



**MINUTES OF THE WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
WURRUMIYANGA COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2026 AT 10:00
AM**

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10:08 am.

The Chair welcomed members and guests.

1.2 Present

Chair	Richard Tungatalum	In Person
Member	Savio Timaepatua	In Person
Member	Marie Francis Tipiloura	In Person
Member	Miriam Tipungwuti	In Person
Member	Wayne Pilakui	In Person
Member	Bonaventure Timaepatua	In Person
Member	Ronald Tipungwuti	In Person
Member	Mavis Kerinaia	In Person
Member	Gavin Ackland	In Person
Deputy Mayor	Mary Dunn	In Person
Councillor	Brian Tipungwuti	In Person
Councillor	Jennifer Clancy	In Person
Councillor	John Ross Pilakui	In Person
Councillor	Stanley Tipiloura	In Person
Staff		
Chief Executive Officer	Heidi Dorn	In Person
Chief Financial Officer	Jayesh Vasandani	Teleconferencing
Manager Community Engagement	Bill Toy	Teleconferencing
Acting Governance Coordinator	Lauren Davidson	Teleconferencing
Guests		
Impact Infrastructure Partners	Adam Troyn	In Person
Cross Cultural Consultants	Bodhi Pastor-Elsegood	Teleconferencing
Cross Cultural Consultants	Michelle Long	Teleconferencing
Bathurst Islands Housing Aboriginal Corporation (BIHA)	Kris Chambers	In Person
The Midway Berrimah	Jody Raine	Teleconferencing
Wurrumiyanga Police Sergeant	Connor Tawhai	In Person

1.3 Apologies

Apologies from members who were absent from the meeting

WLA/96 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura

Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts the apologies from Ronald Tipungwuti and Mayor Lynette De Dantis.

CARRIED

1.4 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

1.5.1 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting held on 18 May 2026 and Special Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting held on 23 June 2026

WLA/97 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura

Seconded: Gavin Ackland

That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting held on 18 May 2026 and Special Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Meeting held on 23 June 2026 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

*Stanley Tipiloura joined the meeting at 10:28 am
Marie Francis Tipiloura joined the meeting at 10:30 am
John Ross Pilakui (JR) joined the meeting at 10:31 am
Bonaventure Timaepatua joined the meeting at 10:40 am*

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

2.1.1 Walkway Bridge Repairs

WLA/98 RESOLUTION

Moved: Wayne Pilakui

Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority approves the use of suitable treated timber in place of metal tread material for the repair of the four walkway bridges, with works to proceed within the existing approved project allocation of \$30,000.

CARRIED

2.1.2 Updates on all outstanding Action Items

WLA/99 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura

Seconded: Marie Francis Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority:

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

Updates

WLA/56, Keep Country Beautiful Initiative: The initiative remains in progress pending an update from Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT regarding the grant application. The CEO will follow up with KABCNT. Members also requested signage near the Front Beach BBQ areas regarding the disposal of fishing and hunting remains and crocodile safety.

WLA/61, Tiwi Cultural Festival 2026: The \$25,000 contribution has been completed. Project closure is considered under Item 5.1, Local Authority Project Funding.

WLA/63, Wurankuwu Local Authority Member Vacancy: No applications were received. Members agreed to continue advertising the vacancy for a further three months, closing Friday, 6 November 2026.

WLA/77 & WLA/78, Front Beach BBQs and Seating: Installation of the BBQ facilities and concrete seating has been completed. Final expenditure and project closure are considered under Item 5.1, Local Authority Project Funding.

WLA/79, Walkway Bridge Repairs: The metal tread option exceeded the approved \$30,000 project allocation. Members approved the use of suitable treated timber in place of metal tread to enable repairs to all four bridges to proceed within the approved budget, as resolved under WLA/98.

WLA/83, National Reconciliation Week Community BBQ: The event was completed successfully. Final expenditure and project closure are considered under Item 5.1, Local Authority Project Funding.

CARRIED

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Visitor and Presentation - Impact Infrastructure Partners

WLA/100 RESOLUTION

Moved: Wayne Pilakui
Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority:

- 1. Receives and notes the presentation from Impact Infrastructure Partners regarding the proposed community cultural pavilion.**
- 2. Provides feedback on the proposal.**
- 3. Recommends that the proponent undertake further consultation with relevant stakeholders, including the Office of Township Leasing, Tiwi Land Council, relevant planning group and landholder regarding the proposed development and potential location.**
- 4. Requests Council provide the proponent with relevant contact details and information regarding the recommended next steps.**

CARRIED

Action Item: Governance to provide Adam Troyn with relevant stakeholder contacts and recommended next steps arising from the WLA presentation.

Jennifer Clancy left the meeting at 11:40 am.

3.2 Visitor and Presentation - Cross Cultural Consultants

WLA/101 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mavis Kerinaiaua
Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority:

- 1. Receives and notes the presentation from Cross Cultural Consultants regarding the Australian Electoral Commission Indigenous Electoral Participation Program.**
- 2. Supports the proposed community engagement in Wurrumiyanga and provides advice and guidance on the approach.**
- 3. Supports the NUA store area as the preferred location for the proposed engagement, subject to agreement with NUA.**
- 4. Recommends that engagement and promotional materials use appropriate visual and Tiwi-language resources and local community networks where possible.**

CARRIED

Action Item 1: Governance to provide Cross Cultural Consultants with relevant funeral dates and other significant community dates to assist with scheduling the engagement.

Action Item 2: Governance to provide Cross Cultural Consultants with relevant local contacts and community promotion as required.

3.3 Visitor and Presentation - Bathurst Island Housing Aboriginal Corporation

WLA/102 RESOLUTION

Moved: Wayne Pilakui
Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority:

- 1. Receives and notes the presentation from Bathurst Island Housing Aboriginal Corporation regarding the proposed community ice machine.**
- 2. Supports the proposal in principle.**
- 3. Notes the potential locations discussed by members and requests further investigation to identify a suitable site.**
- 4. Notes that all costs associated with the installation and ongoing operation of the ice machine, including electricity and water usage, are to be the responsibility of BIHA and/or the operator of the ice machine, and not Tiwi Islands Regional Council.**

CARRIED

Action Item: Investigate a suitable location for the proposed BIHA community ice machine, including relevant landholder and site requirements. Confirm with BIHA that installation, electricity, water and ongoing operating costs will be the responsibility of BIHA/operator and not Council.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:18 pm

Meeting resumed following the lunch break at 1:00 pm

Brian Tipungwuti returned to the meeting at 1:40 pm

Brian Tipungwuti left the meeting at 1:56pm and did not return.

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 Wurrumiyanga Alcohol Handout Arrangements

WLA/103 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura
Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority:

- 1. Receives and notes the report regarding current alcohol handout arrangements in Wurrumiyanga.**
- 2. Requests that relevant representatives from the Liquor Commission, NT Government, NT Police, Alcohol Management and Outback Stores be invited to engage directly with Wurrumiyanga Local Authority and community leaders regarding current alcohol management and takeaway arrangements.**
- 3. Requests discussion with Outback Stores regarding whether it would be willing to consider taking over takeaway alcohol arrangements in Wurrumiyanga, subject to the necessary licensing and regulatory approvals.**
- 4. Notes that current alcohol handout requirements will remain in place unless and until formally amended by the relevant regulatory authority.**

CARRIED

Action Item: Contact the relevant agencies and organisations to facilitate direct discussions with WLA and community leaders regarding current alcohol management and takeaway arrangements, including whether Outback Stores would be willing to consider taking over the service.

4.2 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Financial Report as of 31st July 2026

WLA/104 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura
Seconded: Bonaventure Timaepatua

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

CARRIED

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1.1 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 31st July 2026

WLA/105 RESOLUTION

Moved: Marie Francis Tipiloura

Seconded: Mavis Kerinaiaua

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Closes Project WLA 25/26-2 and returns the remaining unspent funds to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority project funding pool.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 31st July 2026

WLA/106 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura

Seconded: Wayne Pilakui

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Establishes a new Vet Visits 2026/27 project and allocates \$15,000 from available Wurrumiyanga Local Authority project funds.

CARRIED

5.1.3 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 31st July 2026

WLA/107 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua

Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Closes Project WLA 24/25-13 and returns the remaining unspent funds to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority project funding pool.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 31st July 2026

WLA/108 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua

Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Closes Project WLA 25/26-5 and returns the remaining unspent funds to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority project funding pool.

CARRIED

5.1.5 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 31st July 2026

WLA/109 RESOLUTION

Moved: Miriam Tipungwuti
Seconded: Marie Francis Tipiloura

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Closes Project WLA 25/26-6 and returns the remaining unspent funds to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority project funding pool.

CARRIED

5.1.6 Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 31st July 2026

WLA/110 RESOLUTION

Moved: Wayne Pilakui
Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receives and notes the funding allocations as on 31st July 2026.

CARRIED

Open Meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

WLA/111 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura
Seconded: Bonaventure Timaepatua

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

Moved into Confidential Session at 3:28 pm.

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 3:31 pm.

WLA/113 RESOLUTION

Moved: Wayne Pilakui
Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

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

CARRIED

7 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Other Business

WLA/115 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua

Seconded: Savio Timaepatua

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

CARRIED

Discussions

Sports Precinct and Youth Facilities: Members discussed the need for improved recreational facilities for children and young people, including basketball, playground and other sporting facilities. Council advised that funding opportunities are being pursued for the proposed sports precinct and consideration may be given to incorporating elements of the pavilion proposal presented earlier in the meeting. Members emphasised the importance of coordinating funding applications to avoid competing proposals.

Waste Collection: An update was provided on disruptions to waste collection following damage to the garbage truck. Replacement parts had arrived and repairs were being progressed. Skip bins and manual collection arrangements were being used in the interim.

Walkway Bridge Repairs: Members raised safety concerns regarding the walkway bridge/crossing near Forestry and requested an interim repair. Council confirmed that the works approved earlier in the meeting would proceed and a purchase order would be issued.

Pothole Repairs: Council advised that the contractor responsible for the previous pothole works had confirmed they would return to undertake warranty repairs within the coming weeks.

Water Safety Signage: Members raised concerns about children swimming at unsafe water crossings and drainage areas and requested No Swimming signage at identified locations.

Speed Bumps: Members raised ongoing concerns regarding speeding in the community. Council advised that bolt-down speed bumps had been investigated and alternative options were being considered due to concerns that removable units could be removed.

Pedestrian Crossings: Members raised concerns regarding pedestrian safety and the condition and visibility of pedestrian crossings. Council advised that new give-way signs and line-marking materials had arrived and arrangements would be made for the pedestrian crossings to be repainted and signage installed.

Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Shirts: Members requested additional Wurrumiyanga Local Authority shirts for members.

Action Items:

- **Infrastructure** to arrange installation of No Swimming / water safety signage at identified high-risk swimming and water crossing locations and provide appropriate safety messaging to the school.
- **Infrastructure** to continue investigating suitable speed management options for the community.
- **Infrastructure** to arrange installation of the new give-way signs and repainting of pedestrian crossings.
- **Governance** to confirm whether an existing Wurrumiyanga Local Authority shirt design is available and arrange additional shirts for members.

8 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 17 November 2026

9 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3:56 pm.

UNCONFIRMED