summary, this appears to have no major barriers/hurdles to construction/operation of a Remote Laundry.

3. Wurrumiyanga Consultation Detail – June to July 2025

Consultation Team

Santos Foundation were represented by:

- Sharna Petherick: Australian Program Coordinator
- Andrew Hay: Head of Strategy & Performance

AIG were represented by:

- Lachlan McKenzie: Director, AIG



- Elizabeth Morgan-Brett: CEO, AIG
- Candice Basham: Program Manager, Remote Laundries Project

3.1 Darwin Based Consultation

Friday 27 June 2025

<p>Office of Township Leasing – Penny Talbot Exec Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held with OTL to discuss the project and seek guidance on agreed approach to ensure alignment with OTL leadership and processes. • ED OTL confirmed first step is to mee with TO Jennifer Clancy first, which Santos Foundation has already organised. • Two OTL staff will travel to Wurri on the plane during our first scheduled consultation. Opportunity to meet and connect with them. ED OTL will connect AIG and SF with Mantiyupwi Clan to seek advice, guidance, and permission to progress the project— covering location, design, and operations. • Note by OTL Mantiyupwi are in early discussions with Tiwi Enterprises about a separate commercial laundry at the hotel. • Mantiyupwi engagement is essential – but once complete, land and connection processes should be straightforward. • ED OTL reviewed proposed stakeholder list and felt it was comprehensive. • OTL supportive of proposed community consultation plan. • OTL confirmed Fulcrum does work on Tiwi, Wadeye, and Groote, and welcomed that we had also connected with them.
<p>Fulcrum Agency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIG held a Teams meeting with CEO of Fulcrum Agency, a specialist firm working exclusively in remote Aboriginal communities. • Fulcrum undertaking current work in Wurrumiyanga and shared insights on possible locations for the laundry. • Fulcrum happy to support us throughout the consultation process and answer any questions as we progress.



3.2 Wurrumiyanga Consultation Round 1

Day 1 – 1 July 2025 - 1 July 2025

<p>Meeting with Jennifer Clancy CLO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the Remote Laundries model and its community benefits. Discussed the importance of prioritising the local workforce component for the project to move forward. Identified challenges with the current Orange Sky service— notably, some community members lack the appropriate driver’s licence to operate the truck, impacting reliability. Jennifer noted a fixed laundry model will require coordination around men’s and women’s washing days. Jennifer is supportive of the project and has offered to connect us with relevant stakeholders. Emphasised the need to formally present the model to Mantiyupwi Clan members to gain their buy-in.
<p>Informal meeting with Red Cross clients</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for the laundry project. Clients shared frustration with politicians making empty promises and highlighted the need for genuine, sustained community investment. Emphasised the importance of engaging youth, and concerns around the lack of transport to return to homelands and deliver culture programs. Discussed wraparound support service, particularly for Elders who do not have transport. Strategic location will be critical to ensure access and use. Orange Sky seen as helpful but insufficient to meet demand—a fixed model would provide greater reliability and reach.
<p>Informal meeting with Tiwi Enterprises Ops Manager - Freddy Bong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiwi Enterprises operates Aged Care, which currently sends laundry to Darwin via barge—costly and slow (up to a week delay). A community based commercial laundry would benefit multiple business units. AIG and the Santos Foundation agreed that community members must be the first priority. Other laundry locations have successfully managed this by allocating separate times for business use – minimising impact. Strong support for the concept and keen to explore partnership opportunities.
<p>General community engagement</p>	<p>Museum, Art Centre, Blue Shop, Red Shop, Social Club, Airport, Tiwi Football Oval, Mantiyupwi Motel, Barge. Across all informal engagement points, the community responded positively to conversations about the Remote Laundries project. A number of individuals continued discussions after hours at the Social Club with AIG team members.</p>



Day 2 – 2 July 2025

<p>Tiwi Enterprises – Scott Anderson (CEO) and Freddy Bong (Ops Mgr)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a full overview of the project and the AIG–Santos Foundation partnership. • Scott has worked on Tiwi for five years and has grown Tiwi Enterprises from 2 revenue-generating units to 14 out of 15—demonstrating a strong, employment-focused, self-sustaining business model. • Confirmed high demand for commercial laundry across various sectors (motel, aged care, construction). • Tiwi Enterprises is exploring their own commercial laundry at the motel—no conflict, only complementarity. Agreed to share knowledge and experiences. • Suggestion for our laundry site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ #1 preference: the Pool area (if operational). ○ Alternative: Across from the Red Store. • Suggested Tiwi Enterprises as the construction partner for site works. • Queried whether the laundry was just for Wurrumiyanga - confirmed it's a pilot project.
<p>TITEB – Marion Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the project and partnership. • Supportive of the project and potential location at the Pool/Water Park/across from the Red Store. • Will assist with advertising jobs, supporting local recruitment (e.g. white cards, ID etc.).
<p>Meeting with Tiwi Islands Regional Council – Heidi Dorn & Yasmin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the Remote Laundries project and the partnership with the Santos Foundation. • Heidi expressed strong support and offered to invite us to present at the Local Authority group to raise awareness and secure broader buy-in. • She also provided contacts for Sarah and Maree from TLC, recommending we connect with them to arrange time to present directly to the TLC. • Heidi will advise us of the date for the next Service Delivery meeting, run by NIAA (Charles and Brooke)—noting that Charles is only on island one week each month. • Overall, Tiwi Regional Council is highly supportive of the project and the Foundation's commitment to the community.
<p>Community Consultation – Red Store - Richard Hadley, Wally & Jennifer Clancy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed discussion on the Remote Laundries model and AIG–Santos Foundation partnership. • The group advised that we must hold a formal community meeting to ensure everyone has a say and is properly consulted.



<p>Orange Sky Note: Bus was scheduled at Red Cross today but remained parked all day. No driver available— service didn't operate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They were all supportive of our idea to return with the AIG Remote Laundries tent, setting up next to the Red Store to create a visible and open presence in the community. • Richard Hadley, who has previously worked with Santos, also expressed support for the Barossa Project and noted his past working relationships with several AIG Directors. • Wally raised the importance of installing backup power for the laundry unit, given that power outages can last several hours in the community. • Wally also shared with Liz that the Pool is a community priority, and said the laundry would ideally be located at the pool site— if rectified. If not, his alternative suggestion was a location across from the store, next to the footy oval and adjacent to the toilet block. • Separately, Richard and Jennifer spoke with Locky and Candice about the pool site and potential for rectification. • Jess (School Social Worker) – Strong supporter; sees youth benefit. • Simone (Teacher’s Assistant) – Wants to work in the laundry once open.
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Day 3 – 3 July 2025

<p>Site Visits & Community Discussions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toured prospective laundry locations and took photos. • Two preferred locations were repeatedly identified by the community: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pool area – contingent on repairs or redevelopment into a water park. 2. Land behind the toilet block across from Red Store, adjacent to the AFL oval – preferred for its central location and privacy.
<p>Engagement at Blue Store</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mikey Coombes (Jipungwayi) – Involved in youth and NDIS support across the Tiwi Islands. Strong supporter of the project and valuable link to other communities. • Augustine (surname not captured) – Works with “Every Tiwi Kid” school support program (green shirts, school bus drivers). He was highly supportive of the laundry concept, emphasising its impact on children’s well-being. • Spoke informally with 20–25 Blue Store customers, all generally supportive of the laundry and partnership model. • Concerns were raised about Orange Sky model:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discomfort with OS units being placed at specific family homes and requiring others to use their water supply. ○ Some felt this caused "shame" when needing to approach other families for access. ○ OS was not operating during the visit (confirmed by Stevie from OS and their Facebook page – no driver available for two weeks).
<p>Engagement at Red Store</p>	<p>Visited during a church fundraiser event between Red Store and the old store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard introduced Locky, who addressed the crowd about the partnership and the Remote Laundry model. • Locky spoke to over 50 people, including groups playing cards – Richard provided translation support. • Three women expressed interest in future employment and shared their contact details. • Set up a stall near the seating area of Red Store and engaged with 13–15 additional people visiting the post office. <p>Key observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong overall support for the Remote Laundries partnership with Santos Foundation and AIG – no concerns raised. • Community feedback on Orange Sky was mixed, with many expressing frustration around accessibility and privacy concerns. • Preference for Remote Laundry to be centrally located, with Orange Sky better suited to service outer areas (e.g., Forest, Coconut Grove). • 3 separate requests received for AIG business support services. <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and shortlist potential sites, focusing on two preferred locations. • Follow up with interested employment candidates. • Continue engagement with stakeholders



3.3 Wurrumiyanga Consultation Round 2

29 July 2025 – 31 July 2025 - Wurrumiyanga

Day 1, 29 July 2025

Primary School Principal	Met with Kellie who was most supportive of the Laundry and the location across from the Red Store. Also excited by the AIG/Heart Foundation 'Healthy Skin - Healthy Heart' Education programs we've run in Barunga, Angurugu, Milyakburra and Gunbalanya. These programs are delivered in conjunction with the Heart Foundation and they are specifically designed to engage multiple stakeholders in community, including school children.
Tiwi Enterprise & Hobbs (David Hobbs Construction)	Positive meeting with Garry and David. Both excited by the AIG Santos Foundation Laundry and agree that across from Red Store is most appropriate from a construction/connection perspective. David is a solid builder who walked the site with Candice. Further met with Romello (Electrician) who advised of the meter and steps on connection.

Day 2, 30 July 2025

Community Event	<p>AIG and Santos Foundation set up our Marquee outside the red store at 10am. There was immediate interest from community who started voting on the proposed sites at 10,30am. Between 10.30 - 1.30pm we met with over 100 community members and a ballot was held and the results were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="555 1272 1297 1473"> <tr> <td data-bbox="555 1272 927 1339">Across from the Red Store</td> <td data-bbox="936 1272 1297 1339">54%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="555 1339 927 1406">Pool</td> <td data-bbox="936 1339 1297 1406">37% (only contingent upon the pool being upgraded)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="555 1406 927 1473">Other*</td> <td data-bbox="936 1406 1297 1473">9%</td> </tr> </table> <p>* locations suggested were Jubilee Park, Blue Store, Across from Red Cross and near the abandoned shed.</p> <p>Every engagement was positive about the Laundry and the partnership between AIG and Santos Foundation. Community are pleased to see investment coming in. We took details from a further 3 people who are interested in working at the laundry. Lunch was provided with 120 servings handed out and five boxes of water. We also handed out 30 fishing lines and Santos Foundation bags.</p>	Across from the Red Store	54%	Pool	37% (only contingent upon the pool being upgraded)	Other*	9%
Across from the Red Store	54%						
Pool	37% (only contingent upon the pool being upgraded)						
Other*	9%						



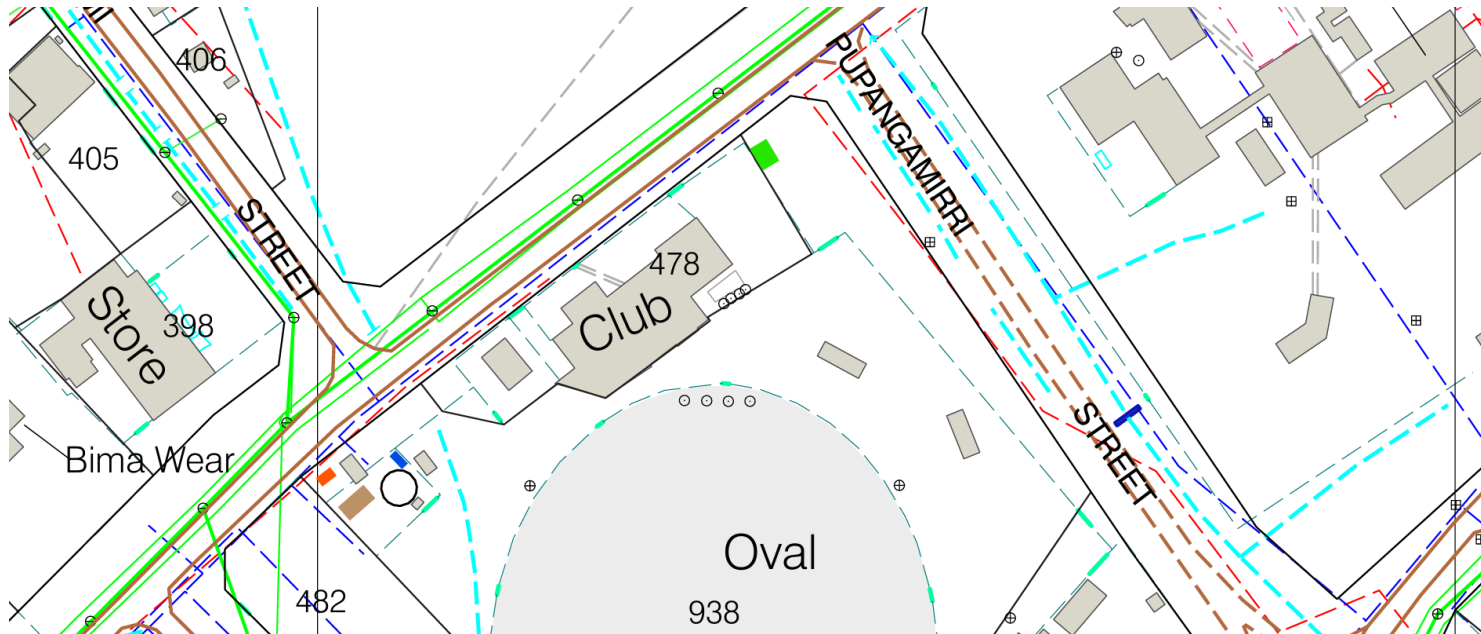
4. Photos







5. Slap Map Lot 938



- Brown** – Wurrumiyanga Community Laundry
- Red** – Connection to Sewer
- Blue** – Connection to Water
- Green** – Electrical Meter



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North Australia Aboriginal Corporation

Indigenous Corporation Number: 1178
 Australian Business Number: 34970047932
 Registration date: 14/01/1991
 Principal activity: Housing and tenancy > Rental property management, Other services, Other services > Accounting, Housing and tenancy
 Corporation Size: Large

Current corporation details

Corporation name: North Australia Aboriginal Corporation
 Former Name(s): Northern Australian Aboriginal Corporation, North Australia Aboriginal Corporation
 Registration Status: Registered
 Regulation Action:
 Main place of business: 32 Dripstone Road, CASUARINA, NT 0810, AUSTRALIA
 Contact numbers: Primary Phone: 0889222666 Alternate Phone:
 Corporation's email address: accounts@aiggroup.org.au
 Preferred method of communication: Email
 Registered office address (ROA)/ document access address: 32 Dripstone Road, CASUARINA, NT 0810, AUSTRALIA
 Postal address: PO Box 40298, CASUARINA, NT 0811, AUSTRALIA

Directors

Title	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Director Type	Director ID Provided?	Date of Appointment	Appointment Term	Born
Mr	Lachan		Mckenzie	Director	Yes	1/07/2022	Up to 2 years	1995 Darwin
Ms	Patricia		Farrell	Director	No	10/06/2025	Up to 2 years	1974
	Elizabeth		Gillett	Director	No	1/07/2022	Up to 2 years	1976 Katherine
Mrs	Helen		Lee	Director	Yes	1/07/2022	Up to 2 years	1967 Darwin NT
Mr	Brendan		Makungun	Director	No	7/10/2022	Up to 2 years	1976 Nhulunbuy NT
Mr	Brian		Pedwell	Director	Yes	1/07/2022	Up to 2 years	1975 Darwin
Mr	William		Danks	Director	Yes	13/02/2024	Up to 2 years	1955 Darwin NT

Contact person / secretary

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Role	Title	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date of Appointment
Secretary	Mrs	Elizabeth		Morgan-Brett	16/11/2021

Members

Brian Pedwell
 Elizabeth Gillett
 Brendan Marika
 Patricia Farrell

Annual returns / general report

CATSI Reporting

Financial Year	General Report	Financial Report	Auditors Report	Directors Report	Total Income	Total Assets	No. of Employees
<u>2024-25</u>	Required	Required	Required	Required			
<u>2023-24</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	\$5,230,155.00	\$21,735,759.00	11
<u>2022-23</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$6,552,042.00	\$21,651,958.00	9
<u>2021-22</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$2,633,127.00	\$17,566,701.00	12
<u>2020-21</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$3,058,491.00	\$15,680,933.00	16
<u>2019-20</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$4,739,686.00	\$15,769,766.00	16
<u>2018-19</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$2,145,240.00	\$17,058,857.00	11
<u>2017-18</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$2,429,354.00	\$19,415,593.00	6
<u>2016-17</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$2,617,015.00	\$16,002,055.00	3
<u>2015-16</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$2,760,427.00	\$14,537,776.00	4
<u>2014-15</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$1,460,249.00	\$13,591,599.00	7
<u>2013-14</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$1,448,045.00	\$13,859,596.00	4
<u>2012-13</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$1,344,901.00	\$17,829,029.00	3

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<u>2011-12</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$1,164,363.00	\$12,474,249.00	2
<u>2010-11</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$4,630,045.00	\$12,165,959.00	2
<u>2009-10</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$920,211.00	\$7,118,545.00	2
<u>2008-09</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$886,511.00	\$7,451,004.00	3
<u>2007-08</u>	Lodged	Lodged	Lodged	Not Required	\$863,499.00	\$7,699,841.00	3

* Corporation financial year end 30 - June

Form Submissions

Date Submitted	Submission ID	Status
28/07/2025	FRM-2025-119355 - Exemption	Submitted
3/07/2025	FRM-2025-119024 - Change of Officers	Approved
20/06/2025	FRM-2025-113373 - Change of Officers	Approved
18/03/2024	FS-1574216-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
8/03/2024	FS-1573726-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
16/02/2024	FS-1572569-101178-101178-CORPCHANG	Refused
11/12/2023	FS-1567701-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Refused
25/10/2023	FS-1563774-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
17/10/2023	FS-1563246-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
27/03/2023	FS-1551118-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
17/03/2023	FS-1550635-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
23/12/2022	FS-1545669-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
12/12/2022	FS-1543470-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
8/12/2022	FS-1543318-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
30/11/2022	FS-1542736-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
28/11/2022	FS-1542407-101178-101178-CORPCHANG	Approved
20/06/2022	FS-1532247-101178-101178-CORPCHANG	Approved
20/12/2021	FS-1525299-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
16/11/2021	FS-1522162-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
3/08/2021	FS-1517999-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
29/07/2021	FS-1517878-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Refused
18/05/2020	FS-1499310-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
9/03/2020	FS-1496134-101178-101178-CORPDCSCHANG	Approved
2/05/2019	FS-1483107-101178-101178-CORPNAMECHANG	Approved

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11/02/2019	FS-1480805-101178-101178-CORPNAMECHANGE	Approved
28/11/2018	FS-1476260-101178-101178-CORPCHANGEIGR	Approved
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14/03/2018	FS-1467555-101178-101178-CORPDCSCCHANGE	Approved
6/03/2018	FS-1467340-101178-101178-CORPCHANGEIGR	Approved
27/05/2016	FS-1442794-101178-101178-CORPDCSCCHANGE	Approved
3/03/2016	FS-1440841-101178-101178-CORPDCSCCHANGE	Approved
15/05/2015	FS-1418705-101178-101178-CORPDCSCCHANGE	Approved
14/05/2015	FS-1418686-101178-101178-CORPDCSCCHANGE	Approved
22/12/2008	FS-9807-101178-101178-CORPDCSCCHANGE	Approved
18/08/2008	FS-6430-101178-101178-CORPCHANGEIGR	Approved

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5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1
TITLE: Report of the Chief Executive Officer
AUTHOR: Maxie Smith, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

This report provides an update on activities undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer since commencing with Tiwi Islands Regional Council on Monday 27 October 2025 and opens the table for discussion on:

- Key Council Policies for Elected Members; and
- A possible collaboration opportunity with Charles Darwin University regarding the *Inter-Island Ferry Connectivity Challenge*.

Recommendation

That the report entitled Report of the Chief Executive Officer be received and noted.

Attachments

1. 1 Overview of Maxie s first 2 weeks (1) [5.1.1 - 1 page]
2. 2. Councillor Awareness – Key Council Policies [5.1.2 - 7 pages]
3. 3 Collaboration Opportunity Inter Island Ferry Connectivity Challenge [5.1.3 - 1 page]

TITLE: Overview of CEO's first 2 weeks

DETAILS

Commencement and Induction

- Commenced with TIRC on Monday 27 October 2025.
- Held an introductory meeting with the Tiwi Land Council on the first day to discuss Roads and Waste priorities.
- Undertook a general induction and met with senior staff across all business units.

Meetings and Engagements

- Conducted meetings with staff and managers at Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti, and the Darwin office.
- Attended the Office Town Leasing (OTL) Consultative Forum meetings in Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti communities.
- Held a Welcome Morning Tea in Wurrumiyanga with Councillors and staff.
- Held a Welcome Morning Tea in Darwin with office staff.

General Overview

These introductory meetings and engagements have provided a valuable opportunity to meet the wider TIRC team, better understand community priorities, and begin building relationships with key Tiwi organisations and stakeholders.

TITLE: Councillor Awareness – Key Council Policies

DETAILS

Key Council policies for discussion to ensure all Elected Members are aware of their obligations and responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2019* and the Council's internal governance framework.

The purpose of this item is to support consistency, transparency, and good governance by refreshing Councillors' understanding of core policy requirements.

BACKGROUND

With me being new to this Council, I thought it would be a good opportunity to refresh and ensure that all Councillors are aware of certain key policies.

Attached are two that I consider particularly important for Elected Representatives to be familiar with and would like to open for discussion:

- **Social Media Policy** – outlines appropriate and professional use of social media by Elected Members and staff, including conduct expectations when representing Council.
- **Council Member Disqualification – Absence from Council Meetings** – summarises legislative obligations under Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, including the process and timeframes related to attendance requirements.

This discussion will provide an opportunity for Elected Members to clarify any questions about policy expectations, ensure alignment with the Act, and reaffirm their commitment to transparent and accountable representation.

ATTACHMENTS

- a) Social-Media-Policy
- b) council-member-disqualification-absence-from-council-meetings



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Title: Social Media Policy
Policy No: 70
Adopted By: Council
Responsibility: Chief Executive Office

Version	Decision Number	Adoption Date	History
1	Resolution 40	29 May 2024	Original document

For the purposes of this policy:

Policy Scope

This policy outlines the expectations and requirements of Tiwi Islands Regional Council (Council) employees and elected members with regard to social media and its use.

Contractors employed to deliver work on behalf of the Council are also subject to this policy.

Policy Aim

This policy aims to clearly outline acceptable and unacceptable use of social media, to ensure the Council is appropriately represented on social media, to protect the Council's reputation and to prevent misuse.

Social Media Use at Tiwi Islands Regional Council

Authorised Officers

The CEO can delegate authority to an appropriate officer to manage the Council's social media account. This authorisation can be removed at any time at the discretion of the CEO and automatically ceases at termination of employment at the Council.

Operating an Official Tiwi Islands Regional Council Social Media Account

1. All official Council communications on social media must be approved by the CEO before posting to social media.
2. The CEO's approval of a post will be subject to the following considerations:
 - a. Is the content accurate?
 - b. Does the post uphold the Council's values?

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- c. Is the post culturally and socially sensitive?
- d. Does the post adhere to relevant Council policies and regulations (such as Privacy laws)?
3. Posts on an official Council social media account must be monitored for defamatory and other inappropriate comments so they can be deleted.
4. All social media posts must be recorded.

Misuse of an Official Tiwi Islands Regional Council Social Media Account

Authorised officers operating an official Council social media account must not:

1. Post or respond to material that is offensive, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, bullying, discriminatory, hateful, racist, sexist or in breach of copyright.
2. Bring the Council's integrity or reputation into disrepute.

Instances of misuse of an official Council social media account must be recorded and reported to the CEO for investigation.

Employees and Elected Members (Private Use)

Employees and Elected Members may have a personal social media account but must adhere to the Council's Codes of Conduct.

Personal social media accounts may not be used to bring the Council into disrepute by:

1. Posting or responding to material that is offensive, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, bullying, discriminatory, hateful, racist, sexist or in breach of copyright.
2. Establishing fake accounts or identities online.

Personal social media accounts may not be used by Employees for work related purposes.

This includes such as:

1. Sharing information or making announcements on behalf of the Council.
2. Responding to comments, feedback or questions about Council communications.
3. Providing, correcting or distributing details about a Council event.
4. Using your position as an employee of Council to share confidential, sensitive or private information.

Elected Members may wish to operate a personal social media account to facilitate conversations online with ratepayers and community members. Elected Members may not use their social media accounts to:

1. Speak on behalf of Council.
2. Comment publicly on agenda items prior to a Council resolution, or to discuss any information that has been provided to Council behind closed doors or in a closed briefing.
3. Breach privacy or confidentiality.

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Online bullying, trolling and/or harassment which may be related to an official Council social media account or which is associated with an online discussion about Council should not spill over into an employee's personal social media account. Employees who are contacted about their work on their private social media account should not respond, and alert the relevant authorised officer operating the official Council social media account.

Employees or Elected Members who fall victim to online bullying, trolling and/or harassment must report this to the CEO for investigation.

Breach of Policy Penalties

Breach of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

Council member disqualification – Absence from council meetings

Introduction

Under section 47 of the [Local Government Act 2019](#) (the Act) a person may be eligible for election or appointment as a member of a council unless the person is disqualified.

This information sheet relates to the disqualification criteria at section 47(1)(o), which states:

- (1) A person is disqualified from office as a member of a council if the person:
 - (o) is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the council.

Regulation 101 of the [Local Government \(General\) Regulations 2021](#) (the General Regulations) states:

- (1) This regulation applies if a member is absent without the permission of the council under section 47(1)(o) of the Act.
- (2) At the first meeting that a member is absent from the meeting without permission, the council must resolve that the member is absent from the meeting without permission and the resolution must refer to section 47(1)(o) of the Act.
- (3) The CEO must notify the member, in writing, of the resolution within 7 days of the making of the resolution.
- (4) The notification in subregulation (3) must include a copy of the minutes and a statement that if the member is absent without permission from the next ordinary meeting of the council, the member may be disqualified.
- (5) If the member is absent from the next ordinary meeting of the council without permission, the council must resolve that the member is absent from the meeting without permission and the resolution must refer to section 47(1)(o) of the Act.
- (6) However, nothing in this regulation prevents a council from revoking a resolution made under it if the member provides a reason to the council for the member's absence to the satisfaction of the council.

Steps for disqualification

Noting the requirements set out at regulation 101 of the General Regulations, the steps for disqualification due to consecutive absences from council meetings is set below.

Step 1 – First absence

The council may make a resolution at an **ordinary council meeting** with the following parts to be reflected in the resolution:

- (a) a statement that the council member is absent from the meeting without permission; and
- (b) a reference to section 47(1)(o) of the Act.

Step 2 – Notification to council member

Following **Step 1**, the CEO of the council notifies the absent council member, in writing, of the council's resolution in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) the notification is given within 7 days of the council making of the resolution; and

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- (b) a copy of the meeting minutes (this can be draft minutes) is included in the notification; and
- (c) a statement is included in the notification that if the council member is absent without permission from the **next ordinary council meeting**, that the council member may be disqualified.
- (d) A statement can be included in the notification that if the council member would like to provide any reason or supporting documentation for not providing a notification of absences in advance, for the council to consider at the next ordinary meeting.

If the council member provides a response to the first notification by the CEO with a reason for their absence without permission, the CEO of the council is to ensure an agenda item is included for council to consider the absence at the next ordinary meeting.

The council member may wish to request that the agenda item be placed in the confidential business section if the surrounding circumstances are of a sensitive nature.

The council has the option to rescind previous decisions if the council member provides a reason for the absence that satisfies the council (see regulation 101(6) of the General Regulations).

If the council rescinds a previous decision to not accept an absence, the current process would then end.

Step 3 – Second absence

Following **Step 2**, if the council did not rescind the previous absence and the council member is absent without permission at the **next ordinary council meeting**, the council may make a resolution with the following parts to be reflected in the resolution:

- (a) a statement that the council member is absent from the meeting without permission; and
- (b) a reference to section 47(1)(o) of the Act.

Important notes about Steps 1 to 3

All relevant processes should be followed by the council (and the CEO of the council) at the time of making these decisions regarding disqualification to ensure there is procedural fairness.

A decision that a council member has been absent without permission should not be made retrospectively (i.e. at a later meeting), as this would likely be inconsistent with procedural fairness and the process set out in the General Regulations. In other words, a council resolution at **Step 1** and **Step 3** should only be made at the meeting the council member is absent.

The council should have written evidence of **Step 1**, **Step 2** and **Step 3** before progressing this process.

Step 4 – Following up on absences

If **Step 1**, **Step 2** and **Step 3** have been followed, it is recommended that the council then writes to the council member, outlining the steps that have been followed and seeking any additional comments from the council member that may justify the absences.

It is recommended that the CEO of the council formally sends this correspondence to the council member by the most appropriate contact method (e.g. via email or post). If the CEO is unable to make contact with the council member to confirm receipt, the CEO should record all attempts to make contact with the council member.

Any reasons provided by the council member should then be presented to the council for the council's consideration at the next ordinary meeting.

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The council has the option to rescind previous decisions if the council member provides a reason for the absence that satisfies the council. If the council rescinds a previous decision to not accept an absence, the current process would then end.

Step 5 – Informing the council member of responsibility to resign

If the council does not rescind any of the decisions to not accept a previous absence, then it is recommended that the council again writes to the council member to inform them of the council member's responsibility to resign (see section 51 of the Act).

It is recommended that the CEO of the council formally sends this correspondence to the council member and record any receipt or attempt of contact.

The council member may then resign by giving written notice to the CEO as soon as practicable (see section 52 of the Act). However, the council member may have reasons for believing they should not resign, for example, they may not believe that all procedures have been correctly followed. A council member cannot be forced to resign.

If the council member resigns, the CEO must provide a copy of the council member's written notice (resignation) to the Electoral Commissioner as soon as practicable (see section 53 of the Act).

Step 6 – Escalating the matter to NTCAT

If the council member does not resign after receiving this correspondence from the council at **Step 5**, then the council may lodge an application to seek the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT) to determine whether the council member is to be dismissed (see section 56 of the Act).

More information

Please contact the Local Government Unit on LGQuestions.DHLGCD@nt.gov.au if you have queries on this topic.

TITLE: Collaboration Opportunity – Inter-Island Ferry Connectivity Challenge

DETAILS

To table a proposed collaboration between Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) and Charles Darwin University (CDU) to explore engineering solutions for improving inter-island ferry connectivity across the Tiwi Islands.

The initiative aims to engage CDU Engineering students in developing innovative, practical concepts that may inform future planning and infrastructure projects to strengthen transport links between Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, and Milikapiti.

BACKGROUND

The Tiwi Islands community relies heavily on ferry transport for the movement of people, goods, and services. Challenges such as weather conditions, scheduling, and infrastructure limitations have prompted the need to consider long-term strategies for improving reliability and efficiency.

TIRC has initiated discussions with CDU’s Engineering Department to establish a **“Tiwi Inter-Island Connectivity Challenge”**. The concept involves CDU students participating as part of their final-year project, supported by academic staff and potentially an external industry mentor.

Through this partnership, students would:

- Research and assess the current inter-island ferry system;
- Identify opportunities for safety, operational, and infrastructure improvements; and
- Present innovative design or logistical solutions suited to the Territory’s marine environment.

CDU has expressed strong interest in the collaboration, noting that it aligns well with their focus on applied learning and community engagement.

CURRENT STATUS

- Initial contact and proposal shared with CDU’s Engineering Department.
- Positive response received from CDU academics, confirming the potential for student participation in 2026.
- Further discussions will be held to finalise project scope, supervision, and possible recognition (e.g. an award or competition structure).
- Thecla Brogan, Communications and Events Officer, is coordinating with CDU staff to confirm next steps.

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.2
TITLE: Finance End of Month Report – October 2025
AUTHOR: Jayesh Vasandani, Chief Finance Officer

Summary

The Finance reports ask Council to receive and note the Council's Financial Report as of 31st October 2025.

Background

Attached are the Council's Financial Reports as of 31st October 2025, including:

- Income & Expenditure Report Year to Date October 2025.
- Monthly Variance Analysis Statement Year to Date October 2025 with explanation on variances.
- Capital Expenditure & Funding Report Year to Date October 2025.
- Balance Sheet as of 31st October 2025.
- Notes to Monthly Balance Sheet as of 31st October 2025.
- Credit Card Reporting for the month October 2025.

The Balance Sheet as of 31st October 2025 has been prepared as per prevailing accounting standards, practice and in compliance with the applicable Local Government Act 2019.

The Income and Expenditure Report as at the end of October 2025 shows that the Provisional net cash surplus / (deficit) is at a Surplus of \$ 3,149,525.

The bank balance as of 31st October 2025 is \$ 6,097,873.

As per the Local Government Act 2019, the Monthly Financial Report is certified by the Chief Executive Officer.

Legislative Framework

Division 7 of the Local Government Accounting Regulations 2019

Recommendation

That the report entitled Finance End of Month Report – October 2025 be received and noted.

Attachments

1. Monthly Finance Report October 2025 [5.2.1 - 14 pages]
2. Cash Flow October 2025 [5.2.2 - 1 page]

Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
Reporting Period:	October 2025

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:
(1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and
(2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

CEO Signed



Date Signed

06/11/2025

Note: *The monthly financial report to council must either be accompanied by a written certification by the CEO to the council, as set out above, or the CEO is to provide written reasons for not providing the certification. (Regulation 17(5) of the General Regulations)*

Table 1.1 Monthly Income and Expenditure Statement_ October 2025

Particulars	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Full Year Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME				
Rates	3,202,314	3,137,312	65,002	3,137,312
Charges	793,923	769,184	24,739	769,184
Fees and Charges	524,103	451,324	72,779	1,353,972
Operating Grants and Subsidies	2,110,912	3,345,573	(1,234,660)	10,036,718
Interest / Investment Income	36,976	46,667	(9,691)	140,000
Commercial and Other Income	358,110	320,096	38,014	960,288
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	7,026,337	8,070,155	(1,043,818)	16,397,474
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Expenses	1,958,753	2,520,612	(561,859)	7,561,836
Materials and Contracts	779,017	1,502,060	(723,043)	4,506,181
Elected Member Allowances	125,670	140,999	(15,329)	422,998
Elected Member Expenses	6,640	44,333	(37,693)	133,000
Council Committee & LA Allowances	23,414	14,000	9,414	42,000
Council Committee & LA Expenses	2,018	5,867	(3,849)	17,600
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	627,195	740,502	(113,307)	2,221,505
Interest Expenses	-	37,030	(37,030)	111,090
Other Expenses	536,295	717,100	(180,805)	2,151,300
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	4,059,002	5,722,503	(1,663,502)	17,167,510
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OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,967,336	2,347,652	619,684	(770,036)
Less : Capital Expenditure	445,006	478,809	(33,804)	1,436,428
Less :Borrowing Repayments Principal			-	10,000
Add :Depreciation, Amortisation	627,195	740,502	(113,307)	2,221,505
Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	3,149,525	2,609,344	540,180	5,041
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-	
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	3,149,525	2,609,344	540,180	5,041

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Table 1.1 A - Monthly Variance Analysis Statement_ October 2025

Particulars	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Full Year Original Budget \$	Variance %	Remarks
OPERATING INCOME						
Rates	3,202,314	3,137,312	65,002	3,137,312	2%	TIRC has completed Rates & Charges processing for FY 2025-26.
Charges	793,923	769,184	24,739	769,184	3%	
Fees and Charges	524,103	451,324	72,779	1,353,972	16%	Variance of (+)~73K is mainly from Landing Fees (+)11K & Lease Rentals of (+)\$64K invoiced in advance.
Operating Grants and Subsidies	2,110,912	3,345,573	(1,234,660)	10,036,718	-37%	Opening grant balances are updated in the books , Numbers to be aligned in revised budget Dec 25.
Interest / Investment Income	36,976	46,667	(9,691)	140,000	-21%	Actual Bank interest income remains lower compared to budgeted due to lower interest rate regime.
Commercial and Other Income	358,110	320,096	38,014	960,288	12%	Variance of (+)~38K is mainly due to (+) \$54K unbudgeted non operational income & (+) \$10K Fuel Sales & Offset by(-) \$30K Airport Invoicing of Sep 25 & Oct 25 on DLI .
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	7,026,337	8,070,155	(1,043,818)	16,397,474		
OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
Employee Expenses	1,958,753	2,520,612	(561,859)	7,561,836	-22%	Actual Wages remains lower compared to projections due to vacant positions in Tied Funding Programs & Un Tied areas.
Materials and Contracts	779,017	1,502,060	(723,043)	4,506,181	-48%	Material Expenses remains lower compared to projections due to unspent expenses in Tied Funding Programs .
Elected Member Allowances	125,670	140,999	(15,329)	422,998		Total Expenses expected to be aligned with the projections by Dec 2025.
Elected Member Expenses	6,640	44,333	(37,693)	133,000		
Local Authorities & Council Committee Allowances	23,414	14,000	9,414	42,000	-23%	
Local Authorities & Council Committee Expenses	2,018	5,867	(3,849)	17,600		
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	627,195	740,502	(113,307)	2,221,505	NA	To be aligned in Revised Budget Dec 2025.
Interest Expenses	-	37,030	(37,030)	111,090	NA	Lease Amortization for FY 25-26.
Other Expenses	536,295	717,100	(180,805)	2,151,300	-25%	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	4,059,002	5,722,503	(1,663,502)	17,167,510		
OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	2,967,336	2,347,652	619,684	(770,036)		
Less Capital Expenditure	445,006	478,809	(33,804)	1,436,428		As per Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure & Funding
Less :Borrowing Repayments Principal	-	-	-	10,000		
Add :Depreciation, Amortisation	627,195	740,502	(113,307)	2,221,505		
Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	3,149,525	2,609,344	540,180	5,041		
Add :- Grants Carried Forward				-		
Total Surplus	3,149,525	2,609,344	540,180	5,041		

Table 1.2 Monthly Operating Position - October 2025




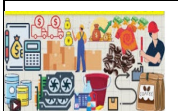






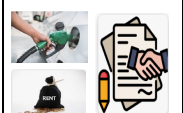



Particulars	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget Revised \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	2,967,336	2,347,652	619,684	(770,036)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
<i>Less</i> Non-Cash Income	-	-	-	-
<i>Add Back</i> Non-Cash Expenses	627,195	740,502	(113,307)	2,221,505
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	627,195	740,502	(113,307)	2,221,505
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	445,006	478,809	(33,804)	1,436,428
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	-	-	-	10,000
Transfer to Reserves				
Other Outflows				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(445,006)	(478,809)	33,804	(1,446,428)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	-			-
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	-	-	-	-
NET BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	3,149,525	2,609,344	540,180	5,041

Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure (Part A) and Funding (Part B)- October 2025
By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (Part A) *	Opening WIP	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget * \$	YTD Variance \$	Annual Budget Revised \$
Milikapiti Water Park -Barbeque Play Area (1478)	25,044	-	-	-	Not Applicable
Multi Purpose Hall Wurrumiyanga (1764)	94,747	1,975	1,975	-	Not Applicable
Milikapiti Oval Stage 2 (1645)	30,479	-	-	-	Not Applicable
Milikapiti Water Play Area (1761+1762)	357,045	3,628	3,628	-	Not Applicable
Master Plan – Sports and Rec-Wurrumiyanga (1478)	42,242	3,790	3,790		Not Applicable
Infrastructure	549,557	9,392	9,392	-	
HHIP Stage 2 - (1682)	45,455	136,364	136,364		Not Applicable
Community solar Paru Project (1685)	61,775	185,325	185,325		Not Applicable
HHIP Housing Solar Upgrades TPC Deposit - (1690)	-	66,425	66,425	-	Not Applicable
Land Clearing Site(1687)	-	47,500	47,500	-	Not Applicable
Plant and Equipment	107,230	435,614	435,614	-	
Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	
Overall Untied Budgeted capital expenditure			80,000		240,000
				-	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE :- BY ASSET CLASS *	656,787	445,006	525,006	(80,000)	240,000

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FUNDING SOURCE (Part B) :-	Opening WIP	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget * \$	YTD Variance \$	(Annual) Budget
Master Plan – Sports and Rec-Wurrumiyanga (1478)	42,242	3,790	3,790		
HHIP Stage 2 -25% Deposit (1682)	45,455	136,364	136,364	-	
Community Solar Project (1685)	61,775	185,325	185,325	-	
HHIP Housing Solar Upgrades TPC Deposit - (1690)	-	66,425	66,425		
Wurrumiyanga Multi Purpose Hall (1764)	94,747	1,975	1,975	-	
Milikapiti Oval Stage 2 (1645)	30,479	-	-	-	
Milikapiti Water Play Area (1761)	160,297	3,628	3,628	-	
Milikapiti Water Play Area (1762)	196,747		-		
Milikapiti Water Park -Barbeque Play Area (1478)	25,044	-	-		
Land Clearing Site(1687)	0	47,500	47,500	-	
Tied Funding Grants	656,787	445,006	445,006	0	
Un Tied Funds	-	-	80,000	(80,000)	240,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE :- BY FUNDING TYPE	656,787	445,006	525,006	(80,000)	240,000

Bird's Eye View TIRC_Profit & Loss as YTD October 2025											
Income		Expenses									
											
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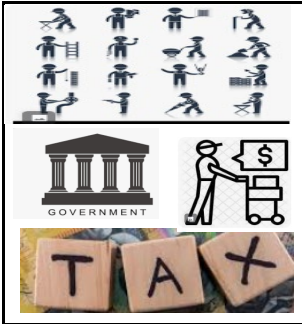

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Table 3. Monthly Balance Sheet Report_As of 31st October 2025

Particulars	Sub Total	Year To Date Actuals	Note
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		6,097,873	(1)
Tied Funds	3,820,094		
Untied Funds	2,277,779		
Accounts Receivable		1,137,064	
Trade Debtors	97,807		(2)
Rates & Charges Debtors	1,039,258		(7)
Other Current Assets		709,410	
Prepayments	387,794		
Other Current Assets	321,615		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		7,944,347	A
Property, Plant and Equipment		55,978,563	
Buildings Prescribed	46,317,581		
Infrastructure Prescribed	6,081,249		
Plant	1,791,964		
Equipment	166,571		
Motor Vehicles	518,315		
Work in Progress	1,102,884		
Non-Current Financial Lease Assets		2,471,581	
B = TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		58,450,144	B
TOTAL ASSETS		66,394,491	C = A + B
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		34,741	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities		630	(3 & 4)
Current Provisions		1,355,315	(5)
Other Current Liabilities		620,405	(6)
Unexpected Grant Liabilities		2,386,531	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,397,623	D
Non - Current Liabilities			
Non-Current Provisions		201,339	
Non-Current Borrowings		590,001	
Non-Current Financial Lease Liabilities		2,442,274	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,233,614	E
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,631,236	F = D + E
NET ASSETS		58,763,255	X = C - F
EQUITY			
Asset Revaluation Reserve		46,995,700	
Asset Replacement Reserve		50,000	
Restricted Reserves		1,433,563	
Accumulated Surplus		10,283,992	
TOTAL EQUITY		58,763,255	

Table 3a . Notes to Monthly Balance Sheet as of 31st October 2025

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held as of 31st October 2025

Bank Accounts	Total
Operating Account	415,859
Trust Account	3,819,981
Christmas Saving Account	133,794
NIAA Bank Account	1,677,342
Cash Deposit Account (credit cards)	50,898
Total Bank Balance as of 31st October 2025	6,097,873

Note 2. Statement of Trade Debtors as of 31st October 2025

Trade Debtors	Current	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60	Past Due 61-90	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
Trade Debtors	-	46,760	3,130	1	47,916	97,807
Total Trade Debtors	-	46,760	3,130	1	47,916	97,807

Trade Debtors Breakdown	Total Amount	Current	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60 Days	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total %
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	38,532	39%	0%	0%	0%	0%	39%
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	21,130	0%	0%	0%	0%	22%	22%
ATO - GST	14,369	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	15%
Tiwi Islands Training And Employment Board	6,409	4%	0%	2%	0%	1%	7%
Other Debtors	17,366	10%	0%	3%	1%	1%	15%
Total	97,807	57%	0%	5%	1%	38%	100%

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Note 3. Statement of Trade Creditors as of 31st October 2025

Trade Creditors	Current	Past Due 1 – 30 Days	Past Due 31 – 60	Past Due 61-90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total
PAYG & Super	-	-	-	-	630	630
Trade Creditors	-	-	-	-	34,741	34,741
Total Accounts Payable as of 31st October 2025	-	-	-	-	35,372	35,372

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Table 3a . Notes to Monthly Balance Sheet as of 31st October 2025

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Note 4. Statement of Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations as of 31st October 2025

Notes	Amount	Progress Remarks
Payroll :-		
Payroll Overdues	-	
Superannuation Liability	630	The Council made the most recent superannuation payment of ~\$24,080.19 on 31st Oct 2025, covering liabilities accrued up to 25th Oct 2025 As per ATO - Next Quarterly super payment due dates Cut off date is 28th January 2025
ATO :-		
Business Activity Statements - (B.A.S.)	-	Sep 2025 - B.A.S. lodged to ATO on 21st Oct 2025. Oct 25 B.A.S is lodged on 05th Nov 2025.
Fringe Benefit Tax - (F.B.T.)		TIRC 2025 FBT Return Status : Complete ATO has Finalized FBT Return in July 2025.
Tax Payable Annual Report - (T.P.A.R)		TPAR for FY 24-25 has been submitted by TIRC on 28th Aug 2025.
Total ATO & Payroll as of 31st October 2025	630	

Note 5. Current Provisions as of 31st October 2025

Provisions - Purpose	Amount
Annual Leave Entitlements	481,578
Long Service Leave Entitlements	212,373
Doubtful Debts Provision	661,364
Current Provisions as of 31st October 2025	1,355,315

Note 6. Other Current Liabilities as of 31st October 2025

Other Current Liabilities - Breakup	Amount
Current Lease Liability As per - AASB16	289,279
Bonds held as a deposit	25,886
Christmas Savings Club	148,275
Misc. Accounts.	156,965
Other Current Liabilities as of 31st October 2025	620,405

Note 7. Rates & Charges Debtors as of 31st October 2025

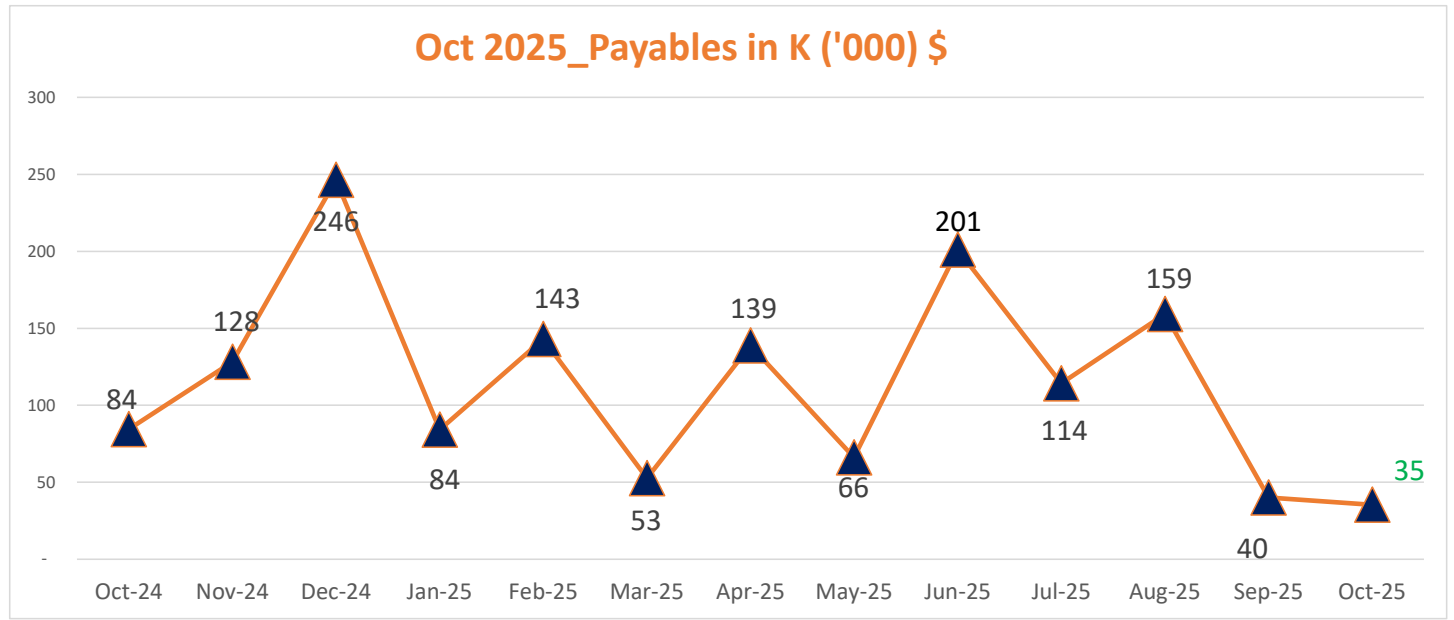
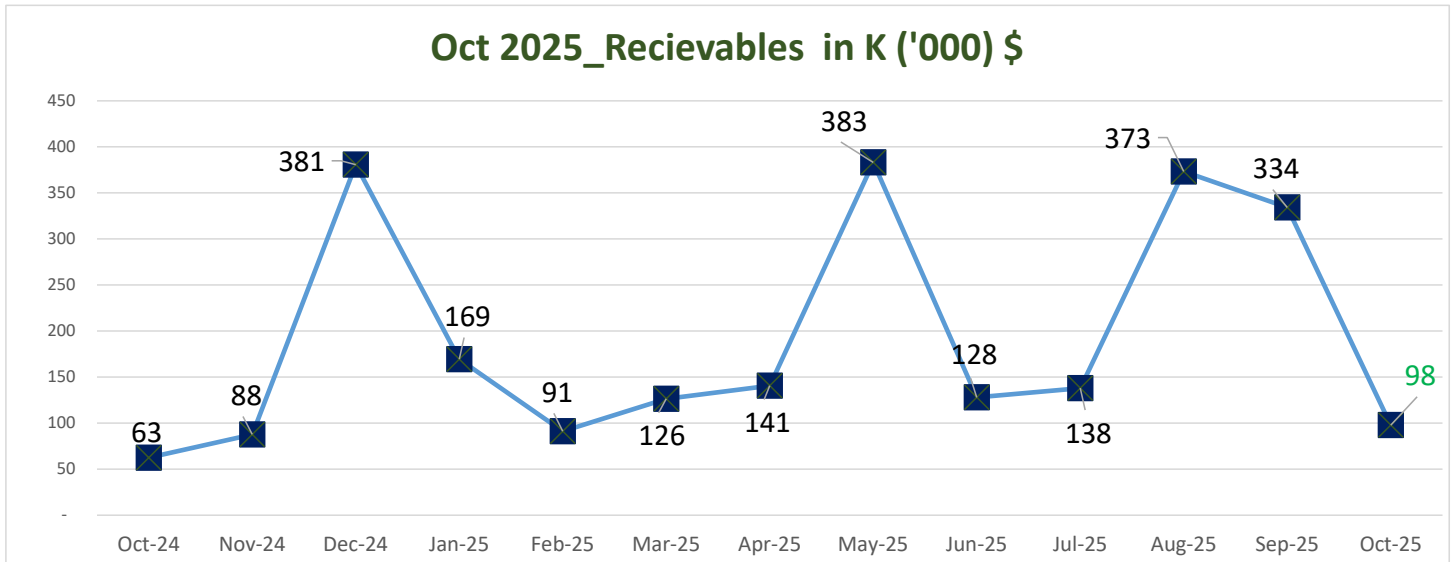
Financial Year	Total Balance	Balance as %
FY 17/18	19,379	2%
FY 18/19	21,664	2%
FY 19/20	39,811	4%
FY 20/21	72,453	7%
FY 21/22	66,961	6%
FY 22/23	146,659	14%
FY 23/24	119,494	11%
FY 24/25	218,071	21%
FY 25/26	334,766	32%
Rates & Charges Outstanding as of 31st October 2025	1,039,258	100%

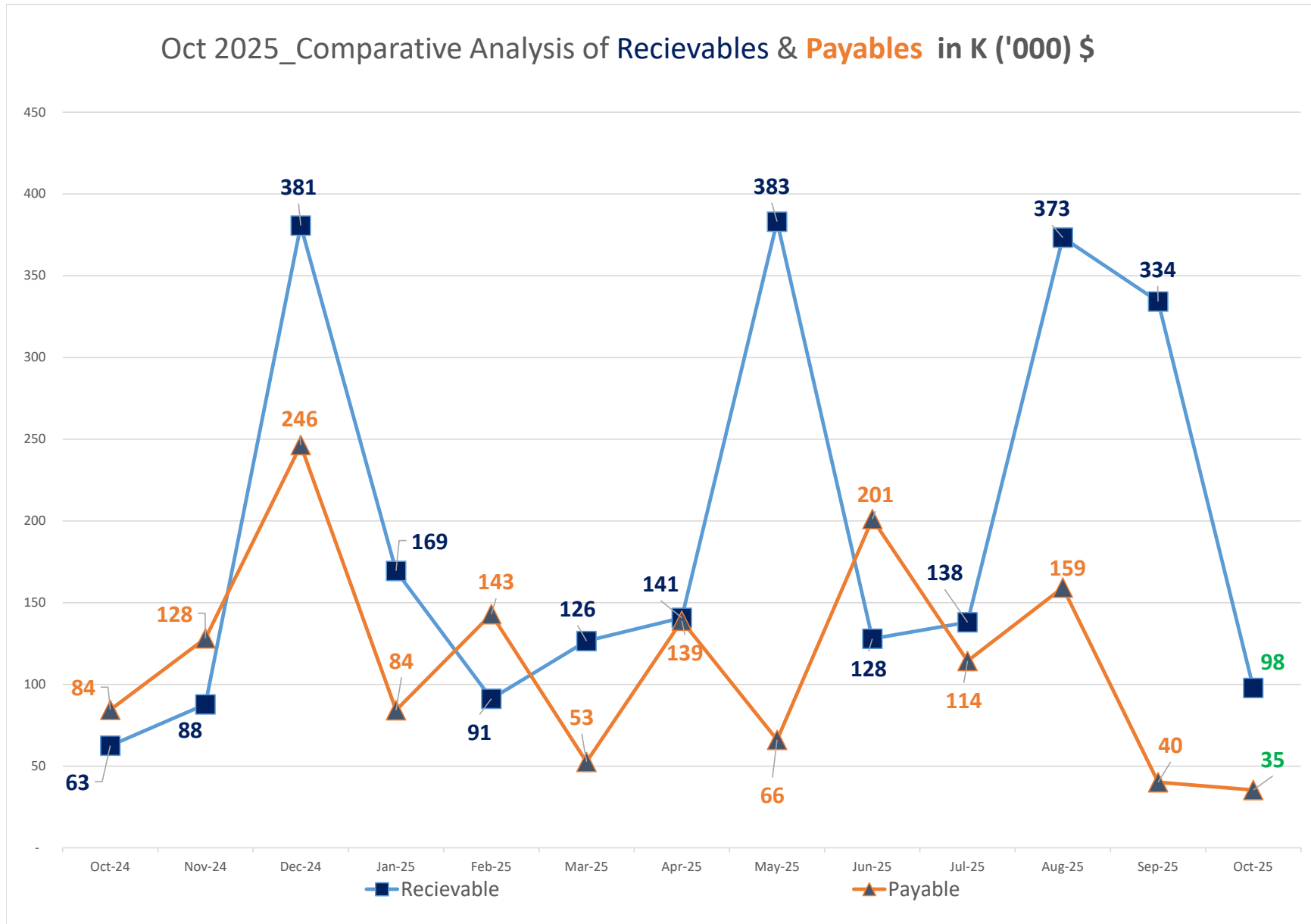
Table 4. Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Period- October 2025

Where a council credit card has been issued to an Elected Member and/or the CEO, a list per cardholder of all credit card transactions in the month is to be published including the name of the supplier, the amount for each transaction and the reason for the transaction.

Cardholder Name: Not reportable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Supplier's Name</i>	<i>Reason for the Transaction</i>
No Transactions recorded for Member & CEO Credit Card for the Period Oct 2025.			
Total	-		



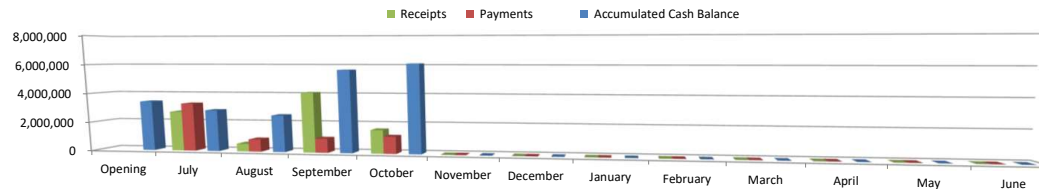


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Cash Flow
as at 31st Oct 2025



Description	Opening	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Adj	Closing	YTD	%
Cash Accounts																	
Cash at Bank Operational General	133,249	44,165	87,484	61,484	89,476	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	415,859	282,609	212%
Cash at Bank Trust General	1,531,897	(638,836)	(412,704)	3,043,469	296,155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,819,981	2,288,084	149%
PMC Bank ACCOUNT	1,613,786	4,438	4,805	4,608	49,705	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,677,342	63,556	4%
Staff Christmas Savings Account	89,150	14,850	7,250	22,225	319	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133,794	44,644	50%
Cash Deposit account (Credit cards)	50,898	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,898	-	0%
Total Cash Accounts	3,418,980	(575,383)	(313,165)	3,131,786	435,656	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,097,873	2,678,893	78%
Operating Activities																	
Receipts	-	2,722,150	537,187	4,104,788	1,609,484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,973,609	8,973,609	
Income Rates and Charges	-	825	1,150	3,440,619	143,204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,585,798	3,585,798	
Income Council Fees and Charges	-	79,700	201,119	70,901	172,382	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	524,103	524,103	
Income Operating Grants Subsidie:	-	2,309,881	840,350	353,221	1,004,974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,508,426	4,508,426	
Income Investments	-	6,795	8,929	7,871	13,381	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,976	36,976	
Other Operating Receipts	-	324,950	(514,362)	232,176	275,543	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318,307	318,307	
Payments	-	3,250,034	762,594	973,001	864,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,849,710	5,849,710	
Employee Expenses	-	488,842	494,452	490,806	488,589	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,962,689	1,962,689	
Contract and Material Expenses	-	430,945	146,195	288,761	220,846	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,086,747	1,086,747	
Finance Expenses	-	395	427	377	452	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,651	1,651	
Other Operating Payments	-	2,328,154	116,638	169,794	153,871	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,768,457	2,768,457	
Other Operating Payments	-	364	3,040	6,007	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,509	9,509	
Other Operating Payments	-	1,334	1,841	17,258	226	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,658	20,658	
Total Operating Activities	-	(527,883)	(225,407)	3,131,786	745,403	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,123,899	3,123,899	
Investing Activities																	
Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments	-	47,500	87,758	-	309,748	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	445,006	445,006	
Purchase of Assets	-	47,500	87,758	-	309,748	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	445,006	445,006	
Total Investing Activities	-	(47,500)	(87,758)	-	(309,748)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(445,006)	(445,006)	
Financing Activities																	
Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Repayment of Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Financing Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net Increase or (Decrease) in Cash Held	-	(575,383)	(313,165)	3,131,786	435,656	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,678,893	2,678,893	
Accumulated Cash Balance	3,418,980	2,843,597	2,530,431	5,662,217	6,097,873	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,097,873	2,678,893	



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5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.3
TITLE: Project Status Report - October 2025
AUTHOR: Salman Samee, Manager Projects and Contracts

Summary

This report is submitted to the Council to review and discuss the progress on the status of projects.

Current Situation

The Council currently has 9 active projects. These include:

- Takapimilyi Solar and Tank Upgrade
- Milikapiti Water Park
- Wurrumiyanga Recreation Hall upgrades and Cyclone Proofing
- Staff and Transition Housing Upgrades
- Milikapiti Oval
- Milikapiti Burial Grounds
- Tiwi Islands Sanitation Works
- Homelands Works 2025-27 (Conder Point, Puttajamirra and Taracumbi)
- Sustainable Waste Oil Management Project

The Project Status Report, which provides information regarding the amount of funding, actual expenditure, percentage of project completion, expected completion date, and comments/updates on each project, is attached to the Report for Information.

Risks

General risk factors include staff turnover, limited institutional memory, resource constraints, logistical delays, and the wet season.

Financial Implications/Budget and Resource Implications

The financial environment for project delivery at TIRC remains complex, with several interrelated pressures affecting resource efficiency.

- Risks of unspent grant funding
- Potential forfeiture or return of funds if timelines and conditions are not met.
- Pressure on Council to re-justify funding extensions or request variations.
- Capacity Gaps in Financial Reporting and Compliance

Other Risks: Project handover gaps, reduced internal oversight, compliance risks, and increased workloads.

Recommendation

That the report entitled Project Status Report - October 2025 be received and noted.

Attachments

1. Projects List OCM TIRC Agenda Oct 2025 [5.3.1 - 1 page]

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Project Name	Project budget	Actual Expenditure	Percentage of project completed	Estimated Completion Date	Project status	Manager	Notes/Comments
Takapimilyi Solar and Tank Upgrade	\$324,620	\$223,628	50%	30-Jun-26	In Progress	Salman Samee	Solar Upgrade: Solar Work has been completed Tank Stand upgrades Pending - Due to requiring structural engineering and the increase to the costs of transport. Updated quotes have been Obtained in May 2025. TIRC is seeking a variation with NIAA to increase the funding to cover the additional costs.
Milikapiti Water Park	\$699,348	\$405,102	40%	30-Jun-26	In Progress	Salman Samee	Major equipment has arrived on-island, construction to begin at the start of Dry Season 2026. Major update: Council has been informed on 30th September 2025 that the request for additional \$700k variation with NIAA has received an in-principle approval, following 7 months of intensive negotiations, justifications and strong advocacy by the project team.
Wurrumiyanga Recreation Hall upgrades and Cyclone Proofing	\$1,500,000	\$94,747	15%	31-Dec-26	In Progress	Salman Samee	Assessment of the existing Rec hall has been completed along with the community engagement and Geo Technical analysis. The assessment concluded that the current structure is not suitable for the conversion to the Cyclone Shelter. As of 24 Oct 2025, The council is currently reviewing options for proposed high level scope of work for existing Rec hall along with the alignment of scope with the funding bodies.
Staff and Transition Housing Upgrades	\$250,000	\$48,152	40%	31-Dec-25	In Progress	Salman Samee	Lot 328 and 329: Works have been approved on 7th Oct 2025 and the contractor has been finalized with issuance of Purchase Orders completed on 9 Oct 2025. Works have commenced as of 5th November 2025 for the roofing upgrades.
Milikapiti Oval	\$270,000	\$152,618	60%	31-Dec-25	In Progress	Salman Samee	Grand Stands have reached Milikapiti and RFQ in progress for the installation. Procurement of additional material completed to install the grand stands. Laying of concrete slabs are in progress to install the grand stands as of Oct 2025.
Milikapiti Buriat Grounds	\$50,000	\$0	0%	2-Feb-26	In Progress	Salman Samee	Site inspection completed on 29 September 2025, The council will be lodging additional "Request for information" with AAPA for record for the identification of restricted work areas for appropriate demarcation.
Tiwi Islands Sanitation Works	\$250,000	\$950	10%	30-Jun-26	In Progress	Salman Samee	Taracumbi - Septic replacement has been completed at Taracumbi in the third week of Oct. 2025.
Homelands Works 2025-27 (Conder Point, Putajamirra and Taracumbi)	\$1,200,000	\$66,425	10%	30-Jun-27	In Progress	Salman Samee	Taracumbi House Refurbishment - Scoping and PO has been completed in September 2025. The refurbishment works has been completed as of third week of October 2025. Taracumbi Solar system and Generator - Scoping and PO has been completed in September 2025. The delivery timeline for materials to Darwin is towards the end of November. The execution could be delayed due to wet to April 2025.
Sustainable Waste Oil Management Project	\$62,956	\$9,547	25%	30-Jun-27	In Progress	Salman Samee	Procurement of 1000L Waste oil container has been completed. The waste container has arrived in Wurrumiyanga in 11th September 2025. Projects team is working with Operations Team and setting up the waste transfer logistics.

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.4
TITLE: LGANT Board meeting communique 22 October 2025
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This report provides Council with the LGANT Board Meeting Communique from 22 October 2025. The document outlines key decisions, updates, and appointments discussed at the LGANT Board meeting held in Darwin and online.

Recommendation

That the report entitled LGANT Board meeting communique 22 October 2025 be received and noted.

Attachments

1. 22 October 2025 LGANT Board meeting Communique [5.4.1 - 2 pages]



22 OCTOBER 2025 LGANT BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

The LGANT Board met for its fifth meeting of 2025 on Wednesday 22 October at the LGANT office in Darwin and online.

Mayor Brian Pedwell from Victoria Daly Regional Council provided an update on the NT Grants Commission in his capacity as the LGANT regional representative.

The Board approved and adopted the third tranche of LGANT’s updated organisational policies. The Board also approved the annual audited financial statements, the directors report and the annual report content.

The Board noted the outcomes of the 2025 CEO Performance and Remuneration Review facilitated by REACH XL and confirmed the Vice Presidents will meet with the CEO to discuss the outcomes of this review in a confidential meeting.

The Board endorsed the Board meeting dates for 2026 and agreed to extend the WALGA Employee Relations Service Agreement for a further 12 months.

The Board endorsed Alice Springs Town Council’s nomination (Cherisse Buzzacott) to represent LGANT on the NT Strategic Tobacco Action Committee and endorsed three nominees for the Minister’s consideration to represent LGANT on the NT Grants Commission.

The Board noted the nominations for the 2025 LGANT long service awards and reviewed the motions received for the 19 November 2025 general meeting. They also discussed the program for the 18 and 19 November 2025 LGANT Conference and reviewed activity against business from previous General Meetings.

The LGANT Vice President Regional and Shires provided an update on the ALGA Board and talked to the 11 September ALGA Board meeting (refer attached 11 September 2025 communique).

The CEO’s update included advice on the recent senior executive changes at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development and internal updates related to HR, risk, legal, WHS, finance, marketing and communications, leave and travel.

The Board will next meet on 25 February 2026.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss these matters further, please reach out to Mary Watson, LGANT CEO, at mary.watson@lgant.asn.au or on 0417 864 183.

Alternatively, you can contact members of the LGANT Board:

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VACANT (Municipal)	TBC	TBC	TBC
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5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

ITEM NUMBER: 5.5
TITLE: LGANT Submission - Allowances inquiry - Remuneration Tribunal
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

LGANT has lodged its final submission to the Remuneration Tribunal's inquiry into Council and Local Authority member allowances, dated 31 October 2025. The paper outlines sector issues and makes recommendations on base allowances, extra meeting and activity allowances, professional development, vehicle allowances, superannuation, a resettlement allowance for principal members, and recognition of Local Authority members' roles.

LGANT's submission highlights the increasing complexity of elected roles, the need for fair and sustainable remuneration settings, and the financial capacity constraints facing councils. It recommends, among other items, reviewing council categories, increasing base and professional development allowances, restoring the extra meeting and activity allowance cap to 15,000, addressing travel time for remote representatives, considering superannuation settings for elected members, and providing for Local Authority members' additional activities.

Recommendation

That the report entitled LGANT Submission - Allowances inquiry - Remuneration Tribunal be received and noted.

Attachments

1. LGANT Submission - Inquiry on Local Government Council and Local Authority Member Allowances 2026 [5.5.1 - 13 pages]

VERSION 1.0
31 October 2025



**Submission to: Remuneration Tribunal
Inquiry Local Government Council and
Local Authority Member Allowances 2026**

Introduction

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Remuneration Tribunal's Inquiry into Local Government Council and Local Authority Member Allowances for 2026.

LGANT is the peak body for local government in the NT, representing all 18 of the local government councils. LGANT's membership includes five municipal councils, ten regional councils, three shire councils, and one associate member. LGANT's strategic direction is set by a nine-member Board elected from the member councils. LGANT provides leadership, support, representation, and advocacy on behalf of our member councils for the benefit of their communities.

Local government councils are at the heart of community leadership. Collectively employing more than 3,000 Territorians they are often the largest employer of Indigenous people in remote and regional areas, delivering essential services and fostering vibrant, resilient communities across the Territory. The ability to attract and retain diverse, skilled elected members is fundamental to the health and future of local government and the continuation of the opportunities and services that they provide.

Remuneration settings must reflect the increasing complexity, responsibility and expectations placed on elected members, ensuring that councils remain strong, inclusive and representative. This includes the need for fair, equitable and sustainable remuneration that supports elected members to serve their communities effectively.

The Value of Elected Members

Elected members carry significant responsibilities, including strategic decision-making, governance and active engagement with their communities. Their ongoing commitment is essential to the effectiveness and vitality of local government across the Northern Territory. However, current remuneration settings remain below the requirements of the role, which include substantial time commitments for council business, meeting increasing community expectations, and fulfilling mandatory training and professional development obligations. This situation risks the loss of experienced leaders and may deter new candidates from standing for election.

Financial pressures on elected members are well documented. For example, a 2024 NT News story¹ reported that (the then) Mayor of Alice Springs Town Council, Matt Paterson, was forced to take on a second job due to inadequate remuneration. In 2025, Mayor Paterson announced that he would not seek re-election², citing the need to spend more time with his family. His decision not to recontest underscores the impact that financial stress and work-life balance considerations can have on elected members' willingness to continue serving. This example demonstrates how current remuneration settings, which remain below the requirements of the role, risk the loss of experienced leaders and may deter new candidates from standing for election.

Remuneration settings are fundamental to attracting and retaining competent elected members. Allowances must reflect the level of knowledge, decision-making capacity and levels of responsibility expected of elected members. This need is highlighted by the findings of the June 2024 Barkly Regional Council Investigators Report³. The report identified unmanaged conflicts of

¹ Pay Pressure: Wage review push as NT mayor takes on second job, *NT News*, 1 October 2024. Available at: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/alice-springs-town-council-paying-elected-members-super-mayor-matt-paterson-takes-on-another-role/news-story/3ce028c389b7ed638a6fa5589600fb24> (subscription required).

² Alice Springs' youngest mayor, Matt Paterson, to step down to spend more time with family, *ABC News*, 26 June 2025. Available at: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-06-27/matt-paterson-will-not-recontest-as-alice-springs-mayor-nt/105433290>

³ Northern Territory Government, "Barkly Regional Council investigation – elected members dismissed," media release, 20 June 2024. Available at:

<https://newsroom.nt.gov.au/article?id=ca8feea43c50758aa371dded18e13249>

interest, breaches of the Local Government Act, and serious deficiencies in council governance and operations. Elected members failed to comprehend their strategic roles, did not seek necessary financial information, and did not appropriately manage the CEO. These findings highlight the critical need for councils to have competent elected members who possess the skills and knowledge required to meet their responsibilities and uphold effective governance. Building the capacity of new councils can take time and elected members should be appropriately compensated.

LGANT urges the Tribunal to recognise that remuneration is not simply a financial matter; it is foundational to the sustainability, diversity and capacity of councils. Without adequate remuneration for elected members, councils risk losing valuable corporate memory and experiencing reduced representation, which will compromise their ability to deliver for their communities.

It is essential that the Tribunal's determinations actively support the health of the sector, as these decisions will have a profound and lasting impact on local government in the Northern Territory.

Capacity to Pay: Financial Sustainability of Councils

Financial sustainability is a critical concern for local government councils across the Northern Territory. LGANT welcomes the Tribunal's 2024 determination to make allowances obligatory, affirming the principle that elected members should be adequately remunerated for their roles and responsibilities. However, many councils, particularly regional and shire councils, face significant revenue constraints due to limited rate bases and other financial pressures⁴.

Without substantial rate increases or annual indexing of operational funding from the Northern Territory Government, councils will struggle to absorb the additional costs associated with increased allowances while maintaining service delivery and standards for their communities. In many cases, this may require redirecting funds from essential services and infrastructure to cover remuneration costs, which would impact the quality and availability of local services.

Compounding this challenge is community sentiment; ratepayers are unlikely to accept significant rate increases, particularly in areas already experiencing economic hardship. Ratepayers are also unlikely to support any changes that result in reduced service levels, further limiting councils' ability to generate additional revenue or reallocate resources without public backlash.

LGANT's advocacy for increased allowances is grounded in the need to attract and retain capable elected members across the Northern Territory. However, this advocacy is balanced by a clear recognition of the financial pressures faced by councils, especially those in regional and shire areas where revenue streams are often limited and financial flexibility is restricted. Any increase in allowances must be accompanied by measures that support council finances and avoid unintended impacts on service delivery and infrastructure investment.

While budget allocations fall outside the Tribunal's remit, its determinations play a foundational role in shaping the financial landscape of the local government sector. LGANT has called for the Tribunal to acknowledge this dynamic and ensure its decisions are informed by the realities of council capacity.

Recommendation:

1. The Tribunal should address the funding deficit in its next determination.

⁴ Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, "Submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability," 27 May 2024 (unpublished; available on request from LGANT).

Base Allowances for Elected Members

Review of Council Categories

The Remuneration Tribunal council categories appear in part to be determined by population size and degree of urbanisation. The roles of councils as regional centres along with rapid and ongoing growth in some local government areas means that these classifications can quickly become outdated and may not accurately reflect the service demands and responsibilities faced by councils.

A clear example is Litchfield Council that is expected to experience significant population growth with the development of three major new suburbs: Holtze, Noonamah Ridge, and Kowandi. These developments will substantially increase the council's population base (Holtze alone will add an estimated 35,000 new residents), leading to greater demand for services, infrastructure and community engagement from elected members.

As council responsibilities and workloads expand in response to population projections, growth and changing community needs, it is essential that councillor allowances are reviewed and increased accordingly. Ensuring that allowances keep pace with these evolving demands is critical to attracting and retaining skilled and committed elected members, and to maintaining effective local governance across the Northern Territory.

Recommendation:

1. Council categories and associated allowances be reviewed and adjusted to reflect current and projected population growth, ensuring that elected members are fairly remunerated for the increased responsibilities and demands placed upon them.

Base Allowances: Scope of Commitments

LGANT acknowledges the 4% increase to the base allowance for elected members in the 2025 Remuneration Tribunal determination. While this adjustment is a positive step, it does not fully address the growing demands, complexity and expectations placed on elected members across the Northern Territory.

The current settings for base allowances continue to lag behind the demands of the role. Elected members are facing increasing workloads and responsibilities, and adequate remuneration is essential to attract and retain quality candidates, ensure diversity, and maintain the sector's long-term capacity. This applies to principal members who on top of regular council business are required to attend the majority of external meetings and public engagements, as well as to councillors who are required to prepare for meetings, attend pre-meeting briefings, attend training sessions and represent the council on external committees, as well as attend after hours functions.

The experience of the principal member of Alice Springs Town Council exemplifies these demands. The Mayor's weekly schedule rivals that of Northern Territory Members of Parliament, reflecting a relentless pace of civic engagement, strategic leadership, and community representation. The following is a summary of one recent week in her calendar:

- **Council Governance & Strategy**
 - CONFIDENTIAL Ordinary Council Meeting and OPEN Ordinary Council Meeting (evening session from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM)
 - Preparation and running of Mock Council Meeting - with Meeting Papers for preparation and training
 - Weekly Catch Up - CEO & Mayor held consistently every Monday in addition to several ad hoc meetings throughout each day
- **Community Engagement**

- National Police Remembrance Day at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
- Rates Early Bird Lottery Draw with community-facing staff
- Swearing-In Ceremony for the 15th Alice Springs Town Council and 15th Council Official Photographs
- Tangentyere Community Day attendance
- Speaking engagement with Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia Incorporated (MCSCA)
- Meeting with Uniting Church Minister and General Secretary over common use agreement
- **External Representation**
 - Bi-monthly meeting with Joshua Burgoyne MLA
 - Meeting with Minister Edgington MLA on Local Government matters
 - Meeting with Robyn Lambley MLA on electorate matters
 - Meeting with the Fijian High Commissioner
 - Meeting with Outback Highway Development Council
 - Meetings and correspondence to community members on issues of importance to the community of Alice Springs
- **Media Engagement**
 - Interviews with ABC TV, ABC Radio, Country Hour, NT News, Times of London, etc
- **Operational Oversight**
 - Meeting with Managers of Council Facilities with the CEO
 - Risk Management and Audit Committee - Pre Meeting
 - Building Our Regional Future Presentation Review
 - Meeting with Director Community Services

The most recent Litchfield Council Mayor's Report⁵ lists 19 engagements on top of the meeting preparation, briefings and council meetings that are part of regular council business.

These examples highlight the significant and growing expectations placed on principal elected members, reinforcing the need for further increases to base allowances to ensure that remuneration keeps pace with the realities of the role.

Despite such workloads, principal members in the Northern Territory receive significantly lower remuneration compared to their counterparts in other states, for example:

Victoria (2025 figures)⁶

- Category 4 Mayors (e.g., urban councils): \$285,324 per annum

⁵ Litchfield Council, Mayor's Report, 17 September 2025 to 20 October 2025, p. 15. Available at: <https://litchfield.nt.gov.au/sites/default/files/uploads/meeting/agenda/2025/Agenda%20of%20Ordinary%20Council%20Meeting%20-%20Monday%2C%2020%20October%202025.pdf>

⁶ Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal, "Allowances for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors." Available at: <https://www.remunerationtribunal.vic.gov.au/allowances-mayors-deputy-mayors-and-councillors>

- Category 3 Mayors: \$142,661 per annum

Queensland (2025 figures)⁷

- Gold Coast Mayor: \$286,239
- Moreton Bay, Logan, Sunshine Coast Mayors: \$258,539
- Ipswich Mayor: \$230,836

In the Northern Territory current remuneration for principal members is well below these figures, with no superannuation entitlements unless councils pass specific resolutions and carry the costs.

The current average allowance for a councillor at a municipal council is \$24,395 before tax. At the minimum wage rate of \$24.95 per hour, this equates to compensation for about 18 hours of work per week. However, the responsibilities of elected members require a much higher level of business acumen and commitment than would be expected of a minimum wage worker. If council duties were valued at a very conservative professional rate of \$50.00 per hour, the allowance would cover approximately 9 hours per week. During candidate nomination sessions prior to the 2025 Local Government Elections, prospective nominees were advised that they should expect to dedicate around 25 hours per week to fulfill their duties. This significant gap between remuneration and the actual time and expertise required highlights the need for a substantial increase in base allowances to ensure that elected members are fairly compensated for their contributions and responsibilities.

Recommendation:

1. Increase base allowances for elected members to align with the time commitments, complexity and scope of their responsibilities.

Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance

Elected members are increasingly called upon to represent their councils in external forums, including intergovernmental meetings, community consultations, and professional development events. These activities are vital for:

- strengthening council-community connections.
- building partnerships with other levels of government and external organisations.
- bringing local knowledge and diverse perspectives into broader policy discussions.

The extra meeting/activity allowance is a key enabler of this engagement. Without adequate financial support, members may be discouraged from attending these sessions, resulting in missed opportunities to influence policy, advocate for local priorities, and strengthen intergovernmental collaboration.

Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance Cap

Restoring the extra meeting/activity allowance cap to \$15,000 per annum is essential to support elected members' participation in the full scope of council-related responsibilities. The Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal reduced this cap to \$10,000 in 2023 without justification. Retaining it through 2026 would mean no increase for three consecutive years, despite the growing complexity and demands of council roles.

⁷ "Queensland councillors and mayors outside of Brisbane to receive pay rise," *ABC News*, 22 January 2025. Available at: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-22/qld-mayor-councillor-pay-rise-104841412>

Fair Remuneration for Available Representatives

The responsibility of representing councils on external committees and activities often falls to members who do not have full-time employment outside their council roles. These councillors are more available to attend additional meetings and events but as a result, when pre-meeting preparation as well as meeting attendance are taken into account, they can reach the current \$10,000 cap on the extra meeting/activity allowance. This creates an unintended disincentive for broader engagement and may limit councils' ability to be represented consistently. A review of the cap could help ensure that members who are more available and therefore represent their councils on several committees are not penalised for their time and contribution.

Eligibility for Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance: Types of Meeting

Under the 2024 Determination, several types of meetings and activities were removed from eligibility for the extra meeting/activity allowance including:

- Meetings of subsidiaries established under the *Local Government Act 2019*.
- Meetings of external agencies or organisations where a councillor has been formally appointed by resolution of council.
- Attendance at professional development courses or conferences.

This change has limited remuneration for important elements of the roles and responsibilities of elected members, particularly those representing councils in external forums or undertaking professional development.

These activities are often essential to effective governance, regional advocacy, and councillor capability-building. The exclusion of such meetings from the allowance framework risks undervaluing the time and commitment required of elected members and may discourage participation in broader leadership and learning opportunities.

Travel Time and Allowance Limitations for Remote Councillors

Another significant consequence of the reduction in the extra meeting/activity allowance cap is its impact on councillors who are required to travel substantial distances to attend council meetings. For example, councillors from remote communities within Barkly Regional Council, such as Alpururulam, Alparra, and Ampilatwatja, regularly undertake journeys of up to seven hours each way to participate in meetings held in Tennant Creek. Despite this extraordinary commitment, the remuneration for this travel time is considered part of the extra meeting/activity allowance in the current Determination. This situation demonstrates inequity across the different categories of councils and underscores the considerable geographic and financial barriers faced by remote councillors in fulfilling their responsibilities. It also illustrates how the current allowance cap perpetuates inequality in participation, disproportionately affecting remote councillors and limiting their ability to engage fully.

It is important to recognise that in-person attendance at meetings is not merely a logistical preference; it is a matter of cultural equity. For Indigenous councillors, meaningful participation often depends on group discussion and consensus-building, which are central to culturally appropriate decision-making. Online attendance can result in physical isolation, limiting engagement and diminishing the quality of discussion. The current allowance structure fails to account for these realities, placing remote Indigenous councillors at a disadvantage when face-to-face meetings are essential for effective participation.

Ensuring equitable access to in-person meetings is widely acknowledged as a key component of inclusive governance and respect for cultural norms across the Northern Territory. Regional and remote elected members are disproportionately affected by the current Determinations, yet their voices are vital to representative decision-making. Without appropriate remuneration, the existing

model risks silencing those voices and undermining the strength and inclusiveness of local government.

Inclusion of Principal Members

Principal members are currently excluded from receiving the extra meeting/activity allowance. This exclusion creates an inequity in compensation. In many cases, principal members not only attend but also chair or facilitate meetings, roles that require significant preparation and engagement. As evidenced by the weekly schedule of the Mayor of Alice Springs Town Council (refer to page 5 of this submission), principal members are expected to attend a substantial number of additional meetings and activities beyond regular council business. Requiring councils to pass individual policies to enable extra meeting fees places an unnecessary administrative burden and leads to inconsistent application across jurisdictions. Including principal members in the extra meeting/activity allowance would ensure fair and consistent remuneration of all elected representatives.

Recommendations:

1. Restore the extra meeting/activity allowance to \$15,000 per annum.
2. Reinstate eligibility for the extra meeting/activity allowance for the following types of meetings and activities:
 - Meetings of subsidiaries established under the *Local Government Act 2019*.
 - Meetings of external agencies or organisations where a councillor has been formally appointed by resolution of council.
 - Each day of attendance at professional development courses or conferences.
3. Introduce a new and separate provision to remunerate travel time for regional councillors, where travel exceeds 100km return.
4. Allow principal members to access the extra meeting/activity allowance, ensuring equity with deputy principal members

Professional Development Allowance: Building Sector Capability

Professional development is increasingly important for elected members to meet the increasing demands of their roles and to build the capability of local government across the Northern Territory. Previous Tribunal determinations have noted that the completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors' (AICD) courses should be encouraged. However, the current professional development allowance of \$5,000 falls well short of covering the \$13,100 fee⁸ for an AICD course in Darwin, even if a councillor were to combine two years of allowances and forgo all other professional development activities. This gap is further widened by the additional costs of travel and accommodation, which can be prohibitively expensive for members residing outside Darwin.

For example, a regional mayor who recently completed the AICD course received \$9,000 in professional development allowances. However, the total cost, including the course, flights and accommodation, left them about \$6,000 out of pocket. Serving full-time on a \$102,000 allowance without superannuation, this mayor (with a young family) had to spend nearly 6% of their annual allowance on a single course, not counting additional personal expenses. This case highlights the significant financial barriers faced by elected members seeking to build governance capability, particularly those in regional and remote areas.

Accessibility challenges are further compounded for members in remote areas and for those for whom English is not a first language. Approximately 60% of elected members in the NT are

⁸ Australian Institute of Company Directors, "Company Directors Course." Available at: <https://www.aicd.com.au/courses-and-programs/all-courses/company-directors-course.html?acc-icn=aicd%3Alocation%2FNT%2Fdarwin>

Aboriginal, and this figure rises to 89% for regional councils⁹. Translation of course materials and additional support are often required, adding complexity and expense to professional development initiatives.

To ensure all elected members can participate in high-quality training and development, the professional development allowance must reflect both the real costs of training and the unique needs of regional and remote councils. Supporting ongoing learning opportunities is vital for building governance capability, enabling members to respond effectively to emerging issues, and ensuring councils are well-prepared to serve their communities, yet access to high-quality training remains out of reach for many, limiting opportunities for professional growth and sector advancement.

Recommendation:

1. Increase the professional development allowance to \$7,000 for all elected members, supporting access to high-quality training and inclusive learning opportunities.

Vehicle Allowance: Supporting Regional Representation

Kilometre Allowance Based on ATO Rate

Travel is a significant aspect of council participation for many regional and remote councillors, who often undertake long journeys to attend council and committee meetings and events. The current Vehicle Allowance uses the Australian Tax Office (ATO) rate of 88 cents per kilometre, which is based on average national operating costs. However, this rate does not reflect the substantial wear and tear on private vehicles when travelling across unsealed and corrugated roads in the Northern Territory.

For example, it is a 1,172-kilometre round trip, primarily on unsealed roads, for a councillor from Alpuerrulam in the Barkly Region to attend council meetings and events in Tennant Creek. Even for those travelling on sealed roads, the rate is insufficient. A July 2025 national news article¹⁰ noted that “With fuel skyrocketing, it [the kilometre rate of 88 cents] doesn’t even allow people to cover their costs,” let alone expenses for repairs and maintenance.

Councillors are often required to cover the shortfall from their own funds, which can discourage attendance and affect quorum requirements. This financial burden may also deter capable candidates from nominating for council roles, undermining democratic participation and community leadership in remote areas.

Limitations of the \$10,000 Vehicle Allowance Cap

The Tribunal’s current cap of \$10,000 per annum on vehicle allowance fails to meet the actual costs incurred by many regional and remote councillors. Some elected members travel over 1,200 kilometres roundtrip to attend meetings and events, which occur frequently throughout the year.

There is no mechanism for councils to supplement this allowance, meaning councillors often bear additional costs that would not otherwise arise. The cap does not account for the cumulative impact of fuel prices, vehicle maintenance, and travel frequency. A more flexible or regionally adjusted model is needed to ensure councillors are not penalised for serving geographically isolated communities.

⁹ Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT). *New traineeship program offers job opportunities in local government*. Retrieved from <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=728a772c3bf1dc1cf12eb0028&id=a145b8109a>

¹⁰ Yahoo Finance Australia. *ATO \$4,400 tax deduction update sparks warning for millions of Aussie workers: ‘Kick in the teeth’*. Published 16 July 2025. Retrieved from <https://au.finance.yahoo.com/news/ato-4400-tax-deduction-update-sparks-warning-for-millions-of-aussie-workers-kick-in-the-teeth-045714169.html>

Recommendations:

1. Replace the ATO kilometre rate with a Territory-specific model that reflects actual travel conditions, including distance, road type, and vehicle wear, particularly for remote and regional councillors.
2. Increase or remove the \$10,000 annual cap or introduce a zonal or tiered allowance structure that accounts for travel intensity and remoteness, ensuring equitable support across different council regions.

Superannuation: Ensuring Retirement Security

Members of the Legislative Assembly in the Northern Territory receive guaranteed superannuation contributions under the *Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Contribution Act 2004*¹¹. In contrast, the framework for council elected members remains unclear and inconsistent, with no guaranteed pathway for superannuation payments. This disparity has been raised repeatedly, yet the response from the Remuneration Tribunal has been unsatisfactory.

Superannuation continues to be a complex issue for elected members, involving the intersection of federal legislation such as the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, the *Tax Administration Act 1953*, and Territory legislation including the *Local Government Act 2019*. The lack of clarity creates barriers to participation and undermines retirement planning for those serving as elected members in local government.

LGANT has advocated for legislative reform to address this gap¹². Specifically, LGANT supports a new provision in the *Local Government Act 2019* that would:

- Enable elected members to receive superannuation payments without requiring a unanimous council resolution.
- Treat elected members as employees for superannuation purposes only, consistent with provisions in other jurisdictions such as Western Australia and New South Wales.
- Ensure superannuation payments are made in addition to current allowances, not deducted from them.
- Allow individual elected members to opt out of receiving superannuation to accommodate personal circumstances.
- Place the onus of documentation and opt-in/opt-out management on the elected member, not the council.
- Require the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to develop clear guidelines in consultation with the sector.

This reform would bring local government remuneration into alignment with broader public sector policy, remove a key disincentive to nomination, and support elected members in planning for their financial future.

¹¹ Northern Territory Government. *Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Contributions Act 2004*. Retrieved from <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Legislation/LEGISLATIVE-ASSEMBLY-MEMBERS-SUPERANNUATION-CONTRIBUTIONS-ACT-2004>

¹² Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT). *Discussion Papers A–C: Tranche 2 Amendments to the Local Government Act 2019*. Retrieved from <https://dhlgcd.nt.gov.au/local-government/legislative-amendments-to-the-local-government-act-2019/submission/lgant-discussion-papers-a-c.pdf>

Recommendation:

1. The Remuneration Tribunal should adopt a supportive position and formally advocate to the Northern Territory Government for legislative amendment to enable elected members to be treated as council employees for the purposes of superannuation. This reform would resolve a long-standing anomaly, align local government remuneration with broader public sector policy, and remove a key disincentive for community members considering nomination to their local council.

Principal Membership Resettlement Allowance: Supporting Transition

Principal members who are not re-elected face distinct challenges in transitioning back into the workforce. These individuals often served in full-time leadership roles, which most likely required stepping away from other employment opportunities during their term. The abrupt end of tenure following an election can result in financial and professional disruption.

The NT Legislative Assembly acknowledges this risk by providing a resettlement allowance for members (refer section 15. of Determination 3 2025). Recognising the demands and responsibilities of these roles is essential to attracting and retaining capable leaders in local government.

Recommendation:

1. Introduce a resettlement allowance for principal members in the next Determination, acknowledging the employment risks and leadership demands associated with full-time council service. For example:

RESETTLEMENT ALLOWANCE

A Member has an entitlement on ceasing to be a principal member in the event of not being successful in the local government elections, of the equivalent of one month's allowance for each year served in local government as a principal member subject to:

- (a) the minimum entitlement being the equivalent of four months' allowance; and*
- (b) the maximum entitlement being the equivalent of 6 months' allowance.*

Allowances for Local Authority Members Local Authority members play a vital role in community representation, engagement, and decision-making. Under the *Local Government Act 2019*, their responsibilities have expanded significantly, providing communities with a stronger voice in matters that affect them. Despite this, the current Determination does not include provisions for extra meeting/activity allowances for Local Authority members, an omission that fails to recognise the scope and importance of their contributions.

These members are often required to attend additional meetings and functions similar to those attended by elected council members. The absence of financial recognition for this work creates an inequity within the local government framework and may discourage participation, particularly in remote and regional areas where travel and time commitments are substantial.

Recommendation:

1. Include provision for extra meeting/activity allowance for Local Authority Members in the next Determination, recognising their expanded roles and responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2019* and ensuring equitable support for their contributions to local governance.

LGANT Board sitting fees

At the November 2024 General Meeting, LGANT members resolved to pay the Board Directors (other than the President who receives an allowance) a fee, plus superannuation, for attendance at Board meetings and at the annual strategic planning meeting. Members also agreed that councils, if they were paying extra meeting/ activity allowances to their respective Director, to cease doing so as of 8 November 2024.

Recommendation:

1. Address the payment of sitting fees by LGANT to Board Directors in the next determination.

Summary of Recommendations

Financial Sustainability of Councils

Capacity to Pay: Balancing Advocacy and Sustainability

1. The Tribunal's deliberations should be informed by ongoing consultation with councils and supported by annual reviews to ensure allowances remain fit for purpose and sector capacity is maintained. LGANT also recommends that the Tribunal clearly address the funding deficit in its next determination to safeguard the sustainability of the sector.
2. The Tribunal should address the funding deficit in its next determination.

Base Allowances for Elected Members

3. Council categories and associated allowances be reviewed and adjusted to reflect current and projected population growth, ensuring that elected members are fairly remunerated for the increased responsibilities and demands placed upon them.
4. Increase base allowances for elected members to align with the time commitments, complexity and scope of their responsibilities.

Extra Meeting/Activity Allowance

5. Restore the extra meeting/activity allowance to \$15,000 per annum.
6. Reinstate eligibility for the extra meeting/activity allowance for the following types of meetings and activities:
 - Meetings of subsidiaries established under the *Local Government Act 2019*.
 - Meetings of external agencies or organisations where a councillor has been formally appointed by resolution of council.
 - Each day of attendance at professional development courses or conferences.
7. Introduce a new and separate provision to remunerate travel time for regional councillors, where travel exceeds 100km return.
8. Allow principal members to access the extra meeting/activity allowance, ensuring equity with deputy principal members

Professional Development Allowance

9. Increase the professional development allowance to \$7,000, supporting access to high-quality training and inclusive learning opportunities.

Vehicle Allowance:

10. Replace the ATO kilometre rate with a Territory-specific model that reflects actual travel conditions, including distance, road type, and vehicle wear, particularly for remote and regional councillors.
11. Increase or remove the \$10,000 annual cap or introduce a zonal or tiered allowance structure that accounts for travel intensity and remoteness, ensuring equitable support across different council regions.

Superannuation

12. The Remuneration Tribunal should adopt a supportive position and formally advocate to the Northern Territory Government for legislative amendment to enable elected members to be treated as council employees for the purposes of superannuation. This reform would resolve a long-standing anomaly, align local government remuneration with broader public sector policy, and remove a key disincentive for community members considering nomination to their local council.

Principal Membership Resettlement Allowance: Supporting Transition

13. Introduce a resettlement allowance for principal members in the next Determination, acknowledging the employment risks and leadership demands associated with full-time council service.

Allowances for Local Authority Members

14. Include provision for extra meeting/activity allowance for Local Authority Members in the next Determination, recognising their expanded roles and responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2019* and ensuring equitable support for their contributions to local governance.

LGANT Board Sitting Fees

15. Address the payment of sitting fees by LGANT to Board Directors in the next determination.

Conclusion: A Path Forward for Stronger Local Government

LGANT encourages the Tribunal to undertake in-person research with councils, consult on draft determinations, and review allowances annually to reflect changing conditions and sector needs. By strengthening remuneration settings, the Tribunal can help safeguard the future of local government in the Northern Territory, ensuring councils are equipped to attract and retain talented leaders who reflect the diversity and aspirations of their communities.

LGANT looks forward to working in partnership with the Remuneration Tribunal to develop an agreed approach that supports a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable local government sector for all Territorians.

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Remote Laundry Project – Wurrumiyanga Consultation Outcomes and Next Steps
AUTHOR:	Heidi Dorn, Deputy CEO / Manager Infrastructure

Summary

Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG), in partnership with the Santos Foundation, has undertaken consultation to support establishment of a Remote Laundry in Wurrumiyanga. The consultation confirmed strong community need for a permanent laundry service and clear preference for Lot 938 (near the Red Store and football oval). Representatives have engaged positively, and AIG is now seeking formal support to progress land approvals and implementation planning.

Background

AIG and the Santos Foundation are progressing a Remote Laundry program to improve access to washing facilities in remote communities. The service model has been operating successfully in other remote locations, supporting health outcomes, providing employment and reducing household barriers to access.

A consultation plan was developed in May 2025 and endorsed by the Office of Township Leasing in June 2025. Two rounds of consultation were held in Wurrumiyanga in July 2025, engaging community residents, service providers and stakeholders.

Current Situation

Consultation with more than 200 residents and key stakeholders found overwhelming support for a fixed laundry facility. Two possible sites were identified, with Lot 938 emerging as the preferred option through community feedback and a ballot held on-site.

AIG has completed initial utility assessments and identified no major barriers to power, water and sewer connections. Formal land processes are now required.

Risks

Reputational: Strong support exists. Delay in approval may lead to community frustration.

Governance: Clear land approval and operational responsibilities must be documented.

Community expectations: Managing understanding of site use, operating model and timelines will be important.

Financial Implications/Budget and Resource Implications

There are no direct financial costs to Council at this stage. Resource input will relate to ongoing coordination with AIG and external stakeholders.

Recommendation

That Council

- 1. Notes the outcomes of the Wurrumiyanga community consultation led by AIG and the Santos Foundation.**
- 2. Supports the use of Lot 938 for the Remote Laundry facility, noting that the land is not currently required for any other operational or community purpose.**
- 3. Notes that the land cannot be used for commercial profit, and that the Remote Laundry model is not-for-profit, with no money changing hands for community use.**
- 4. Endorse The Foundation to cover the cost to repair the toilet block and will also fund ongoing cleaning of the area as part of the agreement.**

Attachments

Nil

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER: 6.2
TITLE: Grant Acquittals for Waste and Resource Management FY 2024/25
AUTHOR: Jayesh Vasandani, Chief Finance Officer

Summary

This report seeks Council's consideration to note and approve the Income and Expenditure Reports and Transaction Listings for the Waste and Resource Management Grant Acquittals for the financial year 2024–25.

Background

The Council receives annual grant funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD) to support Waste and Resource Management initiatives.

For FY2024–25, a funding tranche of \$119,300 was received on 22 May 2025.

Current Situation

Under the terms of the DHLGCD Waste and Resource Management Grant (Reference No. DLGHCD00002054), Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) is required to submit an Income and Expenditure Summary for Council endorsement prior to forwarding the official acquittal documentation to the funding body. In alignment with the approved grant purpose and compliance obligations, the Department has requested that the attached acquittal reports be presented to Council for noting and resolution.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. That Council notes, reviews, and approves the Grant Acquittals for Waste and Resource Management FY2024–25.**
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to submit the approved Grant Acquittals to the Department.**

Attachments

1. Grant Acquittals -1664 - Wa RM F Y 2024-25. [6.2.1 - 4 pages]

Tiwi Islands Regional Council

Acquittal of Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grant 2024-25

File Number:

Waste Management Strategy attached: N/A Yes No

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan: Yes No
(If no please provide an explanation with this acquittal)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2025

Waste and Resource Management grant Opening Balance - 01.07.2024	\$ 9,232 (ex GST)
Waste and Resource Management grant 2024-25	<u>\$ 119,300</u>
Total income	<u>\$ 128,532</u>
Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of ledger entries, invoices, photos, Waste Management Strategy if applicable) <i>An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.</i>	<u>\$</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$ 80,938</u>
Surplus as on 30 th June 2025.	<u>\$ 47,594</u>

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETE: Yes No

We certify, in accordance with the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: Jayesh Vasandani 05/11/2025

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on DD/MM/YYYY Copy of minutes attached.

CEO or CFO: _____ /_____/_____

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant amount correct: Yes No

Expenditure conforms to purpose: Yes No

Waste Management Strategy - copy supplied: N/A Yes No

Goods/Services - Bought from Territory Enterprise: Yes No

Minutes checked: Yes No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: _____

Date next acquittal due: _____/_____/_____

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED: Yes No

Acquittal checked by: _____ /_____/_____

Celia Hill, Manager Grants Program _____ /_____/_____

**1662 - Waste & Natural Resource Management
Grant Acquittals Report
For the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025**



Particulars	FY -2024-25
	\$
Inflow	
Opening Balance of Grant as on 01st July 2024	9,232
Special Purpose Grant During FY 2024-25	119,300
Total Income	128,532
Outflow	
Contribution to -Caterpillar Model 432E Backhoe	9,231
Hire Equipment	71,707
Total Outflow	80,938
	30/06/2025
Grant Closing Balance as on 30th June 2025.	\$ 47,594

Ordinary Council Meeting 10 November 2025 - Agenda

Name : 1662 - Waste & Natural Resource Management
Report : GL Summary
Period : For the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025

Particulars	Total Prds	Period 0	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9	Period 10	Period 11	Period 12
3341 - Expense Purchase Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3342 - WIP Plant	9,231	-	-	9,231	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6314 - Special Purpose Grant Inc Territory Go	- 119,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 119,300	-
6315 - Unexpended funding current year	47,594	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,594
6316 - Unexpended funding prior year bought forward	- 9,232	- 9,232	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7225 - Hire Equipment	71,707	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,707	-	-
Totals	-	- 9,232	-	9,231	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,707	- 119,300	47,594

Ordinary Council Meeting 10 November 2025 - Agenda

Name : 1662 - Waste & Natural Resource Management

Report : Detailed Transaction Listing

Period : For the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025

Date	Reference	Type	Period	Amount	Narrative	Account Number	Description
1/07/2024	GJ012196	GLGENJNL	0	- 9,232	Waste & Natural Resources M. Opening Balance for 2024-25 Action Code :-1662	166200.6316	Unexpend brough
1/08/2024	001 AMDE	APORDINV	2	9,231	BACKHOE 23/24 WARM FUNDING	166200.3342	WIP Plant
8/01/2025	8340	APORDINV	10	9,252	PLANT AND OPERATOR EXCAVATOR	166200.7225	Hire Equipment
8/01/2025	8340	APORDINV	10	9,252	PLANT AND OPERATOR tip truck	166200.7225	Hire Equipment
8/01/2025	8340	APORDINV	10	9,252	PLANT AND OPERATOR skid steer	166200.7225	Hire Equipment
29/01/2025	8520	APORDINV	10	21,975	Rubbish collection week commencing 16/12	166200.7225	Hire Equipment
29/01/2025	8520	APORDINV	10	21,975	Rubbish collection week commencing 30/12	166200.7225	Hire Equipment
22/05/2025	1249	ARRGRANTS	11	- 119,300	WaRM Program 2024-25 TIRC DLGHCD00002054_W.A.R.M-2024-25 NTG.Inv GNT47674 App ID WaRM2500008	166200.6314	Spec Pur NT
30/06/2025	GJ012218	GLGENJNL	12	47,594	Waste & Natural Resources M. Closing Entries for 2024-25 Action Code :-1662	166200.6315	Unexpended CY
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6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER: 6.3
TITLE: Smoking Ceremony Payments
AUTHOR: Maxie Smith, Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Smoking Ceremonies are an important part of Tiwi culture. From time to time, ceremonies are held when Council employees, Local Authority Members, or Elected Members pass away. Council currently has no allocated budget for these events. This report recommends establishing a \$5,000 budget to support Smoking Ceremonies for these occasions.

Background

Smoking Ceremonies are a key cultural practice on the Tiwi Islands, led by Cultural Leaders to honour the passing of Council employees, Local Authority Members, or Elected Members.

At present, there is no specific budget for this activity. It is proposed that \$5,000 be allocated from the existing Council budget to cover future ceremonies.

When required:

- A \$100 store voucher will be provided to each Cultural Leader participating in the ceremony.
- The Mayor, Lynette DeSantis, will nominate the Cultural Leaders.
- Each ceremony will be limited to a maximum of six participants.

A Smoking Ceremony was recently held on 29 October, with six Cultural Leaders receiving store vouchers valued at \$100.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Note this report.**
- 2. Approves a budget allocation of \$5,000 for Smoking Ceremonies.**
- 3. Confirms that Mayor Lynette De Santis will nominate the Cultural Leaders.**
- 4. Limits payment to a \$100 voucher per participant, with no more than six participants per ceremony.**

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER: 6.4
TITLE: Tiwi Bombers Football Club Sponsorship
AUTHOR: Maxie Smith, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Council has received a request from the Tiwi Bombers Football Club for in-kind sponsorship to support the upcoming NTFL season. This report seeks Council's decision regarding the request.

BACKGROUND

The Tiwi Bombers Football Club has written to Council requesting in-kind support, including grounds fees and other Regional Council services.

Council has a long history of supporting local football and maintaining community ovals. Providing this assistance aligns with Council's commitment to community wellbeing and sport participation.

The support requested does **not** include inter-island ferry transport, as this would incur additional unbudgeted costs. Given Council's current financial position and efforts to reduce unbudgeted expenditure, ferry costs are excluded from this proposal.

No additional budget allocation is required, as the in-kind support will be covered within existing operational arrangements.

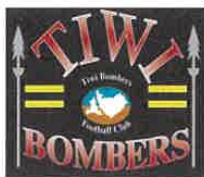
RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Approves the in-kind support request received from the Tiwi Bombers Football Club, as outlined in the attached letter.**
- 2. Authorises the CEO to respond to the Club confirming Council's decision.**

ATTACHMENT

1. Letter from Tiwi Bombers Football Club [6.4.1 - 1 page]



Tiwi Bombers Football Club
Home Ground: Tiwi Oval, Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island NT
Email: info@tiwibombers.com.au
Web: www.tiwibombers.com.au
ABN: 46 176 474 500

Subject: Approval to Invoice – Tiwi Bombers Partnership

Dear Tiwi Regional Council,

The Tiwi Bombers Football Club is proud to represent the Tiwi Islands in the NTFL, providing opportunities for Tiwi men and women to compete at the highest level.

We are seeking confirmation of your in-kind support for the upcoming season, inclusive of ferry transport, ground fees and other regional council services. This support is critical to helping us manage travel and operational costs and continue delivering positive outcomes for our players and the broader Tiwi community.

The purpose of the Tiwi Bombers is to support the health and wellbeing of Tiwi people, and to create purpose, passion and pathways through football. Your contribution plays a vital role in helping us achieve these goals.

As a sponsor, your business will receive brand exposure and recognition, and you will also have the opportunity to sell Tiwi Bombers merchandise and retain profit margins.

Please confirm your approval so we can issue the invoice and formalise this partnership.

Thank you for supporting Tiwi football and the Tiwi community.

Kind regards,

Mary Dunn

Vice President

6 REPORTS FOR DECISION

ITEM NUMBER: 6.5
TITLE: Proposed Meeting Calendar 2026 Local Authority and Council Meetings for 2026
AUTHOR: Lauren Davidson, Executive Assistant / Acting Governance Coordinator

Summary

This report provides Council with a listing of the proposed dates for the Ordinary Council and Local Authority Meetings for next year 2026.

Background

The Local Government Act 2019 requires Council to set a schedule for the holding of meetings (Section 90). This schedule can be altered at a subsequent meeting.

It is Councils practice to set the following calendar year's Council and Local Authority meeting dates in the proceeding November each year.

Current Situation

Council is provided with a proposed listing of meeting dates for 2026. These dates allow for the rotation of Ordinary Council Meetings in the Tiwi Island communities of Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi. Local Authority meetings follow a similar program of meetings.

Generally, meetings are scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month and are preceded by the Local Authority Meeting (third Tuesday of the month). However, consideration is given to conflicting meeting dates including court, Christmas closure and compliance deadlines.

Additional Special Council Meetings will be scheduled as needed. For example, to commence the Regional Council Plan / Budget preparation for 2026/27.

Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting dates will be added to the 2026 meeting calendar once confirmed.

A proposed schedule of meetings for 2026 is attached for Council's consideration and approval.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the 2026 meeting schedule presented.

Attachments

1. 2026 TIRC Meeting Calendar [6.5.1 - 1 page]

2026 Tiwi Islands Regional Council Meeting Calendar

Calendar for Year 2026 (Australia)



January							February							March							April						
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September							October							November							December						
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- 1 Jan • New Year's Day
- 21 Jan • Pirlangimpi Local Authority
- 22 Jan • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 26 Jan • Australia Day
- 18 Feb • Wurrumiyanga Local Authority
- 19 Feb • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 18 Mar • Milikapiti Local Authority
- 19 Mar • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 3 Apr • Good Friday
- 6 Apr • Easter Monday (Most regions)
- 22 Apr • Pirlangimpi Local Authority
- 23 Apr • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 25 Apr • ANZAC Day
- 20 May • Wurrumiyanga Local Authority
- 21 May • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 17 Jun • Milikapiti Local Authority
- 18 Jun • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 22 Jul • Pirlangimpi Local Authority
- 23 Jul • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 19 Aug • Wurrumiyanga Local Authority
- 20 Aug • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 23 Sep • Milikapiti Local Authority
- 24 Sep • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 21 Oct • Pirlangimpi Local Authority
- 22 Oct • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 18 Nov • Wurrumiyanga Local Authority
- 19 Nov • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 15 Dec • Milikapiti Local Authority
- 16 Dec • Ordinary Council Meeting
- 25 Dec • Christmas Day
- 26 Dec • Boxing Day

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1
TITLE: General Business
AUTHOR: {author-name}, {position}

Summary

This Item is provided for Councillors to raise Items of General Business within the meeting.

Recommendation

That Council notes the General Business Items raised.

8 QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER: 8.1
TITLE: Questions With or Without Notice
AUTHOR: {author-name}, {position}

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors and the public with a forum to table items for discussion and ask questions that will be documented and addressed at the next meeting.

Recommendation

That the Chairperson:

1. Invites questions with or without notice from Councillors.
2. Informs Councillors that they can send emails with questions and the public can ask questions that will be documented and discussed at the next meeting.

9 CLOSURE

10 NEXT MEETING