

Tiwi Islands Regional Council

Regional Plan and Budget

2024/2025



Acknowledgments

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country, and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We will continue to share the cultures, warmth and generosity of Tiwi Islander people and communities. We pay our respects to the people, the culture and to Elders past, present and future.



Image: NAIDOC Week 2023

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Message from the Mayor



On behalf of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC), I am honoured to present you the 2024-2025 Regional Plan and Budget. The plan reflects the Council's unwavering commitment to our community's well-being, empowerment, and prosperity and is an opportunity to share Council's priorities for the year ahead.

The Local Authority Committee has been committed to improving Council's infrastructure and supporting community activities. This support will help us to ensure we all live in an inclusive and sustainable place.

On behalf of the Council and elected Members, I want to thank both the Northern Territory and the Federal Governments and Departments for their ongoing support and funding to enable Council the continuity of service delivery on the ground across all our local government areas (Milikapiti, Pirlangimpi, and Wurrumiyanga) and six homelands.

I also take this opportunity to thank Tiwi Land Council and the eight Clan Groups; Jikilaruwu, Malawu, Mantiyupwi, Marrikawuyanga, Munupi, Wulirankuwu, Wurankuwu and Yimpinari, for their willingness to work with Council and staff to build a respectful working relationship. These respectful relationships are essential for community lead solutions to our people's social and economic issues.

Council will continue to work with the CEO to deliver services that meet our people's cultural obligations. As community leaders, we will be available to meet with community members.

I am excited for what lays ahead in the 2024-2025 year and look forward to working together to create a positive future for our community.

I pay my respect to the loved ones we have lost and recently laid to rest; we will always treasure their memory.

Lynette De Santis
Mayor

Message from the CEO



Welcome to the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Regional Plan and Budget (known as the Plan) 2024-2025. This Plan serves as a financial roadmap and sets out what and how Council intends to deliver essential services and projects for the better of the whole Tiwi Islands Community.

As a remote local government, we understand the importance of financial planning and resource allocation that addresses our community's specific needs and aspirations. The 2024 -2025 Plan encompasses the input and feedback received from our community members, leaders, and stakeholders.

Recognising the unique circumstances and geographic challenges in which we live, our budget strongly emphasises improving infrastructure through the delivery of state and federal government-funded project grants. With Council excited to be delivering the Milikapiti Water Park, the Wurrumiyanga Swimming Pool Precinct Master Plan and Upgrades to the Wurrumiyanga Recreation Hall and Community Road System in 2024/2025.

While focusing on improving the organisation's governance and compliance, our team remains committed to financial responsibility, accountability, and transparency. Additionally, we will be focused on improving communication with our community members and stakeholders, providing regular updates on the progress and impact of our financial decisions and communicating more regularly on.

I also want to thank our Elected Members for their trust and support. Your input and engagement have been invaluable in shaping this budget to reflect the needs and aspirations of our community.

Thank you for welcoming me and my family into your community; we look forward to the year ahead and building new relationships and friendships. Let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and work together to improve outcomes for all.

With respect

Gina McPharlin

Chief Executive Officer

About the Tiwi Islands Regional Council

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) has offices in the following locations:

- Wurrumiyanga
- Pirlangimpi
- Milikapiti
- Darwin

When requesting a response from TIRC or its representatives, please include your name, phone number, postal and email address so that we can get back to you accordingly. The contact details for TIRC and its respective offices are listed on the table below.

Website	www.tiwiislands.nt.gov.au
Email	reception@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au
Postal Address	PMB 267, Winnellie NT 0822
Darwin	08 7929 2602
Wurrumiyanga	08 8970 9500
Pirlangimpi	08 8970 9600
Milikapiti	08 8939 4333

Corporate documents are published on the Council website www.tiwiislands.org.au in compliance with the Local Government Act 2008 (NT). Documents on the TIRC website offer important information about TIRC local government plans and services and include but are not limited to:

- Regional Council Plans and Budgets
- Annual Reports and Audited Financial Statements
- Information about TIRC fees and charges
- Council meeting dates, minutes and agendas, including Ordinary Council Meetings and Local Authorities

Our Region



The Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) is the Australian local government representative body that covers Bathurst and Melville Islands. TIRC delivers local government services and community programs to a population of 2,030 (ABS, 2021). As of May 2019, there are 1,592 registered voters across both islands.

Tiwi people have maintained an unbroken connection to the land for tens of thousands of years and have been separated from the Australian mainland since the last ice age approximately 11,000 years ago. This isolation has produced a unique culture, defined by a singular language, complex kinship system, and connections to country, totemic relationships to animals and distinct dance and artistic styles.

Our Councillors

Bathurst Island Ward



Councillor
Jennifer Clancy



Councillor
Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu



Councillor
John Ross Pilakui



Councillor
Stanley Tipiloura



Councillor
Luke Tipuamantumirri



Deputy Mayor
Leslie Tungatulum

Milikapiti Ward



Mayor
Lynette De Santis



Councillor
Pius Tipungwuti



Councillor
Jeffrey S Ullungura

Pirlangimpi Ward



Councillor
Therese (Wokay) Bourke



Councillor
Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni



Councillor
Deanne Rioli

Councillor Portfolios

Directorate	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti
Infrastructure and Asset Services			
Fleet & Trade	Jennifer Clancy	Deanne Rioli	Pius Tipungwuti
Civil Works	Jennifer Clancy	Deanne Rioli	Pius Tipungwuti
Town Services & Outstations	Stanley Tipiloura	Joseph Pangaraminni	Lynette De Santis
Homelands	Leslie Tungatulum	Joseph Pangaraminni	Lynette De Santis
Community Development and Services			
Sport & Rec and Libraries	Vacant	Joseph Pangaraminni	Jeffery Ullungara
Youth & Community	Luke Tipuamantimirri	Joseph Pangaraminni	Jeffery Ullungara
Community Safety	Jennifer Clancy	Joseph Pangaraminni	Lynette De Santis
Corporate and Finance Services			
ICT & Systems	Leslie Tungatulum	Therese (Wokay) Bourke	Lynette De Santis
Finance	Leslie Tungatulum	Therese (Wokay) Bourke	Lynette De Santis
Governance & Compliance	Leslie Tungatulum	Therese (Wokay) Bourke	Lynette De Santis
Human Resources	Leslie Tungatulum	Therese (Wokay) Bourke	Lynette De Santis

Local Authorities

Local Authorities are a forum where community issues, concerns, ideas and projects can be raised and communicated to the Council. They play an important role as a two-way feedback mechanism between the Council and the community. Members represent the four skin groups of the Tiwi Islands and provide a link to cultural authority in our local decision making.

Our three largest communities, Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti are represented by local authorities. Each group meets quarterly to discuss community priorities for Council consideration.

The current membership of Tiwi Local Authorities is listed below:

Local Authorities: Wurrumiyanga		
Member	Councillor/Ordinary Member	Representative Group
Richard Tungutalum	Chairperson	Miyartuwi (Pandanus)
Jennifer Clancy	Councillor	Bathurst Ward Councillor
Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu	Councillor	Bathurst Ward Councillor
John Pilakui	Councillor	Bathurst Ward Councillor
Stanley Tipiloura	Councillor	Bathurst Ward Councillor
Luke Tipuamantumirri	Councillor	Bathurst Ward Councillor
Leslie Tungutalum	Councillor	Bathurst Ward Councillor
Veronica Johan	Ordinary Member	Non-Skin
Annunciata Pupangamirri	Ordinary Member	Takaringuwi (Mullet)
Bonaventure Timaepatua	Ordinary Member	Takaringuwi (Mullet)
Bradley Tipiloura	Ordinary Member	Lorrula (Rock)
Marie Francis Tipiloura	Ordinary Member	Warntarringuwi (Sun)
Miriam Agatha Tipungwuti	Ordinary Member	Wurankuwu
Ronald Joseph Tipungwuti	Ordinary Member	Lorrula (Rock)

Local Authorities: Pirlangimpi

Member	Councillor/Ordinary Member	Representative Group
Carol Maria Puruntatameri	Chairperson	Miyartuwi (Pandanus)
Therese (Wokay) Bourke	Councillor	Pirlangimpi Ward Councillor
Andrew Orsto	Councillor	Warntarringuwi (Sun)
Joseph Pangiraminni	Councillor	Pirlangimpi Ward Councillor
Deanne Rioli	Councillor	Pirlangimpi Ward Councillor
Andrew Warrior	Councillor	Non-Skin
Edward Yunupingu	Councillor	Miyartuwi (Pandanus)
Noel Galarla	Ordinary Member	Takaringuwi (Mullet)
Thecla Puruntatameri	Ordinary Member	Takaringuwi (Mullet)
Rebekah Yunupingu	Ordinary Member	Lorrula (Rock)

Local Authorities: Milikapiti

Member	Councillor/Ordinary Member	Representative Group
Vacant	Chairperson	
Lynette De Santis	Councillor	Milikapiti Ward Councillor
Pius Tipungwuti	Councillor	Milikapiti Ward Councillor
Jeffery Ullungura	Councillor	Milikapiti Ward Councillor
Loretta Cook	Ordinary Member	Lorrula (Rock)
Roy Farmer	Ordinary Member	Lorrula (Rock)
Christine Joran	Ordinary Member	Takaringuwi (Mullet)
Jed Leech	Ordinary Member	Non-Skin
Edwina Moreen	Ordinary Member	Warntarringuwi (Sun)
Patrick Puruntatameri	Ordinary Member	Miyartuwi (Pandanus)
Thomas Puruntatameri	Ordinary Member	Miyartuwi (Pandanus)
Trevor Wilson	Ordinary Member	Warntarringuwi (Sun)

Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council Audit and Risk Management Committee was established in March 2016 in order to ensure that effective internal control and risk management frameworks exists across Council operations and as a way to facilitate best practice corporate governance.

Scope

The scope of the Audit and Risk Management Committee includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Oversight of compliance with statutory responsibilities and Council policies
- Assessment of internal financial accounting and management controls
- Review of risk management strategies and initiatives
- Adequacy of audit scope and coverage
- Monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of external audits
- Management response and timeliness of action taken to correct audit findings

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is comprised of five members, consisting of three Councillors and two independent external members.

Members

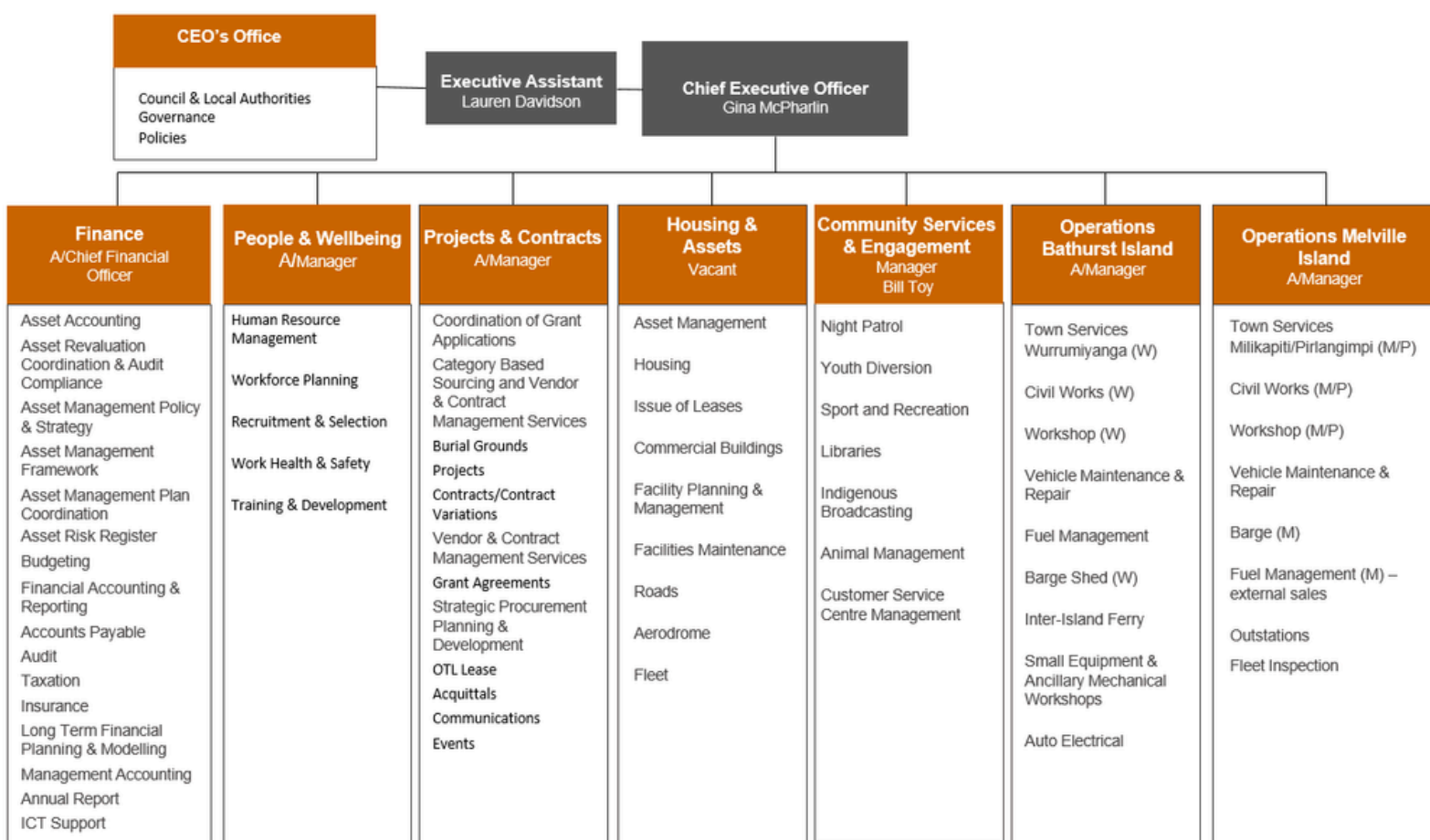
Member	Title
Aswin Kumar	Independent Chairperson
David Blair	External Member
Leslie Tungutalum	Representing Bathurst Island Ward
Therese (Wokay) Bourke	Representing Pirlangimpi Ward
Lynette De Santis	Representing Milikapiti Ward

Meetings

Meeting dates, terms of reference, works plans and responsibilities of Audit and Risk Committee members can be downloaded from the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Website www.tiwiislands.nt.gov.au

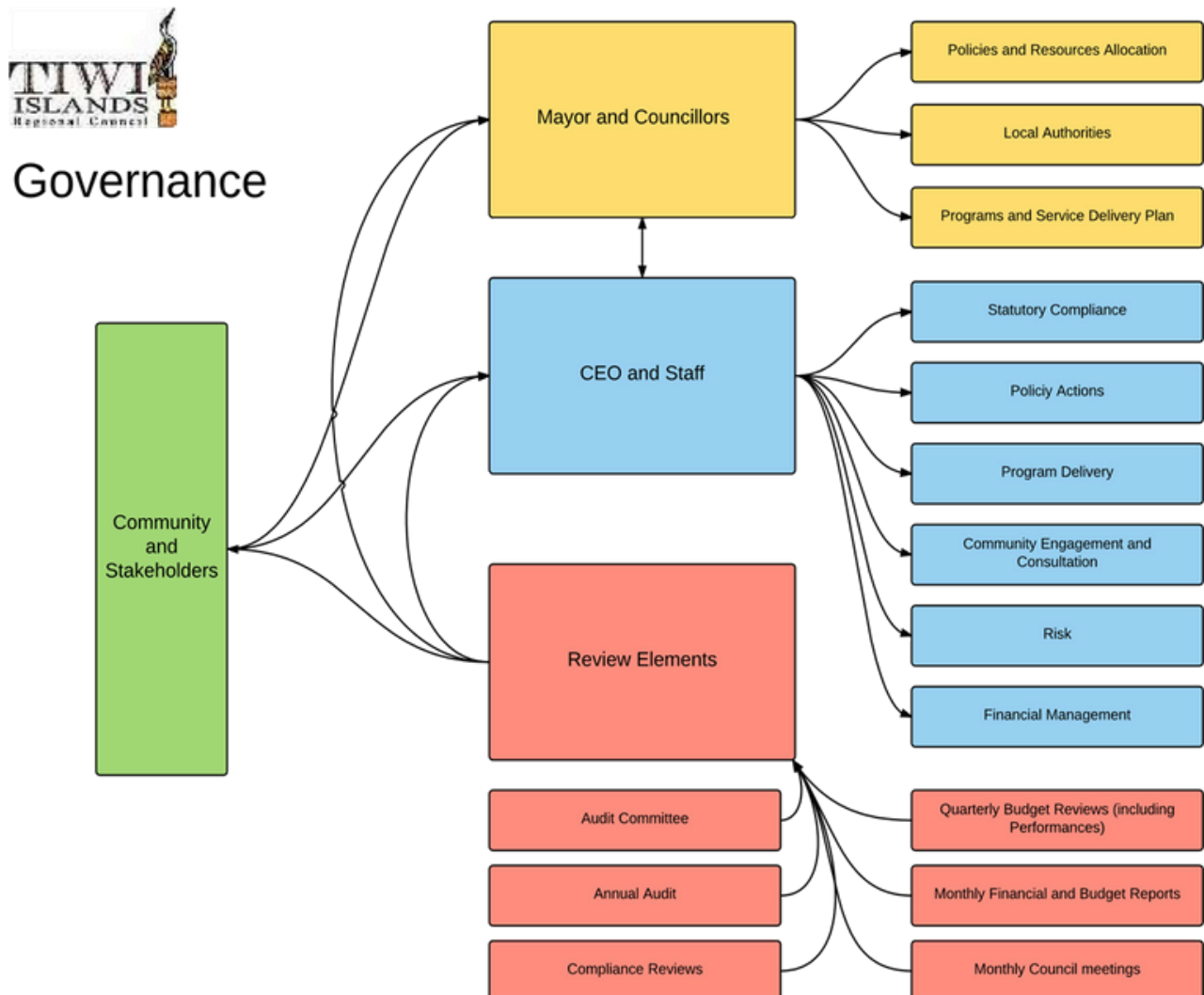
TIRC Corporate Structure

Our corporate structure is outlined below. TIRC reviews this structure regularly to ensure resources are allocated appropriately and to foster collaboration across our organisation.



Governance Model

The governance model shows how different components of the organisation interact with each other and the community to deliver responsive, accountable governance to the Tiwi Islands.



Legal Frameworks and Assessments

The Local Government Act 2019 commenced on 1 July 2021 and provides for local government in the Northern Territory.

Requirements of a Regional Plan

Local Government Act 2019

22 Functions of council

1. The functions of a council include the following:
 - a. to plan for the future requirements of its area for local government services;
 - b. to provide services and facilities for the benefit of its area, its residents and visitors;
 - c. to make prudent financial decisions;
 - d. to manage the employment of the CEO;
 - e. to provide for the interests and well-being of individuals and groups within its area;
 - f. to carry out measures to protect its area from natural and other hazards and to mitigate the effects of such hazards;
 - g. to plan and develop council facilities and services in its area in a sustainable way;
 - h. to plan the use of council resources for the benefit of its area;
 - i. other functions assigned to the council under this Act or another Act.
2. The functions of a council may (if the council decides to perform the functions) include the following:
 - a. to promote its area as a location for appropriate industries or commerce or as an attractive tourist destination;
 - b. to establish or support programs that benefit its area.

23 Powers of council

A council may do all things necessary or convenient to be done for, or in relation to, the performance of the council's functions.



Image: Cape Fourcroy

Assessment of Administration and Regulatory Framework

The regulatory and administrative framework that Tiwi Islands Regional Council (TIRC) operates within is set out by the *Local Government Act 2019* and associated regulations. With guidance from the NT government, . This Regional Plan reflects the requirements of a Regional Plan as outlined in the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The *Local Government Act 2019* legislates the creation and function of local councils in the Northern Territory. All local government areas function under this legislative framework, however, there are significant barriers to sustainable operations and service delivery in remote communities. These barriers include short term funding grants which fill a gap created by limited-service providers and market failure, which obstruct long term financial planning and sustainability. The imposition of onerous compliance requirements disadvantages remote communities that already struggle to raise revenue through the impracticality of issuing fines and an extremely limited rates base.

TIRC is responsible for enforcing Council by-laws that control particular activities within Tiwi community boundaries at Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti. These by-laws pertain to littering, animal management and the expected behaviour of Councillors. However, these by-laws can be difficult to enforce in our remote context.

Council understands the important role that administration and reporting measures play in our governance model however seeks recognition of the pressure that they place on regional and remote councils. An absence of financial assistance for administration will contribute towards greater inequality between municipalities and regional councils. The resources to achieve regulatory compliance are drawn from Council's minimal discretionary funds. With limited funds available Council must often choose between allocating funds to community projects or to achieving regulatory measures.

Hierarchy of plans

We recognise the importance of having relevant and meaningful plans to assist management in delivering the Council's priorities.

The 'TIRC Strategic Plan – Towards 2020 Vision and Beyond' sets out our overarching vision and our aspirations. Each element of the strategic plan informs the next level of our corporate planning. Our Council objectives are derived from our goals. They are realistic expectations that will be used in the coming year to create operational plans for each business unit.

Sitting below the Regional Council Plan will be the Local Authority Plans. These plans will be developed to clearly define Local Authority priorities for the coming years. These plans will be aligned with the goals and objectives of the Council Plan.

Considering our strategic plan in this way enables us to measure progress against objectives and more effectively report back to Council, stakeholders and the NT Government on our activity.

You can find a copy of 'TIRC Strategic Plan – Towards 2020 Vision and Beyond' at our website www.tiwiislands.nt.gov.au or refer to Appendix A at the end of this report.



Our Vision

“Service for a Tiwi future”

Our Mission

Represent the Tiwi community by:

- Being an advocate to other levels of Government.
- Facilitating activity in partnership with others.
- Deliver services that meet the Tiwi community’s needs.
- Provide leadership to the Tiwi community.
- Comply with all obligations prescribed by legislation.

Our Goals

In creating our strategic plan, our Councillors and staff met to determine the overarching goals that drive our service delivery and informs Council plans, actions and behaviours. Our organisational goals are to:

1. Develop and retain employees and emphasize the recruitment of local people.
2. Provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and other stakeholders.
3. Manage finances, assets and infrastructure in a responsible, accountable and transparent manner.
4. Manage resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, respecting country and culture.
5. Improve Council operations.
6. Communicate in an open, honest and culturally appropriate way.
7. Achieve best practice in compliance and governance.
8. Facilitate the development of socio-economically responsible opportunities on the Tiwi Islands.



Council Goals, Objectives and Service Delivery Plans

Council Goals, Objectives and Service Delivery Plans outline the ways in which each section of the Council can contribute to achieving the strategic goals of the Council.

Each contains the specific goal, strategy, key deliverance and performance indicators, the department that contributes to and the target dates.

Strategic Outcomes for our Goals, Objectives and Service Delivery Plans are laid out in the following order:

- Governance
- Infrastructure
- Community Safety, Development and Engagement
- Environment
- Economic Development

Strategic Outcome: Governance

Goal	Strategy	Key Deliverables	Key Performance Indicator	Department	Target
1.1 Improve Council Operations	1.1.1 Review of all Council policies and procedures	1.1.1.1 Review of Policy framework	Policy framework is reviewed with time-lines and policies are reviewed and assessed against legislative instruments	Governance	Mar-25
1.2 Manage our budgets to work more efficiently and reduce overheads	1.2.1 Budget model is reviewed and refreshed to align with legislative requirements	1.2.1.1 Budget with transparent line-items	Managers have clear line of sight and are managing their respective budgets	Finance	Sep-24
	1.2.2 Deliver unqualified 2024/25 Tiwi Islands Regional Council audited financial statements	1.2.2.1 End of year financials	Unqualified Audit	Finance	Nov-25
1.3 Meet legislative obligations	1.3.1 Deliver the 2023/24 Annual Report	1.3.1.1 2023/24 Annual Report is compliant with legislative requirements and timeframes	Compliant Annual Report	Finance	Nov-25
	1.3.2 Review Strategic Plan – Towards 2020 Vision and Beyond	1.3.2.1 Review Strategic Plan with Councillors	An achievable and well-consulted plan is presented to Council for adoption.	Governance	May-25

Strategic Outcome: Infrastructure

Goal	Strategy	Key Deliverables	Key Performance Indicator	Department	Target
2.1 Provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Communities	2.1.1 Council Infrastructure meets community needs	2.1.1.1 Develop and adopt 7 year infrastructure plans for each community	An achievable and well-consulted plan is presented to Council for adoption. Plans are developed with Community Safety and WHS considerations a priority.	Housing & Assets	Jun-25
		2.1.1.2 Develop a 3 year Asset Management Plan	Clearly articulated and costed maintenance plans are developed	Housing & Assets	Jun-25
		2.1.1.3 Develop a Maintenance Plan for each community	Clearly articulated and costed maintenance plans are developed	Operations (BI) Operations (MI)	Oct-24
		2.1.1.4 Develop an Outstation Maintenance Plan	Clearly articulated and costed maintenance plans are developed	Operations (MI)	Oct-24
		2.1.1.5 Develop a compliant Airport Management Plan	An airport management plan with pathway to compliance is endorsed by Council Regular reporting against the Airport Management Plan to Council	Housing & Assets	Dec-24
		2.1.1.6 Develop a Ferry Asset Maintenance Plan	Ferry is compliant against regulations	Operations (BI)	Aug-24
		2.1.1.7 Develop a road management plan	An achievable and well consulted plan is presented to council for adoption	Housing & Assets	Feb-25

Strategic Outcome: Community Safety, Development and Engagement

Goal	Strategy	Key Deliverables	Key Performance Indicator	Department	Target
3.1 Create employment opportunities	3.1.1 We invest in the attraction and retention of key skills within our community	3.1.1.1 Identify and facilitate or participate in key programs that retain and introduce employment or contracting within communities	Development of an Organisational Development Plan	People & Wellbeing	Feb-25
			Partnership with key agencies to attract and develop local community members into Council	People & Wellbeing	Jun-25
3.2 Develop Work Health and Safety culture	3.2.1 Develop and implement WHS program	3.2.1.1 Develop WHS Safe Work Method Statement	A register and record of Safe Work Method Statements is implemented	People & Wellbeing	Sep-24
		3.2.1.2 Implement 'pre-start' inspections	Inspections are completed and recorded daily	People & Wellbeing	Dec-24
		3.2.1.3 Implement regular WHS inspection program	Inspections are assigned to appropriate officers and carried out as per roster and logged in WHSM System	People & Wellbeing	Dec-24

3.3 Engage with community elders and skin groups including two-way conversations at Local Authority meetings	3.3.1 Ensure Local Authority meetings are well advertised to the community with notice in accordance with legislation	3.3.1.1 Local Authority notices and agendas are distributed in accordance with legislation with copies available on website and at Council offices in hard-copy prior to meetings.	All meetings are notified as per legislation All agendas are published as per legislation (3 days prior)	Governance	Jul-24
	3.3.2 Implement Community 'Yarning' opportunities for feedback	3.3.2.1 Community 'Yarning' sessions are held regularly and attended by community	Gathering of matters from community at 'Yarning' sessions to be referred to Local Authority	Governance	Sep-24
3.4 Contribute to a safer community environment	3.4.1 Develop a Community Safety strategy	3.4.1.1 Develop a Community Safety strategy for each community	An achievable and well-consulted plan is presented to Council for adoption	Community Services	Oct-24
	3.4.2 Develop a Youth Diversion Program	3.4.2.1 Develop a Youth Diversion Program for each community	An achievable and well-consulted plan is presented to Council for adoption	Community Services	Feb-25
	3.4.3 Develop a Sport and Active Recreation Program	3.4.3.1 Develop a Sport and Active Recreation Program for each community	An achievable and well-consulted plan is presented to Council for adoption	Community Services	Nov-24

Strategic Outcome: Environment

Goal	Strategy	Key Deliverables	Key Performance Indicator	Department	Target
4.1 Manage resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, respecting country and culture	4.1.1 Develop and implement a better practice waste disposal and management plan which includes disposal of e-waste and recycling	4.1.1.1 Develop a waste disposal and management plan	An achievable and well-consulted plan taking into consideration better practice is presented to Council/Management for adoption	Housing & Assets	Apr-25
4.2 Implement a 'Containers for Change' Program	4.2.1 Containers for Change is established and utilised by the community	4.2.1.1 Containers for Change program operating on the island	Number of containers collected monthly Improvement in reduction of containers littering the community	Operations (BI)	Oct-24

Strategic Outcome: Economic Development

Goal	Strategy	Key Deliverables	Key Performance Indicator	Department	Target
5.1 Facilitate the development of socio-economically responsible opportunities on the Tiwi Islands	5.1.1 Participate in the Tiwi Partners Economic cooperation				
	5.1.2 Support local businesses and service providers where possible	5.1.2.1 Include in procurement strategy priority awarding of contracts to local providers	Number of contracts awarded to local providers	Projects & Contracts	Dec-24
	5.1.3 Partner with other Tiwi based enterprises in major infrastructure developments that meet Council's strategic Infrastructure Plan	5.1.3.1 Based on priorities of Community Based Infrastructure plans identified in 2.1.1.1 partner with other businesses to co-fund/deliver as appropriate.	Number of infrastructure partnerships entered into	Projects & Contracts Housing & Assets	Jun-25
	5.1.4 Identify and partner in major events which draw tourists to the Islands	5.1.4.1 Develop a Major Events strategy for the Tiwi Islands	An achievable and well-consulted plan is presented to Council for adoption	Projects & Contracts	Jun-25

Budget




Budget for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2025

This plan contains information relating to the annual budget for the Council for the 2024/2025 financial year. The Council is required to prepare an Annual Budget in compliance with part 10.5 of the Local Government Act(2019). This budget specifies the Council's financial projections for providing services to the communities it serves.

The Council anticipates generating a total income of \$13.5 million during the financial year that ends on June 30, 2025. This income includes several sources, such as \$3.55 million generated from rates and statutory charges, \$1.34 million from fees and charges, grant income of \$7.5 million, interest income of approximately \$218K, and other income of \$901K.

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council is highly dependent on grant funding to cover its operational and capital expenditure. Approximately 63% of total income is provided through untied grants and a further 37% through tied grants.



The Council endeavours to provide definitive grant revenue and expenditure forecasts (as opposed to estimates) for the 2024/25 and future financial years; however, this may not be accurate due to some uncertainty as to the future programs which will be funded and the quantum.

The Council anticipates operating expenses of \$15.3 million, which include several categories of expenditure. Employment expenses make up the largest portion, amounting to \$7.01 million. Contracts and materials expenses follow at \$5.3 million. Depreciation, amortization, and impairment expenses come in at \$1.9 million, and other expenses round out the total at \$1.02 million.

A more detailed account of the Council's estimated income and expenditure is provided on the following pages.

Council has adopted a stance that ALL functions should meet an equitable share of the costs of the services that Council's infrastructure provides to enable their continued operation. In particular this means internal cost recovery (where possible) reflected in individual program budgets.

Staff housing

A fixed annual cost for staff housed by Council, charged according to the nature of the dwelling (1, 2 or 3 bedroom rates).

Motor vehicles

All budgeted for as part of fleet operations but charged according to functional use at rates that reflect daily, weekly, monthly or permanent assignment to any program or function. Where any program has been funded for the capital cost of such vehicles the cost is reduced to only cover running and service costs.

Grant administration fees

These are charged in accordance with the individual grant agreements.

ICT

A fixed annual cost for ICT equipment and services charged according to services provided.

Council objectives

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council Strategic Plan sets out our goals and objectives. These goals are set out under the Strategic Plan section of this document along with Council objectives. The service delivery plans outline the indicators that Council will use to measure the success of each program in contributing to our objectives. The objectives will also be used by managers to develop work and operational plans for each program area.

Miscellaneous services

These are charged at Council's declared rates between functions, for example trades services provided to any other part of Council or machinery hire between functions. This budget also reflects a greater emphasis on cost recovery for services provided by Council to external parties and strives to avoid subsidisation of non-core services such as inter island transport.

Rates and charges for 2024/25

Rate increases will be 5% for all properties for this financial year, raising our rates levy to \$2,792,421 & our Charges will be at \$758,764 for the year 2024-25.

2025 Budget - Rates and charges table

Budget Rates and Charges 2024/2025			
Charge or Rate	Application	Rate or Amount	Total to be Raised
Rate	Residential	9.19 cents in the dollar	\$2,792,421
Rate	Commercial	6.24 cents in the dollar	
Rate	Residential Tiwi resident	2.23 cents in the dollar	
Rate	Residential min amount	\$2,571.33	
Rate	Commerical min amount	\$2,486.38	
Rate	Residential Tiwi resident min amount	\$617.92	
Charge	Refuse - Residential	\$888.59	\$758,764
Charge	Refuse - Commercial	\$940.86	
Charge	Refuse - Additional refuse bin Residential	\$227.04	
Charge	Refuse - Additional refuse bin Commercial	\$292.51	
Charge	Commerical - Waste Management Charge	\$4,431.45	
Charge	Residential - Waste Management Charge	\$1,015.65	
TOTAL			\$3,551,185

Other fees and charges

A full schedule of other fees and charges is available on our website (www.tiwiislands.nt.gov.au) or refer to Appendix B at the end of this report.

Relevant interest rate

The Council fixes the relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at a rate of 18% per annum which is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment

The Council determines the rates and charges of this declaration must be paid within 28 days of the issue of rates notice under section 159 of the Act.

Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day without incurring any penalty.

Alternatively, ratepayers may opt for payments monthly or quarterly. To do so they must seek the written agreement of the Council CEO. However, where such an option is exercised if payment is not received by the end of the relevant month or quarter, it will constitute a default and the full balance of the annual amount will become payable and recoverable immediately.

A ratepayer who fails to pay the rates and charges notified under the relevant rates notice under section 159 of the Act may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

Socio economic impact of rates

Council assessed the socio-economic impact on residents and local businesses when deliberating on residential and business rates.

TIRC recognises the circumstances of Tiwi home owners and accordingly continues to allow concessions on their amount payable. This continued commitment to supporting Tiwi people demonstrates strong principles of social justice and creates opportunities for funds to enter into the local economy.

Council also has provisions in place for all ratepayers to be able to apply for and make periodic payments towards their rates and charges payable. This approach enables residents, of all socio-economic backgrounds, to make payments according to a fair and equitable timeframe.

Table 1. Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

	Budget FY 2024-25	Budget FY 2025-26	Budget FY 2026-27	Budget FY 2027-28
OPERATING INCOME				
Rates	2,792,421	2,918,080	3,049,393	3,186,616
Charges	758,764	792,908	828,589	865,876
Fees and Charges	1,345,550	1,406,099	1,469,374	1,535,496
Operating Grants and Subsidies	7,506,980	7,844,794	8,197,810	8,566,711
Interest / Investment Income	218,795	228,641	238,929	249,681
Commercial and Other Income	901,436	942,000	984,390	1,028,688
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	13,523,945	14,132,522	14,768,486	15,433,067
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
Employee Expenses	7,012,432	7,327,992	7,657,751	8,002,350
Materials and Contracts	5,329,956	5,756,352	6,072,952	6,346,234
Elected Member Allowances	406,401	424,689	443,800	463,771
Elected Member Expenses	45,920	47,987	50,146	52,403
Council Committee & LA Allowances	36,488	38,130	39,846	41,639
Council Committee & LA Expenses	7,667	8,012	8,372	8,749
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,983,400	1,983,400	1,983,400	1,983,400
Other Expenses	526,682	550,383	575,150	601,032
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	15,348,946	16,136,944	16,831,417	17,499,578
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(1,825,002)	(2,004,422)	(2,062,932)	(2,066,510)

Table 1. Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

Estimated Capital & Non Cash Adjustments :				
	Budget FY 2024-25	Budget FY 2025-26	Budget FY 2026-27	Budget FY 2027-28
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(1,825,002)	(2,004,422)	(2,062,932)	(2,066,510)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS				
Less Non-Cash Income	1,983,400	1,983,400	1,983,400	1,983,400
Add Back Non-Cash Expense				
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	1,983,400	1,983,400	1,983,400	1,983,400
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	300,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(310,000)	(160,000)	(160,000)	(160,000)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding *	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	198,398	168,978	110,468	106,890

Table 2. Budgeted Capital Expenditure

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	Budget FY 2024-25	Budget FY 2025-26	Budget FY 2026-27	Budget FY 2027-28
Infrastructure	-	-	-	-
Plant & Equipment	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Motor Vehicles	200,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	300,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:				
Capital Grants	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

Table 2.1 Budget by Planned Major Capital Works

CLASS OF ASSETS	BY MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT	Budget FY 2024-25	Budget FY 2025- 26	Budget FY 2026- 27	Budget FY 2027- 28	>Total Budget \$	Expected Project Comple tion Date
Infrastructure	-				-	-	-
Plant & Equipment	Plant Replacement	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	400,000	On Going Annual
Motor Vehicles	Motor Vehicles Replacements	200,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	350,000	On Going Annual
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		300,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000	

Table 3. Local Authority Budgets 2024/25

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025	Regional	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti	Total Annual Budget \$
OPERATING INCOME					
Rates	-	1,791,669	466,081	534,671	2,792,421
Charges	-	486,837	126,645	145,282	758,764
Fees and Charges	188,377	605,497	296,021	255,654	1,345,550
Operating Grants and Subsidies	6,981,491	300,279	75,070	150,140	7,506,980
Interest/Investment Income	218,795	-	-	-	218,795
Commercial and Other Income	9,014	108,172	180,287	603,962	901,436
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	7,397,677	3,292,455	1,144,104	1,689,709	13,523,945
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
Employee Expenses	2,664,724	2,524,476	981,741	841,492	7,012,432
Materials and Contracts	2,185,281	1,545,688	373,097	1,225,890	5,329,956
Elected Member Allowances	406,401	-	-	-	406,401
Elected Member Expenses	45,920	-	-	-	45,920
Council Committee & LA Allowances	36,488	-	-	-	36,488
Council Committee & LA Expenses	7,667	-	-	-	7,667
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,983,400	-	-	-	1,983,400
Other Expenses	375,280	57,889	48,983	44,530	526,682
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	7,705,161	4,128,052	1,403,820	2,111,912	15,348,946
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(307,484)	(835,598)	(259,717)	(422,203)	(1,825,002)

LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025	Regional	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti	Total Annual Budget \$
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(307,484)	(835,598)	(259,717)	(422,203)	(1,825,002)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS Less Non-Cash Income Add Back Non-Cash Expense	1,983,400	-	-	-	1,983,400
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	1,983,400	-	-	-	1,983,400
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS					
Capital Expenditure	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(310,000)	-	-	-	(310,000)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants Income	350,000	-	-	-	350,000
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding *	-	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	350,000	-	-	-	350,000
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	1,715,916	(835,598)	(259,717)	(422,203)	198,398

Budget Assumptions

- All current core services will continue to be provided by the Council.
- Due to the small rates base council is heavily reliant on territory government and commonwealth grants
- It is anticipated that the repairs, maintenance, management and development of infrastructure continue at the same level as outlined in the budget. TIRC will continue to apply for additional funding to rectify identified deficiencies in infrastructure.
- There are no major initiatives planned over beyond the activities identified in the Regional Plan and Budget. TIRC's current financial position does not have untied funds available for significant new initiatives. With these circumstances in mind any new major community initiatives would be entirely reliant upon the provision of additional special purpose grant funding.
- A CPI increase of 4.5% is assumed per year
- Amended budgets is aligned to Standard Annual Financial Statements reporting.
- Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding and Current Year Carry Forward Tied Funding is same for the preparation of this budget.

Budget Initiatives

- Increased investments in upgrades of community roads in Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti through Roads 2 Recovery funding.
- Investment in community facilities with Rec Hall in Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti Water Park.
- Replace Aging fleet with purchase of new cars.
- Major upgrades planned for all the rubbish tips as per the requirements of the NTEPA.

Rates Declaration for 2024/25

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 241 of the Local Government Act 2019, that the following rates and charges were declared by Tiwi Islands Regional Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 June 2024, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act 019 in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

Rates

Tiwi Islands Regional Council ('the Council') makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act 2019 ('the Act').

1. Pursuant to Section 227 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value as the basis for determining the Assessed Value of allotments within the Council area.
2. The Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act, declares that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$2,792,421 which will be raised by the application of:
 - a. differential fixed charges; and
 - b. differential valuation-based charges with differential minimum charges being payable in the application of those differential valuation-based charges; and
3. The Council hereby declares the following rates:
 - (a) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Residential Purposes and where there is an Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a valuation-based charge being 9.19 % of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,571.34 multiplied by the greater of:
 - i. the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act) on each allotment; and
 - ii. the number 1.
 - (b) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for a Commercial Land Use and where there is an Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), a valuation-based charge being 4.31% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,486.38 multiplied by the greater of:
 - i. the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act) on each allotment; and
 - ii. the number 1.

(c) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is Vacant Land and where there is an Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a valuation-based charge being 6.24% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,486.38

(d) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Residential Purposes, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,571.33.

(e) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Commercial Land Use (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$2,486.38.

(f) With respect to each class of allotment of rateable land within the Council that is Vacant Land, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$2,571.33.

(g) With respect to each allotment of rateable land which is a Mining Tenement as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.006427 of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$2,241.18 and on the basis of that,

i. Contiguous tenements or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person are to be rated as if they were a single tenement.

ii. If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of another interest in the land (the other interest) then:

1. If the rate calculated in accordance with this paragraph (g) is less than or equal to the rate payable for the other interest – no rate is payable for the mining tenement; or

2. If the rate is calculated in accordance with this paragraph (g) (amount A) is greater than the rate payable for the other interest (amount B) – the rate payable for the mining tenement is the difference between amount A and amount B.

(h) With respect to each allotment of rateable land which is a Pastoral Lease as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.000566 of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$946.94

Relevant interest rate

5. The relevant interest for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Payment

6. The Council determines that the rates and charges declared under this declaration must be paid within 28 days of the issue of rate notice under Section 242 of the Act.

Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day without incurring late payment interest.

A ratepayer who fails to pay their rates and charges notified under the relevant rates notice under Section 242 of the Act may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, late payment penalties, and cost reasonably incurred by the Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges.

Optional Services

7. In accordance with section 289 of the Act, Council resolves to impose the following fees for the following optional services:

- a. a fee of \$227.04 per annum for each additional weekly garbage collection through the use of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin approved by Council in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 4(b)(i),
- b. a fee of \$292.51 per annum for each additional weekly garbage collection through the use of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin approved by Council in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of an allotment of commercial land referred to in paragraph 4(d)(i).

Gina McPharlin

Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Allowances

Under section 7B of the Assembly Members and Statutory Offices (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006, the Tribunal determines as follows:

<u>Ordinary Council Member</u>	\$20,500
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Deputy Principal Members

Additional Allowance	\$16,000
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Principal Member

Additional Allowance	\$82,000
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Extra Meeting Allowances

Half Day Meeting Rate	\$150.00
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Full Day Meeting Rate	\$300.00
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EXTRA MEETING / ACTIVITY ALLOWANCE

4.1 An Extra Meeting / Activity Allowance of up to \$10,000 per financial year, may be accessed by all Councillors and Deputy Principal Members.

Allowances to be paid to eligible members (not including Principal Members) are:

- Free for attendance at extra meetings or activities is the accumulated hours on any day and are as follow:
 - up to 2 hours \$200
 - between 2 and 4 hours \$300
 - more than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable for any one day)

VEHICLE ALLOWANCE

6.1 Vehicle Allowance will be available for travel undertaken by all Councillors when the travel:

- a. exceeds 50kms from home base 100kms return,
- b. travel does not occur in a council supplied and maintained vehicle;
- c. the Councillor is not in receipt of a motor vehicle allowance in Clause 7 below;
- d. the vehicle allowance is capped at \$10,000.



PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

7.1 Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils are entitled to a council-maintained vehicle.

7.2 If Principal Members of Municipal and Regional Councils chose not to be provided with a Council maintained vehicle, they are entitled to Motor Vehicle Allowance, paid fortnightly or monthly, and will be:

- up to \$40,000 per year for Regional Principal Members.

Local Authority Allowances

DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO.1 OF 2025

ALLOWANCES

The following allowances will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority
The Chair of the Local Authority will be paid as follows:

if the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300
if the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450
if the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600

A member of the Local Authority will be paid as follows

if the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$200
if the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$300
if the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$400

Note that staff are not eligible for sitting fees unless they are casual.



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Appendices

Appendix A: TIRC Strategic Plan - Towards 2020 Vision and Beyond (4 pages)

Appendix B: 2024/25 Schedule of fees and charges (5 pages)



TIWI ISLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 TO 2025

TOWARDS 2020 VISION AND BEYOND

(IT'S WHAT WE DO THAT COUNTS NOT WHAT WE SAY!)



VISION

“Service for a Tiwi future”

“Najingawula Tiwi ngarra amangijirri nginingawula murrakapuni”



MISSION

1. Represent the Tiwi community by-
Being an advocate to other levels of Government.
Facilitating activity in partnership with others.
2. Deliver services that meet the Tiwi community's needs.
3. Provide leadership to the Tiwi community.
4. Comply with all obligations prescribed by legislation.

VALUES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We accept responsibility for delivering effective services with the authority of the Regional Council for the Tiwi Islands

RESPECT

We respect ourselves, each other, our staff, Tiwi culture, our clients and stakeholders so that we can deliver the strongest services possible for the Tiwi Islands.

ETHICS

We demonstrate honesty and integrity in the delivery of services on behalf of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

COMMITMENT

We are committed to delivering services and achieving outcomes on behalf of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council for people living on the Tiwi Islands.

LOYALTY

We are loyal in supporting our clients, our staff and stakeholders; trusting in those around us to achieve strong outcomes for the people living on the Tiwi Islands.

TRANSPARENCY

We believe in and practice transparency in all our decisions and in our dealings with the community and all other stakeholders on the Tiwi Islands

ACCOUNTABILITY

We strive to be fully accountable for all our actions and decisions

INCLUSION

We try to include all the community and all the stakeholders in the decisions we make which effect the community



GOALS

Develop and retain employees and emphasize the recruitment of local people. Provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Communities and other stakeholders. Management of finances, assets and infrastructure will be responsible, accountable and transparent.

Manage resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, respecting country and culture.

Improve Council operations.

Communicate in an open, honest and culturally appropriate way.

Achieve best practice in compliance and governance.

Facilitate the development of socio-economically responsible opportunities on the Tiwi Islands.

OBJECTIVE

To become a leader in NT Local Government with high levels of performance in governance, compliance, financial management and service delivery.

KEY FOCUS AREAS AND DIRECTIONS

Improve financial management and sustainability

Statutory compliance

Upgrading and maintenance of roads and drainage

Improve public transport

Deliver services to the community as set out in the annual Regional Council Plans

Strengthen relationships with all stakeholders and develop alliances and partnerships for the benefit of the Tiwi community



WHAT WE WILL DO

Communicate with the Tiwi community, listen to their views and provide regular feedback through newsletters and forums.

Work with Local Authorities to identify service and project priorities.

Review all human and financial resources to ensure they are being used efficiently to meet Council priorities.

Regularly review and monitor service delivery standards to ensure community needs are being met.

Develop strategies, forward plans and policies

ASPIRATIONS

To improve the situation that Tiwi people live in. Pass

on knowledge and plan succession for the future.

A commitment to the delivery of the best services possible for people living on the Tiwi Islands.

Cross culture – exchanging information and knowledge.

Tailor Tiwi services so they respond to local needs.

Taking on responsibility for the delivery of services and achieving outcomes. Greater capability in the mob and in the Tiwi Islands Regional Council as an organization.

Flexibility within the parameters that the Tiwi Islands Regional Council operates within.

Sustainability for a Tiwi future.

ACCOMMODATION		2025	UOM
	Wurrumiyanga Motel (1 bedroom with ensuite) shared Kitchen	264.71	per night
	Visitors Quarters - Wurrumiyanga (1 Bedroom with ensuite) per night	264.71	per night
	Contractors Quarters - Wurrumiyanga (shared bathroom)	200.00	per night
	Contractors / Visitors Quarters - Pirlangimpi (shared bathroom)	200.00	per night
	Contractors / Visitors Quarters - Milikapiti (shared bathroom)	200.00	per night
	<i>1 night fee is payable for all accommodation bookings if "no show" or cancelled within 3 business days</i>		
	Commercial Property Rentals	46.20	per square metre
	<i>Commercial property rentals are charged monthly</i>		
ADMINISTRATION			UOM
	Photocopying/Printing flat rate		
	A4 (single sided) per side	0.50	each
	A3 (single sided) per side	1.00	each
	Laminating		
	A4	2.00	each
	A3	4.00	each
	Faxing		
	Incoming and Outgoing		per page
	Meeting Room & Equipment Hire		
	Large Meeting Room or Boardroom (per day)	191.00	per day
	Large Meeting Room or Boardroom (per hour)	25.00	per hour
	Small Meeting Room (per day)	96.00	per day
	Small Meeting Room (per hour)	14.00	per hour
	Equipment Hire Charge - digital projector & screen (Wurrumiyanga only)	158.00	per day
	Cleaning fee will be applied if room left in a dirty and disorderly state	129.00	per hour
	Council Publications		
	Annual Report	96.00	per report
	Regional Council Plan	96.00	per report
	Fees for Written Confirmation		
	Rate search Fee (1 Business Day notice)	65.00	each
	Rate search Fee (Urgent same day response)	126.00	each
	Copies of Rate Notices (Current rating year)	18.00	each
	Copies of Rate Notices (Prior rating year)	26.00	each
	Dishonoured Cheque/Direct debit fees		
	1 st presentation – admin fee	79.00	each
	2 nd presentation – admin fee	152.00	each
	Credit Card		
	Processing fee (% of transaction total)	3%	
	Preparation Of Licence & Agreement Conditions		
	Prepared by external solicitor		
	Prepared In House	456.00	each
	Research and/or retrieval of council records:		
	Staff to conduct research of Council records (per hour or part thereof)	151.00	per hour
	Information Act Requests		
	<i>For fees and charges refer to the Information Regulations Act</i>		
ICT		2025	UOM
	Consulting fees - labour (minimum 1 hour charge)	171.00	per hour
	Materials		
	At cost plus administration / handling of 30%		
ANIMAL CONTROL			UOM
	<i>Voluntary Maximum 2 dogs per household</i>		
	<i>Unsafe dogs will be treated in accordance with public safety.</i>		
	<i>Cats are banned from the Tiwi Islands</i>		
	Sterilised Dog Registration		
	One Year		
	Normal Fee	13.00	per dog
	Entire Dog Registration		
	One Year		
	Normal Fee	123.00	per dog
	Vet Consult (up to 2 dogs)	55.00	per consult

Tiwi Islands Regional Council
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES
Effective from 1 July 2024



All inclusive GST

BUILDING SERVICES		2025	UOM
Repairs and Maintenance - period contract pricing on application			
	Carpentry Repairs Labour	180.00	per hour
	Electrical Repairs Labour	180.00	per hour
	Plumbing Repairs Labour	180.00	per hour
	Unskilled Labour / Trade Assistant	96.00	per hour
	Project Manager	286.00	per hour
	Saturday surcharge on all labour - 50% (35%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Sunday / Public Holiday surcharge on all labour - 100% (50%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Week Day After Hours Callouts after 4pm - applicable labour rate + 35% (min. 3 hours)		per hour
Materials			
	At cost plus administration / handling of 30%		
MECHANICAL WORKSHOPS			UOM
Vehicle & Plant Repairs			
	Labour	180.00	per hour
	Saturday surcharge on all labour - 50% (35%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Sunday / Public Holiday surcharge on all labour - 100% (50%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Week Day After Hours Callouts after 4pm - applicable labour rate + 35% (min. 3 hours)		per hour
Materials			
	At cost plus administration / handling of 30%		
ESSENTIAL SERVICES			UOM
Labour			
	Labour	180.00	per hour
	Saturday surcharge on all labour - 50% (35%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Sunday / Public Holiday surcharge on all labour - 100% (50%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Week Day After Hours Callouts after 4pm - applicable labour rate + 35% (min. 3 hours)		per hour
CIVIL WORKS			UOM
PLANT and EQUIPMENT HIRE - Wet Hire, incl fuel, min 3 hr charge			
W/P/M	Tractor & Slasher	169.00	per hour
W/P/M	Ride on mower	145.00	per hour
W/P/M	Grader 140H	265.00	per hour
W/P/M	Grader 140M	281.00	per hour
W	Grader 130G	225.00	per hour
W/P/M	Loader 924	315.00	per hour
W/P/M	Garbage Compactor	272.00	per hour
W/P/M	Water Truck	180.00	per hour
W/P/M	Skid steer loader	197.00	per hour
W/P/M	SKL attachments	50.00	per hour
W/P/M	Backhoe	197.00	per hour
W/P/M	Vibe Roller	272.00	per hour
W/P/M	Multi Tyre Roller	272.00	per hour
W/P/M	Flat top Truck 4 - 6T	108.00	per hour
W/P/M	Tip Truck 6 - 9T	119.00	per hour
W/P/M	Truck - End tipper 12t	167.00	per hour
P/M	Mack Truck (Prime Mover)	167.00	per hour
P/M	Float trailer	203.00	per hour
P/M	Mack Truck (Prime Mover) & Float trailer (Combined)	337.00	per hour
P/M	Single Side Tipper Trailer	180.00	per hour
P/M	Excavator 22T	265.00	per hour
P/M	Mini Excavator	197.00	per hour
W/M	Forklift	197.00	per hour
W/P/M	Dozer	1,687.00	per day
	Mobilisation / Demobilisation (agreed at time of quote)		per movement
Dry Hire			
	All Dry Hire Rates		
Labour			
	Labour - unskilled	130.00	per hour
	Labour - skilled	180.00	per hour
	Saturday surcharge on all labour - 50% (35%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Sunday / Public Holiday surcharge on all labour - 100% (50%) (min 3 hours)		per hour
	Week Day After Hours Callouts after 4pm - applicable labour rate + 35% (min. 3 hours)		per hour

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COMMUNITY SERVICES		UOM
Recreation Hall		
Hall Hire rate per day	471.00	per day
Hall Hire rate per hour	64.00	per hour
Cleaning fee (will be applied if centre left in a dirty and disorderly state)	129.00	per hour
Cleaning and security deposit (returned on satisfactory inspections of facility)	359.00	NO GST
Key deposit (refundable on return)	114.00	NO GST
Gym Membership		
General	35.00	Per month
TIRC Staff or Elected Members	17.00	Per month
Patients with Chronic Care Plan	12.00	Per month
Women's Centre		
Centre Hire rate per day	236.00	per day
Centre Hire rate per hour	32.00	
Centre & Kitchen rate per day	315.00	per day
Cleaning fee (will be applied if centre left in a dirty and disorderly state)	129.00	per hour
Equipment Hire		
Chair hire - per chair per day	2.00	per day
Trestle table hire per trestle per day	10.00	per day
Equipment Replacement		
Chair	10.00	each
Table	112.00	each
Cool Room Hire		
Daily	219.45	
Weekly Hire	610.05	
SWIMMING POOL		
Adult swimmers (over 17)	2.00	
Child swimmers (5 to 16 yrs)	Free	
Child swimmers (under 4)	Free	
<i>All children must be supervised by an adult</i>		
Private Function Hire		
Full day with own qualified staff	788.00	per day
Hourly with own qualified staff	107.00	
Full day with Shire staff	2,361.00	per day
Per hour with Shire staff	236.00	per hour
Lane hire - maximum 4 lanes - does not include admission fee (per lane)	24.00	per hour
Commercial use of grounds per hour (no swimming)	40.00	per hour
Security Deposit (refunded on satisfactory inspection of facility)	788.00	NO GST
Barbeque (where available)	30.00	
OVAL		
<i>Sporting ovals are allocated to approved Sporting Organisations for seasonal and casual use in the first instance. If available, fees are as follows:</i>		
Oval - Sporting use		
Sporting Organisations or Territory / National Championships - per day	630.00	per day
Fundraising / Community Events - per day	1,181.00	per day
Commercial Events - per day	3,936.00	per day
Oval - Seasonal User Groups		
Per Annum Seasonal Usage	2,784.00	per annum
Per Annum Signage	900.00	per annum
Oval - Casual Use		
Oval Hire - full day	541.00	per day
Hire change rooms, includes cleaning fee	270.00	per day
Oval Hire - hourly rate (excludes changing room)	134.00	per hour
Deposit on Keys (refunded on return)	147.00	NO GST
Park		
Park / public access area - Commercial Use	242.00	per day
Access to Power	89.00	per day
Security Deposit (refunded on satisfactory inspection of facility)	742.00	NO GST
Cleaning Deposit (refunded on satisfactory inspection of facility)	479.00	NO GST
Standard Signs		
Sports Oval - per week		
Advertising - Commercial	359.00	per week
Advertising - Non commercial	158.00	per week

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LIBRARY		UOM
Library Services		
A4 (single sided) per copy	0.50	each
A4 (double sided) per copy	0.50	each
A3 (single sided) per copy	1.00	each
A3 (double sided) per copy	1.00	each
Copy to disc	6.00	each
Internet - per 30 minute usage	6.00	each
Lost & Damaged books/items Admin fee (plus depreciated replacement cost)	6.00	each
POWER GENERATION		
Ranku		
Kilowatt Hour	0.83	kWh
<i>Power generation fees are currently under review to meet minimum running cost:</i>		
TRANSPORT		UOM
Car Ferry - Regular Transport		
Foot Traffic Adult (free on day of Ceremony or funeral)	5.00	per person
Foot traffic Pensioner and child (free on day of Ceremony or funeral)	2.00	per person
One Way per vehicle (Commercial)	108.00	per vehicle
One Way per vehicle (Private)	42.00	per vehicle
Car Ferry - Irregular Transport		
Foot Traffic per person	11.00	per person
Car Ferry - Sole Use		
Special purpose hire eg cultural and funeral purposes. Less than 20 vehicles \$2,000. 20 to 40 vehicles \$2,500. More than 40 vehicles \$3,200.		per day
Other commercial purposes		
Barge / Freight Shed Deliveries		
Charge calculated as per the unskilled labour and equipment hire fees and charges		
Fuel deliveries		
Charge calculated as per the unskilled labour and equipment hire fees and charges		
Passenger Boat - Sole Use		
Passenger Boat - Sole Use	563.00	per day
Call Out Fees (Marine Rescue)		
Marine Rescue, per hour	236.00	per hour
After hours Marine Rescue, per hour (min 3 hours)	337.00	per hour
CAR HIRE		
Regular		
Vehicle Hire Charges Per Day (min 1 day) (no recreational use permitted)	400.00	Per Day
Vehicle Hire Charges Per week (no recreational use permitted)	2,400.00	Per Week
Program Cost Allocation - Tied Grant Funding -Vehicle Hire		
Vehicle Hire Charges Per Month (no recreational use permitted)	3,000.00	Per Month
AIRPORTS		
Aircraft Landing Fees		
[MTOW = Maximum take off weight]		
Department of Defence		per aircraft
Gliders		per aircraft
Australian Army		per aircraft
Balloons		per aircraft
NT Police		per aircraft
Fixed Wing Aircraft (per landing)		
8.999 tonnes (MTOW) per tonne and part thereof	70.00	per tonne
Rotary Wing Aircraft (per landing)		
2.499 tonnes (MTOW), per tonne and part thereof	44.00	per tonne
2.500 tonnes (MTOW) and over per tonne and part thereof	56.10	per tonne
Parking Fees (per aircraft)		
Non-airport resident charter operators (per annum, plus landing fees)	2,053	per annum
Non-airport resident charter operators (per night, plus landing fees)	102	per day
Private owners (non-commercial) (per annum, plus landing fees)	742	per annum
Private owners (non-commercial) (per night, plus landing fees)	39	per day
Light private - non commercial aircraft of single engine	427	per annum
Department of Defence		per aircraft
Gliders		per aircraft
Australian Army		per aircraft
Balloons		per aircraft
NT Police		per aircraft
Call Out Fees		
After hours, per hour (min 3 hours)	203.00	per hour

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WASTE MANAGEMENT		UOM
	<i>Dumping of waste outside the tip is not permitted and offenders will be prosecuted</i>	
	<i>Dumping of contaminated waste and asbestos is prohibited</i>	
	<i>Waste disposal fees must be paid where applicable</i>	
REFUSE CHARGES		
Rubbish removal		
	Weekday per man/hr - Labour (min 3 hours)	67.00 per hour
	Weekday per man/hr - Supervision (min 3 hours)	95.00 per hour
	Saturday surcharge on all labour/supervision - 35% (min 3 hours)	per hour
	Sunday / Public Holiday surcharge on all labour/supervision - 50% (min 3 hours)	per hour
	Replacement of Bin (per bin at cost) (GST applied)	each
Trees and Shrubs (removal or Damage)		
	Tree pruning or removal works on non-council property – per person per hour	247.00 per hour
Landfill Access		
	Minimum Commercial Fee	38.00
	Ute/Station Wagon	62.00
	Tray Ute	85.00
	Trailer 6x4x1	57.00
	Trailer 6x4x2	112.00
	Trailer 8x5x1	93.00
	Trailer 8x5x2	186.00
	Trailer 10x6x1	139.00
	Trailer 10x6x2	280.00
	Trailer 12x7x1	195.00
	Trailer 12x7x2	393.00
	Trucks 1 to 3 Cubic Metres per load	260.00
	Trucks 3 to 5 Cubic Metres per load	434.00
	Truck 6 Cubic Metres per load	520.00
	Truck 10 Cubic Metres per load	865.00
	Trucks over 10 Metres (Per Cubic Metre)	87.00
Landfill Access - Green Tree Waste / Uncontaminated Foliage		
	Minimum Commercial	12.00
	Ute/Station Wagon	16.00
	Tray Ute	23.00
	Trailer 6x4x1	16.00
	Trailer 6x4x2	32.00
	Trailer 8x5x1	26.00
	Trailer 8x5x2	53.00
	Trailer 10x6x1	40.00
	Trailer 10x6x2	80.00
	Trailer 12x7x1	57.00
	Trailer 12x7x2	112.00
	Trucks 1 to 3 Cubic Metres	74.00
	Trucks 3 to 5 Cubic Metres	124.00
	Truck 6 Cubic Metres	149.00
	Truck 10 Cubic Metres	247.00
	Trucks over 10 Metres (Per Cubic Metre)	24.00
	Tyres - All tyres must be off rims	
	Motorbike, Car, Ute, Small trailer	19.00
	Truck	112.00
	Loader / Tractor	186.00
	Car Bodies - Delivered - No rubbish inside, drained of oil, fluids	79.00
	Car Bodies - Pick Up - No rubbish inside, drained of oils, fluids	449.00
	Engine & Cooking Oil	1.00
	White Goods and Electronics	
	Not Including IT Waste and Flat Screen TV's	41.00
	Car Batteries	5.00
	Fluorescent Tubes & Globes	24.00
	Domestic Batteries	24.00
	Gas Bottles (emptied)	24.00
	Fire Extinguishers per item	19.00
Other Liquid Waste NOT ACCEPTED		
Asbestos - NOT ACCEPTED		