



**AGENDA**

**WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY**

**MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2020**

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

- Tuesday, 28 July 2020 at
- Wurrumiyanga Boardroom (Teleconference 0392606160)
- Commencing at 10:00 am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

**Valerie Rowland**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## **AGENDA**

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	<i>Nil</i>	



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN  
THE WURRUMIYANGA ON THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020 AT 10:00AM**

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**1 Welcome & Apologies**

**1.1 Welcome**

The meeting opened at 11:30am.  
The CEO welcomed Local Authority Members and the Mayor.

**1.2 Present**

Mayor Leslie Tungatum  
Local Authority Members: Richard Tungatum (Chair); John Ross Pilakui;  
Venard Pilakui; Bonaventure Timaepatua; Bradley Tipiloura and Nilus  
Kerinaia  
Officers: Valerie Rowland (CEO); Bala Donepudi (CFO), Chris Smith (GM  
Infra) and Bill Toy (GM CE)

**1.3 Apologies**

Marie Francis Tipiloura; Miriam Tipungwuti (being picked up at Ranku)

**1.4 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff**

Nil

**1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

***Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 28 April 2020***

**16 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua*

*Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura*

That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority on 28 April 2020 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

***Confidential Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 28 April 2020***

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Confidential Wurrumiyanga Local Authority on 28 April 2020 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**2 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

#### **4 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

##### **4.1 REPURPOSE THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING INTO THE SCALE FUNDING**

To seek the local authority consent for repurposing the uncommitted Local Authority project Funding to Scale Funding.

###### **17 RESOLUTION**

Moved: *Bradley Tipiloura*

Seconded: *Bonaventure Timaepatua*

**That Council:**

- 1. The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes the funds received under scale funding.**
- 2. The Wurrumiyanga Local Authority disagree to repurpose the uncommitted Local Authority project funding into scale funding.**

**CARRIED**

##### **4.2 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY SCALE PROGRAM**

To seek the local authority consent for repurposing the uncommitted Local Authority project Funding to Scale Funding.

###### **18 RESOLUTION**

Moved: *Venard Pilakui*

Seconded: *John Ross Pilakui*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local authority recommends the following new projects to proceed under SCALE Funding:**

- 1. Action:- General Manager Infrastructure to make contact with Office of Township Leasing to enquire about building a public toilet up the new church.**
- 2. The second project approved as follows:-  
A toilet at the Boatshed and GM Infrastructure to seek quotes urgently.**

**CARRIED**

#### **5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Nil

#### **6 OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

#### **7 Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 28 July 2020

#### **8 Closure**

The meeting closed at 12:30pm.



**MINUTES OF THE WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE WURRUMIYANGA BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2020 AT 10:00 AM**

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**1 Welcome & Apologies**

**1.1 Welcome**

The meeting opened at 10:35 am.

The CEO Valerie Rowland welcomed members, staff and guests.

The Mayor then took over and chaired the provisional meeting due to no quorum.

**1.2 Present**

**Chairperson:** Richard Tungatalum (10:48 am).

**Local Authority Members:** Mayor Leslie Tungatalum, John Ross Pilakui, Venard Pilakui, Ronald Tipungwuti, Cr Valentine Intalui, Bonaventure Timaepatua, Miriam Tipungwuti, Marie Frances Tipiloura, Bradley Tipiloura and Nilus Kerinauia.

**Visiting Councillors:** Nil.

**Officers:** Valerie Rowland (CEO), Chris Smith (GM Infrastructure), Michael Taylor (Shire Services Manager Bathurst Is), and Maina Brown (Governance & Compliance Manager).

**Via Teleconference:** Bala Donepudi (Chief Financial Officer) and Bill Toy (GM Community Engagement).

**Guests via teleconference:** Peter Wyatt (Department of Local Government, Housing & Community Development).

**Minuter:** Maina Brown (Governance & Compliance Manager).

**1.3 Apologies**

**Accepted:** Jennifer Clancy and Kevin Doolan.

**Not accepted:** Wesley Kerinauia and Francisco Babui.

**1.3 APOLOGIES FOR WLA MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2020**

**1 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua*

*Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti*

**That the apologies of members Jennifer Clancy and Kevin Doolan be accepted by members.**

**CARRIED**

## 2 RESOLUTION

Moved: Nilus Kerinaia

Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

**That the apologies of members Wesley Kerinaia and Francisco Babui not accepted by members.**

**CARRIED**

### 1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

### 1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

There were two conflict of interests.

Venard Pilakui - Item 7.1

Bonaventure Timaepatua – Item 7.1

At this point of the provisional meeting, the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Chairperson took over and opened for ordinary meeting at 10:48 am.

### 1.6 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

#### **Wurrumiyanga Local Authority - 21 January 2020**

## 3 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bradley Tipiloura

Seconded: Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti

**That the minutes of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority held on 21 January 2020 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## 2 BUSINESS ARISING

### 2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Business arising from previous minutes held on 21 January 2020.

## 4 RESOLUTION

Moved: Marie Francis Tipiloura

Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

### 1. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these discussions and report.

#### Update regarding the cashless debit card

- Cashless debit card not yet to be rolled out.
- Only visited Bathurst Is not the whole Tiwi Islands
- Request for WLA members to advise community members that this is currently on hold

#### Item 4.2 Follow up on WLA Community Projects

- Need to focus on one playground project as council received quote it will cost between \$50k to \$70k.

- Suggested one location to install the playground
- Suggested to nominate at least three WLA members to assist GM Infrastructure and Shire Services Manager Bathurst Is.

2. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority agrees to combine project WLA – 19/20-4 and WLA– 19/20-5 basketball half court to one basketball full court at one location and total amount to be \$100,000 upper limit and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.

**CARRIED**

#### **5 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Bradley Tipiloura*

*Seconded: John Ross Pilakui*

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority agrees to reallocate funds \$30k from project WLA-19/20-7 public toilets to assist with WLA19/20-6 playground equipment with a total upper limit of \$70k and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.

**CARRIED**

#### **6 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Venard Pilakui*

*Seconded: Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti*

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority nominate the three members to assist with the GM Infrastructure and Shire Services Manager Bathurst Is with proposed and approved local authority projects and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.

- Bonaventure Timaepatua
- Bradley Tipiloura
- John Ross Pilakui

**CARRIED**

#### **7 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Venard Pilakui*

*Seconded: John Ross Pilakui*

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority nominates the McGrath (Milimika festival) site for the playground equipment and basketball court projects to be installed and recommend to Council for approval to proceed.

**CARRIED**

### **3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR 2019/20**

As an ongoing record keeping requirement, members will be provided with an updated meeting attendance listing at the beginning of each meeting. Member's attendance is based on the official minutes of each WLA meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the updated meeting attendance register.

### 3.2 2019/2020 - LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2020

This information is provided for information to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to report on expenditure to 31 March 2020 for the 2019/2020 FY.

#### 8 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Bonaventure Timaepatua*

Seconded: *Venard Pilakui*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report number 232912 for information and provides any comments or feedback on the new financial reporting format.**

**CARRIED**

**Action:**

GM Infrastructure to follow up on the Airport Inspection overspent.

At this point of the meeting a lunch break was called at 12:39 pm.

The meeting recommenced at 1:27 pm.

#### 4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

##### 4.1 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS FOR TAKARINGUWI AND NON-SKIN GROUP

The Council have been actively seeking nominations to fill two vacancies. Takaringuwi and Non-skin representatives since last year. We have now recently received two nominations to fill these vacancies and members are asked to review both applications and make recommendation to Council for appointment.

#### 9 RESOLUTION

Moved: *John Ross Pilakui*

Seconded: *Bradley Tipiloura*

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members review the two new applications and recommend the following applicants to Council for appointment to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority.**

**Annunciata Pupangamirri to fill the Takaringuwi skin group; and**

**Matthew Fowke to fill the Non-skin group.**

**CARRIED**

##### 4.2 WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY PROJECT

To get the consent of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to undertake new projects under 2019-20 Local Authority project Funding.

#### 10 RESOLUTION

Moved: *Bradley Tipiloura*

Seconded: *Bonaventure Timaepatua*

**1. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary.**

2. Notes the funding allocations for 18/19 and 19/20.

3. Recommends any new projects to Council for approval to proceed.

Project Description	Project ID	Upper limit	Action Officer
Funeral / Healing Shelter near new church and Jubilee park \$50k each	WLA - 19/20 - 8	\$100,000	Manager Shire Services Bathurst Is
BBQ, Shelter and Table at front beach x 4	WLA - 19/20 - 9	\$25,000	Manager Shire Services Bathurst Is

**CARRIED**

## 5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

### 5.1 2020/21 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN & BUDGET - CONSULTATION WITH WLA

As part of the preparation of the new 2020/21 Council Plan & Budget, Council is required to consult with the Local Authority and the Public covering service delivery across the Tiwi Islands.

#### 11 RESOLUTION

Moved: John Ross Pilakui

Seconded: Ronald Tipungwuti

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receives and notes this report for information and recommends any local authority priorities to Council as part of the overall budget development process.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 DIPL - COVID-19 AVIATION INDUSTRY ADVICE

This report is presented to members for information regarding the COVID-19 Aviation Industry Advice received from Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and note this report for information.**

### 5.3 UPDATE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE HUMAN BIOSECURITY DETERMINATION 2020

This report is presented to members for information regarding the Amendments to the Human Biosecurity Determination 2020 received from Department of the Chief Minister (DCM) via Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT).

#### 12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bonaventure Timaepatua

Seconded: Bradley Tipiloura

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority receive and note this report for information.**

**CARRIED**

**Action:**

WLA members request for the CEO to write to Office of Township Leasing and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Cowan of the Department of the Chief Minister in regards to actions taken to some of the community members in breached of the 14 isolation and quarantine rules.

## **6 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1 RUBBISH TRUCK**

Members raised rubbish collection are not consistent and why.

- Council staff are not allowed to collect bins within the tenants yard.
- GM to drive with the new crew to follow and review their route and routine (Friday 1 May 2020).
- Members to notify families regarding illegal dumping.

### **6.2 INTER-ISLAND FERRY (FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS)**

- Ferry will not be operating on the weekends and it is not required to be open on Saturday 2 May 2020 for burial.
- However ferry will be operating as usual on Friday.
- Members to inform and notify families that ferry does not operate on the weekends.

## **7 Confidential Items**

3:44 pm.

### **13 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Ronald Tipungwuti*

*Seconded: Venard Pilakui*

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.

### **14 RESOLUTION**

*Moved: Bradley Tipiloura*

*Seconded: John Ross Pilakui*

That the meeting be reopened and the decisions on the confidential item be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM DECISIONS**

### **7.1 VARIATION TO CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECT WLA18/19-1**

This report seeks WLA support to recommend the proposed variation to Cultural Heritage project WLA18/19-1 to Council to proceed.

*The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.*

**8 Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 28 July 2020

**9 Closure**

The meeting closed at 4:43 pm.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 27 October 2020

DRAFT

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	2.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Business Arising from Previous Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234510
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Helen Daiyi, Governance Coordinator



Business arising from previous minutes of Special Meeting held on 11 June 2020

### **BACKGROUND**

Business arising from previous minutes of Special Meeting held on the 11 June 2020.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Draft Minutes and Agenda emailed to Office Coordinators for distribution to Members.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority accepts these discussions and report.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Meeting Attendance Register
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234489
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Valerie Rowland, Chief Executive Officer



As an ongoing record keeping requirement, members will be provided with an updated meeting attendance listing at the beginning of each meeting. Member's attendance is based on the official minutes of each WLA meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

As an important element of good governance and meeting procedures, an attendance register has been put together for 2019 and up to current date.

Standard procedure will be for the Chairperson to review this listing at the commencement of each meeting and to follow up any previous non-attendance / s with members.

Council will be including all Local Authority Meeting attendance records into each year's Tiwi Islands Regional Council Annual Report.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Wurrumiyanga Local Authority members note the updated meeting attendance register.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 WLA - Meeting Attendance for Jan 2019 to Current .pdf 1 Page

**TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
WURRUMIYANGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS - 2019 - 2020  
OFFICIAL ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

MEMBER NAME	COUNCILOR / ORDINARY MEMBER	Rep Group	Date Appointed by Council	2019				2020			
				Jan 22 ORD W	Apr 29 ORD W	Jul 23 ORD W	Oct 29 ORD W	Jan 21 ORD W	Apr 28 ORD W		
Leslie Tungatulum	Bathurst Island Ward	Council Rep	Automatic Member	A	Y	Y	Y	A	A		
Jennifer Clancy	Bathurst Island Ward	Council Rep	Automatic Member	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A		
Kevin Doolan	Bathurst Island Ward	Council Rep	Automatic Member	A	Y	A	A	A	A		
Francisco Babui	Bathurst Island Ward	Council Rep	Automatic Member	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	X		
Wesley Kernaiua	Bathurst Island Ward	Council Rep	Automatic Member	A	Y	A	A	A	X		
Valentine Intalui	Bathurst Island Ward	Council Rep	Automatic Member				Y		A		
Nilius Kernaiua	Ordinary Member	Wairtarungwi ( Sun )	25-Oct-17	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A		
Marie Francis Tipioura	Ordinary Member	Wairtarungwi ( Sun )	11-Mar-14	Y	Y	A	Y	A	A		
John Ross Pilakui	Ordinary Member	Miyartuwi ( Pandanus )	11-Mar-14	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A		
Richard Tungatulum (Chairperson Appointed 23-12-16)	Ordinary Member	Miyartuwi ( Pandanus )	11-Mar-14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A		
Ronald Joseph Tipungwuti	Ordinary Member	Lorrula ( Rock )	30-Jul-14	A	A	Y	A	A	A		
Bonaventure Timaepata	Ordinary Member	Takarungwi ( Mullet )	11-Mar-14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A		
Annunciata Pupangamiri	Ordinary Member	Wurankuwu	29-Apr-20					Y	Y		
Venard Pilakui	Ordinary Member	Wurankuwu	23-Jul-19						Y		
Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti	Ordinary Member	Wurankuwu	11-Mar-14	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	
Vacant	Ordinary Member	Non-Skin									

LEGEND	
<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
LA = Local Authority Meeting ( Ordinary )	W = Wurrumiyanga
SP = Local Authority Meeting ( Special )	D = Darwin
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Note 1: Councillors attendance at Local Authority Meetings is only mandatory for their own Ward.</b>
Y = Present at Meeting	
A = Apology accepted	
X = Apology not accepted	<b>Note 2: Ordinary Meetings are held every three months, with 2 additional (Special Meetings ) held between Feb to June each year for input into TIRC Strategic Planning / Budgets.</b>
C = Meeting cancelled	

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Financial Report 30 June 2020 2019/2020
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234669
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer



This information is provided for information to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to report on expenditure to 31 March 2020 for the 2019/2020 FY.

**BACKGROUND**

Council's finance section has prepared a new 4 page report (attached) to be presented to both Council each month and to each Local Authority.

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

Following a request from the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority – comments to provide explanation of variations between actual and budgeted amounts that are greater than \$10,000 will be presented to the sitting Local Authority.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report number for information and provides any comments or feedback on the new financial reporting format.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**REPORTS FOR DECISION**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Community project
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234701
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Andrea Masocha, Management Accountant

**SUMMARY**

To get the consent of the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to undertake new projects under 2019-20 Local Authority project Funding.

**BACKGROUND**

The Council has received \$ 236,720 in funding for the 19/20 financial year, \$236,720 received in 18/19 financial year. Projects worth of \$ 363,727 have been approved by the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority (WLA). This gives the Wurrumiyanga Local authority \$ 20,321 to take up new projects.

The NT Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has confirmed that The LAPF funds must be fully expended within 2 years from receipt of the funds or DHCD May request unspent funds to be repaid.

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

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

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Variations to existing projects and proposed new projects will be recommended to the Regional Council for approval to proceed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary.**
- 2. Notes the funding allocations for 18/19 & 19/20**
- 3. Recommends any new projects to Council for approval to proceed.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

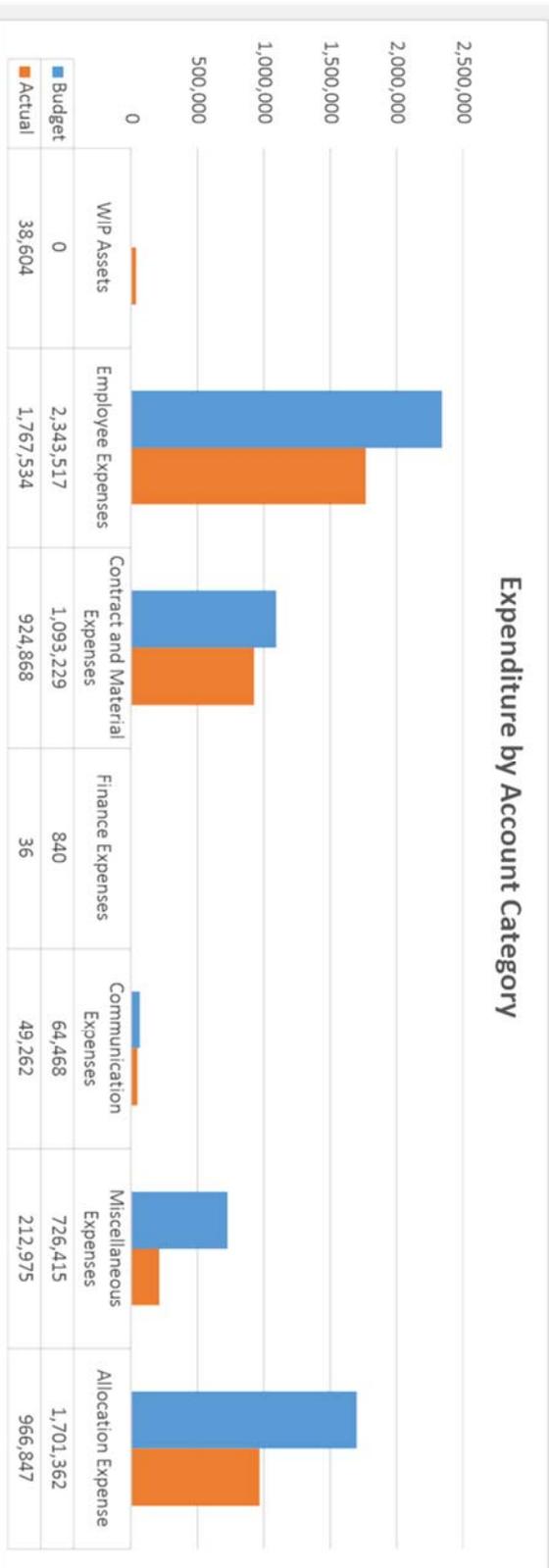
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| <b>1</b> | LAPF as at 30.06.2020.pdf                 | 5 Pages |
| <b>2</b> | Wurrumiyanga LA Finance Report-Jun.20.pdf | 5 Pages |

# Tiwi Islands Regional Council Wurru Miyanga Local Authority Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020



Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget
WIP Assets	0	38,604	(38,604)	(100%)	0
Employee Expenses	2,343,517	1,767,534	575,983	25%	2,343,517
Contract and Material Expenses	1,093,229	924,868	168,361	15%	1,093,229
Finance Expenses	840	36	804	96%	840
Communication Expenses	64,468	49,262	15,205	24%	64,468
Miscellaneous Expenses	726,415	212,975	513,440	71%	726,415
Allocation Expense	1,701,362	966,847	734,515	43%	1,701,362
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,929,831</b>	<b>3,960,126</b>	<b>1,969,705</b>	<b>(67%)</b>	<b>5,929,831</b>

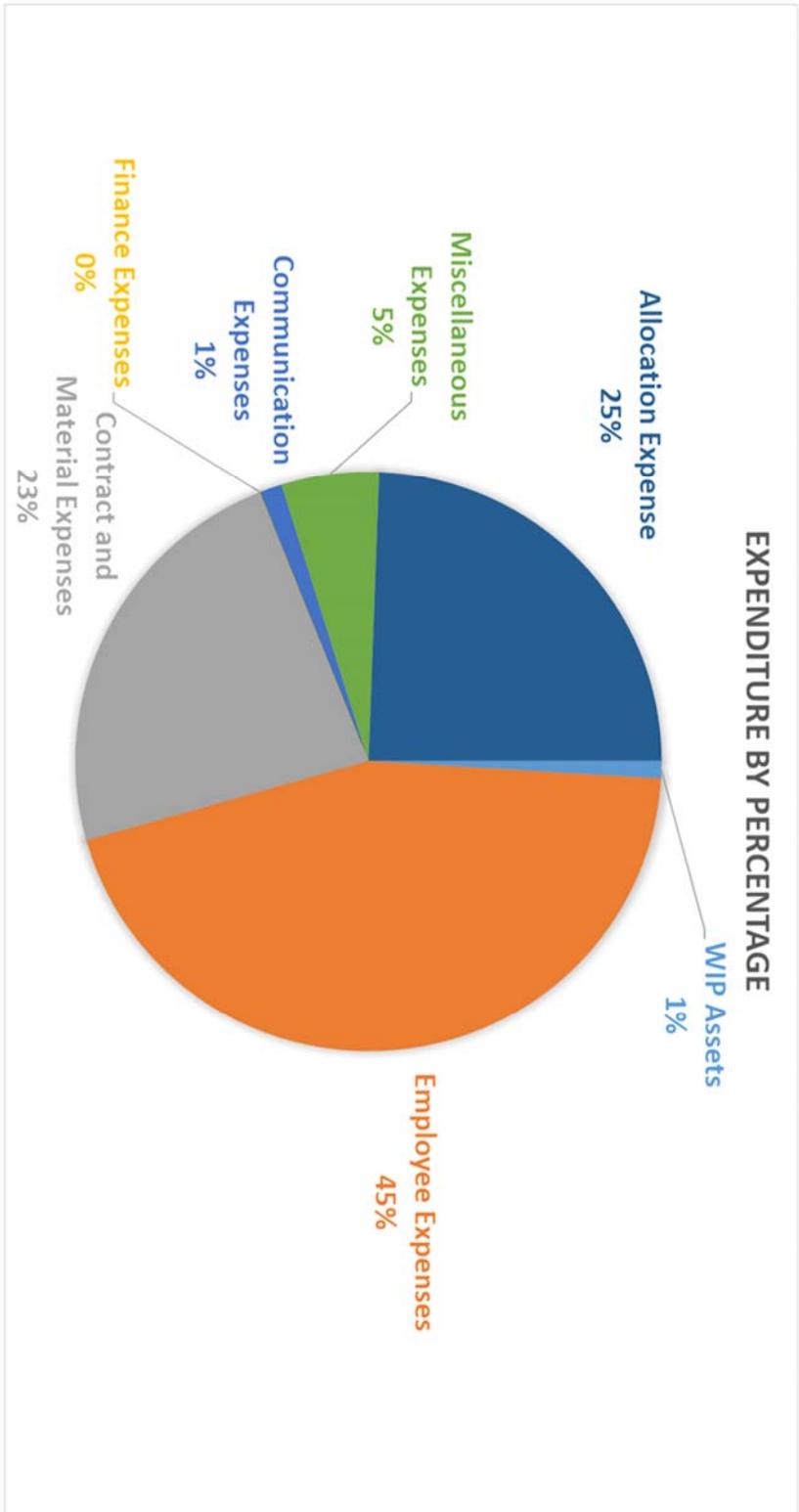
Expenditure by Account Category



# Tiwi Islands Regional Council Wurru Miyanga Local Authority Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020



EXPENDITURE BY PERCENTAGE



## Tiwi Islands Regional Council Wurrumiyanga Local Authority Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020



Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Comments	Annual Budget
<b>Expense by Directorate INCLUDING Allocations and Capital Expense</b>						
Wurrumiyanga	5,929,831	3,898,486	2,031,345	34%		5,929,831
Chief Financial Officer	235,000	83,628	151,372	64%	«	235,000
147801 (Tied) - Local Authority Project Fu	235,000	83,628	151,372	64%	Please refer to the local authority project register	235,000
GM Infrastructure	3,504,786	2,584,867	919,919	26%	«	3,504,786
123401 (Tied) - Portable Stage (Bathurst (	35,125	0	35,125	100%	Old project	35,125
123801 (Tied) - Foreshore Drain Stage 2 \	50,000	14,708	35,292	71%	«	50,000
160401 (Tied) - R2R Reseal Wurrumiyang	62,768	250	62,518	100%	The Road works will be taken after the July with the release of new funds.	62,768
160501 (Tied) - SPG - 10 m3 tipper	6,163	6,332	(169)	(3%)		6,163
160801 (Tied) - Aerodrome Fencing Upgr	95,000	0	95,000	100%	«	95,000
161001 (Tied) - Airport Lighting & Electro	22,723	0	22,723	100%	«	22,723
164001 (Tied) - Energy Efficiency Grant -	0	28,032	(28,032)	(100%)	The Project has Carried forward funds from 2018-19	0
103901 (Untied) - Commercial Facilities - \	67,535	22,491	45,043	67%	Favourable Variance in employee costs	67,535
104101 (Untied) - Gemeteries Wurrumiyar	5,000	884	4,116	82%		5,000
105501 (Untied) - Fleet Administration - W	131,450	39,882	91,568	70%	Underspend in Fuel Costs - 31k and workshop maintenance costs - 56k	131,450
108710 (Untied) - Executive Leadership Tr	0	1,507	(1,507)	(100%)		0
108801 (Untied) - Town Services Wurrumi	1,066,837	932,154	134,683	13%	underspend in employee costs - 119K underspend in material exp -16K	1,066,837
111501 (Untied) - Street Lighting Wurr	25,500	19,310	6,190	24%		25,500
113401 (Untied) - Waste collection and di	128,523	67,655	60,868	47%	Underspend in Town services labour costs	128,523
116001 (Untied) - Fuel - Wurrumiyanga	167,950	134,572	33,378	20%	Underspend in the fuel purchases costs	167,950
118901 (Untied) - Post Office Wurrumiyar	35,175	478	34,697	99%	The post office is handed to NUA	35,175
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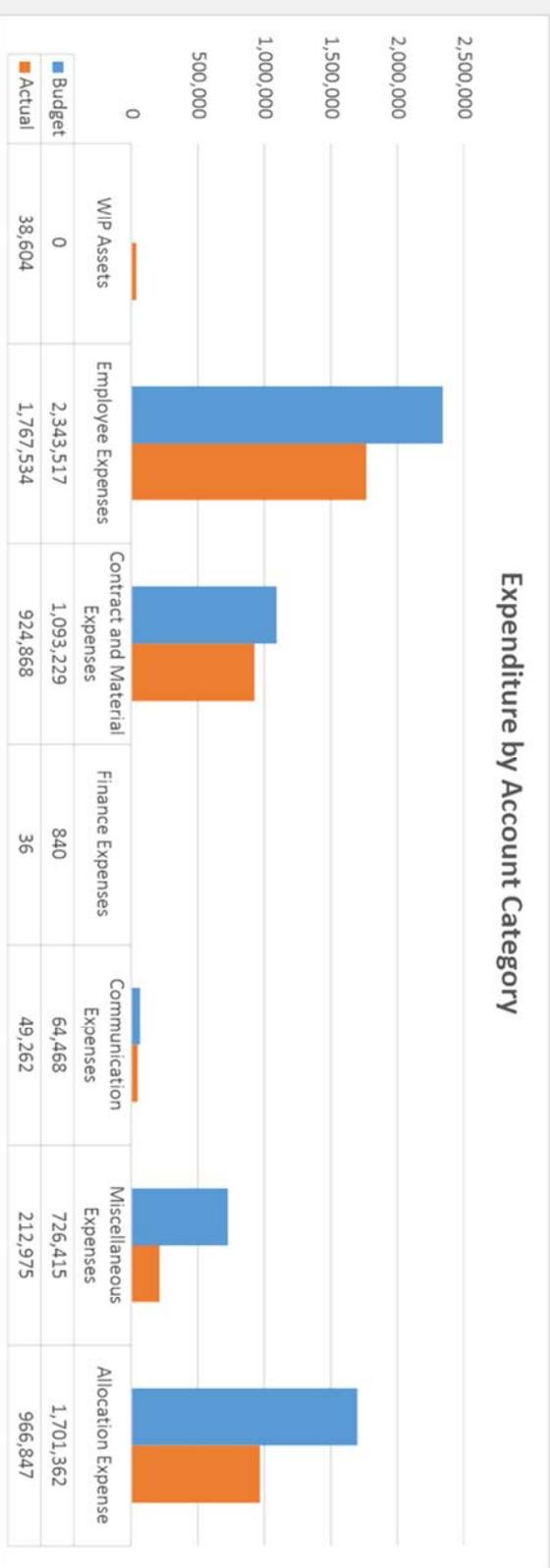
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## Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020



Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget
WIP Assets	0	38,604	(38,604)	(100%)	0
Employee Expenses	2,343,517	1,767,534	575,983	25%	2,343,517
Contract and Material Expenses	1,093,229	924,868	168,361	15%	1,093,229
Finance Expenses	840	36	804	96%	840
Communication Expenses	64,468	49,262	15,205	24%	64,468
Miscellaneous Expenses	726,415	212,975	513,440	71%	726,415
Allocation Expense	1,701,362	966,847	734,515	43%	1,701,362
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,929,831</b>	<b>3,960,126</b>	<b>1,969,705</b>	<b>(67%)</b>	<b>5,929,831</b>

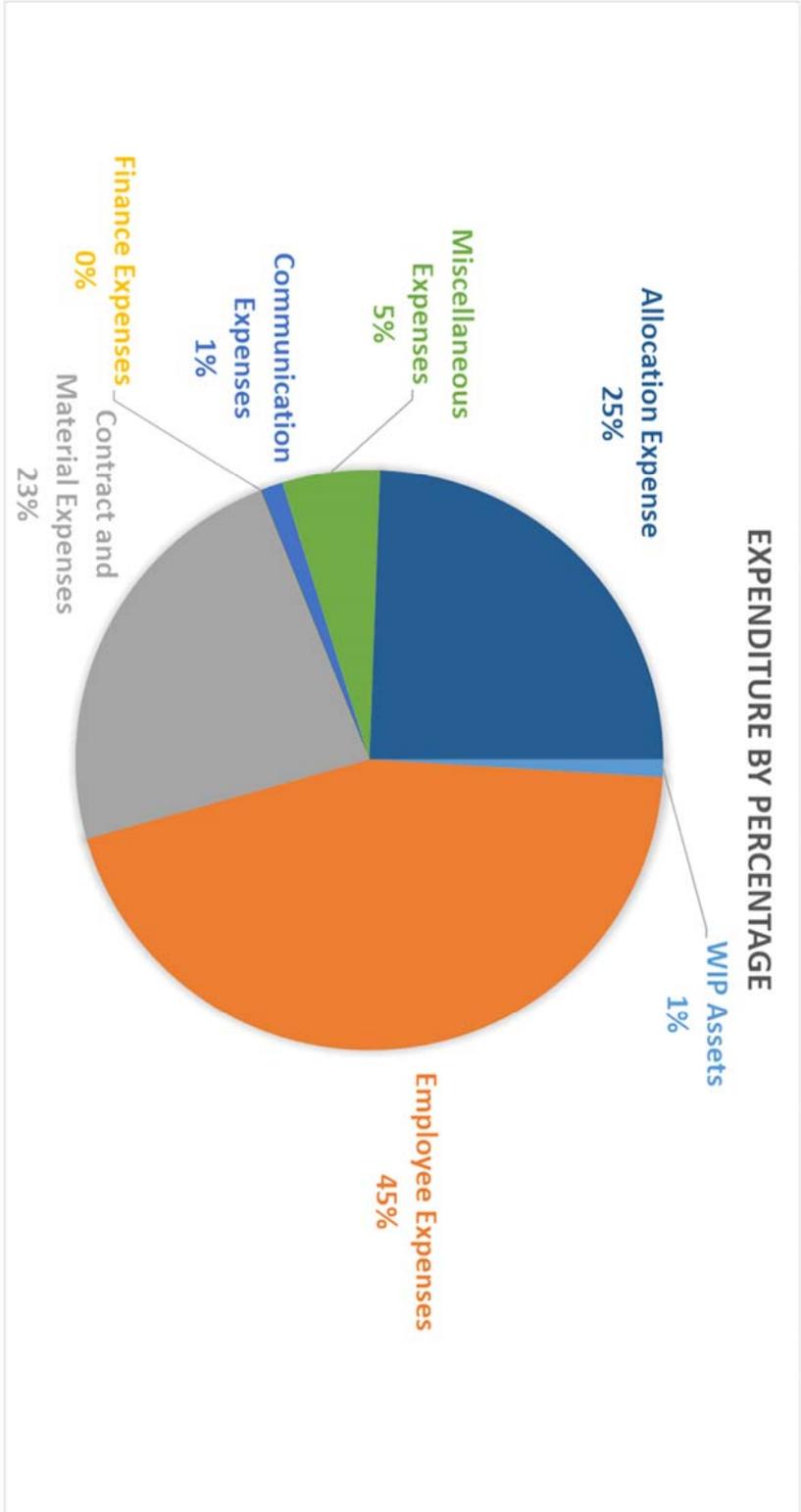
Expenditure by Account Category



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EXPENDITURE BY PERCENTAGE



**Tiwi Islands Regional Council**  
**Wurrumiyanga Local Authority**  
**Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020**



Description	Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance	%	Comments	Annual Budget
<b>Expense by Directorate INCLUDING Allocations and Capital Expense</b>						
Wurrumiyanga	5,929,831	3,898,486	2,031,345	34%		5,929,831
Chief Financial Officer	235,000	83,628	151,372	64%	«	235,000
147801 (Tied) - Local Authority Project Fu	235,000	83,628	151,372	64%	Please refer to the local authority project register	235,000
GM Infrastructure	3,504,786	2,584,867	919,919	26%	«	3,504,786
123401 (Tied) - Portable Stage (Bathurst (	35,125	0	35,125	100%	Old project	35,125
123801 (Tied) - Foreshore Drain Stage 2 \	50,000	14,708	35,292	71%	«	50,000
160401 (Tied) - R2R Reseal Wurrumiyang	62,768	250	62,518	100%	The Road works will be taken after the July with the release of new funds.	62,768
160501 (Tied) - SPG - 10 m3 tipper	6,163	6,332	(169)	(3%)		6,163
160801 (Tied) - Aerodrome Fencing Upgr	95,000	0	95,000	100%	«	95,000
161001 (Tied) - Airport Lighting & Electro	22,723	0	22,723	100%	«	22,723
164001 (Tied) - Energy Efficiency Grant -	0	28,032	(28,032)	(100%)	The Project has Carried forward funds from 2018-19	0
103901 (Untied) - Commercial Facilities - \	67,535	22,491	45,043	67%	Favourable Variance in employee costs	67,535
104101 (Untied) - Gemeteries Wurrumiyar	5,000	884	4,116	82%		5,000
105501 (Untied) - Fleet Administration - W	131,450	39,882	91,568	70%	Underspend in Fuel Costs - 31k and workshop maintenance costs - 56k	131,450
108710 (Untied) - Executive Leadership Tr	0	1,507	(1,507)	(100%)		0
108801 (Untied) - Town Services Wurrumi	1,066,837	932,154	134,683	13%	underspend in employee costs - 119K underspend in material exp -16K	1,066,837
111501 (Untied) - Street Lighting Wurr	25,500	19,310	6,190	24%		25,500
113401 (Untied) - Waste collection and di	128,523	67,655	60,868	47%	Underspend in Town services labour costs	128,523
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**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Finance End of Month Report - June 2020
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234675
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer



This report provided finance information to the Council for year to date June 2020

**BACKGROUND**

<b>Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 31 May 2020</b>					
<b>Income</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>				<b>Full Year Budget</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance*</b>	<b>%</b>	
61 - Income Rates and Charges	2,496,689	2,180,586	316,102	14%	2,328,650
62 - Income Council Fees and Charges	969,676	1,126,716	(157,040)	-14%	1,295,934
63 - Income Operating Grants Subsidies	8,337,038	7,524,824	812,214	11%	7,770,897
64 - Income Investments	30,344	33,000	(2,656)	-8%	36,000
65 - Income Contributions Donations	27	0	27	100%	0
66 - Income Reimbursements and Others	165,572	917	164,656	17963%	1,000
67 - Income Agency and Commercial Services	1,014,780	1,167,052	(152,272)	-13%	1,312,609
68 - Income Capital Grants	20,000	0	20,000	100%	0
69 - Income Sale of Assets	8,931	0	8,931	100%	0
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>13,043,058</b>	<b>12,033,095</b>	<b>1,009,963</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>12,745,090</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
71 - Employee Expenses	6,544,086	7,849,217	1,305,131	-17%	8,561,949
72 - Contract and Material Expenses	2,820,637	2,777,466	(43,171)	2%	3,010,849
73 - Finance Expenses	3,970	5,760	1,790	-31%	6,280
74 - Communication Expenses	338,993	359,347	20,354	-6%	391,204
75 - Asset Expense	1,838,221	1,878,471	40,250	-2%	2,049,241
79 - Miscellaneous Expenses	901,897	2,016,786	1,115,021	-55%	2,319,626
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>12,447,804</b>	<b>14,887,046</b>	<b>2,439,375</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>16,339,149</b>
<b>Allocations</b>					
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>595,254</b>	<b>(2,853,952)</b>	<b>(3,449,205)</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>(3,594,059)</b>
<i>Adjust for Capital and Depreciation</i>					
Less: Capital Expense	622,924	91,667	(531,257)	-580%	100,000
Add back: Depreciation expense	1,837,816	1,878,013	(40,196)	-2%	2,048,741
<b>Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,810,146</b>	<b>(1,067,606)</b>	<b>2,877,752</b>	<b>270%</b>	<b>(1,645,318)</b>
Restricted Cash Carried Forward	1,984,752	1,607,031	425,735	24%	1,655,045
<b>Total Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>3,794,898</b>	<b>539,425</b>	<b>3,255,473</b>	<b>604%</b>	<b>9,727</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>					
Tied Funding Surplus/(Deficit)	2,391,258	259,016	2,132,242	823%	(57,827)
Untied Funding Surplus/(Deficit)	1,403,640	280,409	1,123,231	401%	67,553

<b>Statement of Financial Position as at 31 May 2020</b>	
	\$
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>	
Current Operating accounts & Cash on Hand	5,102,285
Trade and Other Receivables	96,950
Debtors	324,496
Inventory	67,684
Prepayments	64,672
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>5,656,088</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>	
Trade and Other Payables	3,728
Creditors	130,738
Accrued Creditors	80,066
Current Provisions	600,136
Other Current Liabilities	128,510
Unexpended Grant Liability	1,118,184
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,061,362</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>3,594,726</b>
<b><u>Non-Current Assets</u></b>	
Buildings Prescribed	16,612,274
Infrastructure Prescribed	2,522,150
Plant	937,856
Equipment	558,464
Motor Vehicles	578,653
Work in Progress	101,737
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>21,311,133</b>
<b><u>Non-Current Liabilities</u></b>	
Non-Current Provisions	501,632
Non-Current Borrowings	650,001
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,151,633</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>23,754,226</b>
<b><u>Equity</u></b>	
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	(13,163,938)
Asset Revaluation Reserve	36,177,569
Election Reserve	2,479
Asset Replacement Reserve	142,863
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	595,254
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>23,754,226</b>

### Current Operating Accounts & Cash on Hand

Account Balances as at 31 May 2020:

	\$
Operating Account	71,331.35
Trust Account	3,489,998.40
Christmas Saving Account	114,150.00
NIAA Bank Account	1,649,570.94
Cash Deposit Account (credit cards)	50,000.00
Cash on hand	700.00
	<b>5,375,750.69</b>

The actual Bank Balance of \$5,375,750.69 is more than the ledger balance of \$5,102,284.71 due to two Accounts Payable payment runs that were processed in the system for May but did not clear through the bank until after 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020

\* Closing Cash account balances in Cash Flow statement vary to closing cash in bank accounts due to timing of clearing of transactions within the bank accounts and as a result of the last working day of the month being a Friday.

### Ageing Receivables

The outstanding Debtors owed to Council at the end of May 2020 total \$324,496.31 with 54% of this exceeding 90 days. \$140,423.79 of the receivables over 90 days is made up of one debtor, 30% of this amount has been received in June 2020 with the balance expected to be settled before the end of the financial year. The ageing of the outstanding receivables balances is as follows:

Description	Outstanding	Unapplied Credits	Current	>30days	>60days	>90days	Future
Debtors	324,496.31	-5,298.60	60,999.36	19,527.36	75,477.47	173,790.7 2	965.17

The Total Rates & Charges Outstanding at the end of May 2020 is \$196,813.80 of this \$125,501.24 relates to the current financial year.

Description	Outstanding	2019-20	Previous Years
Rates & Charges	\$ 163,076.15	\$ 97,103.74	\$ 65,972.41

### Ageing Payables

The outstanding amounts owed by Council to Creditors at the end of May 2020 total \$ 130737.87 with 3% of this exceeding 90 days. The aging of the outstanding balance is as follows:

Outstanding	Unapplied	Current	>30days	>60days	>90days	Future
130,737.87	-52,288.78	138,179.30	40,577.56	0	4,269.79	13,111.81

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Section 8 of the Local Government Accounting Regulations 2014 outlines the requirements for financial reporting to Council. In particular it states that the actual income and expenditure for the commencement of the financial year to the end of the previous month should be reported plus a statement of the debts owed to the Council.

**Part 8 Financial reports to council****18 Financial reports to council**

- (1) The CEO must, in each month, present before a meeting of the council a report, in a form approved by the council, setting out:
  - (a) The actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
  - (b) The forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year.
- (2) The report must include:
  - (a) Details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and
  - (b) A statement on the debts owed to the council including the aggregate amount owed under each category with a general indication of the age of the debts; and
  - (c) Other information required by the council.
- (3) If a council does not hold a meeting in a particular month, the report is to be laid before the council committee performing the council's financial functions for the particular month.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes and accepts the Finance Report for the reporting period to 31 May 2020.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.2
<b>TITLE</b>	2019/2020 - Local Authority Financial Report to 30 June 2020
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234729
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bala Donepudi, Chief Financial Officer

**SUMMARY**

This information is provided for information to the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority to report on expenditure to 30 Jun 2020 for the 2019/2020 FY.

**BACKGROUND**

Council's finance section has prepared a new 4 page report (attached) to be presented to both Council each month and to each Local Authority.

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

Following a request from the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority – comments to provide explanation of variations between actual and budgeted amounts that are greater than \$10,000 will be presented to the sitting Local Authority.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Wurrumiyanga Local Authority notes this report number 234729 for information and provides any comments or feedback on the new financial reporting format.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Local government Ministers' Communique
<b>REFERENCE</b>	234763
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Valerie Rowland, Chief Executive Officer

**BACKGROUND**

The Minister for Regional Health the Hon Mark Coulton MP along with the Australian Local Government Association invited all Australia Local Government Ministers to help co-ordinate the national effort on COVID-19.

Since the Local Government Ministers have been meeting regularly to share information on how they are supporting local government to respond.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Tabling at OCM and Wurrumiyanga Local Authority for all Members information and attention.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes the report the information for their records.**

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## Local government ministers' communiqué

In March 2020, the Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government invited all Australian Local Government Ministers, along with the Australian Local Government Association, to meet to help co-ordinate the national effort on COVID-19 as it relates to local government. Since then, Local Government Ministers have been meeting regularly to share information about their jurisdictions' response to COVID-19 and how they are supporting local government to respond.

As the level of government closest to communities, local governments play an important role in Australian life. They have been critical to maintaining and protecting the health and wellbeing of people during the immediate crisis, and will continue to be an important partner going into the recovery period. The Ministers wish to express their appreciation for the part local governments are playing in helping our country manage the COVID-19 response and their willingness to support recovery efforts.

The Local Government Ministers' Meetings has proved a valuable forum for Local Government Ministers to discuss how the unprecedented and evolving COVID-19 pandemic is affecting local government. Ministers have shared information on how each jurisdiction is managing issues as diverse as relaxing supermarket curfews to allow re-stocking, legislative changes to allow councils to hold virtual meetings, arrangements for local government elections and the role that local governments can play in recovery. Ministers have compared notes on support packages for local councils, access to low interest loans and local infrastructure investments through councils.

2020 has been a very difficult year for councils across Australia, with the effects of drought, bushfires, other natural disasters and now COVID-19. Despite the pressures on all levels of Government, Ministers are confident that the local government sector is playing its part and will continue to play an important role in economic and social recovery.

Ministers have agreed to continue to meet monthly during the COVID-19 pandemic.