



Tiwi Islands Regional Council Regional Plan and Budget 2022/2023



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Message from the Mayor



On behalf of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council, it is my pleasure as Mayor to present the Regional Plan and Budget for 2022/23. The Regional Plan and Budget is an opportunity to share our Council's priorities for the year ahead, working together to create a positive future for our communities.

I pay my respect to the loved ones we have lost and recently laid to rest. We will always treasure their memory and their work here on the islands prior sickness and later passing away.

The release of the Regional Plan and Budget 2022/23 comes at a time of two (2) years of COVID. Many Australian's have lost many loved ones and will continue to do so which means we and society as whole to always be vigilant caring for each other.

As a small nation, we as Tiwi have been experiencing Sorry Business through the last two (2) years with COVID and shut downs. We have a very sick population and I hope that the tripartite agreement of a Tiwi Health Board will once again be on the agenda for Tiwi's to lead by both levels of government.

This Regional Plan and Budget provides an insight of Council's vision and aims as a statutory local government body.

TIRC will continue to collaborate with the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments to deliver quality community engagement, financial and infrastructure services across the Tiwi Islands. This includes a partnership with the Northern Territory Government to upgrade the Melville Island road network.

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

I also take this opportunity to thank Tiwi Land Council and the three Clan Groups, Mantiyupwi, Wulirankuwu and Munupi for their willingness to work with the CEO and the staff to build a respectful working relationship. Those mechanisms mentioned are all key for all of us to always remember to respect others and to always work towards solutions. Solution to address many of the social and economic issues faced by local government. As your Mayor, I propose to lead towards workable solutions for the betterment for all three (3) communities.

The Tiwi Leaders Forum is a forum of great importance for Tiwi's Local Decision Making. I was honoured to Chair the last Tiwi Leaders Forum meeting and supported as Co-Chair my CEO. Many issues were raised and a good start as the forum will be attended by leaders of the Tiwi community. As leaders it was about local decision making and "truth" telling, something I feel as a leader is missed at times. However, with ongoing dialogue between all key stakeholders with the broader Tiwi communities, we will be successful. As leaders, it is up to us to take the lead in any Local Decision Making and the Tiwi Leaders Forum is a start.

The Council and I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

**Pirrawayingi
Mayor**



CEO Foreword



Welcome to the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Regional Plan (known as the Plan) and Budget 2022/23.

The Plan's intention is to provide a way forward in how Council intends to meet community needs and aspirations.

I take this time to acknowledge the passing of many of our loved ones and their memory will be forever treasured. Sorry Business continues even as I put pen to paper.

Besides the many challenges and obstacles, Council values the ongoing support and confidence from the business community, residents, rates payers, Commonwealth and NT Governments funding bodies.

I want to express our appreciation to local government and support across the Tiwi Islands, from the Member for Arafura and senior departmental officers. I acknowledge our appreciation offering myself and Councillors an opportunity to meet with senior Northern Territory Government Ministers. We thank the now current Chief Minister and Minister for Housing and Local Government, Minister for Territory Families and Minister for Police for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with us. All meetings were facilitated by our local Member for Arafura and we are very grateful for his assistance and support.

A number of milestones were met in the operational areas throughout 2021/2022. I take this opportunity to share with our readers and supporters a vision sought and continue to be nurtured.

Council has for the first time employed a female crew as deckhands at the Boatshed and this means a lot for young females growing up on the Tiwi Islands.

The completion of the pool shades and fencing and painting the pool base to a lighter shade at Pirlangimpi pool completed; the Milikapiti Water Park will commence; a new beautification project of the Wurrumiyanga cemetery has commenced; A hose container now in place and operating, a vital resource that will potentially create new revenue; In Principle funding agreement of \$1.5m Sports and Recreation Hall has a project manager appointed to work with both ABA and Council; a pool specialist was extremely challenging due to COVID to travel and inspect the Wurrumiyanga pool. New findings found a number of cracks at the base of the pool which may be repaired with a silicone cover over the cracks. Council is seeking new funds to a new pool, though in the meantime, for the pool to operate some minor works such as the silicone cover to be carried out. Council sees the pool as a priority and unfortunately due to COVID and lack of pool specialist on the mainland did not help the situation.

Like so many other in local government and other businesses, Council experienced major delays due to COVID a wakeup call for my team and I. To ensure Council services continue, Council's COVID Plans are always reviewed as a best practice and we do have a duty of care to all staff and visitors to our offices and buildings.

In the meantime, Council has maintained its key focus on local employment with a 89% of Tiwi and Aboriginal people employed in casual position and full time. We will strive to always meet our targets as a KPI against Closing of the Gap Policy.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the support from elected Members, the community to both my staff and me. My team and I look forward to working with you all once again.

Valerie Rowland
CEO



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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.

Email	info@tiwiislands.nt.gov.au
Website	www.tiwiislands.org.au
Postal address	PMB 267, Winnellie, NT, 0822
Wurrumiyanga	(08) 8970 9500
Pirlangimpi	(08) 8970 9600
Milikapiti	(08) 8939 4333
Darwin	(08) 8919 0403

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

Tiwi Islands Regional Council



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 2,453 (ABS, 2016). 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



**Deputy Mayor
Leslie Tungatulum**



**Councillor
Jennifer Clancy**



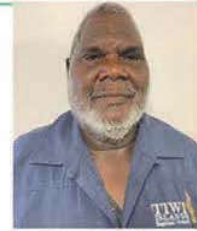
Francis X Kurrupuwu



**Councillor
Peter Kantilla**



**Councillor
Stanley Tipiloura**



**Councillor
Luke Tipuamantimirri**

Figure 1

Milikapiti Ward



**Councillor
Lynette De Santis**



**Councillor
Jeffrey S Ullungura**



**Councillor
Pius Tipungwuti**

Pirlangimpi Ward



**Councillor
Joseph Pangiraminni**



**Mayor
Pirrawayingi**



**Councillor
Therese Bourke**



Councillor Portfolios

DIRECTORATE	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti
Infrastructure & Asset Services			
Fleet & Trade	Jennifer Clancy	Pirrawayingi	Pius Tipungwuti
Civil Works	Jennifer Clancy	Pirrawayingi	Pius Tipungwuti
Town Services & Outstations	Stanley Tipiloura	Joseph Pangaraminni	Lynette De Santis
Homelands	Leslie Tungatulum	Joseph Pangaraminni	Lynette De Santis
DIRECTORATE	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti
Community Development & Services			
Sport & Rec and Libraries	Peter Kantilla	Joseph Pangaraminni	Jeffrey Ullungura
Youth & Community	Luke Tipuamantimirri	Joseph Pangaraminni	Jeffrey Ullungura
Community Safety	Jennifer Clancy	Joseph Pangaraminni	Lynette De Santis
DIRECTORATE	Wurrumiyanga	Pirlangimpi	Milikapiti
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:

Wurrumiyanga

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

Pirlangimpi

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



Milikapiti

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



**Kulipini Swimming Hole
near Pirlangimpi Community**



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

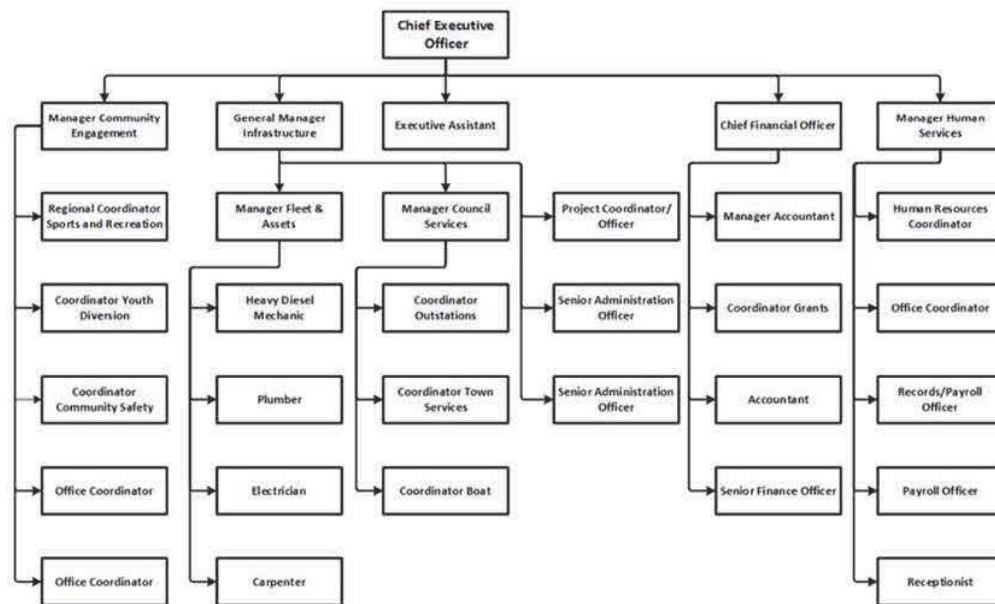
Meetings

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.org.au



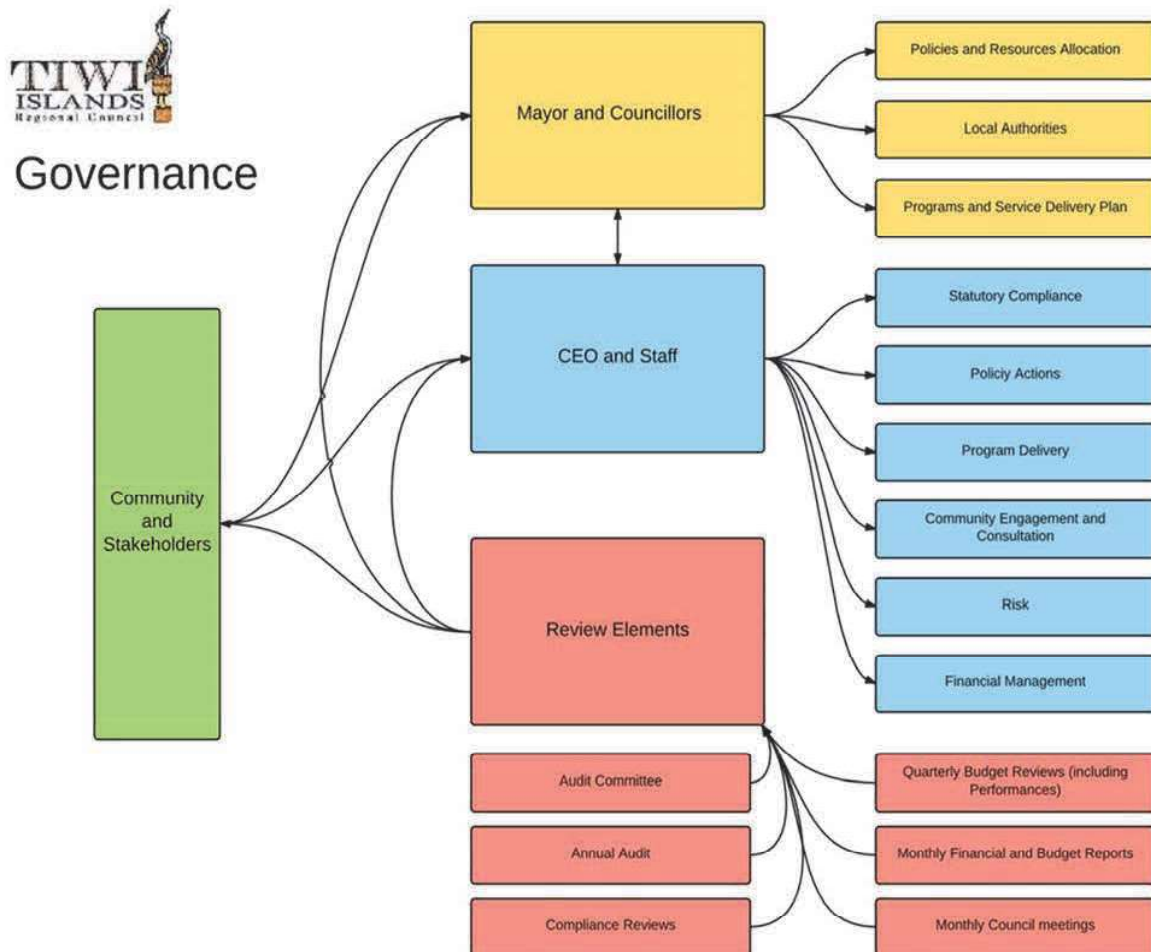
TIRC Corporate Structure

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.



TIRC Staff Demographics

Description	Wurr.	Pirl.	Mili.	Dar.	Total	%
Male	47	13	16	4	80	67%
Female	24	8	7	0	39	33%
ATSI	67	19	18	2	106	89%
NON-ATSI	5	0	3	5	13	11%
Full Time	28	10	10	4	52	44%
Part Time	2	7	7	0	16	13%
Casual	41	4	6	0	51	43%
Age under 20	4	0	0	0	4	3%
20-25	3	1	1	0	5	4%
25-30	10	4	4	1	19	16%
30-35	13	5	4	1	23	19%
35-40	12	0	3	1	16	13%
40-45	10	5	2	1	18	15%
45-50	7	0	1	0	8	7%
50-55	2	3	4	0	9	8%
55-60	8	3	1	0	12	10%
60-65	1	0	2	0	3	3%
65-70	1	0	1	0	2	2%
< 1 year of service	37	3	2	0	41	35%
1-2 years	11	2	3	2	18	15%
2-3 years	7	1	0	0	8	7%
3-4 years	3	3	2	1	9	8%
4-5 years	3	1	1	1	6	5%
5-6 years	3	2	2	0	7	6%
6-7 years	3	0	2	0	5	4%
7-8 years	1	2	2	0	5	4%
8-9 years	1	0	3	0	4	3%
9-10 years	0	1	0	0	1	1%
Over 10 years	3	6	6	0	15	13%
Total Employees	71	21	23	4	119	100%



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.



Assessment of Constitutional Arrangements

TIRC is required by the legislation *Local Government Electoral Regulations 2008* to review electoral representation arrangements at least once during each Council term.

The purpose of the Electoral Representation review is to assess whether the arrangements provide the most effective possible representation for residents in the Council's area.

The current representation ratios advised by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) are listed below:

Ward	Voters enrolled	Councillors	Voters to Councillors ratio
Bathurst Island	1054	6	175
Pirlangimpi	262	3	87
Milikapiti	295	3	98

Changes to Council electoral structure

In 2020 an assessment was conducted of electoral arrangements and the then Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development (DLGHCD), were notified that there are no changes to the electoral arrangements. Council will continue to work with the Department in all matters relating to reviews of constitutional arrangements. Council has been advised that it can conduct a further review of electoral boundaries and other constitutional arrangements after the next election in August 2021. The assessment of electoral arrangements report is available on the Council website: <https://tiwiislands.org.au/the-council/electoral-representation>

Assessment of Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

The 2022/23 financial year presents a range of opportunities for TIRC. Some of these are discussed below:

- Local employment

TIRC is the largest employer of Tiwi people on Bathurst and Melville Island. Council is proud of the high percentage of Tiwi staff, with 105 (85%) of our 124 staff members identifying as Tiwi, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Due to lack of qualified and skilled tradesmen, Council has sought to contractors. Consequently, TIRC plans to double down on our emphasis to recruit and retain Tiwi people and to create more pathways for Tiwi people to achieve their potential working for Council to deliver quality infrastructure and services to the communities.



- Inter-island vehicle and passenger ferry

The inter-island vehicle and passenger ferry continues to present as a successful public transport services that creates diversity within its workforce.

To explore further employment opportunities, Council through the support of Council the engagement of a first ever Tiwi female crew being trained gaining casual employment.

The interisland ferry continues its quest to expand on its public transport service offering charter services to the land council and other organisations. The new service has enabled Council to raise a new income revenue that will only benefit the future employment and direction of this vital service. A continued a key focus will be on the working business relationship to better improve the ferry services to the wider community.

- Working more closely with on-island stakeholders

Council anticipates further health restrictions will take place due to COVID and its presence on the mainland, and most recently in the Milikapiti community.

In the year ahead Council aims to continue building on the strong working relationship to strengthen locally based relationships with all local stakeholders for better use of resources in collaboration in a shared limited resources of skills to help build a bright future for the Tiwi Islands.

- Integration of IT systems with local government processes

Due to COVID and the long wet season, limitations on non-essential travel to and between communities on the Tiwi Islands continues resulting in innovative adjustments to critical governance processes.

Since the upgrade of the telecommunication system, has gone from strength to street in particular for the community bush courts as well a remote links in the Wet Seas to remote link up with in Council meetings and Local Authority Committee Meetings on Unfortunatly, the Wet Season continue to create connectivity issues however we care confidential the Telstra upgrades and working with Councilbiz will improve connectivity.

Recent Telstra upgrades in both Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi will enable access to 3G connections.

- Adapt and adjust programs to changing environments

TIRC COVID Pandemic Plan has enabled a proactive process in meeting the changes caused by the pandemic in relation to social distancing. The changes included a different way for staff to deliver learning materials and the delivery of children's meals in a safe environment.



Due to the loss of some of its funding, TIRC has actively continued to adapt its service delivery models in the next twelve months, ensuring that the Tiwi people continue to benefit from the opportunities made available to them by Territory and Commonwealth funded programs. Our Community Engagement programs have worked to meet the needs of the community in Milikapiti, Pirlangimpi and Wurrumiyanga whilst maintaining social distancing.

The Tiwi Islands Football League season cancelled due to COVID with the season starting up in late March. The Grand Final Day saw a crowd of approximately 3000 attend.



TIFL CUP – MULARRI WINNERS OF THE 2021/2022 TIWI ISLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Challenges

As a Regional Council in a remote community, TIRC will face a number of challenges in the coming year. These are amplified by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these are discussed below.

- COVID-19

COVID-19 will continue to have a significant impact on all service delivery on the Tiwi Islands. TIRC has in place clear protocols for staff in how to manage and adapt to new travel restrictions and social distancing regulations in a number of critical areas.

Group activities have resumed across all programs of Sports and Recreation keeping ourselves informed through notifications received from the Tiwi Land Council and Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and posting on the Tiwi Island Notice Board. Posts have also been posted on the Tiwi Islands Regional Council page.

As a measure to alleviate any service short falls, TRIC will continue to utilise local services for example, Bathurst Island Housing Association (BIHA) and other local building contractors based on island.

Unfortunately Council continue to face major staffing challenges and this may be due to the increased Centrelink funds Jobseeker payment which saw a decline of 80%. We have also suffered many losses burying many of our loved ones which meant the whole of the Tiwi



community over two (2) years of Sorry Business in respect of cultural and Tiwi kinship responsibilities to the different clan groups.

In saying the decline of employees, TIRC has maintained its casual workforce accessing eligible for the Jobseeker COVID-19 through the Tiwi Islands Training Education Board (TITEB). Utilising TITEB has enabled Council to provide employment opportunities and as a measure to continue to rebuild its casual workforce, albeit with challenges.

The Tiwi Islands are a remote Indigenous community approximately two and a half hours from the next service town by boat or 15 minutes (80km) by air. Despite a relatively large population (approximately 2,500) for a remote Indigenous community, employment opportunities are very limited. TIRC is enthusiastic about job creation for local people, however, this is not always possible due to the limited revenue base TIRC has a heavy reliance on tied grant funding for specific programs.

ABS data from 2019 shows that out of 547 local government areas in Australia, the Tiwi Islands is ranked 544 as one of the poorest in a measure of average household income. TIRC operates in a space of market failure, where third party service providers are few and far between and housing is in short supply with poor educational outcomes and chronic illness amongst our young Tiwi. Chronic illness is evident for TIRC with many of our employees seeking major medical assistance. Despite these difficult economic circumstances, TIRC continues to provide essential services for Tiwi people and plans to build on the good work established in recent years by Council leadership in the year ahead. We are anticipating an increase in the Tiwi population with many families returning back to the islands due to the pandemic and to attend funerals.

Approximately 51 death occurred in the last 18 months according to Tiwi Enterprises, managers of the funeral services across the Tiwi Islands. Council administration will continue to communicate with the Tiwi Land Council to provide financial assistance to Council for burials and cemetery preparation. All costs are related to staff and machinery.

- **Low rates base**

Due to lack of employment and income the Tiwi Islands continues to experience a low rate of home ownership and the low socio-economic circumstances of residents restricts TIRC's ability to collect rates. Finding new revenue streams and ways to access untied funds is a constant challenge. For example, there is no metred parking on the Tiwi Islands and the enforcement of by-laws as well as debt collection is extremely challenging. All programs with a user-pay model struggle in participation given the costs associated and, typically, fixed incomes of participants. This leads TIRC to a heavy reliance on government grants to sustain operations. In the long term, Council's revenue base needs to expand but this will continue to be a challenge in the remote context. Council continue to encourage local Tiwi's to consider purchasing their own homes.

Council continues to promote homeownership by Tiwi people as a measure for their families and future generations.



- Staff recruitment and housing

TIRC has a high degree of staff movement, with a transient population that moves between the communities and the mainland with relative frequency. On top of that the number of houses available to staff in each community is very limited. This restricts the ability of Council to engage off-island expertise. An increase in staff housing stock would create new opportunities to recruit skills not already available on the islands and improve services to the communities. Provision of staff housing is also an equity issue for staff, especially for Tiwi employees living in overcrowded community housing. Council has made a decision in recent years to support some local Tiwi employees and the result has seen productivity increase. The productivity of local outputs is vitally important as it shows TIRC and local government leading the way to support and develop locally. The never increasing demands for staff housing stock is relevant to wear and tear and a measure to meet these costs is Council ability to raise new revenue, creating untied funds adding flexibility.

The CEO daily juggles these challenges and an increase in staff housing would help alleviate some of these challenges.



Organisations working together planting trees along the Foreshore/Front Beach Wurrumiyanga



- Fleet renewal and heavy plant

The recent recruitment of a Fleet Manager providing on site training and support to local crew employed at the workshop. Many of local crew are known as “bush” mechanics and it is the Council aims to develop their skills by taking up apprenticeship and being the local trained mechanics.

TIRC has made significant improvements to financial issues from the past. However the impact of some of those major challenges remain. TIRC has dedicated untied funds to financial recovery and that has limited our ability to renew our light vehicle and heavy plant fleet

A fleet of reliably functional vehicles is essential for our organisation, particularly where regional coordinators are required to visit all three communities via road to ensure programs are being delivered. This is a major pinch point and will take some time to address and renew. Heavy plant is aging and can be unreliable. This is a major safety risk as well as a restriction on income generating activities that the fleet could have been used for. TIRC will continue to apply for grants to renew our heavy and light vehicle fleet.

Council continues to check all its fleet and assets which enables a process to be implemented undergoing disposal of old fleet equipment that will generate funds to purchase a vehicle or possibly two. Besides the four (4) fleet vehicles, the new income enabled a purchase of a second hand Skip Bin (6) and Skip Bin Truck.

Due to no funding provided to the Council for the past ten (10) years the disposal of old fleet and very old equipment enabled Council to generate new income to purchase new fleet vehicles. The LA Committee funds has enabled, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti Councils to purchase new backhoes. Both backhoes have multiple uses and most utilised tool for funerals digging graves and smashing through hard rock and clay.



Backhoe funded by the Milikapiti Local Authority Committee



Waste Management and Recycling

The past two (2) years the Council continue its work in managing all waste sites across the Tiwi Islands, which also includes Homelands.

Since the Determination Notice by the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority, Council has put a lot of effort and hours concentrating in the area, the gravel pit at Wurrumiyanga. It is unfortunate the Council has been approached to fix the areas as most recently there was work and gravel from this site used with no notice provided to Council at this time.

The lesson learnt from the past for Council and crew across Management and Town Services across the Tiwi Islands, is to a more concerted and concentrated effort in taking a more strong leadership role to address waste and recycling on the Tiwi Islands.

The full time presence of the operator at Wurrumiyanga, Council has seen a drop in illegal dumping. There is a better communication between Council and building contractors in place, which was never in place previously.

Further to the gravel pit, Council received a report from the Environmental Council consultant who travelled to Wurrumiyanga to test the said area. We are pleased to note the report found the soil area of the pit was not contaminated offering an area for Council to consider its use in the future for economic reasons.

To avoid illegal dumping at the Wurrumiyanga site, a skip bin truck with 7 skips bins purchased. The skip bins have been strategically placed for community will be able to drop off their waste and the bins taken to the tip site for disposal.

New funding to purchase a new tipper and bulldozer dedicated to Waste Management at Wurrumiyanga to be sought under the WaRM funding. Upon receipt of a Council Resolution to utilise the outstanding grant funding will enable Council to purchase dedicated heavy machinery for Waste Management at Wurrumiyanga.

As we work towards 2022/2023 the vision for Council, is to better plan the way the community disposes its waste, Council taking the lead in promoting and working with all major supermarkets to be the central point of access for plastic suppository. The suppository machines will provide a vital role that will benefit children in the community, who are hungry during club nights. To date support In Principle has been received from the two majory supermarkets at Wurrumiyanga, which is a new beginning in tackling recycling.



Cooperation Opportunities

Over the next twelve months TIRC will cooperate and pursue opportunities that will benefit the Tiwi people, with groups including local service providers, Tiwi organisations, councils, corporate partners, Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments.

Our organisation has invested significant resources to strengthen our relationships with local businesses, government and enterprises across the Tiwi Islands. This is regularly evident during community clean-ups. TIRC brings together organisations including the Red Cross, Tiwi Enterprise, Bathurst Island Housing Association (BIHA), local schools, Tiwi Islands Training and Education Board (TITEB) to work collaboratively and clean the Wurrumiyanga community.

Collaboration with local service providers such as the school to run sport and recreation activities is another example of TIRC cooperating with organisations to deliver improvements for the community. Our programs staff continue to engage with schools and TITEB Yellow Shirts to deliver school holiday programs, Aus Kick, inter-island sport competitions, sporting activities, meal drop offs and in the recent period, delivering activity packs to young people with consideration to social distancing regulations. Council looks to on-island service providers to share resources to meet the needs of community members such as free counselling services offered by Catholic Care NT. These informal partnerships create pathways to healing and restorative justice for youth diversion clients.

Our relationships with the Tiwi Land Council, TITEB and our Tiwi partners continue to grow, Council will strive to develop strong employment pathways. TITEB is a key player for Council to train and develop our young school leavers who also need to develop their skills and knowledge as they enter into the workforce.

We share experiences and resources in order to deliver better results for Tiwi people. TIRC also works closely with other councils and LGANT to share knowledge, participate in training and develop mentoring opportunities that will benefit staff and the community.

LGANT carried out an assessment of the roads at the Milikapiti community and we hope to continue discussions with the department to prioritise this work. Council aims to continue to work closely with LGANT as a mechanism in accessing skills and expertise to assist to address the internal road conditions in Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi.



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 2008* and associated regulations. With guidance from the NT government, TIRC is going through a period of transition in order to comply with the *Local Government Act 2019*. The new act will come into effect on 1 July 2021. This Regional Plan reflects the requirements of a Regional Plan as outlined in the *Local Government Act 2008*.

The *Local Government Act 2008* 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 disadvantage 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' (find at <https://tiwiislands.org.au/the-council/council-strategic-plan>) 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.





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 and Objectives

Goal 1	Provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Communities and other stakeholders
Objective 1.1	Maintain roads, infrastructure, assets and inter-island ferry
Objective 1.2	Provide regular waste collection and responsible tip management
Objective 1.3	Maintain community infrastructure such as sporting ovals and swimming pools
Objective 1.4	Maintain and clean public spaces
Objective 1.5	Provide essential community services and infrastructure. Services include libraries, post offices, administration offices, child care, sports and recreation, youth diversion, Centrelink, community safety, funerals and cemeteries
Objective 1.6	Ensure service delivery meets community expectations
Objective 1.7	Contribute to a safer community environment
Objective 1.8	Promote healthy communities and healthy living
Goal 2	Develop and retain employees and emphasise the recruitment of local people
Objective 2.1	Develop and implement work health safety and our risk management capacity
Objective 2.2	Encourage best practice management of staff
Objective 2.3	Pay all staff according to appropriate Local Government Industry awards and conditions
Objective 2.4	Provide a safe and respectful workplace for all employees
Objective 2.5	Promote professional development through training and mentoring opportunities for employees
Objective 2.6	Meet standard recruitment practices in a timely manner
Goal 3	Manage finances, assets and infrastructure in a responsible, accountable and transparent manner
Objective 3.1	Manage and improve Council infrastructure
Objective 3.2	Develop an asset management plan to protect the value and integrity of Council assets
Objective 3.3	Ensure responsible management of all Council finances
Objective 3.4	Regular reporting to Council, Local Authorities and Northern Territory Government
Objective 3.5	Meet regulatory requirements to respond to audits in a timely manner
Goal 4	Manage resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, respecting country and culture
Objective 4.1	Seek approval of the Aboriginal Land Trust for environmental matters beyond township boundaries and regarding sacred sites
Objective 4.2	Implement best practice waste disposal and management
Objective 4.3	Promote best practice disposal of e-waste and recycling



Goal 5	Improve Council operations
Objective 5.1	Ongoing review of all Council policies and procedures
Objective 5.2	Decentralise Council operations across our three communities
Objective 5.3	Ongoing review of the Council corporate structure
Objective 5.4	Manage our budgets to work more efficiently and reduce overheads
Objective 5.5	Seek regular feedback from the community on TIRC services
Goal 6	Communicate in an open, honest and culturally appropriate way
Objective 6.1	Contribute regularly to community noticeboards and social media
Objective 6.2	Regularly update the Council website
Objective 6.3	Engage with community elders and skin groups including two way conversations at Local Authority meetings
Objective 6.4	Provide clear information in ways that all members of the community can understand
Objective 6.5	Conduct and participate in regular stakeholder meetings
Goal 7	Achieve best practice in compliance and governance
Objective 7.1	Ensure compliance with the <i>Local Government Act</i> and it's regulations
Objective 7.2	Ensure compliance with the <i>Northern Territory Information Act</i>
Objective 7.3	Liaise with the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet - Local Government and Regional Development
Objective 7.4	Ensure compliance with electronic document records management
Objective 7.5	Ensure business units comply with relevant internal and/or external procedures, policies and guidelines
Goal 8	Facilitate the development of socio-economically responsible opportunities on the Tiwi Islands
Objective 8.1	Participate in the Tiwi Partners economic cooperation
Objective 8.2	Support local businesses and service providers where possible
Objective 8.3	Assist in major events which draw tourists to the Islands
Objective 8.4	Participate with other Tiwi based enterprises in major infrastructure developments



Service Delivery Plans

TIRC Service Delivery Plans outline the ways in which each section of the Council can contribute to achieving the strategic goals of the Council.

Each Service Delivery Plan contains the specific goals and objectives that this section contributes to. Each plan also describes their activities, service level commitments and whether there are any regulatory or compliance issues relating to this delivery.

Service delivery plans are laid out in the following order:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Infrastructure
- Community Engagement
- Finance
- Organisational Development and Change (Human Resources)



Interisland Ferry Crew Member



Chief Executive Officer Service Delivery Plan

Office of Chief Executive Officer

Responsible officer	Chief Executive Officer	Number FTE	2
Strategic goal	As a best practice to manage and lead a strong executive team in the delivery of local government services for Tiwi people in Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti and the funded Outstations.		
Primary outcome	To continue to strengthen existing working relationships with government agencies and stakeholders to better provide service outcomes for Tiwi and the wider community.		
Program description	The Office of the CEO provides an important leadership function across all areas of the organisation. The office is responsible for ensuring 100% compliance with the Local Government Act and to ensure the vision of Council is carried out in every day operations.		
Key functions and outputs	<p>The Chief Executive Officer's key functions is to ensure policies and procedures, plans and lawful decisions are being implemented; and To undertake the day to day management of the Council's operations (including the management of Council staff); and To provide or obtain for the Council the information and advice the Council reasonably requires for effectively carrying out its functions; and To ensure that the Council constituency is kept properly informed about the Council policies, programs and decisions and to ensure that appropriate and prompt responses are given to specific requests for information; and To ensure that the Councils assets and resources are properly managed and maintained ; and To ensure that property standards of financial management are maintained and, in particular, proper controls over expenditure; and To ensure that financial and other records are properly made and maintained; and To appoint, manage and, where necessary, terminate the appointment of Council staff *(other than the CEO); and To carry out other functions delegated to the CEO by the Council or assigned to the CEO under this or any other Act.</p> <p>To maintain effective communication across the organisation and to continue to build working relationships with all external stakeholders for the betterment of local government services for Tiwi on the ground.</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Improve productivity across all business units and align business activities with strategic and operational plans.	Annual		Improve staff attendance through reduction in AWOL hours by 10%



Delivery of quality products and services in accordance with service level agreements and customer expectations.	Monthly reporting to Council Annual reporting to Council		Achieve compliance with service delivery targets set out in each division
CEO will maintain high standards of corporate governance and compliance with the Local Government Act	Monthly		100% compliance with Local Government Act



Governance and Compliance

Responsible officer	Manager Governance and Compliance	Number FTE	2
Strategic goal	Achieve Best Practice in Compliance and Governance		
Primary outcome	Tiwi Islands Regional Council is compliant with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines and Instructions.		
Program description	<p>Lead and manage the implementation of Tiwi Islands Regional Council governance operations</p> <p>Provide high level executive support to the CEO, Mayor and Councillors.</p>		
Key functions and outputs	<p>Key functions include:</p> <p>Manage Council's compliance with statutory obligations for Council Meetings including By-Laws.</p> <p>Manage Council's compliance with statutory obligations for Local Authority Meetings.</p> <p>Administer Council and Local Authority Meetings</p> <p>Administer Audit and Risk Management Committee</p> <p>Manage Council's compliance with the Local Government Act and Regulations with the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Plan and Annual Report.</p> <p>Manage and provide high level Executive Support for the CEO, Mayor and Councillors.</p> <p>Oversee the development and implementation of Council and Local Authority communication mediums</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Compliance with the Local Government Act for Council and Local Authority meetings	Monthly compliance regulations achieved	12	100%
Production of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council Plan and Annual Report	Annual		100%
Percentage of Council and Local Authority Decisions implemented	Six monthly review of decisions and actions register		>90%



Infrastructure Service Delivery Plans

Infrastructure provides the services that all communities on Tiwi islands rely on and use every day. We run the inter-island ferry, manage the airports, collect the rubbish, manage the tips, repair and grade the roads, cut the grass around the communities, maintain the ovals, pools and recreation halls, repair streetlights, pick up litter and clear storm water drains.

Infrastructure also manages all Council fixed assets – workshops, Council offices, recreational facilities and Council housing. Council is now renting out housing to many organizations in the three communities as well as managing our commercial properties. Council collects rent from all staff in staff housing as well as rent from our commercial properties.

Infrastructure also manages the delivery of major projects and grants, such as the Milikapiti Water Park, extensions to the Milikapiti Oval, major upgrades to the Pirlangimpi Pool, repairs to the Wurrumiyanga Pool and road repairs and sealing.

Tiwi Islands Regional Councils Infrastructure team manage the Homelands funding and maintenance and repairs on the Tiwi Islands. There are 5 outstations on the islands which council is responsible for.

Infrastructure has also managed the Northern Territory stimulus package, the Special Community Assistance and Local Employment program and the Commonwealth Government stimulus package, the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Council has been able to purchase 5 new vehicles in the last financial year which has allowed it to dispose of some of its ageing fleet.



New Council Mahindra Fleet

Cemeteries

In line with the recently introduced Northern Territory Government, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, the Tiwi Islands Regional Burial and Cremation Bill 2022, Local Government and Regional Development, Council vision to beautify all local cemeteries across the Tiwi Islands. To enable Council to be able to prioritise the work, funding is required to engage elders and young people (as a learning pathway) to identify very old plots, replace dilapidated wooden cross due to termites. Infrastructure team will work with Town Services as a wrap around service and shared resources. The other important link is the role of TITEB related to training people in this line of work.

The beautification is an ongoing challenge and it is not due to the will of the Tiwi people, the challenge is to access funding that will enable Council to employ the elders who are still with communities; young people and TITEB. These are the young people being taught by the elders and TITEB the local Remote Training Organisation.



Airport Inspections and Maintenance

Responsible officer	Infrastructure Coordinator	Number FTE	1
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Communities and other stakeholders Manage finances, assets and infrastructure in a responsible, accountable and transparent manner		
Primary outcome	Maintain safe airports to Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations Respond to emergency landing requests 24/7 Issue appropriate NOTAMS as required Council's airport runways, surrounds and perimeter fencing are maintained to CASA requirements Certification as airport managers in line with CASA regulations. Create a strong funding relationship with DIPL to improve the airport precinct and its surrounds, at Wurrumiyanga airport.		
Program description	Daily inspection of airport incl. runway, grassed areas around runway, safety markings and fixtures, fencing and trees and other obstacles Ensure runway, surrounds, and perimeter fencing are maintained in sound and serviceable condition		
Key functions and outputs	Daily inspections of all airstrips (Bathurst Island, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti) Daily inspection sheets available for CASA inspection NOTAMS (notice to airmen) issued immediately after an issue is identified. Any issues are promptly identified and recorded, with follow through to ensure remedial action is satisfactorily completed All inspection sheets sent to finance fortnightly for claims against contract with Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL).		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Daily inspections	Daily		365 days per year
NOTAMS issued as required in timely manner	As required		Not applicable
Emergency landing requests responded to with 30 minutes	As required		100%
Inspection sheets sent to finance	Monthly		100%
All maintenance issues addressed in timely manner	All maintenance issues addressed in timely manner		Not applicable



Civil Works - Wurrumiyanga

Responsible officer	General Manager Infrastructure	Number FTE	2
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Council's road network outside town boundary is managed and maintained Storm water network in communities and outside town boundary is managed and maintained		
Program description	Maintain infrastructure to provide efficient, safe and affordable assets in accordance with legislation, standards and Council policies.		
Key functions and outputs	Maintain all connector, main roads and community roads Maintain all culverts, table drains and drain runoffs on connector roads and in Wurrumiyanga community Maintain road shoulders and table drains outside Wurrumiyanga. Rubbish truck and dump management (See Separate Service Profile Waste) Repairs to asphalt on community roads Civil projects as required		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Seasonal grading of all main connector roads	Six monthly		Connector roads open 80% of the year
Routine maintenance of asphalt in Wurrumiyanga	Monthly	Inspection	12 condition inspections
Seasonal maintenance of all culverts and drains in Wurrumiyanga community	Seasonal		Not applicable
Seasonal maintenance of table drains, culverts and runoffs in connector roads	Seasonal		Not applicable



Civil Works - Melville Island

Responsible officer	General Manager Infrastructure	Number FTE 3	1 Pirlangimpi 2 Milikapiti
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Maintain Council's road network outside the town boundaries Maintain the storm water network outside of town		
Program description	Maintain infrastructure to provide efficient, safe and affordable assets in accordance with legislation, standards and Council policies		
Key functions and outputs	Maintain all connector roads, main roads and community roads Maintain all culvert drains and run offs on connector roads Maintain all bridges Maintain road shoulders and table drains outside townships (noting invitation for roads deemed under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976</i>) Waste Management sites – assist in banking up waste at sites Maintenance of gravel pits Liaise with DIPL regarding on going special Capital Works Project – unsealed Road - \$5 Million DIPL 2019/2020 Survey and design – Project Management (external contractor) 20 Kms of road between Yipilika and 3 ways 40 Kms of road between Milikapiti and 3 ways		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Connector Roads maintained and graded	Six monthly		Connector roads open 80% of the year
Road Maintenance unsealed road	Major roads routinely graded		Not applicable
Culverts and drains maintained and kept clear			Not applicable



Funeral Services - Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti

Responsible officer	Town Services Manager	Number FTE	1
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi communities and other stakeholders Manage finances, assets and infrastructure in a responsible, accountable and transparent manner Manage resources in an environmentally sustainable manner, respecting country and culture		
Primary outcome	Provide essential community services and infrastructure Manage and improve Council infrastructure Seek approval of the Aboriginal Land Trust for environmental matters beyond township boundaries and regarding sacred sites		
Program description	Provide funeral services for Tiwi community including graves and maintenance of cemeteries		
Key functions and outputs	Provision of onsite services at the cemetery on funeral days. Maintain community cemeteries, cut the grass, keep weeds at bay and fill any collapsed graves		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Arrange for burial lot to be prepared before and after service	Monthly	Report to Council	Not applicable
Maintenance of all cemeteries	Monthly inspection and maintenance	Inspections	12 per year



Homelands and Outstations

Responsible officer	Outstations Coordinator	Number FTE	3
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi communities and other stakeholders Manage finances, assets and infrastructure in a responsible, accountable and transparent manner Improve Council operations		
Primary outcome	Maintain and improve Tiwi outstation housing and municipal services Ensure service delivery meets community expectations		
Program description	Supply essential services and housing maintenance to Tiwi outstations		
Key functions and outputs	Provision of municipal and essential services and housing maintenance services to outstations as per the funding agreements. Maintain and service all Outstation water, sewerage and power Ensure Outstations are kept clean, rubbish collected and removed, grass and surrounds slashed Ensure the program works is carried out within the funding available Ensure that the team issues all invoices and works programs to finance each month Maintain Outstations fleet and equipment Complete Municipal and Essential Services Special Purpose Grants (MESSPG) special projects and Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA) projects as per the funding agreements.		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Maintain Outstation infrastructure and municipal services including water, power and sewerage	Six monthly as per the funding agreement		Not applicable
Ensure that all Outstations are kept clean of rubbish and long grass	Six monthly submission of maintenance logs to Homelands	Maintenance logs	Six monthly reports submitted annually
Delivery of all invoices and work orders to finance each month	Monthly	Maintenance logs	12 requests to invoice per year



Inter-island Ferry

Responsible officer	Boatshed Coordinator - Wurrumiyanga	Number FTE	4
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	<p>An inter-island car and passenger ferry operates on weekdays throughout the year.</p> <p>Create a diverse work environment to capture the employment of female deckhands.</p> <p>Attend school assembly at Wurrumiyanga to share career knowledge for potential and future deckhands.</p>		
Program description	The Council is responsible for the operation of the inter- island ferry service and maintenance of the inter-island ferry. The intention is to expand to offer charter services.		
Key functions and outputs	<p>The car and passenger ferry operates between Bathurst and Melville Island.</p> <p>Hours of Operation</p> <p>Monday to Friday</p> <p>8.30 am – 4.00pm</p> <p><u>Weekends during football season on match days.</u></p> <p>12 Games to cross on Ferry</p> <p>4 Tiwi Bombers games Saturday</p> <p>No cars on football days only passenger</p> <p>Operates as a paid service</p> <p><u>Ceremonies on weekends and out of hours</u></p> <p>The Ferry can operate as a paid service for ceremonies and funerals on weekends or out of hours operation</p> <p>Emergency out of hours travel between islands as required (i.e. police or emergency services)</p> <p>Collection of all operational data, incl. cars and passengers carried each day and a log of all maintenance work</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Ferry operates to scheduled hours	Monthly reports to council		95%
Tickets collected for all vehicles crossing	Monthly reports to council		100% compliances
Ensuring routine maintenance of vessel and outboard engines, inc. the passenger dingy	Annual		6 full services per year
All vehicles and passengers carried safely	Annual	Incident reports	< 5 boat shed incident reports
Operate according to Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) requirements	Annual		100% compliance with requirements



Vessels complies with both the Certificate of Operations and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) periodic survey	Annual	Survey inspection	Pass annual survey inspection
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Pool Maintenance – Pirlangimpi

Responsible officer	Town Service Manager	Number FTE	Part of Town Services FTE
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi communities and other stakeholders Manage finances, assets and infrastructure in a responsible, accountable and transparent manner Improve Council operations		
Primary outcome	Pool is available and clean, ready for community use Pool equipment (pumps, filters, etc.) and water quality maintained to allow safe use of pools throughout year Pool surrounds and change rooms kept in a clean and well maintained condition Pool fencing maintained in a sound and secure condition		
Program description	Effective maintenance and servicing of pool infrastructure and surrounds		
Key functions and outputs	Pool equipment (pumps, filters, etc.) and water quality maintained to allow safe use of pools throughout year Pool surrounds and change rooms kept in a clean and well maintained condition Pool fencing maintained in a sound and secure condition Pool grounds maintained, cleaned and mowed		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Pool water is tested daily and maintained to recognised pool safety standards	Daily testing	Water quality tests	365 tests over the year
Grass is cut when required, seasonally adjusted	Annually	Times mowed	8 per year
Pool and surrounds kept clean and safe, and all chemicals locked away from public	Six monthly		Not applicable
All safety signage maintained in good condition	Six monthly		Not applicable



Town Services – Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi

Responsible officer	Town Services Coordinator	Number FTE	4
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Maintain roads, infrastructure, and assets within the township. Maintain community infrastructure- childcare centre, football oval, staff housing, cemetery and airport. (Separate Service Profiles for Staff Housing and Airport)		
Program description	Opening and closing of facilities - toilets, airport. Mowing all public areas Cleaning – public toilets, rec centre and airport toilets Litter collection, focus on main community areas Waste collection Town and park furniture Barge landing maintenance Receiving Council deliveries from the barge		
Key functions and outputs	Clean main community areas Mowing parks, other public areas and cemetery – every 2 weeks in wet season. Mowing oval – every 1-2 weeks in wet season. Mowing of verges – every 3- 4 weeks, collect litter first Emptying of public bins Public toilet cleaning – every 2 days, open 7.30am to 4.30pm Airport cleaning- every 2 days, open 7.00am to 5pm (last plane) Waste collection Collect all deliveries from the barge landing		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Community areas free of litter	Weekly inspection	Clean areas	80% clean
Grass level maintained across community	Weekly inspection	Inspections	52 Inspections per community.
Cemetery grass cut at least once a month	Monthly	Times mowed	12 mows per year



Town Services – Wurrumiyanga

Responsible officer	Town Services Coordinator	Number FTE 17	
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Maintain roads, infrastructure, and assets within the township Manage and maintain the inter-island ferry (Separate Service Profile) Maintain community infrastructure- childcare centre, football pavilion, pool, offices, staff housing, and airport. (Separate Service Profiles for Staff Housing and Airport)		
Program description	Mowing all public areas Cleaning – public toilets, rec centre, pool facilities and airport toilets Litter collection, focus on main highway Waste collection Town and park furniture Barge landing maintenance Receiving Council deliveries from the barge		
Key functions and outputs	Clean main highway – litter – public bins authorised officers Monday to Friday Mowing parks, other public areas, and cemetery – every 2 weeks in wet season Mowing oval – every 1-2 weeks in wet season. Mowing of verges – every 3- 4 weeks, collect litter first Emptying of public bins Operate the ferry Waste collection Collect all deliveries from the barge landing or freight shed		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Highway free of litter	Weekly inspection	Clean areas	80% clean
Grass level maintained across community	Weekly inspection	Inspections	52 Inspections per community.
Cemetery grass cut at least once a month	Monthly	Times mowed	12 mows per year



Waste Management – Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti

Responsible officer	Town Service Coordinators	Number FTE	Part of Town Services FTE
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Rubbish collected from residential and commercial properties Waste disposal site managed		
Program description	Waste collected and safely disposed at the Council Waste Management Facilities		
Key functions and outputs	<p>Rubbish collected from residential properties</p> <p>Milikapiti Tuesday and Friday.</p> <p>Pirlangimpi Monday and Friday</p> <p>Wurrumiyanga Jubilee Park and Coconut Grove – Monday and Thursday Forrestry and Enrail – Tuesday and Friday</p> <p>Rubbish collected from commercial facilities Waste management (landfill) maintained at the three communities Civil team assist with dump management</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Kerbside Collection	Twice weekly, collections completed on scheduled day	Collections	90% collections on bin days
Commercial properties	Twice weekly on scheduled days	Collections	90% collections on bin days
Waste covered with appropriate filling at each community	At least once a fortnight	Tips pushed	80% per community



Mechanical Workshop – Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti

Responsible officer	Assets and Fleet Manager	Number FTE	5
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to the Tiwi Community and other stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Council vehicles and plant are maintained and repaired		
Program description	Maintaining Council plant and vehicles including repairs to all plant, light vehicles and small equipment (hand mowers, whipper snippers, etc.)		
Key functions and outputs	<p>All plant, vehicles and equipment maintained and repaired in a timely manner</p> <p>Mechanics ensure all Councils vehicles and plant are maintained in roadworthy condition</p> <p>Mechanics support the training of pre starts for all major pieces of equipment</p> <p>Management of fuel bowzers and dispensing of fuel (where appropriate)</p> <p>Mechanics attend emergency workshop outcalls</p> <p>Mechanics service outstations – generators</p> <p>Fleet management – vehicle replacement undertaken in consultation with Management Accountant in accordance with Council's Policy</p> <p>Emergency repairs to light vehicles and plant as required</p> <p>Regular maintenance and servicing of the interisland ferry</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Fuel dispensing	Monthly reporting of fuel consumption	Reports	12 reports
All light vehicles serviced at least once a year	Annual	% of fleet	50%
All plant serviced at least once a year	Annual	% of plant	50%



Community Engagement Service Delivery Plan

Administration Services

Responsible officer	Manager Community Engagement	Number FTE	4.6
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and stakeholders		
Primary outcome	Offices in all communities are open to the public from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday (business days)		
Program description	Provide Administration services to TIRC internal business units, Councillors and Local Authority members, community members and other stakeholders in all three communities		
Key functions and outputs	General administration and customer services to external organisations and internal business units Provide fuel sales at Milikapiti Providing Australia Post services at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
All office location open business hours	Monthly and Annually	Open hours	95%
Provide office services with high customer satisfaction	Monthly and Annually		Not applicable
Local Authority and Council meetings supported	Annual	Meetings supported	12



Centrelink Services – Commonwealth Government Funding (Services Australia)

Responsible officer	Manager Community Engagement	Number FTE	2
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and stakeholders Provide Centrelink services to community members at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi communities		
Primary outcome	Offices in both communities are open to the public from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday		
Program description	Provide assistance and support community members with Centrelink issues and assist the Centrelink Remote Support Team when in communities		
Key functions and outputs	Centrelink Offices at Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti offer assistance and support to all community members with Centrelink services including Family payments, Age pensions, Disability support payments, Job search allowances, Study payments for youth and connecting with My Gov.		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Service open as per hours	Monthly	Days of operation	90%
Statistics Report	Monthly	Reports	100% submitted
Training modules	Quarterly / Annually	Reports	100% completed



Community Safety – Commonwealth Government Funding (National Indigenous Australians Agency)

Responsible officer	Manager Community Engagement	Number FTE	12
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and stakeholders Contribute to the improvement of levels of community safety and promote culturally appropriate conflict and dispute resolutions		
Primary outcome	Community members feel safer and enjoy a level of social wellbeing		
Program description	Assist vulnerable people at risk of causing or becoming victims of harm and to transport children out at night home, or to a safe place contributing to improving school attendances		
Key functions and outputs	<p>Regular patrols in communities; Wurrumiyanga Two vehicles (Male and female clients) 12.00pm – 2am Monday to Saturday (Hours change depending on community needs) 12.00pm – 12am Sunday (Hours change depending on community needs)</p> <p>Pirlangimpi One vehicle 2.30pm – 11pm Monday to Saturday</p> <p>Milikapiti One vehicle 2.30pm – 11.00pm Monday to Saturday</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting Frequency	Unit	Target
80% Indigenous employment	Six monthly	Indigenous staff	80%
Core service being delivered meet or exceed requirements	Six monthly satisfaction survey	Surveys	2 per year
Quarterly progress reports	Quarterly	Reports	4 per year
Attend community safety meetings	Monthly	Meeting participation	12 per year (total all communities)
Performance reports including statistics	Six Monthly	Reports	2 per year



Sport and Active recreation Northern Territory Government Funding (Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities)

Responsible officer	Manager Community Engagement	Number FTE	2.4
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and stakeholders. Enhance the capacity of regional and remote communities to deliver regular organised sport and active recreation activities.		
Primary outcome	Employ local staff to deliver regular organised and structured sporting activities Manage and conduct organised sporting competitions		
Program description	Provision of a pathway for participants, coaches, umpires and scorers aspiring to perform at higher levels. Build capability and capacity of community sport and recreation officers and interested participants.		
Key functions and outputs	Organise structured competitions and the supply of accredited coaches, umpires and scorers to officiate sporting competitions including the provision of ongoing training and education.		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Indigenous participation	Six monthly	Indigenous staff	100%
Quarterly performance	Quarterly	Reports	Four per year
Mid-year financials	Half yearly	Reports	Two per year
Six monthly performance report	Six monthly	Reports	Two per year



Youth Diversion Program – Northern Territory Government Funding (Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities)

Responsible Officer	Manager Community Engagement	Number FTE	1.2
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and stakeholders. Provide Youth Diversion services to all youth across the three communities		
Primary outcome	Divert youth away from the Criminal Justice system.		
Program description	The Youth Diversion team provide Youth with pre-court diversion, case management and reintegration in all three communities.		
Key functions and outputs	Conducting Assessments, Family conferences, setting diversionary activities and case managing clients referred by the courts or Police		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Client Update reports	Fortnightly	Reports	26 per year
Monthly Data reports	Monthly	Reports	12 per year
Quarterly statistics report	Three Monthly	Reports	4 per year



Community Libraries – Northern Territory Government Funding (Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade)

Responsible officer	Manager Community Engagement	Number FTE	1.2
Strategic goal	To provide effective Council services to Tiwi Communities and stakeholders. Provide Library services at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi communities.		
Primary outcome	Library open for 4 hours per day 5 days per week.		
Program description	Provide Library services to communities on Melville Island		
Key functions and outputs	Libraries on Melville Island provide a comfortable area for both children and adults where they can read for pleasure or information in a variety of topics. Both Libraries are very well resourced with books and magazines suitable for all ages. Internet access provided by NT Libraries allows users to access through the Internet, a wide range of services including research stations, internet banking, desktop publishing and movie and photo editing		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Service opened as per funding agreement	Monthly	Days open	90% compliance with scheduled hours
Statistics (usage) report	Monthly	Monthly reports	12 per year
New Books Register update	Quarterly	reports	Updated 4 times per year



Finance Service Delivery Plan

Corporate Services

Responsible officer	Chief Financial Officer	Number FTE	5
Strategic goal	Achieve Best Practice in Financial and Corporate Services		
Primary outcome	Tiwi Islands Regional Council is compliant with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines whilst supporting the sustainability of Council via fiscal discipline, diligence and transparency.		
Program description	<p>Lead and manage the provision of Corporate Services to the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.</p> <p>Provide high level executive support to the Mayor, Elected Members, CEO and management team.</p>		
Key functions and outputs	<p>Key functions include:</p> <p>Compliance obligations:</p> <p>Audited grant funding acquittals</p> <p>Other funding agreement obligations</p> <p>Annual Report</p> <p>Budget</p> <p>BAS</p> <p>Superannuation</p> <p>Other reporting obligations (eg Grants Commission)</p> <p>Provision and oversight of accurate and reliable transactional processing services</p> <p>Accounts Receivable</p> <p>Accounts Payable</p> <p>Payroll Processing</p> <p>Rates</p> <p>Management services</p> <p>Financial variance analysis</p> <p>Contract advice</p> <p>Purchasing and procurement, tenders</p> <p>Grant management and administration</p>		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
TIRC meets all Corporate Services compliance obligations including grants and funding agreement reporting, taxation, annual financial reporting and budget obligations.	As required	Compliance obligations	100%
Accurate processing of transactions, with minimal adjustments	As required	Transactional adjustments	<15%



Organisational Development and Change (HR) Service Delivery Plan

Workplace Health Safety

Responsible officer	Human Resources Coordinator	Number FTE	1
Strategic goal	Achieve best practice workplace health and safety standards in all Council operations.		
Primary outcome	Ensure protecting workers and other persons against harm to their health, safety and wellbeing		
Program description	Workplace health and safety		
Key functions and outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees and service users • Protect the public from the health and safety risks of council activities • Eliminate workplace risks and hazards at the source • Compliance with federal and state Work Health and Safety (WHS) • Acts and internal policies • Prepare individual Risk and Work Health and Safety (WHS) documents to applicable funded programs 		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Council has a dedicated, relevant and up to date Work Health and Safety Policy that is compliant with state and federal legislation.	Every two years	Policy	100% compliance with state and federal work health and safety requirements
Council policies are relevant, compliant with state and federal legislation and up to date.	Every two to four years, depending on the policy	Policy	100% compliance with state and federal work health and safety requirements
Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting to focus risk management practices and procedures, including a Council-wide risk register.	Annual	Meetings	Annual Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting attended and outcomes actioned by relevant parties.



Human Resources

Responsible officer	Manager Human Services	Number FTE	3
Strategic goal	Goal is to outline HR strategies which integrate and support the overarching business strategy. This includes durable performance and compliances.		
Primary outcome	Successful design and implementation of Human Resources Management strategies in order to reach the council's business and cultural goals.		
Program description	Organisational development and change		
Key functions and outputs	<p>Recruitment: Comply with Organisational Chart, Follow the recruitment guidelines and comply with each all requirements, follow Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) practices when hiring, and complete the recruitment in timely manner.</p> <p>Retention: Minimise turnover rate, exit interview comments.</p> <p>Recruitment during COVID-19 Covid-19 support payments have affected the council labour force in 2020. Due to the Covid-19 support payments and the government regulation changes to withdraw the superannuation immensely affected the council casual workers attendance. This has also affected the other employment status such as fixed term / ongoing, the workers who are mainly at the level 1 & step 1.</p> <p>Recruitment – Casual Employees In general Council has suffered a lot with casual recruitments portfolio. The candidates who secure the casual employment may not commence their appointment at all. Currently workers in the casual group always showing poor attendance. Under the Council's special measures, eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Aboriginal) applicants will be granted priority consideration for the level 1 step 1 type vacancy. Therefore, the council has a best practice to avoid employing non ATSI workers for the jobs falling into this category.</p> <p>Employee Relationship and Complaints Handling: Handle grievance with fair and equitable manner and respond within the timeframe, approachability to HR Staff when employees need to discuss their needs. Maintain confidentiality.</p> <p>Closing the Gap: Giving first opportunity to the suitable TIWI and ATSI candidates. Maintain staff population above 80% of ATSI staff.</p> <p>Performance management and attendances: Reduce unapproved absenteeism rate, performance appraisal on work completed.</p> <p>Learning and Development: Access to mandatory / necessary training, feedback and on boarding.</p> <p>HR Monthly Report: To inform Council about the performance of Human Resources in a timely manner.</p> <p>Compliance: Comply with Local Government Industry Award 2019, National Employment Standards, and other relevant legislations. Develop and maintain council policies in line with acts.</p>		



Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Encourage recruitment of Tiwi and Aboriginal employees	Monthly report to Council	Recruitment	80%
Respond to HR enquiries from across Council business units within 14 business days.	Quarterly	HR Manager	90%
Meets all human resources compliance requirements including obligations under fair work, taxation, annual financial reporting and other legal obligations.	As required	Compliance obligations	100%



Payroll

Responsible officer	Payroll Officer	Number FTE	2
Strategic goal	Goal of a payroll is to ensure the employees, councillors and others receive their salaries and payments 100% accurately and on time.		
Primary outcome	Payroll must be processed on a recurring basis and must be accurate each and every time.		
Program description	Human Resources and Payroll.		
Key functions and outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain all timesheets within reasonable timeframes to action payroll on the designated date within the pay period to ensure that staffs are paid on time as per schedule. • Communicate with Council's pay recipients about the payroll affected by the advent of unforeseen circumstances such as technical issue or public holidays. • Communicate the mistakes in timesheets, leave availability and leave forms with employees and their managers and provide feedback if requires. • Ensure employee payroll details are up-to-date and accurate. • Ensure payslips are available for all pay recipients. • Ensure process all the deductions and taxes accordingly. 		
Key performance indicators	Reporting frequency	Unit	Target
Payroll actioned at the designated day each pay period	Fortnightly	Payroll	Payroll actioned at the designated day each pay period
Communication with staff regarding any changes to payroll dates in a timely manner and update them accordingly.	As required	Payroll	Communications as required
Accurate processing of transactions, with minimal adjustments	As required	Transactional adjustments	<15%



Budget

Budget for the Financial Year Ending 30th June 2023

This plan contains information relating to the annual budget for the Council for the 2022/2023 financial year.

In accordance with Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act* the Budget includes:

- Projected Income and Expenditure
- A summary of the Regional Council's objectives, measures and performance indicators
- Funds allocated to the development and maintenance of the Council's infrastructure
- The estimated funds to be raised by way of Rates and Charges
- Council's assessment of social and economic effects
- The allowances to be paid to Council and Local Authority Members and the total amount budgeted to meet these costs

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council is highly dependent on grant funding to cover its operational and capital expenditure. Approximately 25% of total income is provided through untied grants and a further 36% through tied grants.

The Council endeavours to provide definitive grant revenue and expenditure forecasts (as opposed to estimates) for the 2022/23 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.

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 2022/23

Rate increases will be 5% for all properties for this financial year, raising our rates levy to \$2,401,671.

2023 Budget - Rates and charges table

Rate or Charge	Application	Rate or Amount	Total to be Raised
Rate	Residential	7.78 cents in the dollar	\$2,401,671
Rate	Commercial	4.10 cents in the dollar	
Rate	Residential Tiwi resident	2.03 cents in the dollar	
Rate	Residential min amount	\$2,332.28	
Rate	Commercial min amount	\$2,255.22	
Rate	Residential Tiwi resident min amount	\$606.40	
Charge	Refuse – Residential	\$805.97	\$642,821
Charge	Refuse – Commercial	\$805.97	
Charge	Refuse – Additional refuse bin Residential	\$205.93	
Charge	Refuse – Additional refuse bin Commercial	\$265.31	



Charge	Commercial – Waste Management Charge	\$1,279.86	
Charge	Residential – Waste Management Charge	\$967.29	
TOTAL			\$3,044,492

Other fees and charges

A full schedule of other fees and charges is available on the Tiwi Islands Regional Council website.

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 a 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 principle 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.

Long term financial plan

TIRC faces challenges in our long term financial planning as we depend on a variety of grants to deliver essential services and continue operations. Long term arrangements with



these grant providers, largely the Commonwealth Government and the Northern Territory Government, are essential to creating a sustainable fiscal operational platform for TIRC.

TIRC has, in the last year, dealt with a number of challenges by the Covid-19 Pandemic and the lockdowns that have challenged the financial position of the Council. The financial condition of Council has now Stable, and our focus now turns to building a sustainable Council into the future. TIRC continues to work with the Department and other stakeholders to maintain positive relationships based on trust and integrity, which we believe will strengthen our long term financial position.

There are no major initiatives planned over the next four years 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.

Over the period of the long term financial plan it is anticipated that the repairs, maintenance, management and development of infrastructure continue at the same level as outlined in the plan with adjustment for inflation. TIRC will continue to apply for additional funding to rectify identified deficiencies in infrastructure.



Long Term Financial Plan				
Description	2022/2023 Budget	2023/2024 Projection	2024/2025 Projection	2025/2026 Projection
REVENUE	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income Rates and Charges	3,044,491	3,135,826	3,229,901	3,326,798
Income Council Fees and Charges	1,553,250	1,599,848	1,647,843	1,697,278
Income Operating Grants Subsidies	10,659,357	10,979,138	11,308,512	11,647,767
Income Reimbursements and Others	9,986	10,286	10,594	10,912
Income Agency and Commercial Services	931,337	959,277	988,055	1,017,697
Inc Sale of Assets	1,500	1,545	1,591	1,639
Subtotal	16,199,921	16,685,919	17,186,496	17,702,091
EXPENSES				
Employee Expenses	6,549,005	6,745,476	6,947,840	7,156,275
Contract and Material Expenses	7,172,662	7,387,842	7,609,477	7,837,761
Finance Expenses	7,614	7,842	8,078	8,320
Communication Expenses	521,556	537,203	553,319	569,918
Asset Expense	2,041,825	2,103,080	2,166,172	2,231,157
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,541,103	1,587,336	1,634,956	1,684,005
WIP Assets	405,000	417,150	429,665	442,554
Subtotal	18,238,765	18,785,928	19,349,506	19,929,991
Surplus/(Deficit) Including Depreciation	(2,038,844)	(2,100,010)	(2,163,010)	(2,227,900)
Exclude Depreciation	2,041,825	2,103,080	2,166,172	2,231,157
Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	2,981	3,070	3,162	3,257

Over the period of the long term financial plan it is anticipated that the repairs, maintenance, management and development of infrastructure continue at the same level as outlined in the plan with adjustment for inflation. TIRC will continue to apply for additional funding to rectify identified deficiencies in infrastructure.



Capital Expenditure Budget	
Description	Amount
Basketball Court	200,000.00
Play Ground Equipment	70,000.00
Funeral Shelter	85,000.00
New Cars	50,000.00
Total	405,000.00

Infrastructure Maintenance Budget	
Street Lighting	27,300.00
Buildings	882,035.00
Local Roads	428,797.00
Swimming Pools	99,916.00
Parks & Public Open Spaces	31,500.00
Total	1,469,548.00



Rates Declaration for 2022/2023

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 Meeting held on 26 May 2022, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the *Local Government Act 2019* in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

Rates

Tiwi Islands Regional Council ('the Council') makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act ('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 \$2,401,671 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
 - (c) application of those differential valuation-based charges; and
3. The Council hereby declares the following rates:
 - (a) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for **Residential Purposes**, a valuation-based charge being 7.78% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,332.28 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 2019*) on each allotment; and
 - (ii) the number 1.
 - (b) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for a **Commercial Land Use**, (excluding pastoral leases and mining tenements), a valuation-based charge being 4.10% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,255.22 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 2019*) on each allotment; and
 - (ii) the number 1.
 - (c) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within the Council area that is Vacant Land, a valuation-based charge being 7.78% of the assessed value of the allotment with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,332.28.
 - (d) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of 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 \$2,332.28.

- (e) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of 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 \$2,255.22.
- (f) With respect to each allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council that is **Vacant Land**, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment a fixed charge of \$2,332.28.
- (g) With respect to each allotment of rateable land which is a **Mining Tenement** as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.004726 of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$1,211.71.
 - (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 0.000416 of the assessed value of the allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of that differential rate being \$511.97.

Charges

4. Pursuant to *Section 239* of the Act, the Council declares the following charges in the Council area. Council intends to raise \$642,821 by these charges.
 - (a) For the purposes of these charges:
 - (i) 'Council area' means the area of Council as defined in the Act;
 - (ii) 'residential dwelling' means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land (whether or not it is exempt from rates) and includes a unit within the meaning of the Unit Titles Act and the Unit Titles Schemes Act;
 - (iii) 'residential land' means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling);
 - (iv) 'allotment of commercial land' means land whose occupation and use of which is primarily for non-residential purposes and may be commercial or industrial by nature;
 - (v) the 'garbage collection service' comprises the collection of one garbage bin per week of a size and on days determined by the Council.



- (b) Residential Garbage Collection Charge:
- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of residential land in the Council area;
 - (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
 - (iii) A charge of \$805.97 per annum per residential dwelling will apply;
 - (iv) Where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph (b)(i), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of one or more additional garbage bins. An additional charge of \$205.93 per annum in relation to each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, which charge shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph (b)(iii)
- (c) Waste Disposal and Management Charge:
- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of providing the waste disposal facility to which Council is willing and able to provide access to each allotment of commercial or residential land in the Council area;
 - (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such service is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
 - (iii) A charge of \$1,279.86, per annum per allotment of commercial land will apply.
 - (iv) A charge of \$967.29, per annum per allotment of residential land will apply.
- (d) Commercial Garbage Collection Charge:
- (i) The purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of commercial land in the Council area;
 - (ii) It is the opinion of Council that such purpose is and will be of special benefit to those allotments;
 - (iii) A charge of \$805.97 per annum per allotment of commercial land will apply;
 - (iv) Where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a commercial land referred to in paragraph (d)(i), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of one or more additional garbage bins, an additional charge of \$265.31 per annum in relation to each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1)



council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, which charge shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph (d)(iii)

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.

Councillor Allowances

Council has, having regard to the Minister's direction in this regard, adopted the following schedule of annual allowances.



Ordinary Council Members

Base allowance	\$ 13,509.96
Electoral allowance	\$ 4,943.73
Professional development allowance	\$ 3,753.17
**Maximum extra meeting allowance	\$ 9,006.64
Total Claimable	<u>\$ 31,213.50</u>

Acting Principal Member

Daily Rate	\$ 261.34
Maximum claimable (90 days)	<u>\$ 23,520.60</u>

Deputy Principal Member

Base allowance	\$ 27,776.12
Electoral allowance	\$ 4,943.73
Professional development allowance	\$ 3,753.17
Total Claimable	<u>\$ 36,473.02</u>

Principal Member

Base allowance	\$ 75,116.61
Electoral allowance	\$ 19,771.29
Professional development allowance	\$ 3,753.17
Total Claimable	<u>\$ 98,641.07</u>

Extra Meeting Allowances

Half Day Meeting Rate	\$150.00
Full Day Meeting Rate	\$300.00

(To a maximum of \$9,006.64 per annum)**



Local Authority Allowances

The allowance payable by Regional Council to an eligible member is specified under Section 19 of the *Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities*, January 2019 and treasury website: www.treasury.nt.gov.au

Chairperson if eligible (per meeting)	\$177.00
Other eligible Member (per meeting)	\$132.00

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



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