



# WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

## PUBLIC AGENDA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD  
7:00PM MONDAY 18 May 2026**

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: **Monday 18 May 2026**

Time: **7:00pm**

Location: Council Chambers, 142 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach

Conditions: Public are welcome to attend however are required to contact Council by **10am Friday 15 May 2026** if attending. Arrangements for alternative participation options such as joining via videoconferencing on a personal device or telephone can be made if requested.

Any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item to be discussed at a Council meeting should declare that conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict and resolve it in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Virginya Boon

Chief Executive Officer

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

### 1.1 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declares the meeting open at .....pm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Makes an acknowledgement of country
3. Advises that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

### 1.2 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

#### ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Deputy President Sarah Manning
Councillor	Peter Clee
Councillor	Sarah Smith
Councillor	Tom Dyer

#### STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Virginya Boon
Finance Officer	Matt Pettit

#### PUBLIC PRESENT

Keith Tanner  
Lorna Manning

#### VISITORS PRESENT

### 1.3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### PURPOSE

This report is to record and consider any Councillors' attendance at this meeting via electronic means.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council acknowledges and approves Cr ..... to attend the meeting electronically.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

#### STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

## 1.4 APOLOGIES

### PURPOSE

This report is to consider apologies from Councillors.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the apologies of .....

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

### STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

## 1.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### PURPOSE

This report is to consider any notification of leave requests from Elected Members.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the notice of leave from Cr .....
- b) approves the leave for Cr .....

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

### STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTES

### PURPOSE

This report is to ask Councillors if they:

1. Have read the agenda papers; and
2. Wish to declare any conflicts of interest regarding any item in the agenda for this Council meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed below:

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

### STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 114 and 119 *Local Government Act 2019*

### 3. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

### 4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

#### 4.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon - CEO

**PURPOSE**

Minutes of the previous meeting of Council is to be submitted to Council for confirmation to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 20 April 2026 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

**STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*

**Attachments**

A copy of the following minutes are attached with the agenda:

1. Draft minutes of Council meeting held 20/04/2026



# **WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD**

**7:00PM MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026**

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Unconfirmed

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

### 1.1 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declared the meeting open at 7.13pm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Made an acknowledgement of country
3. Advised that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

### 1.2 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

#### ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Deputy President Sarah Manning
Councillor	Peter Clee - Electronically
Councillor	Sarah Smith
Councillor	Tom Dyer

#### STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Virginya Boon
Finance Officer	Matt Pettit

#### PUBLIC PRESENT

Lorna Manning  
Keith Tanner  
Alan Amezdroz  
Jane Bland (attended electronically)  
Shannon Manning (attended electronically)

#### VISITORS PRESENT

Nil

### 1.3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### PURPOSE

This report is to record and consider any Councillors' attendance at this meeting via electronic means.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/52**

**That Council acknowledges and approves Cr P Clee to attend the meeting electronically.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

#### 1.4 APOLOGIES

NIL

#### 1.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NIL

### 3. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

### 4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

#### 4.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon - CEO

**PURPOSE**

Minutes of the previous meeting of Council is to be submitted to Council for confirmation to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/53**

**That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 16 March 2026 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr T Dyer

**Vote:** AIF

#### 5.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

**Action:** Receiving and noting.

**Author:** Virginya Boon - CEO

**PURPOSE**

Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting are to be submitted to Council to update members of the proceedings of that meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/54**

**That Council receives and notes the draft minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on Monday 16 March 2026 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Moved:** Cr T Dyer

**Seconded:** Cr S Smith

**Vote:** AIF

### 5.3 OUT OF SESSION DECISIONS

#### 5.3.1 CEO RECRUITMENT AGENCY SELECTION

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/55**

**That Council confirms the appointment of Perks People Solutions to manage the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive Officer.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr T Dyer

**Vote:** 3/2

**Deputy President Manning and Councillor Smith's preference was for another recruitment agency.**

## 6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### 6.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Neil White, Shire President

**PURPOSE**

To provide a report as part of my responsibility to keep Council and the community informed of matters, activities, and information of importance.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/56**

**That Council receives and notes President White's report for the period 16 March to the 13 April 2026.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr T Dyer**

**Vote: AIF**

## 6.2 DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Sarah Manning, Shire Deputy President

**PURPOSE**

To provide an update on the elected member activities and engagements since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/57**

**That Council receives and notes Deputy President Manning's report for the period 10 March to the 13 April 2026.**

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

## 7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 7.1 CEO REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginia Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other significant information since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/58**

**That Council receives and notes the CEO's report for the period 16 March to the 13 April 2026.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

### 7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Mark Speechley, A/g Works Manager

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities carried out by the Works and Services Team and other significant relevant information since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/59**

**That Council receives and notes the A/g Works Manager's report for the period 16 March to the 13 April 2026.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

## 8. FINANCE REPORT

### 8.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Virginia Boon, CEO / Matt Pettit, Finance Coordinator

**PURPOSE**

To inform and update Council of the status of the financials to the end of March 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/60**

**That Council:**

- a) **Notes the Chief Executive Officer certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and**
- b) **receives and notes the monthly financial report to 16 March 2026**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr T Dyer**

**Vote: AIF**

## 9. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

### 9.1 LGANT AND ALGA BOARD MEETING COMMUNIQUE

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Virginia Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the Local Government Association NT (LGANT) and Australia Local Government Association (ALGA) Board meetings held in March 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/61**

**That Council receives and notes the report entitled LGANT and ALGA Board Meeting Communiques.**

**Moved:** Cr S Smith

**Seconded:** Deputy President S Manning

**Vote:** AIF

## 9.2 ACTION LIST

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the status of the Actions List to 14 April 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/62**

**That Council receives and notes the updated Actions List to 14 April 2026.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr T Dyre

**Vote:** AIF

## 9.3 CORRESPONDENCE

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To provide Council with a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence from 11 March 2026 to 16 April 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/63**

**That Council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence from 13 March 2026 to 16 April 2026.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr P Clee

**Vote:** AIF

## 9.4 COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLIMENTS REGISTER

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on any complaints, comments and compliments received from 13 March 2026 to 16 April 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/64**

**That Council receives and notes the complaints, comments and compliments register from 13 March 2026 to 16 April 2026.**

**Moved:** Cr T Dyer

**Seconded:** Deputy President S Manning

**Vote:** AIF

## 10. CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting.

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on upcoming events planned over the next month.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/65**

**That Council receives and noted the report on current and upcoming events.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Deputy President S Manning

**Vote:** AIF

Date	Time	Where	Activity
Sundays & Tuesdays	10am 7pm	Cloppenburg Park	<b>Pickel ball</b> – All Welcome
20/05/26	10:00am	Cox Country Club	<b>Seniors Morning Tea</b> – feel free to bring along a plate of your goodies
Mondays	9:30am	Cloppenburg Park	<b>Yoga</b> – All Welcome
Monday	6.00pm	Community Center	<b>Mahjong</b> – All Welcome
Tuesdays	9:30am	Cloppenburg Park	<b>Pilates</b> – All Welcome
Wednesdays	5:45pm	Community Centre	<b>Ladies Qigong</b> – All Ladies Welcome
Wednesdays	7pm	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	<b>Social Cricket</b> – All welcome
Wednesdays	7:00pm	Community Centre	<b>Craft and sewing</b> – All welcome

Thursdays - fortnightly	10am	Community Centre	Fortnightly <b>Health Clinic Visit</b> – Next visit –23 April 2026 – All Welcome
Every Thursday in April	10.30am	Community Center	Weekly in April <b>Health Clinic Visit</b> – Flu shots
Thursdays	10:30am	Community Centre	Fortnightly <b>TAI CHI</b> – for All Abilities Next session – 23 April 2026 – All Welcome
Thursdays	12:30pm	Community Centre	Fortnightly <b>Leather Work sessions</b> – Next session – 23 April 2026 – All Welcome
Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays	5:15pm	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	<b>Social Tennis</b> – All Welcome
Fridays	9:30am	Community Centre	<b>Mahjong</b> –All welcome
Fridays	11:30am	Community Centre	<b>Line Dancing</b> – All welcome

## 11. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1. Waste Oil disposal – Deputy President S Manning asked if Waste Oil disposal at the Hard waste Facility could be part of the 2026-27 Budget Workshop

12.2. Core Lithium – Deputy Sarah Manning queried whether council had heard anything from Core Lithium as they advised (at the Community Consultation meeting) they would be distributing a paper in April

12.3. Smoke from Green Waste Facility – Cr Sarah Smith queried whether council could review funding programs to consider for reducing the amount of green waste for burning. Cr Smith advised that she would also consult with the NTG’s Circular Economy program for ideas.

## 12. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/66**

**That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (General) regulation Division 2;**

51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

51 (1) (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

51 (1) (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;

51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

51 (1) (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

At 8:04pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

## **12.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RAISED IN-CAMERA**

### 12.1.1 CEO Recruitment

51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

### 12.1.2 CEO Recruitment Panel

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or

(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

### 12.1.3 Third Quarter Budget Review

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

## 12.2 RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

### **RESOLUTION No: 2026/72**

**That Council re-open the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(1) of the Local Government Act.**

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

At 9:00pm council opened the meeting to the general public.

## 12.3 DECISIONS ARISING FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

### **RESOLUTION No: 2026/74**

**That Council move the following items into the open meeting:**

#### **13.1.4 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW**

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** CEO

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide Council with an update and review of the 2025-26 budget following the third quarter of the financial year and considerations for adopting a revised budget for 2025-26.

### **RESOLUTION No: 2026/71**

**That the Council receives and notes the report for the 2025-26 third quarter budget review.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

## **Background**

Pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 Council must review its budget for a financial year on at least one occasion between 1 July and 31 December and on at least one occasion between 1 January and 30 April.

The 2025-26 Budget was approved by resolution 2025/136 at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2025 and a revised and amended budget (following the first quarter) was approved by resolution 2025/212 at Council's ordinary meeting held on 10 November 2025.

## **Comments**

### Income:

Revenue has decreased by \$20,806. This is due to \$30,000 be removed from the budget that was originally put in for proposed income from the RUA maintenance contract. It is expected that this project will not go ahead at this stage.

Other changes are relatively minor.

### Expenditure:

Expenditure has been reduced overall by \$38,640 since the Q1 budget review. Changes include the following:

- Employee costs have increased by \$9350 for CEO recruitment costs
- IT Support has reduced by \$5000
- Jetty Maintenance costs have been reduced by \$15000
- R&M costs have increased by \$14500 due to the replacement of the gutters on the office and community centre buildings and tools purchases by \$2500 (these were approved in the Q1 budget review)
- Bin collection has been increased by \$10000 this is due to the late invoices that were held over from last financial year
- Councillor allowances have been decreased to reflect the reduced allowance for Cr Smith and no allowance for Cr Dyer
- Professional Development for councillors has been reduced by \$5000 to reflect no expenses for Cr Dyer
- Other meeting or activity budget has been removed due to there being no expected expenditure for this budget for the rest of the financial year
- Election expenses have been reduced by \$7080 to reflect the actual cost

## **13.1.5 AUDIT COMPLETION LETTER**

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** CEO

### **PURPOSE**

To provide Council with information regarding the 2024-25 Financial Audit and to make any recommendations from the Auditors Completion Letter.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/72**

**That the Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report entitled **Audit Completion Letter**; and
- b) requests the CEO to action all items identified in the report as **Areas for improvement**.

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: President N White**

**Vote: AIF**

**Background**

Following the financial audit each year and as per the Australian Auditing Standards, the Auditor supplies Council with a completion letter that includes:

- any significant matters that have arisen during the audit process, including any internal control observations; and
- any other matter which they feel should be brought to Council’s attention.

The external Auditor, Nexia Edwards Marshall, has completed the audit of Council’s financial statements for the 2024-25 financial year and has issued an Audit Completion Letter.

The Audit Completion Letter outlines:

- the scope and outcome of the audit;
- key audit findings and observations;
- any control or compliance matters identified; and
- management responses and recommendations.

In accordance with good governance practice, audit outcomes should be reviewed by Council and any recommendations be put into action.

**Comments**

This report has found two (2) items for consideration under the “Moderate business or financial risk” and five (5) items for consideration under the “Procedural in nature or minor risk”.

A summary of the total Areas for Improvement and their risk rating are set out in the table below:

<b>Category Code</b>	<b>Risk Rating</b>	<b>Items Found</b>
<b>Category A</b>	<b>Significant business or financial risk</b>	0
Category B	Moderate business or financial risk	2
Category C	Procedural in nature or minor risk	5

**Moved: Cr T Dyer**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

### 13. CLOSE OF MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 18 May 2026.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

Unconfirmed

## 5.2 CONFIRMATION OF OUT OF SESSION DECISION – CULVERT ON ROAD NEAR BELYUEN

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon - CEO

### **PURPOSE**

To resolve the decision made by Council “out of session” to support Belyuen Community Government Council’s (BCGC) in a joint submission to the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to install a culvert over the floodway on the Cox Peninsula Road between Belyuen Community and Wagait Beach.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council confirms the out of session decision to support a joint submission with Belyuen Community Government Council to the NTG to install a culvert over the floodway on the Cox Peninsula Road between Belyuen Community and Wagait Beach.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

### **Background**

Council received correspondence from the CEO of Belyuen Community Government Council on 13 March 2026 seeking support for a joint submission advocating for the installation of a culvert across the floodway located on Cox Peninsula Road between Belyuen Community and Wagait Beach.

On 26 March 2026, all Councillors were contacted via email and asked to confirm whether they supported Council participating in the joint submission. A majority of Councillors responded in support of the proposal.

This report is presented to formally note and confirm the out-of-session decision of Council.

### **Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

### **Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

## 5.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

### 5.3.1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1. Waste Oil disposal – Deputy President S Manning asked if Waste Oil disposal at the Hard waste Facility could be part of the 2026-27 Budget Workshop.

12.2. Core Lithium – Deputy Sarah Manning queried whether council had heard anything from Core Lithium as they advised (at the Community Consultation meeting) they would be distributing a paper in April.

*There has been no correspondence to date.*

12.3. Smoke from Green Waste Facility – Cr Sarah Smith queried whether council could review funding programs to consider for reducing the amount of green waste for burning. Cr Smith advised that she would also consult with the NTG's Circular Economy program for ideas.

*The CEO is investigating options.*

## 6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### 6.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Neil White, Shire President

**PURPOSE**

To provide a report as part of my responsibility to keep Council and the community informed of matters, activities, and information of importance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes President White's report for the period 20 April to the 12 May 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

**Update:**

Welcome to the May Wagait Shire Council meeting.

Council is to have a workshop on Thursday where options for increasing rates for Wagait Beach (currently the lowest for any Council in the NT) to assist with budget shortfalls and plan for a viable financial future for the Shire are to be discussed

Regrettably, a vehicle caused significant tyre rut damage to large parts of the Sports ground at Cloppenberg Park in the early hours of Sunday morning – this was reported to Police on Sunday who may have identified the suspect. This wilful damage is very disheartening to a small Council and Community which has worked hard to secure and maintain this Community asset.

Finally, best wishes to our outgoing CEO, Virginia Boon, who will be farewelled at a function on Saturday evening (the 16<sup>th</sup>) at the Cox Country Club at 6pm, kindly sponsored by our Local Member Dheran Young, MLA. Virginia has been a good CEO and a great advocate for our Council and the broader community and will be sadly missed by all. In closing, recruitment for the CEO position will commence next week, but in the interim Russell Anderson will be filling in as acting CEO.

**Meetings Attended:**

Date	Activity
Monday 20 April	Ordinary Council Meeting
Friday 24 April	CEO catch-up
Saturday 25 April	Anzac Day Ceremony
Friday 1 May	CEO catch-up
Late Saturday 2 May/Sunday	Deliberate damage to sports ground by vehicle leaving wheel ruts/tracks – reported to NT Police on Sunday
Thursday 14 May	Budget Workshop for Council
Friday 15 May	CEO catch-up
Saturday 16 May	CEO farewell function at Cox Club
Monday 20 April	Ordinary Council Meeting
Friday 24 April	CEO catch-up
Saturday 25 April	Anzac Day Ceremony

Neil White

President – Wagait Shire Council  
April 2026

#### Financial Implications

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

#### Attachments

*There are no attachments with this report.*

## 6.2 DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Sarah Manning, Shire Deputy President

#### PURPOSE

To provide an update on the elected member activities and engagements since the last Council meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receives and notes Deputy President Manning's report for the period 14 April to the 11 May 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

#### Meetings / Activities Attended:

Date	Activity
15-16 April	LGANT Conference and AGM

15 April	LGANT Dinner
20 April	Ordinary Council Meeting
-	Contributed to May newsletter

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

## 7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

### 7.1 CEO REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other significant information since the last Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the CEO's report for the period 14 April to the 11 May 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

**COMMENTS**

Date	Meeting Attendees	Meeting Description
Weekly	CEO / Works Staff	Weekly Toolbox Meeting
Weekly	CEO / WSC President	To update the President on operations and any other issues
23/4/26	NDIS – Caroline Olsen	Meeting for potential clients to be assessed in Belyuen
25/4/2026	ANZAC Day Defence Personnel and Community	ANZAC Day service
27/04/2026	S and S Australia consultants	Online meeting regarding policies
28/04/2026	NTG Workshop	Empowering the Bush
29/04/2026 – 11/5/2026	CEO	CEO on annual leave

## STAFFING

Works Manager:

- The Works Manager is currently on leave, and this position is being backfilled by the Works Officer.
- The Works Manager has handed in his resignation effective 1/7/2026
- Applications closed on 30/4/2026 and interviews will be held on week of 18/May2026

CEO:

- Applications closed on 8/5/2026
- First meeting will be held the week of 18 May 2026

Works Officer:

- This position is being filled by casual staff while the incumbent is covering the works manager position.

## GRANTS

Grant Name	Report Name	Due Date	Status
LRCI	Acquittal and Reports	Overdue	Continue to work on these grant acquittals

## SPORT & RECREATION AND OTHER PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity Description	Attendance Male	Attendance Female	Attendance Total
April 2026	Yoga	6	11	17
April 2026	Pilates	8	41	49
April 2026	Seniors Morning Tea	7	14	21
April 2026	Craft		4	4
April 2026	Other Activities	19	49	68
April 2026	Tennis	6	6	12
	TOTALS	46	125	171

### Financial Implications

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

### Attachments

*There are no attachments with this report.*

## 7.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Mark Speechley, A/g Work's Manager

### PURPOSE

To update the Council on the activities carried out by the Works and Services Team and other significant relevant information since the last Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the A/g Works Manager's report for the period 16 April to the 13 May 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

16 April to the 13 May 2026.	
<b>Staff/HR,PD &amp; Training, WHS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rowan Roberts Leave until 30 June 2026</li> <li>• 1 casual worker</li> </ul>
<b>WHS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidents - 0</li> </ul>
<b>Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Toolbox and planning x 4</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<p><u>Power Water (contract works)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bore Runs x 12</li> <li>• Water Samples x 32 (24 x 6 monthly water samples)</li> <li>• Mow and Snip Water Compound x 1</li> <li>• 1 staff member completed online induction to the water compound</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<p><u>Jetty Maintenance (contract works)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jetty wash x 12</li> <li>• Mow Snip and Poison Jetty Carpark x 1</li> <li>• Mow and snip new marine facility grassed areas x 1</li> <li>• Trim shrubs and vines in gardens x 1</li> <li>• 1 x Call out to the MMF toilets for broken door lock</li> <li>• Replace the door lock on one toilet door</li> <li>• Irrigation repairs at MMF gardens</li> <li>• Replace 3 green bins at the jetty with purple bins</li> <li>• Contractor from Darwin River filled the water tanks at the MMF as the local contractor's truck was broken down</li> <li>• Site inspection with DLI at the MMF showing any faults or issues and obtaining all keys for the facility</li> <li>• Potable water samples taken and sent for testing as per contract</li> <li>• Filters at the water treatment plant replaced as per contract</li> </ul> <p><u>Waste Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Waste push up x 8</li> <li>• Council bins in, out &amp; cleaned weekly x 43</li> <li>• Green Waste Burnt x 1</li> <li>• Replacements of Skip Bins x 1</li> <li>• Steel Bin x1</li> </ul> <p><u>Animal Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cat-traps currently out</li> <li>• Several reports of wondering dogs with no dogs sighted when staff attend</li> <li>• Report of Dog Menace Incident under investigation</li> </ul> <p><b>Issues Identified</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feral Pigs still digging up ground at Sports Ground and coming onto beachfront blocks along Delissa Dve. Parks and Wildlife investigating setting traps</li> </ul> <p><u>Environmental Management &amp; Maintenance</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing of Drains ongoing</li> <li>• Cutting Trees in Drains ongoing</li> <li>• Mowing of Estate Verges</li> <li>• Gamba Grass Program continuing issuing Poison to Local Residents</li> <li>• Firebreaks slashed along Erickson Cres and Kenbi land near Imuluk Ck</li> <li>• Slashing of the Club block was completed</li> <li>• 6 potholes repaired in several community roads</li> <li>• Water over road signs removed from Cox Drive causeway</li> </ul> <p><u>Vehicle and Plant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rego inspection completed on the Fuso tipper</li> <li>• Replace battery in the Isuzu ute</li> </ul> <p><u>Council Grounds/Sports Ground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mow and snip sports ground x 2</li> <li>• Mow and snip council grounds x 2</li> <li>• Pressure clean concrete areas at council office and community centre</li> <li>• Remove paper wasp nest from water tank at the sportsground</li> <li>• Paint plinths at the office and community centre</li> <li>• Irrigation repairs at the community centre</li> <li>• Test run turn on irrigation at the office</li> <li>• 1 power point replaced at the workshop</li> <li>• Vandalism of oval 2 by a vehicle doing “donuts”. Reported to the police and a statement given by acting Works Supervisor</li> <li>• Test run oval 2 irrigation after vandalism only one pop up needs repair</li> <li>• Repairs by an electrician at the irrigation compound completed and oval 1 irrigation is running on auto</li> </ul>
<b>Other Items</b>	

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

**8. FINANCE REPORT**

**8.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO / Matt Pettit, Finance Coordinator

## **PURPOSE**

To inform and update Council of the status of the financials to the end of April 2026.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) **Notes the Chief Executive Officer certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and**
- b) **receives and notes the monthly financial report to 30 April 2026**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

## **Background**

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 state that the CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:

- a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
- b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
- c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.

## **Financial Report – Comments**

### **Income:**

- The Sport and Rec grant is higher than forecast as last year's underspend has been rolled over.

### **Expenses:**

- Jetty Maintenance expenses are higher than forecast due to watering and cleaning the new marina area.
- Election Expenses were lower than initially quoted by the NTEC.
- R&M Community Centre and Office are higher due to the replacement of the guttering on both buildings (CAPEX).
- Unexpected replacement of control circuit card for irrigation system at Cloppenburg park, plus Removal of trees hanging over the power lines at Cloppenburg Park entrance, repair and replace the shade sail of the children's playground after cyclone damage. (\$14,200).

### **Balance Sheet:**

- Prepayments are higher than the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 results due to prepayment of Insurance, Councilwise subscription and LGANT membership amounts all fully paid until the end of the 2025-26 Financial Year.
- Sundry Debtors figures include the March Marina Cleaning work which was not billed until April.

### **Operating Performance Ratios:**

- Operating Revenue has fallen below operating expenses

- Year to date Net Result Ratio has fallen below the deficit for the Year Ending 2024/25
- The Employee Costs Ratio is well below the 5 year average

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

A copy of the Finance Report to the end of April 2026 is attached.



## Certification by the CEO to the Council

<b>Council Name:</b>	WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	1 April 2026 to 30 April 2026

That, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and
- (2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

**CEO Signed**

**Date Signed**

14/05/2026

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

## **Monthly Financial Reports**

- 1.1 Report of Income and Expenditure
- 1.2 Income and Expenditure (Detailed)
- 1.3 Capital Expenditure and Funding Report
- 1.4 Special Purpose Grants
- 1.5 Balance Sheet
- 1.6 Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions
- 1.7 Statement of Cash Flows
- 1.8 Notes on Cash, Debtors & Creditors

1.1 Summary Income and Expenditure Report

Period: Year to Date April 2026

For the 10 months ended 30 April 2026

Account	July 2025-Apr 2026	July 2025-Apr 2026 Overall Budget	Variance	Variance %	2026 Overall Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Total Contracts, Fees & Charges	221,810.66	243,788.00	(21,977.34)	-9.01%	292,068.00
Total Interest/Investment Income	73,844.62	70,833.00	3,011.62	4.25%	85,000.00
Total Operating Grant Revenue	271,101.00	332,836.00	(61,735.00)	-18.55%	399,405.00
Total Other Income	2,003.31	2,000.00	3.31	0.17%	2,400.00
Total Rates Income	294,405.30	289,597.00	4,808.30	1.66%	290,364.00
Total Rental Income	4,318.20	5,583.00	(1,264.80)	-22.65%	6,700.00
Total Waste Management Income	151,398.29	151,804.00	(405.71)	-0.27%	152,521.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,126,810.42</b>	<b>1,097,041.00</b>	<b>29,769.42</b>	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>1,229,058.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,126,810.42</b>	<b>1,097,041.00</b>	<b>29,769.42</b>	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>1,229,058.00</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>					
Sundry & prior year adjustment	18,500.00	18,500.00	0.00	0.00%	18,500.00
Total Administration - Bank Charges	1,923.12	1,833.00	90.12	4.92%	2,200.00
Total Administration - Memberships & Subscriptions	2,327.06	3,917.00	(1,589.94)	-40.59%	4,700.00
Total Administration - Telephones & Communications	4,685.82	5,100.00	(414.18)	-8.12%	5,900.00
Total Contracts & Material Expenses	40,035.52	4,168.00	35,867.52	860.55%	5,000.00
Total Depreciation Expense	314,894.73	330,000.00	(15,105.27)	-4.58%	396,000.00
Total Elected Member Allowances	34,156.79	50,259.00	(16,102.21)	-32.04%	60,310.00
Total Elected Member Expenses and Professional Development	9,215.99	23,333.00	(14,117.01)	-60.50%	28,000.00
Total Employment Expenses	466,255.11	547,198.00	(80,942.89)	-14.79%	676,701.00
Total Other Expenses - Election	12,920.49	20,000.00	(7,079.51)	-35.40%	20,000.00
Total Projects & Activities - WSC Contributions	2,257.63	12,417.00	(10,159.37)	-81.82%	14,500.00
Total Repairs & Maintenance	48,176.68	34,582.00	13,594.68	39.31%	41,500.00
Total Services	9,443.93	13,350.00	(3,906.07)	-29.26%	15,900.00
Total Vehicle & Plant Expenses	40,864.77	38,586.00	2,278.77	5.91%	46,304.00
Total Waste Management Expenses	126,356.04	134,584.00	(8,227.96)	-6.11%	159,500.00
<b>Total Less Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,247,551.47</b>	<b>1,419,094.00</b>	<b>(171,542.53)</b>	<b>-12.09%</b>	<b>1,711,315.00</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(120,741.05)</b>	<b>(322,053.00)</b>	<b>201,311.95</b>	<b>62.51%</b>	<b>(482,257.00)</b>

**1.2 Detailed Income and Expenditure Report**

Period: Year to Date April 2026

For the 10 months ended 30 April 2026

Account	July 2025-Apr 2026	2026 Overall Budget	Variance	Variance %	2026 Overall Budget
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Contracts, Fees &amp; Charges</b>					
Contracts - Jetty Management	169,016.80	165,000.00	4,016.80	2.43%	198,000.00
Contracts - Other (DIP)	0.00	26,874.00	(26,874.00)	-100.00%	32,250.00
Contracts - Other (Power & Water)	0.00	833.00	(833.00)	-100.00%	1,000.00
Contracts - Water Management	49,381.00	48,681.00	700.00	1.44%	58,418.00
Dog Registrations	3,412.86	2,400.00	1,012.86	42.20%	2,400.00
<b>Total Contracts, Fees &amp; Charges</b>	<b>221,810.66</b>	<b>243,788.00</b>	<b>(21,977.34)</b>	<b>-9.01%</b>	<b>292,068.00</b>
<b>Interest/Investment Income</b>					
Bank Interest Income	73,844.62	70,833.00	3,011.62	4.25%	85,000.00
<b>Total Interest/Investment Income</b>	<b>73,844.62</b>	<b>70,833.00</b>	<b>3,011.62</b>	<b>4.25%</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>
<b>Operating Grant Revenue</b>					
Grants - FAA General Purpose	11,915.00	11,163.00	752.00	6.74%	13,396.00
Grants - FAA Roads	65,018.00	61,848.00	3,170.00	5.13%	74,218.00
Grants - NT Operational	194,168.00	194,166.00	2.00	0.00%	233,000.00
Grants - Sport & Rec Operational	0.00	65,659.00	(65,659.00)	-100.00%	78,791.00
<b>Total Operating Grant Revenue</b>	<b>271,101.00</b>	<b>332,836.00</b>	<b>(61,735.00)</b>	<b>-18.55%</b>	<b>399,405.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
Misc income	2,003.31	2,000.00	3.31	0.17%	2,400.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,003.31</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>0.17%</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>
<b>Rates Income</b>					
Rates - Income	286,964.37	286,964.00	0.37	0.00%	286,964.00
Rates - Interest Income	5,235.93	1,800.00	3,435.93	190.89%	2,400.00
Rates - Less Pensioner Concession	(11,200.00)	0.00	(11,200.00)	0.00%	0.00
Rates - Pensioner Rebate	11,200.00	0.00	11,200.00	0.00%	0.00
Rates - Search income	2,205.00	833.00	1,372.00	164.71%	1,000.00
<b>Total Rates Income</b>	<b>294,405.30</b>	<b>289,597.00</b>	<b>4,808.30</b>	<b>1.66%</b>	<b>290,364.00</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>					
Rent - CEO House	4,000.02	4,333.00	(332.98)	-7.68%	5,200.00
Rent - Community Centre Income	318.18	1,250.00	(931.82)	-74.55%	1,500.00
<b>Total Rental Income</b>	<b>4,318.20</b>	<b>5,583.00</b>	<b>(1,264.80)</b>	<b>-22.65%</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>
<b>Waste Management Income</b>					
Waste Management - Additional Bin	2,027.26	1,500.00	527.26	35.15%	1,800.00
Waste Management - Hard Waste	1,150.03	2,083.00	(932.97)	-44.79%	2,500.00
Waste Management - Less Pensioner Concession	(8,400.00)	0.00	(8,400.00)	0.00%	0.00
Waste Management Levy	148,221.00	148,221.00	0.00	0.00%	148,221.00
Waste Management Pensioner Rebate	8,400.00	0.00	8,400.00	0.00%	0.00
<b>Total Waste Management Income</b>	<b>151,398.29</b>	<b>151,804.00</b>	<b>(405.71)</b>	<b>-0.27%</b>	<b>152,521.00</b>
Dog Impound Fees	507.27	600.00	(92.73)	-15.46%	600.00
Grants - Special Purpose	107,421.77	0.00	107,421.77	0.00%	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,126,810.42</b>	<b>1,097,041.00</b>	<b>29,769.42</b>	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>1,229,058.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>1,126,810.42</b>	<b>1,097,041.00</b>	<b>29,769.42</b>	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>1,229,058.00</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>					
Sundry & prior year adjustment	18,500.00	18,500.00	0.00	0.00%	18,500.00
<b>Administration - Bank Charges</b>					
Bank Fees	586.54	833.00	(246.46)	-29.59%	1,000.00
Merchant Fees	1,336.58	1,000.00	336.58	33.66%	1,200.00
<b>Total Administration - Bank Charges</b>	<b>1,923.12</b>	<b>1,833.00</b>	<b>90.12</b>	<b>4.92%</b>	<b>2,200.00</b>
<b>Administration - Memberships &amp; Subscriptions</b>					
LGANT/Membership	1,739.80	1,667.00	72.80	4.37%	2,000.00
Subscriptions & Publications	587.26	2,250.00	(1,662.74)	-73.90%	2,700.00
<b>Total Administration - Memberships &amp; Subscriptions</b>	<b>2,327.06</b>	<b>3,917.00</b>	<b>(1,589.94)</b>	<b>-40.59%</b>	<b>4,700.00</b>
<b>Administration - Office Expenses</b>					
Advertising	1,930.58	3,500.00	(1,569.42)	-44.84%	4,200.00
Auditing	10,587.03	10,000.00	587.03	5.87%	10,000.00
Bad Debt expense	171.87	0.00	171.87	0.00%	0.00
Cleaning	1,242.80	1,667.00	(424.20)	-25.45%	2,000.00
Consultant fees	4,722.73	12,500.00	(7,777.27)	-62.22%	15,000.00
Donations [61110]	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%	500.00
Fees, Licences & Charges	693.70	1,250.00	(556.30)	-44.50%	1,500.00
Insurance	61,862.77	66,667.00	(4,804.23)	-7.21%	80,000.00
Interest Expense	3,152.52	4,167.00	(1,014.48)	-24.35%	5,000.00
IT Equip, Maint & Support	3,327.49	12,500.00	(9,172.51)	-73.38%	15,000.00
IT Subscriptions & Licenses	12,483.67	15,000.00	(2,516.33)	-16.78%	18,000.00
Meeting expenses	770.48	1,833.00	(1,062.52)	-57.97%	2,200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	(81.82)	0.00	(81.82)	0.00%	0.00
Postage	1,040.32	1,000.00	40.32	4.03%	1,000.00
Printing & Stationery	3,597.56	7,500.00	(3,902.44)	-52.03%	9,000.00
Safety Supplies & Equipment	313.02	2,833.00	(2,519.98)	-88.95%	3,400.00
Staff Amenities	1,094.63	1,250.00	(155.37)	-12.43%	1,500.00
Travel & Accommodation	1,018.33	4,100.00	(3,081.67)	-75.16%	7,000.00
<b>Total Administration - Office Expenses</b>	<b>108,427.68</b>	<b>146,267.00</b>	<b>(37,839.32)</b>	<b>-25.87%</b>	<b>175,300.00</b>
<b>Administration - Telephones &amp; Communications</b>					
Mobiles	2,757.52	3,000.00	(242.48)	-8.08%	3,600.00
Office phone/fax/internet	869.06	1,000.00	(130.94)	-13.09%	1,200.00
Satellite	1,059.24	1,100.00	(40.76)	-3.71%	1,100.00
<b>Total Administration - Telephones &amp; Communications</b>	<b>4,685.82</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>	<b>(414.18)</b>	<b>-8.12%</b>	<b>5,900.00</b>
<b>Contracts &amp; Material Expenses</b>					
Animal Management Charges [64600]	0.00	1,667.00	(1,667.00)	-100.00%	2,000.00
Contracts - Jetty Maintenance	38,179.17	1,667.00	36,512.17	2190.29%	2,000.00
Contracts - Water Management/Maintenance	0.00	417.00	(417.00)	-100.00%	500.00
Contracts - Weeds & Fire Management	376.35	417.00	(40.65)	-9.75%	500.00
Other Contract expense	1,480.00	0.00	1,480.00	0.00%	0.00
<b>Total Contracts &amp; Material Expenses</b>	<b>40,035.52</b>	<b>4,168.00</b>	<b>35,867.52</b>	<b>860.55%</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Depreciation Expense</b>					
Depreciation expense	303,228.03	330,000.00	(26,771.97)	-8.11%	396,000.00
Depreciation expense - ROU	11,666.70	0.00	11,666.70	0.00%	0.00

<b>Total Depreciation Expense</b>	<b>314,894.73</b>	<b>330,000.00</b>	<b>(15,105.27)</b>	<b>-4.58%</b>	<b>396,000.00</b>
<b>Elected Member Allowances</b>					
Councillor Allowances	34,156.79	50,259.00	(16,102.21)	-32.04%	60,310.00
<b>Total Elected Member Allowances</b>	<b>34,156.79</b>	<b>50,259.00</b>	<b>(16,102.21)</b>	<b>-32.04%</b>	<b>60,310.00</b>
<b>Elected Member Expenses and Professional Development</b>					
Councillor Professional Development	7,981.22	20,833.00	(12,851.78)	-61.69%	25,000.00
Councillor Expenses	1,234.77	2,500.00	(1,265.23)	-50.61%	3,000.00
<b>Total Elected Member Expenses and Professional Development</b>	<b>9,215.99</b>	<b>23,333.00</b>	<b>(14,117.01)</b>	<b>-60.50%</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>
<b>Employment Expenses</b>					
Staff Recruitment Expenses	4,333.00	959.00	3,374.00	351.82%	1,150.00
Staff Relocation	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-100.00%	3,000.00
Staff Training	2,834.82	4,167.00	(1,332.18)	-31.97%	5,000.00
Staff Uniforms & Safety	757.23	1,667.00	(909.77)	-54.58%	2,000.00
Superannuation	51,403.71	50,279.00	1,124.71	2.24%	62,251.00
Wages - Allowances - First aid	0.00	1,596.00	(1,596.00)	-100.00%	1,976.00
Wages - Allowances - Travel	1,085.35	1,667.00	(581.65)	-34.89%	2,000.00
Wages - Annual Leave expense	0.00	25,108.00	(25,108.00)	-100.00%	31,088.00
Wages - Long Service leave expense	0.00	9,840.00	(9,840.00)	-100.00%	11,809.00
Wages - Sports & Rec	6,017.83	40,386.00	(34,368.17)	-85.10%	50,000.00
Wages & Salaries	399,823.17	409,029.00	(9,205.83)	-2.25%	506,427.00
<b>Total Employment Expenses</b>	<b>466,255.11</b>	<b>547,198.00</b>	<b>(80,942.89)</b>	<b>-14.79%</b>	<b>676,701.00</b>
<b>Other Expenses - Election</b>					
Election Expenses	12,920.49	20,000.00	(7,079.51)	-35.40%	20,000.00
<b>Total Other Expenses - Election</b>	<b>12,920.49</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>(7,079.51)</b>	<b>-35.40%</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Projects &amp; Activities - WSC Contributions</b>					
Activities - ANZAC Day WSC contribution	406.65	1,000.00	(593.35)	-59.34%	1,000.00
Activities - Aust Day WSC contribution	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-100.00%	1,000.00
Activities - Community	698.74	3,750.00	(3,051.26)	-81.37%	4,500.00
Activities - Community Fund	0.00	4,167.00	(4,167.00)	-100.00%	5,000.00
Activities - Seniors WSC contribution	1,130.42	1,667.00	(536.58)	-32.19%	2,000.00
Activities - Sport & Rec WSC Contribution	0.00	833.00	(833.00)	-100.00%	1,000.00
Sports & Rec Equipment [69201]	21.82	0.00	21.82	0.00%	0.00
<b>Total Projects &amp; Activities - WSC Contributions</b>	<b>2,257.63</b>	<b>12,417.00</b>	<b>(10,159.37)</b>	<b>-81.82%</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>					
R&M CEO House	1,141.82	2,083.00	(941.18)	-45.18%	2,500.00
R&M Community Centre	8,644.89	2,500.00	6,144.89	245.80%	3,000.00
R&M Garden & Ground	4,031.39	3,333.00	698.39	20.95%	4,000.00
R&M Office	7,134.42	2,500.00	4,634.42	185.38%	3,000.00
R&M Office equipment	630.91	1,250.00	(619.09)	-49.53%	1,500.00
R&M Road Repair & Maintenance	661.00	10,000.00	(9,339.00)	-93.39%	12,000.00
R&M Sports Equipment	16.34	0.00	16.34	0.00%	0.00
R&M Sports Ground	20,693.03	1,667.00	19,026.03	1141.33%	2,000.00
R&M Townsite	4,041.76	5,833.00	(1,791.24)	-30.71%	7,000.00
R&M Workshop	784.42	2,500.00	(1,715.58)	-68.62%	3,000.00
Road Signage	0.00	833.00	(833.00)	-100.00%	1,000.00
Stores Materials & Loose Tools	396.70	2,083.00	(1,686.30)	-80.96%	2,500.00
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>48,176.68</b>	<b>34,582.00</b>	<b>13,594.68</b>	<b>39.31%</b>	<b>41,500.00</b>
<b>Services</b>					
Services - Animal Management	0.00	417.00	(417.00)	-100.00%	500.00
Services - Electricity	3,859.67	5,516.00	(1,656.33)	-30.03%	6,500.00
Services - Gas Supplies	0.00	417.00	(417.00)	-100.00%	500.00
Services - Pest Control	1,660.00	2,000.00	(340.00)	-17.00%	2,400.00
Services - Water & Sewerage	3,924.26	5,000.00	(1,075.74)	-21.51%	6,000.00
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>9,443.93</b>	<b>13,350.00</b>	<b>(3,906.07)</b>	<b>-29.26%</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>
<b>Vehicle &amp; Plant Expenses</b>					
Fuel CEO	3,825.14	3,750.00	75.14	2.00%	4,500.00
Fuel Plant and Machinery	4,253.51	3,750.00	503.51	13.43%	4,500.00
Fuel Works Truck	443.84	1,667.00	(1,223.16)	-73.37%	2,000.00
Fuel Works Ute	3,991.79	3,750.00	241.79	6.45%	4,500.00
Assets < \$5000 P&E F&F	3,930.95	0.00	3,930.95	0.00%	0.00
R&M Plant & Machinery	5,431.90	6,000.00	(568.10)	-9.47%	7,200.00
R&M Vehicles	2,872.62	4,166.00	(1,293.38)	-31.05%	5,000.00
Registrations - Plant & Machinery	2,603.00	1,833.00	770.00	42.01%	2,200.00
Registrations - Vehicles	966.82	1,125.00	(158.18)	-14.06%	1,350.00
Vehicle Leasing Costs	12,545.20	12,545.00	0.20	0.00%	15,054.00
<b>Total Vehicle &amp; Plant Expenses</b>	<b>40,864.77</b>	<b>38,586.00</b>	<b>2,278.77</b>	<b>5.91%</b>	<b>46,304.00</b>
<b>Waste Management Expenses</b>					
Hard Waste Collection	34,660.25	36,667.00	(2,006.75)	-5.47%	44,000.00
R&M Green Waste Compound	1,360.00	4,167.00	(2,807.00)	-67.36%	5,000.00
R&M Hard Waste Compound	21.60	417.00	(395.40)	-94.82%	500.00
Regular Bin Collection	90,314.19	93,333.00	(3,018.81)	-3.23%	110,000.00
<b>Total Waste Management Expenses</b>	<b>126,356.04</b>	<b>134,584.00</b>	<b>(8,227.96)</b>	<b>-6.11%</b>	<b>159,500.00</b>
SP Travel Expenses	1,289.84	0.00	1,289.84	0.00%	0.00
Audit Committee Expenses	727.27	3,000.00	(2,272.73)	-75.76%	4,000.00
Wages - Rostered Day Office Expense	5,093.00	7,000.00	(1,907.00)	-27.24%	7,000.00
Councillor Extra Meeting or Activity	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	-100.00%	30,000.00
<b>Total Less Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,247,551.47</b>	<b>1,419,094.00</b>	<b>(171,542.53)</b>	<b>-12.09%</b>	<b>1,711,315.00</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(120,741.05)</b>	<b>(322,053.00)</b>	<b>201,311.95</b>	<b>62.51%</b>	<b>(482,257.00)</b>
<b>Non-operating Expenses</b>					
<b>Special Purpose Grant Expenses</b>					
SP Catering	5,306.91	0.00	5,306.91	0.00%	0.00
SP Contractors	120,409.90	0.00	120,409.90	0.00%	0.00
SP Equipment	14,943.15	0.00	14,943.15	0.00%	0.00
SP General Expenses	181.82	0.00	181.82	0.00%	0.00
SP Materials	1,368.40	0.00	1,368.40	0.00%	0.00
SP Prizes	996.60	0.00	996.60	0.00%	0.00
<b>Total Special Purpose Grant Expenses</b>	<b>143,206.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>143,206.78</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Non-operating Expenses</b>	<b>143,206.78</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>143,206.78</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(263,947.83)</b>	<b>(322,053.00)</b>	<b>58,105.17</b>	<b>18.04%</b>	<b>(482,257.00)</b>

### 1.3 Capital Expenditure and Funding Report to April 2026

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		Actuals	
Class of Assets	Project Name / Description		WSC contribution
Buildings	Hard Waste Facility	30,603	
Buildings	Office and Community Centre Gutter Replacements	12,952	12,952
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>43,555</b>	<b>12,952</b>

Total capital expenditure funded by:		YTD Actuals	WSC contribution
Buildings	WRM #5 24-25	30,603	0
Buildings	Wagait Shire Council	12,952	12,952
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING</b>		<b>43,555</b>	<b>12,952</b>

1.4 Operational & Capital Grants Report to April 2026

Capital Grants

Funding Body	Grant	Project Name	Due date	Previous Grant Funding \$	Amounts Spent Prior Years \$	Grants Brought forward from Prior Year \$	Grants received in FY26 \$	Total Grant Funding \$	Total Exp to Date \$	Balance Available	Further Funding Expected FY2026
<b>Capital Grants</b>											
DCMC - CPP	CPP 2023-24	Covered Sports Court	30/06/2025	415,000	273	415,000	0	415,000	273	414,727	0
Federal Gov	LRCI Phase 4	Repairs to sports fencing, drainage wks	30/06/2025	23,762	27,600	6,067	0	23,762	37,600	-13,838	15,841
DCMG-LG	WRM #3 22-23	ReDiscovery Centre	30/06/2025	75,000	0	75,000	0	75,000	48,736	26,264	0
DCMG-LG	WRM #4 23-24	ReDiscovery Centre	30/06/2025	75,000	69,167	75,000	0	75,000	69,167	5,833	0
DCMG-LG	WRM #5 24-25	Hard Waste Facility Upgrade	30/06/2026	75,000	22,950	52,050	0	75,000	53,553	21,447	0
DCMG-LG	WRM #6 25-26	To Be Determined	30/06/2027	75,000	0	0	75,000	75,000	0	75,000	0
DTFHC	IT Infrastructure - Critical Upgrades	IT Infrastructure Upgrades	31/08/2026	16,000	0	0	16,000	16,000	12,952	3,048	0
			<b>Sub-total</b>	0	0	55,000	55,000	10,230	44,770	0	#REF!
<b>Operational Grants</b>											
Funding Body	Operational Grants	Project Name	Due date	Total Grant Funding \$	Amounts Spent Prior Years \$	Grants Brought forward from Prior Year \$	Grants received in FY26 \$	Total Grant Funding \$	Total Exp to Date \$	Balance Available	Further Funding Expected FY2026
Core Lithium Ltd	Core Lithium	Equipment	30/06/2025	2,000	1,636	364	0	2,000	1,636	364	0
DTF	NT Men's Places Grants 2023-25	Wagait Men's Program	30/06/2025	8,115	2,595	5,520	0	8,115	2,595	5,520	0
Australia Day	Australia Day	Australia Day 2026	31/03/2026	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,000	1,816	184	0
DTF	Sports and Recreation Grant	Sports Activities Program	30/06/2026	55,000	0	0	55,000	55,000	14,854	40,146	0
DCSC	Youth Week 2026	Youth Week 2026	30/06/2026	2,000	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0
				68,383	37,764	30,619	0	68,383	63,327	5,056	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	68,383	37,764	85,619	55,000	78,613	108,097	5,056	#REF!

1.5 Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2026

Account	30-Apr-26	30 June 2025
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Bendigo Investment Acc	500,000.00	500,000.00
CBA Cheque Account - Operational	236,714.40	14,811.36
CBA Cheque Account - SP Grants	468,817.82	528,921.81
CBA Fixed Term Deposits	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
CBA Transaction Account	27,234.25	160,023.45
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>2,232,766.47</b>	<b>2,203,756.62</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accrued interest	19,056.30	21,029.18
Councillor Payment control account	(416.66)	(3,437.50)
Dog Resistrations Control Account	(1,547.90)	0.00
Less Prov'n for Doubtful Debts	(3,270.00)	(3,270.00)
Prepayments	23,812.76	9,278.70
Rates Debtors Account	41,367.35	16,266.56
Rates Payment Control Account	(3,031.79)	5,648.87
Sundry Debtors	35,051.00	0.00
Trade Debtors [11405]	32,890.27	25,438.89
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>143,911.33</b>	<b>70,954.70</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings Accum Dep	(228,253.83)	(117,174.45)
Buildings at Cost	1,735,951.18	1,735,951.18
Motor Vehicles Accum Dep	(74,392.31)	(41,303.17)
Motor Vehicles at Cost	324,156.19	324,156.19
Office Equip & Furn at Cost	27,803.74	27,869.74
Office Equip Furn Accum Depn.	(15,184.03)	(9,863.29)
Plant & Equipment at Cost	284,976.59	282,076.59
Plant & Equipment Accum Dep	(156,464.19)	(89,662.19)
Sports Ground Accum Dep	(103,956.31)	(54,302.24)
Sports Ground at Cost	364,631.77	364,631.77
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,159,268.80</b>	<b>2,422,380.13</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
<b>Accrued interest</b>		
Expenses Recognised in Advance	6,319.16	9,471.63
Inf Roads & Paths at Cost	1,065,123.08	1,065,123.08
Infr Roads & Path Accum Depn.	(662,387.69)	(625,720.99)
Land at Cost	745,000.00	745,000.00
Leased Vehicle Accum Depreciation	(81,155.79)	(69,489.09)
Right Use of Assets	115,303.00	115,303.00
Work in Progress	123,737.36	180,725.72
<b>Total Non-current Assets</b>	<b>1,311,939.12</b>	<b>1,420,413.35</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,847,885.72</b>	<b>6,117,504.80</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses	12,000.00	0.00
CBA CC- Neil White	0.00	0.00
CBA CC- Rowan Roberts	1,596.31	0.00
CBA CC- Virginia Boon	201.19	0.00
CBA Credit Card Main	3,420.28	3,459.00
CBA Transaction Account	0.00	0.00
Creditors Retention Account	0.00	6,997.69
Current Lease Liabilities	15,742.00	15,742.00
Error Suspense - Pensioner Rebates	0.00	0.00
Grants in advance	477,132.71	459,854.00
GST	(43,719.26)	(38,445.50)
PAYG Withholding Payable	18,962.00	16,270.00
Provision for Annual Leave	50,804.25	91,804.25
Provision for Long Service Leave	36,729.73	36,729.73
Provision for Rostered Days Off	5,993.00	0.00
Rates in Advance	8,674.99	8,674.99
Rounding	(0.24)	0.01
Super Payable	6,177.36	14,799.10
Trade Creditors	25,020.93	24,360.82
Unexpended Grant Liability	116,193.26	93,994.49
Wages Payable - Payroll	5,349.30	1,687.49
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>740,277.81</b>	<b>735,928.07</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Bank Loans	52,678.50	65,221.00
Non-current Lease Liabilities	45,283.00	45,283.00
Rates/Waste Charges Received in Advance	2,100.00	0.00
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>100,061.50</b>	<b>110,504.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>840,339.31</b>	<b>846,432.07</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>5,007,546.41</b>	<b>5,271,072.73</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,508,769.27	2,508,769.27
Current Year Earnings	(263,947.83)	(179,994.94)
Other Asset Renewal Reserve	270,000.00	270,000.00
Prior Year's Surplus/Deficit	1,832,286.03	1,832,286.03
Retained Earnings	210,438.94	390,433.88
Roads Renewal Project Reserve	450,000.00	450,000.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>5,007,546.41</b>	<b>5,271,494.24</b>

**1.6 Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions**

For the period 1 April 2026 to 30 April 2026

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Running Balance	Supplier Location
<b>CBA CC - Neil White</b>					
16 Apr 2026	Payment: Hotels.com	0.00	8.00	(8.00)	NT
16 Apr 2026	Payment: Hotels.com	0.00	8.00	(16.00)	NT
29 Apr 2026	Bank Transfer from CBA Credit Card Main to CBA CC - Neil White	34.30	0.00	18.30	
<b>Total CBA CC - Neil White</b>		<b>34.30</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>18.30</b>	
<b>CBA CC - Rowan Roberts</b>					
02 Apr 2026	Payment: Officeworks	0.00	54.50	(54.50)	NT
07 Apr 2026	Payment: Battery Power Centre	0.00	189.85	(244.35)	NT
14 Apr 2026	Payment: Middy's Electrical	0.00	102.42	(346.77)	NT
15 Apr 2026	Payment: mister Minit	0.00	44.75	(391.52)	NT
15 Apr 2026	Payment: Viva Water Pty Ltd	0.00	44.99	(436.51)	NT
15 Apr 2026	Payment: Woolworths	0.00	89.41	(525.92)	Interstate/Overseas
15 Apr 2026	Payment: RDO Equipment	0.00	99.64	(625.56)	NT
15 Apr 2026	Payment: Bunnings	0.00	100.97	(726.53)	NT
15 Apr 2026	Payment: Sydney Tools	0.00	295.00	(1,021.53)	NT
16 Apr 2026	Payment: Supercheap Auto	0.00	164.95	(1,186.48)	NT
21 Apr 2026	Payment: National College of Management	0.00	395.00	(1,581.48)	NT
29 Apr 2026	Payment: Battery Power Centre	0.00	163.44	(1,744.92)	NT
29 Apr 2026	Payment: Accesshardware	0.00	182.07	(1,926.99)	NT
29 Apr 2026	Payment: EG Fuel Co	0.00	251.90	(2,178.89)	NT
29 Apr 2026	Payment: NGA Canberra	0.00	999.00	(3,177.89)	NT
29 Apr 2026	Bank Transfer from CBA Credit Card Main to CBA CC - Rowan Roberts	1,581.58	0.00	(1,596.31)	
<b>Total CBA CC - Rowan Roberts</b>		<b>1,581.58</b>	<b>3,177.89</b>	<b>(1,596.31)</b>	
<b>CBA CC - Virginia Boon</b>					
02 Apr 2026	Payment: Hotels.com	0.00	400.80	(400.80)	NT
07 Apr 2026	Payment: Pivotel	0.00	180.00	(580.80)	NT
07 Apr 2026	Payment: Microsoft	0.00	151.23	(732.03)	
07 Apr 2026	Payment: Australia Post	0.00	30.00	(762.03)	NT
07 Apr 2026	Payment: MOGAS REGIONAL	0.00	60.00	(822.03)	NT

## 1.7 Statement of Cash Flows

For the 10 months ended 30 April 2026

<b>Account</b>	<b>July 2025-Apr 2026</b>
<b>Operating Activities</b>	
Receipts from customers	1,137,372.78
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,282,303.34)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	20,957.79
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>(123,972.77)</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	122,500.00
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(3,450.00)
Other cash items from investing activities	34,990.23
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>154,040.23</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>	
Other cash items from financing activities	(3,237.90)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	<b>(3,237.90)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>26,829.56</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,200,719.13
Net change in cash for period	26,829.56
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,227,548.69

**1.8 Notes on Cash, Debtors & Creditors as at 30th April 2026**

**Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held**

Financial Institution	Date Invested	Invested Amount \$	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
1 (a) Bendigo	11/09/2025	500,000	3.85%	11/09/2026
1 (b) CBA	12/03/2026	1,000,000	5.12%	12/03/2027
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>		

**Note 2. Statement of Trade Debtors**

Contact	Current	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	Older	Total
Banyan Contracting	\$ 95.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95.00
Belyuen Community Government Council	\$ 2,157.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 856.50	\$ 3,014.46
Cox Country Club	\$ -	\$ 285.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,365.00
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	\$ 4,488.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,620.40	\$ 24,109.16
Power Water	\$ 3,949.00	\$ 3,949.00	\$ 3,949.00	\$ 880.00	\$ -	\$ 12,727.00
Territory Image	\$ -	\$ 95.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95.00	\$ 190.00
						0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,690.72</b>	<b>\$ 4,329.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,949.00</b>	<b>\$ 880.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,651.90</b>	<b>\$ 41,500.62</b>
<b>Percentage of total</b>	<b>25.76%</b>	<b>10.43%</b>	<b>9.52%</b>	<b>2.12%</b>	<b>52.17%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
						41,500.62
						Check

**Note 3. Statement of Trade Creditors**

Contact	Current	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	Older	Total
Berry Springs Mechanical	0.00	1,212.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,212.00
Central Business Equipment	524.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	524.56
Depot Katherine	0.00	168.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	168.86
Dream Impact Inspire Pty Ltd	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
Fire Maintenance Services (NT)	1,628.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,628.00
Fleetcare	1,379.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,379.97
GROW Services	0.00	2,794.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,794.00
Harvey Distributors	208.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.45
Litchfeild Rego Inspections	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Nexia Edwards Marshall NT	1,430.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,430.00
Optus	375.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.55
Perks People Solutions	4,766.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,766.30
Pivotel	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Power Water	17.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.85
RapidClean N.T	292.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	292.53
SandS Australia	1,347.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,347.50
Veolia Environmental Services	2,138.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,138.53
Wagait Beach Supermarket	0.00	2,139.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,139.83
West Arnhem Ground Maintenance	0.00	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,980.00
Yuyang Yoga	637.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	637.00
						0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,726.24</b>	<b>8,294.69</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,020.93</b>
	<b>66.8%</b>	<b>33.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 25,020.93</b>
						Check

**Operating Performance Ratios**

	Apr-26	Jan-26	Dec-25	Nov-25	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25
Current Assets	\$ 2,376,678	\$ 2,468,116	\$ 2,510,619	\$ 2,555,546	\$ 2,545,641	\$ 2,528,423	<b>2,616,543.30</b>	\$ 2,260,777
Current Liabilities	\$ 740,278	\$ 754,657	\$ 763,251	\$ 734,441	\$ 685,359	\$ 703,492	\$ 766,425	\$ 735,083
Current Assets Ratio	<b>\$ 3.21</b>	<b>\$ 3.27</b>	<b>\$ 3.29</b>	<b>\$ 3.48</b>	<b>\$ 3.71</b>	<b>\$ 3.59</b>	<b>\$ 3.41</b>	<b>\$ 3.08</b>

	Apr-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Operating Revenue	\$ 1,126,810	\$ 843,862	\$ 1,252,870	\$ 1,210,023	\$ 1,052,700	\$ 1,394,486
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,247,551	\$ 764,515	\$ 1,159,314	\$ 1,155,929	\$ 1,012,525	\$ 877,978
Operating Surplus Ratio	<b>-11%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4.47%</b>	<b>3.82%</b>	<b>37%</b>

	Apr-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Total Income	\$ 1,126,810	\$ 843,862	\$ 1,357,239	\$ 1,359,283	\$ 1,116,134	\$ 1,398,552
Total Expenses	\$ 1,390,758	\$ 810,225	\$ 1,434,007	\$ 1,270,186	\$ 1,012,525	\$ 1,047,337
Net Result Ratio	<b>-18.9787%</b>	<b>4.1515%</b>	<b>-5.3534%</b>	<b>7.0145%</b>	<b>10.2327%</b>	<b>33.5341%</b>

**Revenue Ratios**

	Apr-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Rates + Fees + Charges	\$ 672,440	\$ 583,656	\$ 587,948	\$ 550,703	\$ 550,690	\$ 585,926
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,126,810	\$ 843,862	\$ 1,252,870	\$ 1,210,023	\$ 1,116,134	\$ 1,394,486
Own Source Revenue Ratio	<b>60%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>42%</b>

	Apr-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Rates Revenue	\$ 294,405	\$ 291,624	\$ 278,844	\$ 264,498	\$ 253,909	\$ 248,195
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,247,551	\$ 764,515	\$ 1,159,314	\$ 1,155,929	\$ 1,012,525	\$ 877,978
Rates Coverage Ratio	<b>24%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>

	Apr-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Operating Grants	\$ 271,101	\$ 152,837	\$ 300,486	\$ 320,583	\$ 502,010	\$ 252,030
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 1,126,810	\$ 843,862	\$ 1,252,870	\$ 1,210,023	\$ 1,116,134	\$ 1,394,486
Grants Dependency Ratio	<b>24.06%</b>	<b>18.11%</b>	<b>23.98%</b>	<b>26.49%</b>	<b>44.98%</b>	<b>18.07%</b>

**Asset Management Ratios**

	Apr-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Capital Expenditure	\$ 43,555	\$ 30,603	\$ 51,435	\$ 70,781	\$ 205,699	\$ -
Depreciation Expense	\$ 314,895	\$ 189,602	\$ 274,693	\$ 225,585	\$ 188,818	\$ 169,989
Capital Replacement Ratio	<b>13.83%</b>	<b>16.14%</b>	<b>18.72%</b>	<b>31.38%</b>	<b>108.94%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

**Community & Service Delivery Ratios**

	Mar-26	Dec-25	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Employee Costs	\$ 466,255	\$ 244,911	\$ 620,702	\$ 524,529	\$ 519,935	\$ 472,249
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,247,551	\$ 764,515	\$ 1,446,787	\$ 1,155,929	\$ 1,217,743	\$ 912,509
Employee Costs Ratio	<b>37.37%</b>	<b>32.03%</b>	<b>42.90%</b>	<b>45.38%</b>	<b>42.70%</b>	<b>51.75%</b>

## 9. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

### 9.1 SOLAR POWER FEED-IN TARIFF

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

#### **PURPOSE**

To seek a decision from Council to accept the quotation received for the supply and installation of a Solar Export Limiter device required to enable Power and Water Corporation to purchase excess electricity generated by Council's solar system at the Council workshop and feed it back into the power grid.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Solar Power Feed-In Tarriff;
- b) approves the quote for \$2,206.25 (ex gst) to supply and install a Solar Export Limiter Device; and
- c) approves the submission of the application to enable export and receive buy-backs

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

#### **Comments**

Following extensive investigations and discussions with both Jacana Energy and Power and Water Corporation, it was identified that additional solar panels installed at the Council workshop in 2019 were connected without the required approval from Power and Water Corporation.

As a result, Council's solar feed-in arrangement was subsequently zero-rated by Jacana Energy, meaning that no feed-in tariff credits were applied to Council's electricity accounts from that time onward. This issue was first identified through a Jacana Energy invoice dated July 2021.

Further enquiries confirmed that the feed-in tariff rebate had been removed because the upgraded solar system exceeded the maximum generation capacity permitted under the approved connection arrangement and had not received the necessary consent from Power and Water Corporation prior to installation.

Subsequent research and technical advice have identified that the installation of a solar limiter device would enable Council to comply with the approved export limit requirements. While the upgraded solar system has a total capacity of 14kW, the limiter would restrict exported power to the allowable maximum of 7kW, enabling Council to reinstate eligibility for the feed-in tariff arrangement.

Should Council proceed with the quoted installation of the solar limiter device, it is anticipated that the resulting feed-in tariff credits would achieve a return on investment within

approximately 15–18 months, after which Council would begin receiving an ongoing net financial benefit from the solar system.

**Financial Implications**

The amount of the supply and installation quote is \$2,206.25 which was not included in any budget approved by Council in the 2025-26 financial year.

**Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

**9.2 MEDIA TRAINING**

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) receives and notes the report entitled **Media Training**; and
- b) does / does not wish to pursue media training options.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

To seek Council’s direction on whether it wishes to pursue media training for Elected Members.

**Background**

Council received an email from Bentley McGuinness Media Pty Ltd in March to as if elected members were interested in media training through their organisation.

Council CEO is now seeking clarification on whether or not Council wishes to follow up on this and would like to secure a firm quote for their next visit to Darwin in July 2026. At this stage they are looking at the 20-24 July 2026.

**Comments**

Training packages include:

Council Media Essentials

Designed to raise awareness about how to work with the media, and how to identify story opportunities and threats.

Managing the Media

The workshop comprehensively covers the principles of dealing with the media and can be customised depending on the results of the participants pre-training registration forms.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report at this stage. Indicative pricing is in the attached document.

**Attachments**

A copy of Bently McGuinness Media Training Proposal is attached.



## How can we help you?

At BMM, we take training seriously, so that the effect of our workshops is profound and long lasting.

All our workshops include:

- A highly tailored design to meet precise needs;
- An emphasis on the practical, with most time spent on coaching and practicing rather than lecturing;
- Delivery by a highly experienced trainer with journalism and corporate communication expertise and adult learning qualifications;  
Interviews by in-house senior journalists, (if desired) with signed confidentiality agreement. Participants can question the journalist in a safe setting;
- Access to a proven, licensed methodology, tested over more than 20 years;
- Research of your issues before workshops, allowing for more realistic practice interviews and saving time on the day
- Relevant audio and video examples are sourced for every workshop

A key feature of our training is the transferability of skills, i.e., our strategic communication techniques are designed for media, but are also easily adapted to staff and stakeholder briefings.

Bentley McGuinness Media (BMM) principal, Wendy McGuinness brings to her workshops the benefit of more than 25 years' experience as a senior journalist, communications advisor and polished presenter. Wendy's intimate knowledge of journalism informs her training sessions and her three years as a media advisor and Press Secretary for NSW Police, honed her skills in crisis communications and pro-active media.

Wendy works extensively in the Northern Territory – including with True North, , Roper Gulf Regional and Palmerston Councils, along with a range of Government Departments covering Education, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure. She maintains strong contacts in the media to ensure her training remains relevant and current.

She has nationally recognised adult training qualifications and over the past 16-years has trained with top 100 corporations, government and not for profit clients throughout the country. Wendy works extensively in the Northern Territory – getting a solid understanding of First Nation, climate, mining and tourism issues – among others.

“Brilliant, personable delivery and really enjoyable. Would be great to do lots of practice over a number of days – move to Jabiru!”

**Kim Sutton, acting CEO, West Arnhem Regional Council**

*(A full day managing the media session for six senior staff – spokespeople)*

“You were so organised, so easy going and so accommodating to the uniqueness of our Council and our region. You also made everyone feel so comfortable in the workshops! I can't thank you enough and I am sure we will be inviting you back again soon.”

**Bethany O'Sullivan, Comms co-ordinator, Roper Gulf Regional Council**

*Day 1 – six senior executives – managing the media. Day 2 – large group of community managers – media essentials.*

Wendy has designed workshops for new council members in Palmerston and Litchfield councils.

“From the vibe you brought, to helping the elected members gain insight into being a journalist, deadlines and the 24-hour news cycle, you really nailed it - without making it patronising or uncomfortable. I can't think of anything else to boil down the complex world of journalism and “getting a story”. Truly outstanding work.”

**Kym Lenoble, former Manager Communications and Engagement,  
former Litchfield Council, NT**

*(Full day workshop for new councillors)*

“I found this workshop very relevant to my needs & am now putting it into practice”.

**City of Palmerston, Alderman Sarah Henderson**

*(New councillor workshop, as above)*

Councils tell us that our training helps cement their media policy among staff and give staff simple tools to identify good and bad stories in the community and contact the comms team promptly. Two councils in particular are enjoying using our training to boost their social media presence. The skills taught and role-plays conducted in training can apply to media interviews or stakeholder engagement – such as running into a constituent at the supermarket. We have found that councillors sometimes need to be reminded that even at the supermarket – they are speaking on behalf of Council – not offering personal opinions.

Wendy understands First Nations issues from her 16-years working in the Territory. She conducted extensive training with groups in Vic Daily Shire – most of whom had English as a second or third language and also with Charles Darwin University NT Education and Outback Stores.

“A great workshop that has provided me with the right tools of the trade to engage media particularly in challenging or difficult situations. Thanks Wendy!”

**Adam Wells, former Communications co-ordinator, Outback Stores**

All our training is tailored to individual needs based on the completion of a pre-workshop registration form. The intensity of Interview practice can be scaled up or down, depending on the experience and confidence of individuals in a workshop. Elements of crisis communications may also be weaved into the training, to boost the skills of those with previous training and experience.

## Council media essentials

All our training is tailored to individual needs through completion of a pre-workshop registration form and liaising with the client to design the most appropriate program. However, some possible outlines follow:

1. Media Essentials - for those who need to understand how the media works, but may not be spokespeople. Especially useful for those dealing with unexpected visits or phone calls from journalists and gives comms staff greater confidence that others will know when to alert them.
2. Managing the Media – Highly interactive and focussed on making the most of media opportunities – in good and bad. Participants test their knowledge of media policy, while learning about deadlines, opportunities and threats in media, packaging and delivering strong messages, and handling left field and difficult questions.

Participants will be given realistic interview practice which is filmed and provided to them at the conclusion of any training. Interviews can be scaled in intensity, depending on roles, experience and confidence.

# Council Media Essentials

Recommended: 5-10- half day

10-20 in a full day

Designed to raise awareness about how to work with the media, and how to identify story opportunities and threats, this workshop can be run for up to 5 people in a half day and longer for larger groups. The longer the workshop, the more activities to reinforce the learning can be included.

A skilled media trainer conducts the workshop, assisted by a journalist. The training is based on proven theory and relevant analysis and built around easy-to-use techniques and practice.

The workshop is primarily designed for frontline staff who may come face to face with journalists, operational people who need to be able to identify good news stories or potentially bad news stories, and those engaged in public meetings where they need to be aware of company guidelines should media be present.

## Content

The content must be adapted to the needs of each group, but among the areas that can be covered are:

- Insight into why journalists do what they do, what they want, and what this means for your organisation;
- What is news? – and what isn't;
- The importance of deadlines;
- What “off the record” really means
- What you can and can't get away with – dos and don'ts
- The rules for an effective interview
- Staying out of trouble – the principles for keeping to message
- Understanding the media guidelines of the organisation

While one or two people could have a go at a sample interview, most will not do interviews. The participants will complete a variety of small group activities, so that, despite the large numbers, each person will have been involved in roleplays by the end of the day that test their skills.

# Media Essentials

Sample Outline – varies depending on aims for session

	Content	Activity
	Intro to course Participants' objectives/expectations What makes news? What are journalists are really looking for?	Group exercise Discussion Checklist
	What to do when a journalist calls – buying time, dealing with a pushy journo, devising strategy The importance of deadlines How to tailor the information	Roleplay/demo by a couple of people
	<i>MediaSpeak</i> – using the right language <b>Dos &amp; Don'ts for the media</b>	DVD examples Checklist Checklist
	Roleplays – e.g. phone conversation with a journalist or actual interview What this means for you and the comms team	Roleplays Discussion
	Workshop concludes	Evaluation

## Managing the Media

Recommended: Up to three people – four hours  
Up to six people in eight hours

This interactive, fast-paced workshop comprehensively covers the principles of dealing with the media, and will be customised depending on the results of the participants' pre-training registration forms.

Wendy will work with participants for the entire workshop, joined by a professional journalist for the practise interviews (remotely). The aim of the workshop is to give people the skills and therefore the confidence to manage media interviews where there is a good story to tell and in difficult circumstances. It can be tailored to assist people with a specific upcoming issue, or can look at a range of likely media scenarios.

The workshop covers:

- What makes news - the foundation to identifying story angles and recognising threats and opportunities;
- Insight into why journalists do what they do, what they want, and what this means;
- The importance of deadlines;
- The role of online and social media in what journalists do;
- Media Speak - how to speak in media-friendly language that will get your message across;
- Controlling a media interview – bridging techniques that keep the interviewee, rather than the journalist, on track;
- Special techniques for different media – basics for radio, online/social media TV and print situations;
- What to ask when a journalist calls - the first vital steps to planning the interview, and
- Planning for interviews
- Creating a “quotable quote”- a structure for knowing what to say and how to say it in one or two sentences;

The participants will each complete 2 interviews - plus extra practice Exercises.

## Outcomes

In addition to practising the new techniques, participants will have:

- observed a journalist processing their interview, resulting in a deeper understanding of what motivates the journalist;
- been able to question a journalist on why a certain angle was taken or ignored;
- a better understanding of their own natural communication style;
- identified their performance strengths and areas for development;
- have a set of checklists and tools for planning their next media interview;
- been challenged to think about the 'business' of journalists and 'playing' the media game;
- a set of techniques they can apply in other situations, not just with journalists and;
- observed examples of how others have achieved good media performance using the techniques they've learned.

# Managing the Media

Sample full day outline

	Content	Activity
08:30	Intro to course Participants' objectives/expectations Why talk to media? What makes news (threats and opportunities for you) What journalists are really looking for?	Discussion  Exercise/Discussion Group exercise Checklist
	Planning – what's my strategy? Media Speak – getting your message across Do's, Don'ts for all media Simple and engaging language What to say and how to say it?	Formula Formula Discussion Video examples Three step formula Video/audioexamples
10:30- 10:45	Break	
10:45- 12:15	First interview for participants – making the most of the opportunities (Using colourful but safe language)	On camera Detailed feedback Did you tell the story?
12:15- 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 - 13:45	What to do when a journalist calls – testing/confirming your media policy	Discussion Exercise/Role-play Checklist
13:45- 14:30	Handling unexpected & difficult questions - Interview technique - Turning every question into an opportunity	Formula Video/audio examples Exercise
14:30- 14:45	Break	
14:45- 16:15	Second interviews – dealing with the more aggressive interview – perhaps live talkback radio or TV?	On camera Detailed feedback
16:15	Where to now?	
16:30	Workshop concludes	

## Who is Wendy McGuinness?

Wendy McGuinness is a dynamic and qualified trainer who brings to her workshops the benefit of more than 25 years' experience as a senior journalist, communications advisor and polished presenter.

As a journalist, Wendy worked for the national talk radio network (including, 2GB, 3AW), 2WS, Triple M and Fox and ABC Melbourne, in radio, television and online news. She has been an on the road reporter, as well as an editor, newsreader and producer. Wendy spent three years as a media advisor with NSW Police, honing her skills in media management and crisis communication. She designed and led the media strategy for campaigns such as, National Missing Person's Week, the National Child Sex abuse phone in and road safety initiatives and was seconded to the Police Minister's office as Press Secretary. Later, with Tourism New South Wales, Wendy was able to broaden her expertise in pro-active media engagement, including publicity for the World's Longest Buffet and major announcements.

Wendy delivers training, coaching and advice that cater to your needs and level of experience. The aim is always to equip you with the skills and confidence to meet your communications challenges. A journalism degree, a nationally recognised certificate IV in Training and Assessment and a Level 2 in 4MAT training design, add weight to Wendy's considerable practical experience in journalism and communication. A Graduate Certificate in Counselling and Psychotherapy give Wendy added sensitivity in the training room. She can support and guide participants and recognise when individuals need extra support. She recognises that media and public speaking are confronting for some, so makes it her mission to guide them in a safe environment.

## What others say about us

“Delivered well with excellent tips and strategies to maximise media opportunities”.

**Edwin Edlund, Media Manager, NT Lands, Planning & Environment**

“Thanks Wendy, much appreciated. Very beneficial, great content and delivery and didn’t feel uncomfortable or overwhelmed.”

**Darren Willis, Regional Director – Department of Logistics & Infrastructure**

“I thought it was exceptional. I was impressed with your tactics in bringing discussion back to topic and keeping the group on track. I really enjoyed working with you and I think there is potential to follow this approach for other clients.”

**Elena Madden, True North**

“This course pushed me outside of my comfort zone, but in a good way. I appreciate Wendy’s patience to make sure I was never overwhelmed at any stage”.

**Lisa Taylor, Inspector NT WorkSafe**

“Wendy was responsive to the diversity of roles in the room. Exercises and content was tailored to support needs. Practical activities were a highlight and to receive feedback about personal verbal and non-verbal communication was a gift”.

**Aderyn Chatterton, Regional Director, NT Education**

“Thanks very much for the training today. It was definitely worthwhile and I took away a lot of things that we can use in our business”.

**Annette Wallace, Safety and Compliance Manager, Air North**

“Very glad we did the workshop. So helpful to understand what the media are looking for in a crisis and why. Great tips on how to structure responses and stay on point. Thank you for a very valuable session, the content was pitched just right for us and each of us have taken away some very valuable lessons and pointers which I know will be used in the future”

**Sandra DeKock, Airport Development Group EGM People & Culture**

“Thanks Wendy, I have had such positive feedback. Everyone loved it and said what a ‘gun’ you are!

**Cassandra Buckley, formerly NT PHN**

“Highly relevant and enjoyable.”

**Elle Mather, NT Dept Housing Local Government & Community.**

# A sample of our current clients

## Corporate

Telstra  
Citi  
AusNet  
Airport Development Group  
Bega  
Belong  
Mondo  
Lochard Energy  
Fonterra  
Oliver Hume

## Government

A number of Government Departments in the NT, including DLPE, Housing Local Government & Community Development, Department of Education & Training & Department of Logistics and Infrastructure  
Palmerston Council  
WARC  
Roper Gulf Shire  
AHPRA  
AgriFutures  
Justice Victoria  
Melbourne Water  
South East Water  
Greater Western Water  
State Trustees

## Non-Government Sector

NT Principals Association  
NT RSPCA  
Engineers Australia  
Responsible Investment Association  
Heart Foundation  
Avocados Australia

## Your investment

Our training fees for the workshops cover:

- Design and preparation, including design of a program to accommodate specific participant objectives, researching issues, liaison and planning with client, logistics
- Delivery by a qualified media trainer
- Interviews by a senior journalist with signed confidentiality agreement
- Delivery at your venue
- Attendance by an appropriate observer (if desired)
- Copies of interviews
- Tailored workbooks for use on the day and for future reference
- Verbal & brief written de-brief on participants
- Six months follow up telephone support

<b>Workshop</b>	<b>No. of Pax</b>	<b>Length of workshop</b>	<b>Investment plus GST</b>
Media Essentials	Five-ten	Four hours	\$3,200
	Ten-twenty	Eight hours	\$5,400
Managing the Media	One	Three hours	\$2,900
	Two	Four	\$3,000
	Three	Four-six	\$3,300-\$3,600
	Up to six	Eight hours	\$5,200

BMM covers all expenses, providing she can secure at least two full days work in the Territory – usually through a mix of clients.

Wendy designs all training, so please feel free to ask about different combinations.

## 10. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

### 10.1 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2026

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

#### **PURPOSE**

To inform Council of the correspondence received from Belyuen Community Government Council regarding Wagait Beach's ANZAC Day service.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the report entitled ANZAC DAY Commemorations 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

#### **Background**

Council received correspondence from the Belyuen Community Government Council on 22 April 2026 expressing disappointment that representatives from the Belyuen community were not invited to participate in the 2026 Wagait Beach ANZAC Day service.

By way of background, prior to the 2025 ANZAC Day service, feedback was received from Defence Force representatives requesting that the service be shortened, noting the overall length of the ceremony. At that time, it was decided to proceed with the 2025 service as planned and review potential changes for future years.

In reviewing the format of the service for 2026, consideration was given to the overall duration of the ceremony and the content being presented. It was observed that several readings and historical reflections delivered during previous services covered similar themes and historical context, which resulted in some repetition throughout the program.

To streamline the 2026 service, a decision was made to retain the reading delivered by the Member for Daly, while reducing additional readings and supplementary presentations. This approach was intended to maintain a respectful and meaningful service while keeping the ceremony within a more reasonable timeframe and generally aligned with the structure of a standard commemorative service.

A key consideration in shortening the service was the welfare of participants, particularly members of the catafalque party and attending service personnel. In previous years, high temperatures during the morning ceremony had caused difficulties for some participants, including incidents where personnel became unwell due to heat exposure. Fortunately, weather conditions during the 2026 service were significantly milder.

#### **Comments**

**Options for Council Consideration**

1. Consider holding future ANZAC Day services at dawn (approximately 6:00am), which would significantly reduce heat-related risks and may allow for a longer program if desired; or
2. Retain the current 9:00am service time and continue to keep the ceremony concise with limited readings and presentations.

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

A copy of the correspondence from BCGC is attached as is a response from Wagait Shire Council President, Neil White.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

President Neil White  
c/- Wagait Shire Council  
PMB 10  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear President White,

**Re: ANZAC Commemorations 2026**

On behalf of Belyuen community, we wish to express our extreme disappointment with the knowledge that Belyuen has been omitted from this years ANZAC services in Wagait Beach.

We are not sure why we have been excluded this year or why no-one from WSC contacted us to tell us.

Belyuen & Delissaville have a long history with the Australian Defence Forces that dates back over 85 years.

The Black Watch played a pivotal role in rescue missions and aiding downed pilots throughout WWII

This legacy is acknowledged on ANZAC Day each year through the reciting of correspondence and history of the time that has been documented and preserved for future generations.

Belyuen School children are proud to recite a poem and lay wreaths in recognition of their ancestors with whom they share the same surname. It is a very important part of our history that needs to be preserved.

We march as one on ANZAC Day and raise the flag that our forefathers fought under. It is very hurtful to have this taken from us. We respect our Golden Sands neighbours and wish them to do the same for us.

## Saved by a dream and a change of course

*Based on a 1942 interview and report from Melbourne Herald war correspondent Douglas Lockwood.*

After the Japanese bombed Darwin on February 19, 1942 – and continued to do so – a "Black Watch" was set up, mainly Aboriginal volunteers, to establish emergency supply dumps and search for any air crew forced to crash land or bail out.

These local people, with their excellent bush and survival skills, were invaluable to the efforts to rescue fighter pilots who survived the air battle only to find themselves lost in swamps or the bush.

The superintendent at Delissaville (Belyuen), Jack Murray, was placed in charge of one such a group.

Late one day, a radio message from Darwin reported an American Kittyhawk pilot had been shot down south-west of Delissaville. Murray and two locals, Mosey and Willy-Woodie, immediately left to begin a search. They were well out of range before a later message corrected the aircraft position to the north-east.

Using a small launch, the trio searched the waters around the southern tip of Indian Island in Byrnes Harbour. Nothing.

It was not until they drew level with the mouth of a small creek, one of many mangrove tidal streams, that Mosey spoke: "Funny thing, Jack, I dream about that creek last night. That same one."

"Yeah?" Murray said, "What did you dream about him?"

Map of Byrnes Harbour with circled the area where an American pilot spent five days before being rescued by the Black Watch.



"I just last dream we see that creek and we bin go up him in the boat," Mosey responded.

It was worth a try. The noise of the two-stroke motor was deafening as they entered the narrow, low-lined creek, but the going was easy – despite a crocodile wacking the boat with a large tail-wave. They went about a mile upstream when, for no reason he could ever explain, Willy-Woodie pushed the tiller hard to starboard. The craft veered towards the mangroves and the rocks on the shore. Murray turned to correct the heading, but too late. Willy-Woodie cut the motor.

As the engine noise died, they heard a hoarse call for help: "Duh-duh-duh duh," Mosey said. "Yeah, duh-duh-duh!" Willy-Woodie agreed. "No," Murray said. "That's a white man; that's the blude we've come to find."

They stopped ashore into knee-deep mangrove slime. Crocodile tracks were everywhere.

The calls for help came again, closer. "Keep coming for Goph's sake, I'm here, up this tree," the voice said.

They found a man in an American uniform in a mangrove tree, bound, hauled and covered with insect bites. They lifted him down and carried him to the launch, where he cried as they laid him in the stern before he rolled over and kissed the gunwale. His rescuers hoisted a bottle and gave him a drink of tea. It worked and the American regained his voice.

"Name's Johnson. I was shot down here five days ago, I parachuted, but my back when the chute opened. Maps were in my hands, no idea where I was. I wandered around in the mangroves, hauled through the mud.

"No idea this creek was here, but that explains the crocodile. At night I had to climb trees to get away from them, and stay awake so I didn't fall. Nothing to eat."

Jack looked at Mosey and Willy-Woodie. It was obvious that Johnson was mad. Having been shot down earlier that morning, and then lost in a mangrove swamp had been too much – now he was mad he had been there for five days and nights.

"Sure it wasn't this morning you were shot down?" Murray asked the pilot shook his head.

"Look at this point then," he replied. "See, five-long tracks. I kept a track of the sleep. I was going to give myself one at sundown today. I couldn't take another night of that horror in there. It's thankful I had enough strength to make you hear me from the boat."

"We didn't hear you, mate," Jack said. "Couldn't hear a thing beside that two-stroke motor."



Above: A Black Watch patrol relaxing between missions searching for downed pilots or replenishing supply dumps.

"That's silly!" Johnson said. "I heard you when you were going out to sea and I began shouting, then you turned into the creek and your engine noise was getting louder.

"I fired a couple of bullets to make sure. When you were opposite me, you cut the motor and I knew I was saved."

"We didn't hear you, we didn't hear the bullets," Murray said.

"But you cut the engine when you were exactly opposite me. Why if you hadn't heard, did you cut the engine just there?"

"Ask Willy-Woodie that one," Jack said.

Willy-Woodie had no explanation. "I just bin do him," he said.

Mosey was the same. "I never knew just that creek before; I don't know why I dreamed about him, but I did I saw him all right."

Johnson was returned to his unit the following day. His squadron had given him up for dead.

Photo right: Jack Murray on board the Delissaville Black Watch launch used for rescue missions.



Photographic courtesy of the Northern Territory Library World War II collection.





24 April 2026

Dave Ferguson  
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CMB 18 Belyuen Community  
Darwin NT 0801

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Dear Dave

**RE: ANZAC Commemorations 2026**

Thank you for your letter regarding the ANZAC Day commemorations at Wagait Beach.

On behalf of the Wagait Shire Council, I would like to acknowledge the deep historical and cultural significance that ANZAC Day holds for the Belyuen community. The contribution of DeLissaville and the Black Watch, and the important role this history plays for your community—particularly for your young people—is both recognised and respected.

I would like to reassure you that there was no intention to exclude Belyuen from this year's service. The program continues to include a Welcome to Country, delivered by our local representative, Dheran Young, which acknowledges the history of DeLissaville and the Black Watch and their contribution during World War II.

In planning this year's service, the Defence Force team we are working with requested that consideration be given to the overall length and structure of the ceremony. As a result, the formal program has been streamlined. However, this does not prevent participation by community members.

All members of the community, including the Belyuen community and school children, are warmly welcome to attend the service and lay wreaths as part of the commemorations. Their presence and participation remain valued.

We also wish to acknowledge and support the opportunity for Belyuen to hold its own ANZAC Day service. This would provide a dedicated space for your community to honour its unique history, including the recitation of poems, storytelling, and recognition of ancestors in a way that is meaningful and locally led.

Wagait Shire Council

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Wagait Shire Council respects the strong historical ties and shared significance of ANZAC Day across our communities, and we remain committed to ensuring that this important day is commemorated with dignity and respect for all.

We appreciate you bringing your concerns forward and welcome ongoing dialogue to ensure future commemorations continue to reflect the values and history of our broader community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Neil White**  
**President**  
**Wagait Shire Council**

## 10.2 NDIS ACCESS CLINIC

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### **PURPOSE**

To inform Council on the NDIS Access Clinics in Belyuen during May 2026.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the report entitled NDIS Access Clinic.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

### **Background**

Council staff recently met with Bec Moller, Project Manager – Remote Services Branch, NDIS, who advised that an information session would be held in Belyuen from 11–15 May 2026 for community members living with a disability who may be eligible to apply for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), up to the age of 65 years.

### **Comments**

Council's Office Manager has the contact details for the Project Manager and can assist any residents who may wish to discuss their eligibility or seek further information regarding the application process.

### **Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

### **Attachments**

Information regarding the NDIS is attached.

**OFFICIAL**

# Belyuen 2026 Community Access Clinic

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be visiting Belyuen Community.

Come along and chat to us in person. We are here to help answer your questions about the NDIS. This might include how to apply to the NDIS, or how to use your NDIS plan.

If you want to know more about NDIS, come see us when we visit. We will talk about:



**What is the NDIS?**



**What is a Disability?**



**Support to Access NDIS**



**What are supports and services?**

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**Where: Belyuen Council Building**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15 May 2026**

**Time: 8am to 4pm**

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**Contact Caroline for more details**

**Phone: XXXXXX Email: XXXXX**

## What is the NDIS?



A disability is when people have trouble doing things like seeing, speaking, hearing, walking or thinking properly.



The NDIS helps people with **permanent** and **significant** disability.



**Permanent** means disability will not go away. **Significant** means the disability changes how you live every day.



The NDIS can help people who:

- Use wheelchairs or find it hard to move about
- Find it hard to learn
- Find it hard to talk or understand things
- Find it hard to eat
- Find it hard to see
- Find it hard to hear, or
- Get involved in community life.

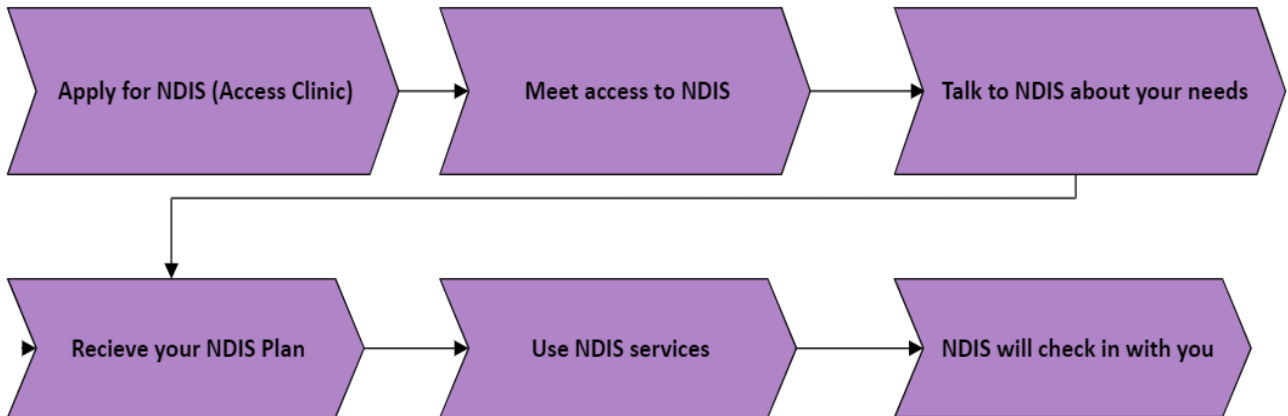


NDIS funding helps participants on the NDIS. Funding is the money from your NDIS plan that pays for the supports you need.



All NDIS participants have an NDIS plan. This plan says how you will spend your NDIS money. The NDIS money pays for service providers to help you with your disability.

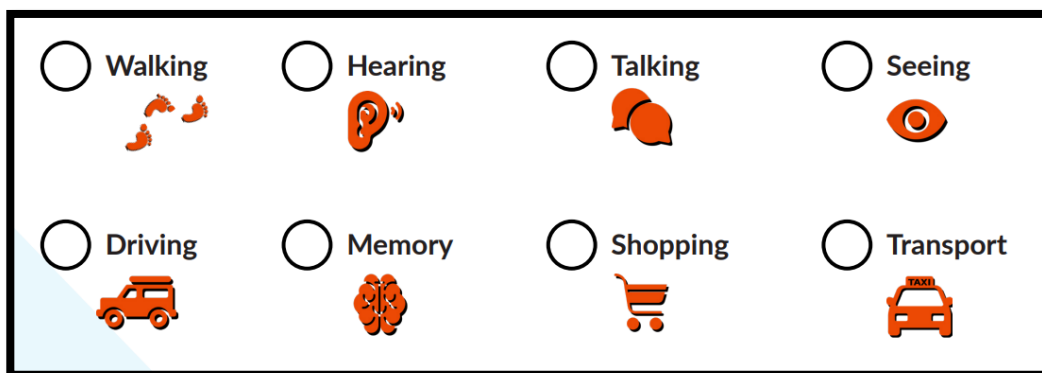
### What does NDIS look like for participants?



An NDIS Service Provider are the people who help you use your plan and give you support.

## What is a disability?

A disability is when people have trouble with:



Some people are born with a disability.

Some people have a disability because they get sick, have an accident or hurt themselves.

Disabilities can make it hard for people to do certain activities.

You can't see some disabilities like psychosocial disability, sensory processing and when people can't hear and think properly.

People with disabilities can still do lots of things, if people get the right help they can do more things for themselves.



### 10.3 WAGAIT BEACH HEALTH CLINIC PROGRAM

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To inform Council of Remote Territory Health Care’s plan to cease visits after June 30 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the report entitled Wagait Beach Health Clinic Program.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

**Background**

Council’s CEO met with the owners of Remote Territory Health Care, Kylie Straube and Nic Jarrett, in early April 2026 to discuss the future of health service delivery to Wagait Beach following the conclusion of current outreach funding arrangements on 30 June 2026.

RTHC advised that the funding currently supporting the outreach health service to Wagait Beach will cease on 30 June 2026. They further advised that the continuation of the service beyond this date has been challenging due to the relatively low number of patient presentations during clinic visits.

A report provided by RTHC and attached to this agenda outlines service usage from April 2025 to February 2026. Over a total of 19 clinic visit days, the following was recorded:

- 96 total patient presentations across the 19 clinic days;
- 4 clinic days where no presentations were recorded;
- An average of 5 presentations per clinic day across all visits;
- Excluding the 4 days with no presentations, an adjusted average of 6.4 presentations per clinic day;
- The highest attendance occurred during the first two clinic days in April 2025, with 22 presentations recorded, averaging 11 presentations per day; and
- A total of 76 clinic service hours were delivered (based on 4-hour clinic visits), equating to an average of approximately 1.2 presentations per hour.

RTHC also discussed a potential alternative service model involving a remote healthcare system incorporating enhanced telehealth technology and equipment. Preliminary investigations are currently underway into how such a system may operate within Wagait Beach and what role Council may be able to play in supporting its implementation.

**Comments**

Nil

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

Information regarding the Telehealth model and trial is attached.



**Simbani Research**  
Telehealth, Digital Access, Innovative Remote  
Strategy Solutions and Service Development

## Telehealth for the bush trial for remote areas

Only 500,000 people live in Australia's most remote locations<sup>1</sup> but they have disproportionate access to health services and consequently, poorer health outcomes. That is, the further away from health services, the poorer the health outcomes.

Evidence indicates there is a lack of access to health services (including allied health) for regional and remote people. There are often long waits to access services, and in some cases, people are unable to access the services they need.

Telehealth may be part of the solution to this long-term problem.

***Synapse Medical in collaboration with Simbani Research have been trialling a new model of service delivery for remote areas where there is limited access to services.***

**Initial Telehealth for the Bush Trials:** The initial trial has been in the Northern Territory, in collaboration with experienced local stakeholders and partner organisations. The trial has offered telehealth services to remote communities and people. In one very remote Aboriginal community, 17 health checks were done via telehealth over community Wi-Fi, identifying a number of community members needing further follow up. One cattle producer could not believe they had their very first consultation with a professor at the ripe old age of 50! These initial patient consultations, and others, have been a resounding success so we are looking to expand the trial to include a wider range of remote areas and more services.

**How it works:** Synapse Medical is a leading Australian MedTech company, that has been providing mobile technologies to help doctors with medical appointments, Medicare billing, and other administrative tasks since 2010.

Synapse has a mobile phone app which is a complete medical billing system known as the **Synapps MBS**. It's a one-of-a-kind app that lets doctors bill to Medicare from their mobile phones, and it connects specialists, GPs and nurses just like Uber connects drivers and riders.

**This means we can use the app to connect primary healthcare providers, specialists, and patients for telehealth appointments.**



1. Modified Monash Model (MMM) Regions 6 & 7



# Telehealth for the bush trial for remote areas



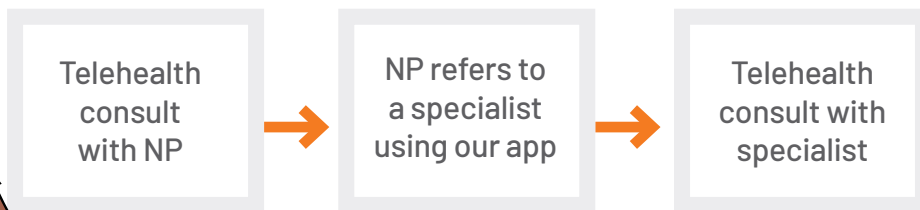
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An untapped part of the primary care workforce is Nurse Practitioners, who are highly qualified Registered Nurses, educated and authorised to work independently. They diagnose and treat patients in collaboration with medical practitioners, and national standards ensure they provide high quality, patient centred care working much like GPs.

## Nurse practitioners can:

- ✓ Provide telehealth services in all states and territories in Australia.
- ✓ Provide patient rebates through Medicare.
- ✓ Provide prescriptions and access to PBS medicines.
- ✓ Refer patients to specialists.
- ✓ Order x-rays and diagnostic tests.

**We connect Nurse Practitioners and Specialists,  
like Uber connects Drivers and Riders.**



**Healthcare delivered to your home.**

You will also receive the benefit of Synapse's patient concierge, who will coordinate your care at every step of the way to ensure appointments are made and everything runs smoothly.

In terms of privacy, it is central to everything we do. Synapse is the only ISO certified medical billing provider in Australia, using bank level security across its app and IT infrastructure. Our participating practitioners will also upload your clinical records to your My Health Record account if that is what you would like. Just let us know.

Synapse has nurse practitioners, specialists and allied health practitioners waiting at the end of their app for an appointment with you.

And best of all, all specialist appointments will be bulk billed to Medicare – yes, it's true!

## How to access telehealth services now:

If you or members of your family would like further information, or would like to participate in the trial, please contact us using any of the following options:

**Email:** [th4b@synapsemedical.com.au](mailto:th4b@synapsemedical.com.au)

**Call:** 1300 510 444

**Chat:** [www.synapsemedical.com.au](http://www.synapsemedical.com.au) and click on the blue chat button in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page to start chatting with our wonderful team.

All you need is a phone, and we will get you healthcare.



[synapsemedical.com.au](http://synapsemedical.com.au)

## 10.4 LGANT NOVEMBER 2026 CONFERENCE

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginia Boon, CEO

### **PURPOSE**

To inform Council of the next Local Government Association NT (LGANT) conference to be held in Alice Springs.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the report entitled LGANT November 2026 Conference.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

### **Background**

On Wednesday 29 May 2026, Council received an email from LGANT advising to save the date of the next LGANT Conference to be held in Alice Springs on 10 & 11 November 2026.

### **Comments**

Information provided to date includes:

#### **Program at a glance**

The conference program will include:

- Keynote speakers with relevant local government experience
- Panel discussions and facilitated conversations
- LGANT General Meeting and Annual General Meeting
- Networking opportunities and social events

More program details and speaker announcements will be released closer to the event.

#### **Call For Motions**

- LGANT member councils are invited to submit motions for consideration at the LGANT November 2026 Conference and Annual General Meeting.
- Motions provide an important opportunity for councils to raise matters of significance to the local government sector and help shape LGANT's advocacy priorities.

**Proposed closing date:** Late September 2026 (subject to confirmation)

Full details on eligibility, submission requirements and the confirmed closing date will be published closer to the event.

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

**10.5 ACTION LIST**

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on the status of the Actions List to 13 May 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receives and notes the updated Actions List to 13 May 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

The updated Actions List is attached.

Item	Res No	Resolution	Date	Status
1	2020/101	Local Area Planning, Environment and Climate Change	13/05/2026	No further updates
			12/03/2026	There has been substantial erosion that has taken place at the Erickson Beach Access on the Northern side of the sand dune causing a sharp drop off for anyone attempting to drive over the dune. Crown Lands Management have requested council put a road closure sign up to prevent people from driving in the area until the damage can be assessed and a plan put in place for any repairs required.
			15/1/2025	Crown Land Management provided a scope of works for the Council to quote on, and this quote was submitted to them prior to the Christmas break. An email received on 15 January 2025 indicated that, due to the costs associated with RUA maintenance, the project will need to be tendered under a tier two process. They have requested that we provide an estimate for a 36-month period. Additionally, Crown Land Estate aims to incorporate the RUA into a formal maintenance plan.
			4/10/2024	Had another meeting with Crown Land Management and discussed a works schedule for the RUA. CLM are writing it up for Council to quote on.
			14/8/2024	Discussed and reviewed a scope of works for the maintenance of all DIPL sites in Wagait Beach.
			10/04/2024	Discussion with DIPL regarding issues raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Still working on a plan to maintain sites.</li> <li>▪ DIPL would need more discussion on the closure of the Erickson/Imaluk Beach Access as this would require approval from higher up.</li> <li>▪ No further news on Occupation Licence at this stage – Crown Land Management are following this up.</li> </ul>
			14/03/2024	DIPL's Land Management staff attended Wagait Beach and met with WSC staff on Friday 8 March 2024. Items to be further investigated by the Land Management staff were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The status of the Occupation Licence over the two Beach Accesses</li> <li>▪ Maintenance of the RUA and pedestrian Beach Accesses</li> <li>▪ Maintenance of all NTG easements in Wagait Beach including the drains</li> <li>▪ How DIPL will conduct community consultation regarding the installation and closure of a locked gate at the Imaluk Beach Access</li> </ul>
			17/11/2023	No further action to date for shared services with Belyuen. Beach access sites – work still ongoing
			10/10/2023	Letter received from NTG LG Unit confirming NFA on boundary reform. Belyuen, Coomalie and Wagait CEOs met to discuss opportunity for shared services and a response to letter. Crown Land advised the OL's for Baluria and Erickson beach access carparks are being considered. Remediation works on both sites commences 16 October.
			11/09/2023	CEO and President met with NTG LG Unit on 18 August to discuss LAP and boundary reform as well as current projects. LG advised that no further action will be taken to amalgamate councils in the foreseeable

	future. Council will undertake a 5-10 year strategic planning process with the community and other stakeholders commencing September.
11/08/2023	Response received from Minister Paech; CEO and President will meet with LG Unit on 18 August to discuss LAP.
13/07/2023	Occupational licenses pending. Meetings with contractor to confirm scope of works.
15/06/2023	Funding through DCMC Community Places for People grant submission approved and project to remediate beach access roads and carparks will commence once Occupational Licenses are received.
14/04/2023	Occupational licenses for Baluria and Erickson beach carparks have been submitted and costs for planning, carpark remediation and signage has commenced. A funding submission to CPP (DCMC-LG Unit) will be submitted for the work.
13/02/2023	RUA weed map and plan completed. Action to remove mission & gamba grasses commencing January and neem trees in March-April prior to flowering. Preparation of documents required for occupational licenses on Baluria and Erickson beach carparks has commenced.
2020/113	11/11/2022 Council has received approval for the quote to deliver monitoring and weed management services in the RUA.
	16/09/2022 Further correspondence with DCMC and DIPL-CLO and raised again at TERCC meeting 13/09/2022; resulted in CLO visit & tour of beach access and RUA disturbance on 16/09/22. Further meetings with DEPWS & CLO planned.
	12/08/2022 Correspondence to DEPWS and DIPL-CLO to request meeting regarding RUA access gate & maintenance has had no response. CEO has approached DCMC for support to find Department contacts and progress issues. Also raised at TERCC meeting 03/08/22.
	11/02/2022 CLE advise DIPL have no record of boat access at Imaluk/Erickson. Public Access is subject to occupational license held by council. Further meetings pending advice from DEPWS.
	12/11/2021 CLE has confirmed 5-year occupational lease for the picnic table at Imaluk Beach access on Erickson Crescent. A follow up meeting with LCE and DEPWS to discuss other leases has been scheduled for end November.
	15/10/2021 Meeting held with CLE & DEPWS on 15 October at WSC offices to discuss proposal for conservation and maintenance of the beach access points through the coastal reserve and RUA.
	13/08/2021 Requests from Several requests from residents received to open the Erickson Beach vehicular access for sailing in July/August. Significant quad damage to dunes west of Imaluk reported after both long weekends. RUA access gate found open/unhinged (vandalised) and has been repaired.
	20/07/2021 NTRRF submission again unsuccessful however NTES have been advised to work with us to create an LEP. CEO met with Department Environment, Parks and Water Security (DEPWS) regarding RUA and a proposal for Council to assume responsibility has been suggested. Locks replaced at Imaluk Beach RUA access. Further meeting dates TBA.

			10/06/2021	CEO met with NTRRF Panel Chair on 10/06/21. Outcome advice is anticipated in July. CEO met with Kevin Hoult and discussed action to date and he agreed that an overall plan for the beach access development and RUA management was required. He has offered to provide further drawings if needed.
			20/04/2021	Grant Application to NT CMC NT Risk Reduction Program unsuccessful.
			12/03/2021	Further emails with photos have been sent to the DIPL Crown Land Estate (CLE) with request for intervention such as a boundary survey of beachfront properties. Nil response to date.
			12/02/2021	CEO and VP Dyer met with DIPL Planning Directors on 24 September to discuss Local Area Planning and related issues.
			09/09/2020	Shire President and CEO met with Crown Lands Estate representatives on 5 August to discuss beach access on RUA's at Baluria, Erickson, WTR and Delissa.
			18/08/2020	Council noted information provided in the Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaption Planning Report and requested a briefing and action plan proposal be presented at the September meeting 2020/113.
			12/04/2020	Council noted submission from Kevin Hoult regarding maintenance of RUA beach access and requested follow up with Crown Land to consider options for further works in RUA 2020/101.
2	16/4/2024	Request for Roads Funding	13/05/2026	No further updates
			9/9/2025	Have forwarded on to Member for Daly the letter sent to Federal Election candidate, Marion Scrymgour
			16/6/2025	Response received from Minister Bill Yan advising that the NTG were not in a position to support Wagait Council's roads Upgrade at this stage.
			12/02/2025	No further action to date.
			14/8/2024	A response to the letter sent to Eva Lawler's office has been received and is tabled in correspondence. The letter states that as this stage there is no funding available for the roads upgrades and that the NTG have invested a significant amount into the new jetty for the area.
			11/7/2024	Letter has been sent to the Chief Minister Eva Lawler and we received notification that this has been sent on to Office of Joel Bowden who is the minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.
			14/6/2024	Waiting on quote to carry out a full reconstruction of road shoulders. This will provide indicative costs so we will have a better idea of how much money we need to ask for.
			16/5/2024	The letter is drafted and we are waiting on a second quote to ensure we have the correct costing for the reseal program.
				Council requested the CEO draft a letter to the Chief Minister, the NT Leader of the Opposition and the Federal Government to request funding assistance for a roads reseal program.
3	23/6/2025	Rates Review	13/4/2026	John Perry from Mead Perry Group is engaged to give a presentation to WS Councillors at their Budget Workshop to be held Thursday 14 May 2026.
			14/04/2026	Rates discussion took place at community meeting. No clear direction was achieved.

				Recommendation for Council to support the facilitation of an information session for Councillors with John Perry from Mead Perry Group to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of flat and differential rating systems.
			11/03/2026	A discussion regarding rates is planned for the Community Consultation meeting to be held on 14 March 2026.
			13/01/2026	A rates review presentation report will be presented in the confidential section of the council meeting to be held on 19 January 2026.
			4/11/2025	To date there are no further updates. The Finance Coordinator will make it a priority to work on this now that the audit and budget reviews are complete
			9/9/2025	Commenced work on rates database – has been held up due to information required for the annual audit
4	23/6/2025	Commercial Income Review	13/05/2026	No further updates.
			14/04/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council has commenced the process to purchase their own water carting equipment which will reduce the cost of water delivery. This can also be used to assist with delivery on a commercial basis if required.</li> <li>• Council can review possible yard maintenance fees for commercial purposes. These will be added to draft fees &amp; charges in the budget process.</li> <li>• Other opportunities are being researched.</li> </ul>
			13/01/2026	A presentation on potential commercial opportunities will be presented in the confidential section of the council meeting to be held on 19 January 2026.
			4/11/2025	To date there are no further updates. The Finance Coordinator will make it a priority to work on this now that the audit and budget reviews are complete
			9/9/2025	No further action to date due to the annual audit
			12/8/2025	Investigating the acquisition of land that could be used for commercial purposes. Re-investigating Aged Care Services for commercial purposes.
5	23/6/2025	Employee Expenses Review	13/5/2026	Council will go through proposals at the Budget Workshop to be held Thursday 14 May 2026.
			14/04/2026	To be discussed in finance report.
			13/01/2026	The Finance Coordinator and the CEO are still working on this review.
			4/11/2025	To date there are no further updates. The Finance Coordinator will make it a priority to work on this now that the audit and budget reviews are complete
			9/9/2025	No further action to date due to the annual audit
			12/8/2025	Commenced work on collating information required for report. Reviewing actual hours worked to budget by employee.
			9/9/2025	Meeting scheduled for Thursday 11 September 2025
			12/8/2025	Sent request for meeting with complainant

## 10.6 CORRESPONDENCE

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### PURPOSE

To provide Council with a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence from 16 March 2026 to 13 May 2026.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receives and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence from 16 March 2026 to 13 May 2026.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

### Background

The correspondence inwards and outwards will be tabled at Council meetings for review by Elected Members.

### 10.6.1 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	TO:	About	
22/04/26	Jill Williamson	Community Fund	email
23/04/26	Resident	Feral Pig Issues	email
23/04/26	Resident	Unauthorised Access	email

### 10.6.2 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	From	About	
21/04/26	Letter to Min Yan	Electricity Pricing Reform	email
24/04/26	Resident	Green Waste Burning	email
28/04/26	EAP	Employee assistance program statistics	email

### Financial Implications

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

### Attachments

*There are no attachments with this report.*

## 10.7 COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLIMENTS REGISTER

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on any complaints, comments and compliments received from 16 April to 13 May 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the complaints, comments and compliments register from 16 April 2026 to 13 May 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS & COMPLIMENTS – 16 April to 13 May 2026				
DATE	ISSUE	TYPE	SOURCE	STATUS
16/04/2026	Green Waste Burn/Dust	Complaint	Email	Action commenced
24/04/2026	Green Waste Burn	Complaint	Email	Action commenced
13/05/2026	Dog Attack	Complaint	Email	Under investigation

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

**11. CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on upcoming events planned over the next month.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and noted the report on current and upcoming events.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

Date	Time	Where	Activity
Sundays & Tuesdays	10am 6pm	Cloppenburg Park	<u>Pickel ball</u> – All Welcome
20/05/26	10:00am	Cox Country Club	<u>Seniors Morning Tea</u> – feel free to bring along a plate of your goodies
Mondays	9:30am	Cloppenburg Park	<u>Yoga</u> – All Welcome
Monday	6.00pm	Community Center	<u>Mahjong</u> – All Welcome

Tuesdays	9:30am	Cloppenburg Park	<b><u>Pilates</u></b> – All Welcome
Wednesdays	5:45pm	Community Centre	<b><u>Ladies Qigong</u></b> – All Ladies Welcome
Wednesdays	7pm	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	<b><u>Social Cricket</u></b> – All welcome
Wednesdays	7:00pm	Community Centre	<b><u>Craft and sewing</u></b> – All welcome
Thursdays - fortnightly	10am	Community Centre	Fortnightly <b><u>Health Clinic Visit</u></b> – Next visit - TBA
Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays	5:15pm	Sportsground - Cloppenburg Park	<b><u>Social Tennis</u></b> – All Welcome
Fridays	9:30am	Community Centre	<b><u>Mahjong</u></b> – All welcome
Fridays	11:30am	Community Centre	<b><u>Line Dancing</u></b> – All welcome

**Financial Implications**

*There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.*

**Attachments**

*There are no attachments with this report.*

## 12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1.

12.2.

12.3.

## 13. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council close the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (General) regulation Division 2;**

51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

51 (1) (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

51 (1) (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;

51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

51 (1) (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Vote:**

At \_\_\_\_\_pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

### 13.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RAISED IN-CAMERA

13.1.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

13.1.2 CEO Recruitment Update

51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

13.1.3 Office of the Ombudsman Correspondence

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person;
- or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

13.1.4 Local Government Compliance Correspondence

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person;
- or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for .....2026.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at .....pm.