



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

WELCOME

Weipa Town Authority (WTA) respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Alngith People and we pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to the young emerging leaders. We also extend our acknowledgment to all the Aboriginal members of the Anathanguyth, Ankamuthi, Peppan, Taepadhighi, Thanikwithi, Tjungundji, Warrangu, Wathayn, Wik and Wik-Waya and Yupangthi Traditional Owner groups, of this Western Cape region.

Weipa is a vibrant, sustainable coastal community of approximately 4,500 residents, located at Albatross Bay on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula, in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The township sits around 200km from Australia’s northern tip and roughly 800km from Cairns by road (or 1.5 hours flying time by air). Despite the distance from other major cities, Weipa Township serves as the regional hub for the Western Cape York Region and contains all the facilities and conveniences of modern living.

On average, Weipa receives 2,051mm of rain annually, with 97% of that falling in the wet season (December – March). Average temperatures are between 19°C and 36°C all year round.

Rich in both natural beauty and cultural heritage, this region features stunning beaches, unspoiled wilderness and unrivaled fishing making Weipa the ideal base to explore the Cape’s many attractions. Home to several different Traditional Owner groups, each contributing to the unique diversity of the area.

WTA acts in the role of Local Council for the Weipa Town Area on behalf of RTA Weipa Pty Ltd (Rio Tinto).

The services supplied and maintained through the WTA are those supplied by local councils throughout Australia, including road maintenance, water supply, town planning, garbage collection, parks, ovals, sporting facilities, library and an aquatic centre.

The Weipa region is extremely rich in bauxite, with much of the surrounding land around the township leased to the mining company Rio Tinto. Rio Tinto Weipa is a major contributor to the regional economy, making significant investments in local infrastructure.


Rio Tinto owns and operates the Weipa bauxite mine, holding three leases that span 3,860 square km of western Cape York.

RTA Weipa Pty Ltd governs the Weipa Town Area and can exercise certain powers and rights of a Local Council by virtue of the Commonwealth Aluminium Corporation Pty Limited Agreement Act 1957 (Qld) and the Comalco Aluminium Corporation Pty Ltd Agreement.

The WTA vision and mission continues to define the overall objectives of the WTA Members and guide the day-to-day performance and priorities of the WTA team.

Feedback

Please direct any feedback or suggestions about this annual report to our Corporate Services team by emailing admin@weipatownauthority.com.au



AREA: 11KM²

ESTABLISHED: 1967

POPULATION: 4,240*

* Population as at 2018

VISION

To create a diverse, connected and sustainable community, the hub of our unique Cape lifestyle.

MISSION

To deliver strong, accountable and inclusive leadership that meets the need of the community through:

- Generating opportunities for economic development
- Delivering high quality municipal infrastructure and services
- Providing open and transparent governance
- Creating and leveraging partnerships with the community including the traditional owners of the land.

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WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

It is my pleasure to submit to you the Weipa Town Authority Annual Report for 2021–22.

While the threat of COVID-19 has started to diminish and become a part of our everyday normal, the ripple effects of the virus' impact on our business community have started to be felt. The difficulty in attracting staff to a remote region like ours has always been challenging but now, with the shortages of qualified people due to the reopening of the borders, has only been amplified. When you add to that the difficulty in securing materials for projects along with the increased costs of those materials, it has been a challenging period for sure.

This has required WTA to continue to be flexible in addressing these challenges and yet still deliver to the Weipa community services they are entitled to.

Maintenance of essential infrastructure is ongoing, with the completion of the second stage of the Trunding Water Mains project. We continue to apply for funding for projects like the design of the John Evans and the McLeod Drive shared pathways. The program of installing more solar lights throughout the town and improving facilities is ongoing.

The project that was the primary focus of WTA in 2021-22 was finalising the construction of the WASP sports complex and, after the opening in October, staffing and running the facility. There has been a huge learning curve in ensuring we achieve the full potential this infrastructure has to offer and deliver the maximum benefit to the community.

Despite the challenging economic environment, we still saw the incredible spirit of the people of Weipa through their devoted support of the many community events; along with the efforts of our incredible community volunteers who continue to provide great events like Weipa Fishing Classic and Weipa Bull Ride.

With another huge tourist season this year, the demand for the facilities in Weipa was stretched but our tourist businesses rose to the challenge to accommodate this demand.

Thankfully, we didn't see any cyclone activity in our region during the wet season even though we had a long wet, which is always welcome.

The next 12 months will present their own set of challenges but the members and staff at WTA are committed to continue providing the high level of services needed.

Michael Rowland

Chair,
Weipa Town Authority

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WORDS FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT (CEO)



I am pleased to present the Chief Executive Officer's report for 2021-22.

Reflecting on another busy and exciting year for WTA with multiple projects delivered throughout 2021-22. Most notably, the opening of the Weipa Aquatic & Sports Precinct (WASP) in September 2021. The facility boasts 3 world class squash courts, 3 tennis courts, recreational indoor sports court, creche, dance studio and gymnasium. As a result, we saw our team expand with the addition of several new roles to operate the new facility.

This facility has allowed the WTA to increase our sport and recreational offerings to the community including the active after school program, increased school holiday activities, youth nights and fitness classes.

Our Baby Bounce & Rhyme Time sessions, Sunset Markets and Community Easter & Christmas events really exemplified our theme for 2021-22 which was connecting people with places.

We managed a total of 505 requests from community over the year with local laws/animal management related requests most common. This was closely followed by Water, Parks, Paths and Road related queries.

We delivered several capital projects including:

- Installation of additional solar lights in Joy Rollin Park and Central Ave Wattle Terrace pedestrian link
- Second stage of the Trunding Water main upgrade which saw the replacement of over 3km of asbestos pipe
- Shade Sail installation for the Hibberd Skate Park
- A further 6 storm water inlets to reduce instances of flash flooding
- Upgraded cinema projector for the Kumrumja Centre
- 1.8km pedestrian and cyclist pathway – Northern Avenue pathway project

I would like to thank the WTA members for their support and vision to continue to enhance our community and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Finally, thank you to the entire WTA team for their commitment and dedication in their roles to continue to deliver for our community.

Judey Haeusler

Chief Executive Officer,
Weipa Town Authority



The Weipa Town Authority comprises seven (7) Members or Representatives. Of these –

- Four members are elected by Weipa residents through a democratic election process,
- Two members are appointed by Rio Tinto, and
- One member is appointed by the Traditional Owners (Alngith Corporation Ltd).

In March 2020 the election process was conducted in the same manner as other Queensland local elections, and resulted in the election of the following members for a four (4) year term –

- Michael Rowland
- Stretch Noonan
- Jaime Gane
- Dave Donald.

WTA MEMBERS

MEET YOUR MEMBERS



Michael Rowland

Originally from England, Michael made Weipa his home in 1988. Michael was so enthralled with the lifestyle and community in Weipa when faced with the option of leaving he chose to stay and started his own business, Weipa Pest Control, which provided Weipa and the wider community with pest control for over 20 years.

Michael has been heavily involved in various committees throughout his time in Weipa, including: Weipa Community Care, Army reserves (51st Battalion), and the RSL. The pinnacle of Michael's involvement within Weipa's community is his position of Chairperson for 15 years. Michael continually strives to improve the wonder that is Weipa in all ways he can.



Stretch Noonan

Stretch has travelled far and wide within Australia, living and working in many different places but he always finds his way back to Weipa. On his first move (1979) to Weipa, Stretch became heavily involved in the construction industry, ultimately beginning his own construction business which operated for over 30 years.

Stretch has been highly involved in the community by running the Weipa Newspaper for four years, the Disaster management group for 10 years and The Anchorage accommodation. Due to his involvement, Stretch regularly meets and talks with the community trying to solve issues to ensure Weipa's future is bright and everlasting.



Jaime Gane

Jaime has called Weipa her home since she was two years old. Jaime's strong appreciation and connection to the lifestyle of Weipa drove her to remain and raise her own family here. Jaime's community passion can be seen through her active participation in a variety of community groups.

Jaime has great insight and understanding of community values and challenges across various age and interest groups due to her diverse involvement throughout the community and background in Weipa. Jaime's drive and passion for Weipa compels her to create opportunities and experiences for people to develop lasting connections to her home.



Aaron Schleich

Aaron came to Weipa in 2007 through Rio Tinto as a Mechanical Engineer. Rising through the roles to his current position as Superintendent – Fuel RTA Weipa. Aaron has degrees in environmental technology and mechanical engineering.

Aaron is a strong advocate for the Weipa region and passionate community member through his role as President of the Weipa Fishing Classic Inc. Aaron strives to shape and strengthen Weipa so others can see and experience the wonderful region he calls home.



David Donald

Dave has lived on the Cape for more than 30 years, moving to Weipa permanently in 1997. He pioneered fishing charter tourism throughout the region, his hard work, innovation and promotional successes reflected in the vibrant industry that Weipa and the NPA now boasts.

Throughout his working life, Dave has always made time for community-based representation, his way of sharing his passion for the wonderful lifestyle the Western Cape provides. He's represented the Cape as a board member of Cape York Sustainable Futures and Tourism Cape York, been a long-term member of the Western Cape Chamber of Commerce and one of the founders of the Weipa Marine & Boating Group.

In his role as an advocate and consultant, Dave has produced reports on indigenous business development opportunities, recreational fishing strategies and the Chamber of Commerce submission to the Amrun Environmental Impact Statement. His election to the Weipa Town Authority brings his abundant local knowledge and long-term business experience skills to our community table.



Jackie Malacoola

Jackie is the Traditional Owner Representative of the Alngith People. She has lived in Weipa her whole life and raised her family here.

Jackie has served in a variety of government and community roles in Weipa, including the Act for Kids safe house in Napranum, Cape York Land Council, Napranum Council and Napranum Youth Centre. Jackie was also a member of the first WCCCA Coordinating Committee and Main Trust, and currently Chairs the Alngith Corporation Board.

Jackie is proud to represent the Alngith Traditional Owner group and looks forward to continuing to bring positive change to Weipa to make it a prosperous and inclusive community for all.



Tim Ryan

Tim initially came to Weipa in 2009 on a 6-month secondment, but later returned in 2011 with what started as a 2-year plan. As he settled into the community that plan changed to a 5-year plan and is now a lifestyle choice. Tim loves the outdoor lifestyle and friendly people that are the beating heart of Weipa. Tim is currently the Manager of Water and Tailings at Rio Tinto, rising through a variety of positions since he came here including Environmental specialist and HSE Business partner.

Tim likes to work with the community and is heavily involved in Weipa SES and previously involved in numerous junior sports associations, including Soccer and BMX. He believes many resource and tourism opportunities will come to Weipa, as the hub for the Cape, allowing the Western Cape to grow and thrive well into the future. Tim's strong passion and enjoyment of the outdoors and events that bring the community together is why he now calls Weipa home.

"It's all part of the adventure... love life!"

– Stretch Noonan

"Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

– Michael Rowland

"There's always someplace new to explore!"

– David Donald

MEMBER REMUNERATION

Remuneration (in accordance with POL-010 *WTA Member Remuneration Policy*) was paid to WTA Members for their service as WTA Representatives, members of the WTA Committee, and other duties normally carried out by elected local government councillors (s12 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld)).

These remuneration arrangements relate to elected WTA Members and the Traditional Owner (Alngith) appointed WTA Member. Rio Tinto appointed WTA Members are not covered by this policy.

Commencing **1 July 2021** remuneration for WTA members was as follows –

	REMUNERATION	SUPERANNUATION (10%)	TOTAL
Chair	\$87,411	\$8,741	\$96,152
Deputy Chair	\$37,458	\$3,746	\$41,204
Member	\$26,640	\$2,664	\$29,304

The remuneration is an all-inclusive and no additional remuneration is payable for sick leave, annual leave other benefits otherwise applicable to employees. WTA Members are entitled to superannuation as per the relevant employer Superannuation Guarantee rate (10%).

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

P	Present
A	Absent
X	Cancelled

Attendance rates for 2021-2022 are as follows –

		JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE																
		14-Jul	28-Jul	11-Aug	25-Aug	8-Sep	15-Sep	13-Oct	27-Oct	10-Nov	24-Nov	8-Dec	15-Dec	25-Jan	9-Feb	23-Feb	9-Mar	23-Mar	20-Apr	27-Apr	11-May	25-May	8-Jun	22-Jun					
		Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Work-shop	Meet-ing	Atten- ded	Held	Atten- dence rate	
Chair	Michael Rowland	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	20	23	87%	
Deputy Chair	Stretch Noonan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	20	23	87%	
Elected Member	David Donald	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	21	23	91%	
Elected Member	Jaime Gane	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	23	23	100%	
Alngith Representative	Jackie Malacoola	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	4	23	17%	
Rio Tinto Representative	Tim Ryan	N/A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	17	22	77%
Rio Tinto Representative	Aaron Schleich	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	19	23	83%

Payments to WTA Members for 2021-22 were as follows –

WTA MEMBER	ALLOWANCE	TRAINING	TRAVEL EXPENSES	MEMBER EXPENSES	TOTAL
Michael Rowland	\$87,411	\$-	\$4,098	\$-	\$91,509
Stretch Noonan	\$37,458	\$-	\$7,789	\$-	\$45,247
David Donald	\$26,640	\$-	\$3,171	\$-	\$29,811
Jaime Gane	\$26,640	\$-	\$771	\$-	\$27,411
Jackie Malacoola	\$26,640	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$26,640
TOTAL	\$204,789	\$-	\$15,829	\$-	\$220,618

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings

General meetings of the WTA are ordinarily held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

During the period July 2021 to June 2022 General Meetings were held on the following dates:

28 July 2021
25 August 2021
15 September 2021
27 October 2021
24 November 2021
15 December 2021
25 January 2022
23 February 2022
23 March 2022
27 April 2022
25 May 2022
22 June 2022

Workshops

Workshops of the WTA are held in the Council Chambers, ordinarily on the second Wednesday of the month.

Workshops are for discussion items and no resolutions are made. During the period July 2021 to June 2022 workshops were held on the following dates:

14 July 2021
11 August 2021
8 September 2021
13 October 2021
10 November 2021
8 December 2021
9 February 2022
9 March 2022
20 April 2022
11 May 2022
8 June 2022

CORPORATE PLAN 2020-2025

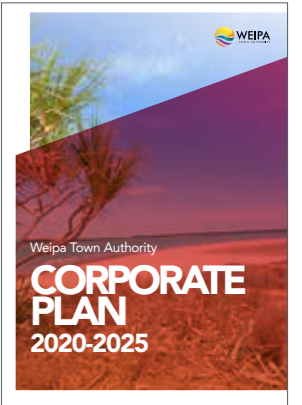
The adopted Weipa Town Authority Corporate Plan 2020-2025 sets the vision and future aspirations of the WTA by outlining strategic priorities, performance pathways and measurable service delivery outcomes.

The plan is the result of the hard work and commitment by WTA Members, WTA Staff, Rio Tinto and key community leaders whom generously provided input, expertise and collaboration throughout the development process.

This plan envisions the best way forward across all the areas to make a vibrant community through delivery pathways including infrastructure, economy, liveability, development, growth and environment.

Operational delivery of the plan was undertaken through delivery of an annual Operational Plan 2021-2022.

There are five (5) pillars in the Corporate Plan –



 <p>Service excellence</p> <p>Positive experiences for our customers and great services to our community.</p>	 <p>A vibrant, connected, resilient community</p> <p>A community working together to develop and maintain the unique Weipa spirit.</p>	 <p>Partnerships and collaboration</p> <p>Partnerships and strategy to support the development and growth of the region.</p>	 <p>A thriving, diverse economy</p> <p>A diverse and prosperous economy offering employment, training and lifestyle options.</p>	 <p>Community infrastructure</p> <p>Quality community infrastructure that supports a liveable and sustainable community.</p>
<p>Performance Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellence in governance Branding for pride and consistency Capability and leadership framework Performance framework Staff training plan Safety first 	<p>Delivery Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy and active community Community garden Connected pathways Shady open spaces Vibrant community events programme Community grant support Regular engagement with community 	<p>Strategic Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in relationships – government, regional, stakeholders TCICA participation Regional Alliance Strategy Business Networks Regional approaches to disaster management 	<p>Strategic Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment attraction Tourism/destination planning and attraction Town planning Policy support for small/home business Research and development opportunities 	<p>Delivery Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term financial and asset management planning Regular asset review Safe and reliable water and wastewater Sustainable natural environment Contemporary and appropriate technology Assets meet endorsed standards

OUR FUNCTIONAL CHART



OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM



L>R: Nicole Emerick – Coordinator Community Services;
 Judey Haeusler – WTA Superintendent; Matt Turnbull – Coordinator Public Works;
 Cindy Kelleher- Coordinator Corporate Services; Renee Williams – Coordinator WASP

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2021



JULY

Foundations and cement poured for the slab at the new SES facility

Changes to the Commercial Water charges introduced

Sunset Markets

Citizenship ceremony held

LGMA Conference held in Cairns

Residential water meter readings carried out

Ore Ship San Yu diverted to Weipa off-shore anchorage as QLD Health manages COVID-19 onboard

AUGUST

Book Week

Weipa Bull Ride annual event

Member Dave Donald travels to Darwin to attend the Developing Northern Australia Conference

Rates Notices issued

Abandoned vehicles auction successfully conducted

Trunding Water Main replacement program underway

Lifeguard re-accreditation & Pool Plant Operators course conducted at the Weipa Aquatic Centre

SEPTEMBER

Official Opening of the Weipa Aquatic Sporting Precinct (WASP) by Yvonne Goolagong Cawley

School Holiday Program

Sunset Markets

RT Emergency Services – rescue exercise

CEO and Coordinators attend the Local Government Managers Australia Qld Annual Conference in Cairns

OCTOBER

Annual Get Ready Western Cape Disaster Expo

Bi-annual Airport Emergency exercise carried out

Financial Audits completed

Weipa Local Disaster Management Group reps attend the 2nd Indigenous Local Government Disaster Resilience and Recovery forum, hosted by TCICA*

University of QLD Financial Management session for Elected Members

NOVEMBER

Weipa Billfish Club celebrates the annual Ladies Gamefish Day tournament

Member Stretch Noonan travels to Brisbane to attend the 125th LGAQ Annual Conference

Member Jaime Gane travel to Cairns to attend TCICA* workshop

1st Meeting for 2021-22 Season held for Weipa Local Disaster Management Group

Community Christmas Markets

DECEMBER

School holiday program

Lighting of Christmas Tree

Christmas Lights decoration competition held

Qld Ballet workshop

Northern Avenue Pathway project completed

1st positive COVID-19 cases present in Weipa

New Body Scanner arrives at the Weipa Aquatic and Sports Precinct

*TCICA – Torres Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2022



JANUARY

Australia Day Awards & Citizenship ceremony

8-week fitness challenge starts

Active Afterschool Soccer

Residential water meter readings carried out

FEBRUARY

Active After School program starts

Girls Night In

Rates Notices issued

MARCH

Baby Bounce

Saturday Craft sessions commence

Upgrade and beautification works commence at Lake Patricia

Chair Michael Rowland travels to Cairns to attend TCICA* workshop

Weipa and Napranum Area Fire Management Group seasonal meeting held

Hibberd Building Air-Conditioning refurbishment project commences

APRIL

Easter Markets

New Emergency Generator delivered and installed at the new SES / LDCC facility

Members from WTA Communities Team travel to Cairns for SWIMlocal systems training

Final Meeting for 2021-22 Season held for Weipa Local Disaster Management Group

MAY

Active After School Basketball

Mobile Outage affecting township lasts 4 hours

Chair Michael Rowland travels to Cooktown to attend TCICA* workshop

Annual Animal Registration notices issued

24-26 May: Intermittent Telstra Communication Outages affecting services within Weipa Township and surrounding areas

JUNE

School Holiday Program

Total communications outage affecting region lasts 6 hours

National Simultaneous Storytime

17th Annual Weipa Fishing Classic draws crowds to town

New shadesails erected at the Skate Park

Chair Michael Rowland and Governance Officer attends the FNQ Regional Infrastructure Planning workshop in Cairns

17 June: Telstra Communication Outage affecting services across Cape York

OPENING OF THE WEIPA AQUATIC SPORTING PRECINCT (WASP)

The construction and opening of the Weipa Aquatic and Sports Precinct was a flagship project for 2021-2022. Following the receipt of \$13M grant funding from Rio Tinto, the area adjacent to the Weipa Town Authority office was transformed from 'back in the day' public tennis courts into a state-of-the-art recreation centre for the Weipa community.

Planning and community consultation commenced in mid-2018 with construction commencing in early 2019 overseen by WTA and a project management team.

The WASP was officially opened on 11th September 2021 by Michelle Elvy, General Manager Rio Tinto Weipa; Michael Rowland, Chairperson Weipa Town Authority and our very own Australian Tennis Champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley.

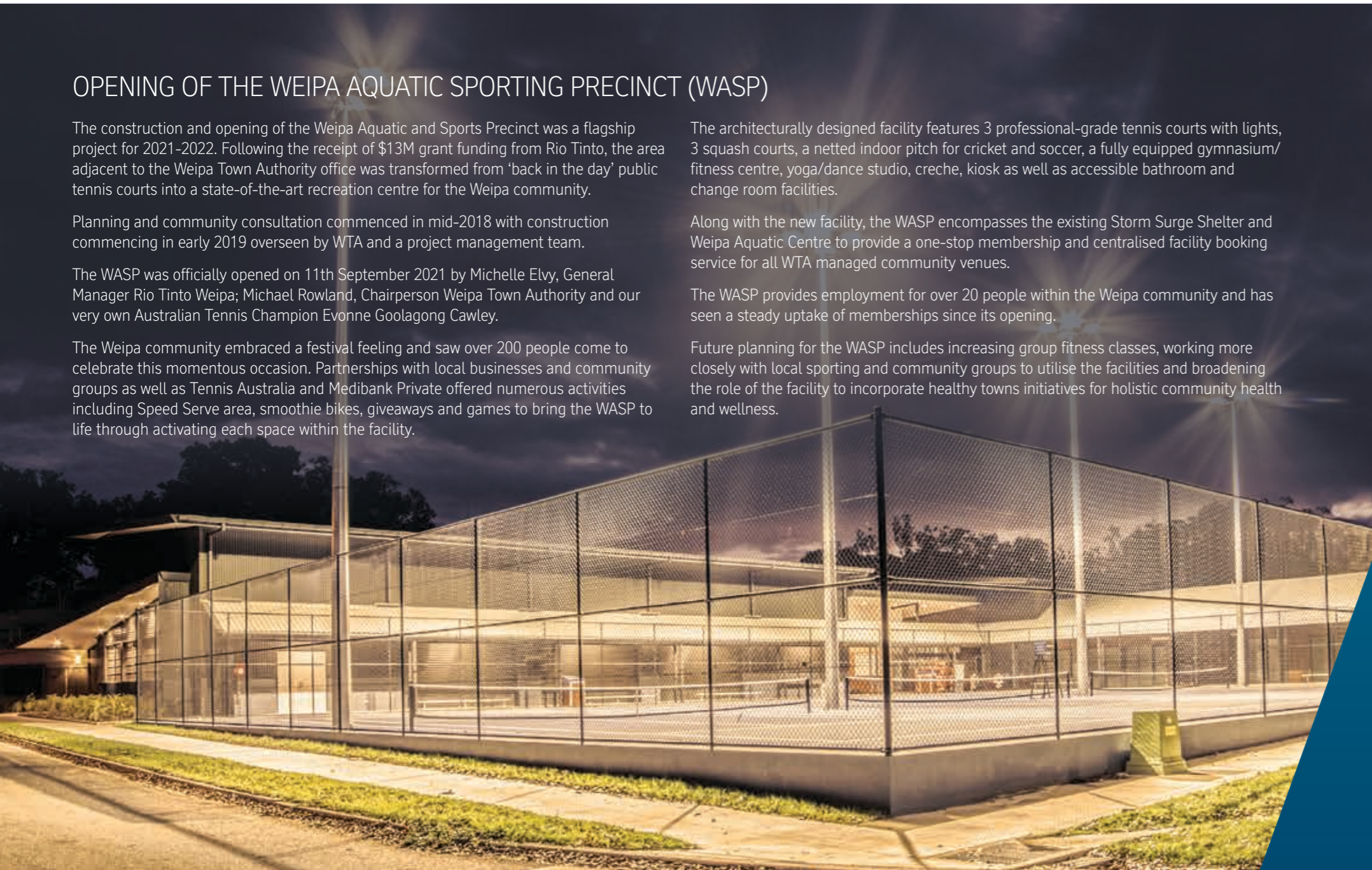
The Weipa community embraced a festival feeling and saw over 200 people come to celebrate this momentous occasion. Partnerships with local businesses and community groups as well as Tennis Australia and Medibank Private offered numerous activities including Speed Serve area, smoothie bikes, giveaways and games to bring the WASP to life through activating each space within the facility.

The architecturally designed facility features 3 professional-grade tennis courts with lights, 3 squash courts, a netted indoor pitch for cricket and soccer, a fully equipped gymnasium/fitness centre, yoga/dance studio, creche, kiosk as well as accessible bathroom and change room facilities.

Along with the new facility, the WASP encompasses the existing Storm Surge Shelter and Weipa Aquatic Centre to provide a one-stop membership and centralised facility booking service for all WTA managed community venues.

The WASP provides employment for over 20 people within the Weipa community and has seen a steady uptake of memberships since its opening.

Future planning for the WASP includes increasing group fitness classes, working more closely with local sporting and community groups to utilise the facilities and broadening the role of the facility to incorporate healthy towns initiatives for holistic community health and wellness.





DISASTER MANAGEMENT

COVID-19 was still our primary focus in Cape York with the threat from Papua New Guinea filtering through the Torres Strait on to the Cape a real possibility. In July 2021 the San Yu ore ship was enroute from Manilla to Cape Flattery when six crew fell sick with COVID-19 and the ship was diverted to Weipa anchorage offshore. The handling of the patients, crew and ship was nothing but exceptional from transferring the patients from the ship to mainland to airport and airlift to Brisbane whilst also maintaining the safety and operations of the ship. The total management of this was recognised by Maritime Safety and became the benchmark for handling all ships worldwide.

29 December 2021 saw the first confirmed community transmission cases of COVID-19. This elevated us to the highest level of activation which we stayed at until May 4 2022.

2022 brought us into the phase of the COVID-19 pandemic that we have all been working so hard towards. That is 'Living with COVID'. After a couple of years of social distancing, washing our hands, covering our cough and wearing a mask when indoors or when you can't socially distance it actually started to become normal. Restrictions were relaxed during the year as across the region, state and country everyone was more aware of their surroundings and habits.

In relation to the weather we did not dip as deep into La Nina as all the indicators were showing. We had just above average rainfall with nil activations for tropical disturbances. We did watch a couple of Lows develop but they posed no threat to us. There were four Tropical Cyclones in our region that also posed no threat.

Disaster Management is not just about cyclones although they are our biggest factor living in North Queensland. If you wish to be involved there are a number of community groups that you can get involved with like SES, VMR, Rural Fire Brigade and the Storm Surge Shelter volunteer staffing group.

The Weipa Local Disaster Management Group would like to thank the communities of the Western Cape and our neighboring Disaster Management Groups for our ongoing collaborative approach to Disaster Management. A special note of thank you to Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service for their leadership in working with us and all agencies through this pandemic.

Stretch Noonan

Chair

Weipa Local Disaster Management Group



QUEENSLAND BALLET WORKSHOPS

As part of their Regional Community Engagement program, Queensland Ballet delivered eight (8) ballet workshops to the Weipa community during 2021-2022.

Each two-day workshop was run by Queensland Ballet's Education Teaching Artists and provided the opportunity for the Weipa community of all ages and abilities to experience the magic of ballet.

Petite Pointers, Ballet for Adults and Community Classes were run in the Studio at the Weipa Aquatic and Sports Precinct with every session being fully booked and offering the perfect mix of structure and play. Tutus and toe points abounded as many children and adults alike experienced ballet for the first time and learnt about technique, cues and rhythm and while inspiring creativity, musicality and movement in each person.



The following day In-School Workshops and Teacher PD sessions were offered in partnership with St Josephs Parish School which will facilitate ongoing programs to be delivered by teachers throughout the year.

Dance is a great way to improve confidence, coordination, language and numeracy in our younger learners and inspires strength, coordination and flexibility in everybody.

As part of the Weipa Town Authority's dedication to the arts and culture, Queensland Ballet are set to return to Weipa in May 2023 as a continuation of this program.



**320 PARTICIPANTS
ENGAGED IN
8 QLD BALLET
SESSIONS**



9 MOVIE NIGHTS WERE FACILITATED



618 FAMILY VISITS TO 30 RHYME TIME SESSIONS



403 FAMILY VISITS TO 30 BABY BOUNCE SESSIONS

10,303 LIBRARY BOOKS



693 ACTIVE LIBRARY MEMBERS



132 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERS



DELIVERED 71 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS (44 WASP/INFLATABLE AND 27 ARTS & CRAFT SESSIONS) WITH OVER 600 PARTICIPANTS



SUNSET MARKETS 2021 – 2022

Building on the successful launch of the Sunset Markets in early 2021, Weipa Town Authority delivered five Sunset Markets over the 2021-2022 financial year.

Located in the picturesque Kumrumja Park, stall holders from our local community attended and showcased their small businesses free of charge in a focused effort to support local business.

Kumrumja Centre transformed into the Sunset Bar offering cold drinks and snacks staffed by not-for-profit groups who received the profits from the bar sales to support their fantastic causes. Local mobile food vendors were invited to attend and serve their delicious array of food to a hungry crowd, often selling out later in the evening.

The Jumping Castle was always popular with gold coin proceeds being added to the bar profits for the not-for-profit group at that market.

The Sunset Markets are quickly becoming a key event for the Weipa community with groups of friends and family making an evening of it, bringing chairs and picnic blankets to relax and enjoy the picture-perfect sunset views over the ocean while children are free to safely run and play in the park area.

These events are integral for supporting local businesses and community groups, activating green spaces and WTA facilities and boosting community connections and pride.

Future plans for the markets include offering open mic sessions, partnering with community groups to offer fashion up-cycling opportunities with plans to act on community feedback to offset the markets to repeat every 5-6 weeks to allow more Rio Tinto shift workers to attend.



7 MARKET DAYS HELD FOR A TOTAL OF 114 STALL HOLDERS

(5 X SUNSET, EASTER AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS)



3 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES CELEBRATED FOR 17 NEW WEIPA RECIPIENTS



SES LOCAL DISASTER COORDINATION CENTRE

The State Emergency Service Headquarters is a multipurpose building fit to accommodate the SES and Western Cape Rural Fire Services. The facility will also become the new location for the local disaster coordination centre. To support the facility in being able to adequately operate 24/7 as an emergency services precinct, a generator was added to the building. In the event of a power failure, the generator will provide emergency backup power by aiding power to the communication towers; repairing, charging vehicles and equipment, and allowing for the coordination of disaster response and recovery. Allowing the building to stand independently from the main electrical grid is crucially important during the cyclone season to ensure the facility can still operate at full capacity.

Total cost was \$71,145 (ex GST). The WTA was very fortunate to receive \$35,572.50 from the Queensland Resilience and Risk Fund (QRRRF) 2021-22 towards this important resilience project. The installation of the generator was completed on 7th April 2022.



108 BIN REPLACEMENT REQUESTS ACTIONED



PROCESSED AND APPROVED 410 NEW LOCAL FARES SCHEME APPLICATIONS



505 SERVICE REQUESTS LODGED

TOP 5 SERVICE REQUESTS:-



180 LOCAL LAWS



77 WATER



74 PARKS



46 PATHS



39 ROADS



Western Cape College students
Kael & Delphina on Industry
placement with WTA



TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS CARRIED OUT UNDERTAKING WATER METER READINGS:-

– RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES 90 HRS



– COMMERCIAL PREMISES 108 HRS



280 RETICULATED WATER TESTING SAMPLES TAKEN



PET REGISTRATION

This financial year, we recorded 812 dog registrations. Cat registrations were 52. No healthy dogs or cats were euthanised during this period. We impounded 66 dogs; 8 were rehomed, 2 surrendered and 56 dogs were handed back to their owners.



43 ANIMAL PERMITS ISSUED



20 ANIMAL ATTACKS INVESTIGATED



REMOVED 26 ABANDONED VEHICLES



7 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED



60 REGISTERED ANIMALS TOOK PART IN THE DISCOUNTED DE-SEXING PROGRAM



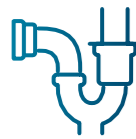
144 APPLICATIONS FOR LAND AND PROPERTY SEARCHES PROCESSED



41 PLANNING ADVICE ENQUIRIES RECEIVED



13 NEW DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS LODGED



2 PLUMBING APPLICATIONS PROCESSED



13 NEW BUILDING APPLICATIONS LODGED



100% COMPLIANCE RATING ON ANNUAL REPORT RECEIVED FOR DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN



36 FOOD LICENCES ISSUED:-

- **18 FIXED/MOBILE PREMISES**
- **18 TEMPORARY FOOD STALLS**



63 FOOD SAFETY INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT

(INCLUDES ROUTINE ANNUAL INSPECTIONS, FOLLOW UPS AND TEMPORARY FOOD PREMISES AT EVENTS SUCH AS THE WEIPA FISHING CLASSIC AND WEIPA BULL RIDE)



APPROX. 92 TONNES OF GREEN WASTE COLLECTED DURING THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP SERVICE

CAPE YORK COLLECTION

The Cape York Collection is an archival and research collection situated in the Hibberd Library.

Established in 1980, the Collection is funded by WTA. It includes archives, audio-visual materials, books, journals, newspapers and photographic collections relating to the Cape York Peninsula region.

During the year, honorary curator Geoff Wharton, has been digitising some of the albums and slide collections and preparing finding aids to assist library customers. One of the remarkable photographic collections is a set of slides created by the late W.C. (Bill) Wentworth and his wife Barbara showing scenes and people during an overland trip in 1962 from Cairns to the Northern Peninsula Area and across to Weipa by Land Rover. This was 20 years before such journeys became popular and the roads were just basic tracks through the bush and along the Cape York telegraph line. Bill Wentworth was a long-term Commonwealth parliamentarian and the first Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (1968-1971). The acquisition of duplicates of these slides occurred as a result of a chance meeting with the Wentworths at the Coen races in 1983.

Many of the low level bridges on the Peninsula were constructed from adzed logs laid roughly across creek crossings.

Among the photographic treasures digitised during the year was an album of monochrome photographs entitled Weipa Bauxite Mining Expansion 1964-1967, which was donated in 1984 by Allan Young, a former General Manager – Weipa Operations. This album features photographs of the first houses being built in Awonga Court in 1965, construction of the bauxite beneficiation plant and other facilities at Lorim Point, including the export shiploader and wharf.



The Wentworths' Land Rover near Laura. Wentworth Slide Collection 1983009.



An aerial oblique view of the new Weipa North township under construction in November 1965. CAC Album 1984002.



Geoff Wharton

NORTHERN AVENUE PATHWAY PROJECT



The Northern Avenue Shared Pathway project was developed to provide a walkway along Northern Avenue.

The pathway is a 2.5-metre-wide pedestrian and bicycle path stretching for 1,400 metres along Northern and Central Avenues. The path allows for safe school routes and linkages to employment and homes. Pedestrian bridges and adequate water run off gutters were also engineered and installed to ensure maximum enjoyment and useability of the pathway.

In the last couple of years, the northern area of Rocky Point has expanded to include a new church, housing, and a motel. This has increased the traffic flow, both on foot and by car. For the safety of the community, the pathway was created to connect to the existing pathway along Central Avenue. The pathway runs from the school crossing on Central Avenue to the intersection of Northern Avenue and Andoom Road.

The total cost of the project was \$724,024 with \$362,012 in support from the Queensland Government's Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program. The project commenced in 2019 and was completed on 13th December 2021.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Weipa Town Authority actively supports local groups and organisations that provide programs, activities, events and projects that enhance community wellbeing, build capacity and enrich the diversity of social, sport, cultural and economic opportunities for residents.

Grants awarded for the year totalled \$32,864.

COMMUNITY GROUP GRANTS		
Weipa Potters	\$1,760	Purchase of additional kiln shelves and props
Weipa Rodeo Association	\$2,000	Purchase of storage for personal protective safety equipment
Weipa Social Aerobics and Fitness Inc	\$1,630	Purchase canvas covers for equipment, dumbbells, gyms bars and ropes.
Weipa BMX	\$2,000	Purchase laptop and accessories, and portable registrars benchtop
Carpentaria Golf Club	\$2,000	Purchase of irrigation equipment
Cape York Boxing	\$2,000	Purchase of a squat rack
Weipa Kindy	\$1,294	Purchase new telephone system and an iPad
Total	\$12,684	
COMMUNITY EVENTS SPONSORSHIP		
Weipa Fishing classic	\$5,000	Support for the 2021 Weipa Fishing Classic Event
Weipa Fishing classic	\$5,000	Support for the 2022 Weipa Fishing Classic Event
Weipa Running Festival	\$2,000	Support for the 2022 Weipa Running Festival
Total	\$12,000	
EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTRIBUTION		
Volunteer Marine Rescue	\$3,000	Annual contribution to local emergency service providers
State Emergency Services	\$3,000	Annual contribution to local emergency service providers
Total	\$6,000	
YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT DONATION		
Demi De Tournouer	\$500	2022 Qld School Sport 10-12 Swimming Championships
Tanna De Tournouer	\$500	2022 Qld School Sport 10-12 Swimming Championships
Total	\$1,000	
CHAIR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND		
Queensland Police Legacy	\$590	Child Safety Handbook Campaign
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Total	\$1,180	
TOTAL	\$32,864	

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT

This community financial report shows a summary of the Financial Statements with the aim of providing understandable information to the members of our community. The use of graphs allows readers to easily evaluate the WTA's financial performance and financial position. This report also includes key financial statistics and ratios that can also be useful indicators of the WTA's performance.

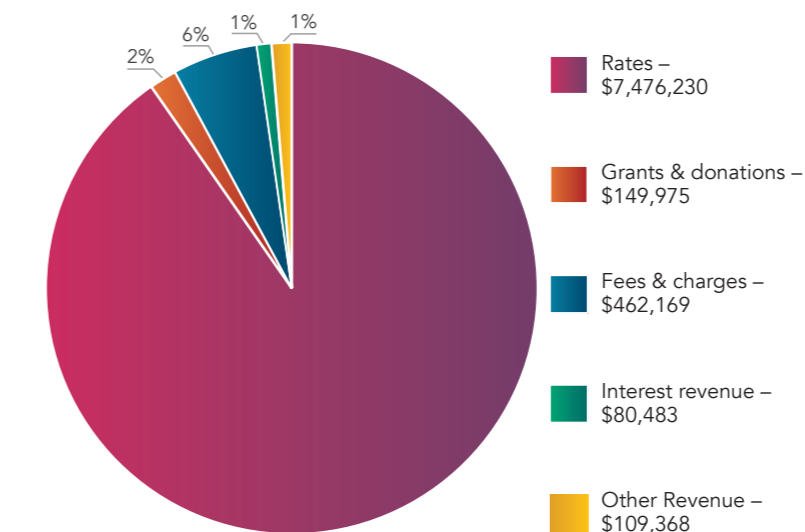
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

REVENUE

WTA received a total of \$8,278,225 in revenue and other income during the 2021-22 financial year.

Total revenue has increased by \$393,219 between this financial year and last financial year. This is the result of an increase in town rates based on annual land valuation data (undertaken by the State Valuation Service).

2021-22 Total Revenue \$8,278,225



Rates and charges

Rates and charges attribute to the majority of the WTA revenue at 90%. This is the primary funding stream that enables the WTA to complete the day to day operations throughout Weipa town. This annual total of \$7.5m includes general rates and also utility rates which fund maintenance of the water and sewer infrastructure, as well as garbage collections.

Grants & donations

This total refers to operating grants & donations only, not capital funding. The annual total of \$150k attributed 2% of the total WTA revenue for 2021-22. The total includes donations received that are passed on to local organisations such as SES, as well as the amortisation of grants received for infrastructure works from the State Government.

Fees & charges revenue

Attributing to 6% of the total WTA revenue, fees & charges are an important revenue stream for the town to operate. Fees & charges include revenue from the aquatic centre & other facilities that the town has for hire, such as the Weipa Storm Surge Shelter. Revenue from animal registrations & the pound are also included in this total, as well as regulatory items such as rates searches, trade waste, town planning and building inspections. A full list of the WTA fees & charges can be found on our website.

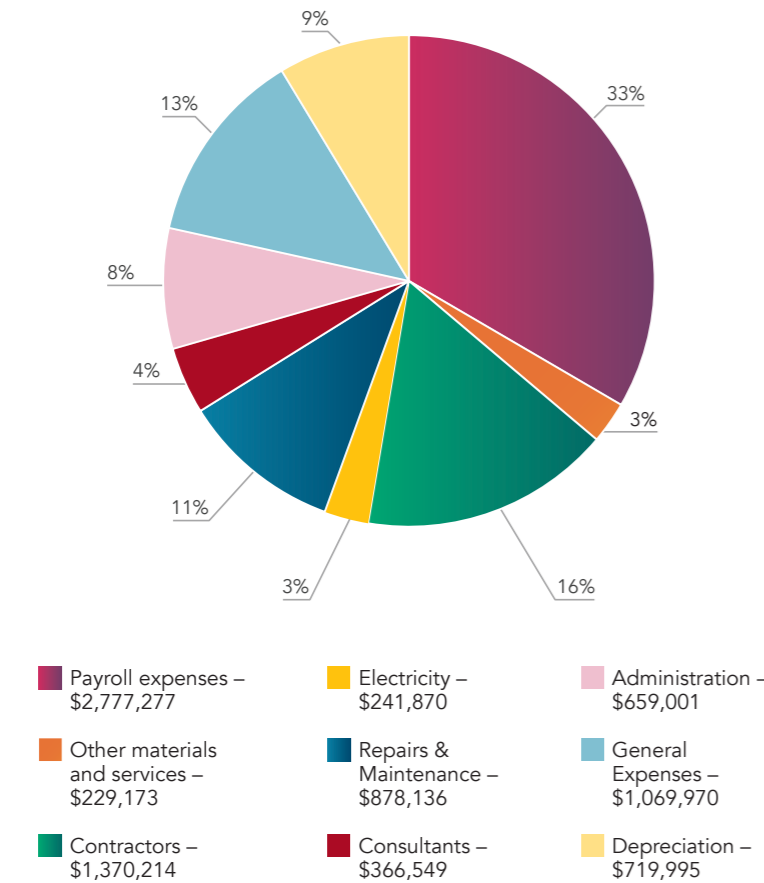
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

EXPENDITURE

The WTA's total expenditure for the 2021-22 financial year was \$8,312,185.

Total expenditure has increased by \$753,300 between this financial year and last. This can be mainly attributed to the expanded Weipa Aquatic and Sports Precinct (WASP) activities, which led to increases in various expense categories, being by far most notable in payroll expenses.

2021-22 Total Expenditure \$8,312,185



Payroll

Payroll attributed to 33% of the WTA's total expenditure for 2021-22. This expenditure includes wages, salaries, WTA Member remuneration, and superannuation. The WTA maintains a strong workforce, providing services for the community such as public works, projects, water treatment, water storage & distribution, sewer collection & treatment, maintenance of roads & stormwater drainage, town planning functions, building certifications & inspections, disaster management, food licencing, environmental health, garbage collection, events (such as movie nights, Australia day, Rhyme Time at the library), aquatic centre, animal control, local laws, finance, governance & grants, administration, sports & recreation activities and services (i.e. school holiday programs, playgrounds, footpaths, ovals & fitness equipment). In addition the WASP facilities, with related services expanded the range of services to the community in a most notable and beneficial way.

Other materials and services

Other materials and services attributed to 3% of the WTA's total expenditure. Totalling \$229k for the financial year, this included expenditure for the external testing of the town water on a twice weekly basis, grants to community user groups for specific projects as detailed in their applications, cleaning of the WTA facilities available for public hire and use (i.e. public toilets, house on the hill, assembly hall).

Contractors

Contractor expenditure equated to 16% of the total WTA expenditure this financial year. The majority of these costs are maintaining the grounds, parks and gardens around the town. The garbage collection services are also operated by a contractor so the town collection costs also fall under this category as well as a variety of other smaller contracts.

Electricity

Electricity attributed to 3% of the expenditure. The cost of electricity covers all aspects of town services, including street lights, community facilities, aquatic centre, irrigation, and operation of the sewer and water pump stations.

Repairs & maintenance

Repairs and maintenance attributed to 11% of the WTA's total expenditure for 2021-22. These works are varied throughout the town and include maintenance on roads, footpaths, drainage, as well as water and sewer mains, valve audits and irrigation repairs. The costs for emergency call outs for water and sewer leaks are also included in this category.

General expenses

General expenses amounted to 13% and totalled \$1,070k this financial year. These costs cover general operations for the aquatic centre (i.e. gas for the pumps, chlorine and consumables), general expenses for parks and gardens around the town (i.e. tree trimming & tree removal), general consumables in the library and the storm surge for school holiday activities and general craft, and also expenditure towards event preparation and rollout.

OPERATING POSITION

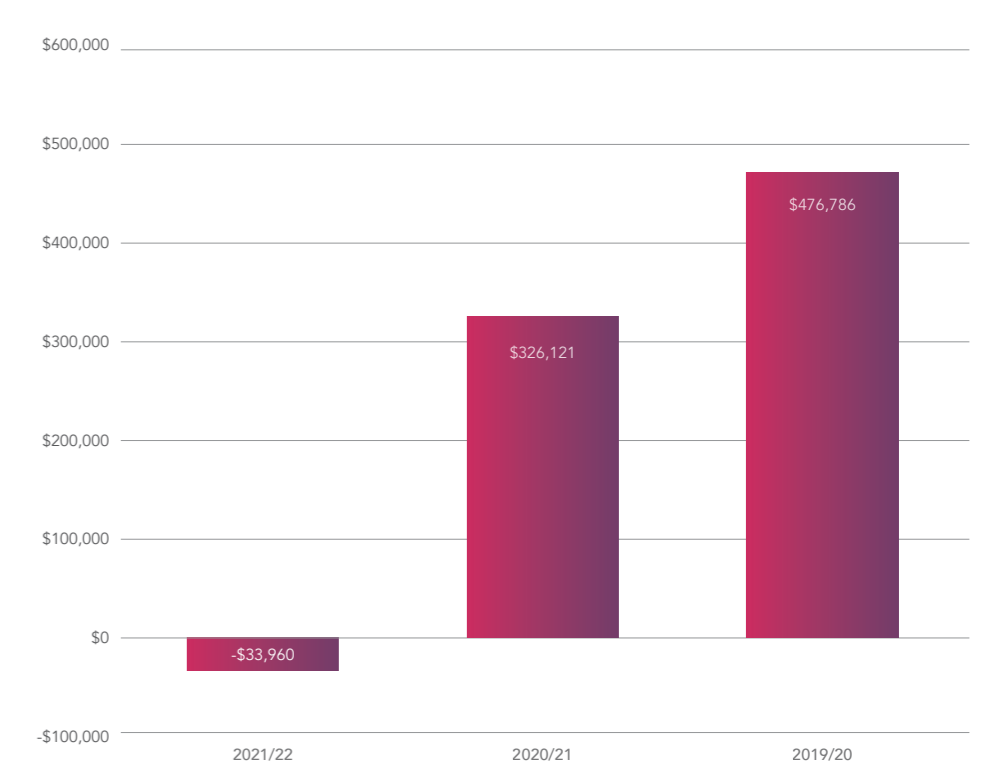
The WTA's operating position reflects the organisation's ability to meet its day-to-day running costs from operating revenue.

The WTA's operating position as at 30 June 2022 is a marginal loss of \$33,960. This is a notable difference from the surplus of \$326,121 in the 2020-21 financial year. This changed position can mostly be attributed to the additional cost introduced by the expanded WASP activities.

The operating position is calculated by taking the WTA's total operating expense (\$8,312,185) from total operating revenue (\$8,278,225). It does not include revenue or expenditure amounts for capital projects.

The following graph shows the operating position for the past three years.

Operating position over the past 3 years



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

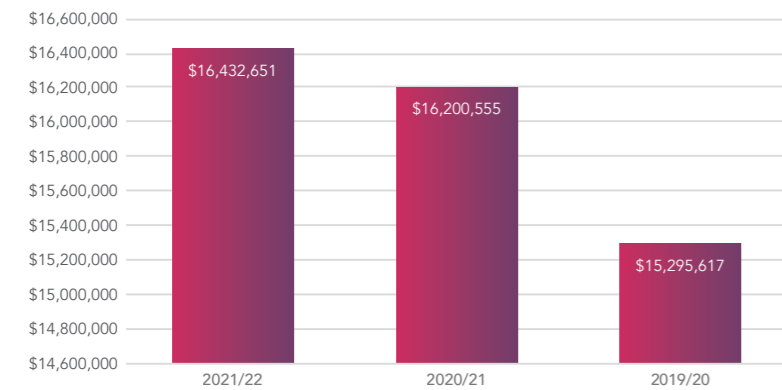
	2021-22	2020-21
Current Assets	5,124,412	6,702,553
Non-Current Assets	11,308,239	9,498,002
TOTAL ASSETS	16,432,651	16,200,555

The WTA assets totalled \$16m at the end of 2021-22 financial year, this represents a 1% increase on the total assets in 2020-21.

Current assets have decreased in this financial year due to decreased cash at bank compared to the prior financial year. The decrease was due to investment in non-current (fixed) assets.

The following graph displays the total asset movement over the past three years.

3 year trend council assets



LIABILITIES

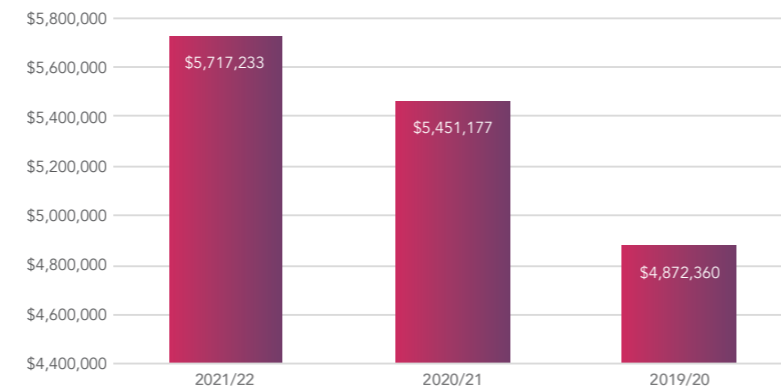
	2021-22	2020-21
Current Liabilities	5,717,233	5,451,177
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,717,233	5,451,177

The WTA liabilities totalled \$5.7m at the end of the 2021-22 financial year, this represents a 5% increase on the total liabilities in 2020-21.

Current liabilities includes trade & other payables which have increased by \$114k compared with the previous year. Current liabilities also includes revenue in advance, which is \$151K. The total liabilities balance is primarily income in advance for capital grants which are amortised over the useful life of the asset once the projects are completed. In the 2021-22 year, new grants received outweighed amortisation of completed projects which is why it has increased. (Amortisation being the process of gradually writing off the initial cost of an asset).

The following graph displays the total movement for liabilities over the past three years.

3 year trend council liabilities



EQUITY

	2021-22	2020-21
Reserves	870,794	870,794
Retained profits	9,844,624	9,878,584
TOTAL EQUITY	10,715,418	10,749,378

The WTA's total equity as at 30 June 2022 is \$10.7m. Equity is equal to total assets (what we own) minus total liabilities (what we owe).

FINANCIAL RATIOS

The following ratios are designed to provide an indication of the performance of the WTA against key financial sustainability criteria which should be met to ensure the management of financial risks.

MEASURE OF FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

	2022		
	TARGET	RESULT	INDICATOR
Operating Surplus Ratio			
(Deficit/Operating Revenue)	0%-10%	-0.41%	An indicator of the extent to which revenue raised cover operational expenses, and where there is a surplus the level of support for capital funding purposes or other purposes.
Net Financial Liability Ratio			
(Total Liabilities-Current Assets)/(Total Operating Revenue)	<60%	7.16%	An indicator of the extent to which the net financial liabilities can be serviced by its operating revenue.

CONCLUSION

The audited financial statements that support the Community Financial Report present the view that the WTA has performed well through the financial year and has concluded the year with an acceptable operating loss of \$33,960. The WTA remains fully committed to keeping thorough financial management plans, including the operational plan and ongoing regular budget reviews.

CAPITAL ADDITIONS

A summary of the 2021-22 Capital Additions is provided below:

FIXED ASSET CLASSIFICATION	ADDITIONS	WORK IN PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Buildings	10,697	1,853,187	WASP Kiosk Bifold Windows Work in progress: Construction of new SES building (\$1,576,366) and Hibberd Building air conditioning remediation and lighting (\$276,821)
Other Structures	398,874	76,506	Weipa parks and Central Avenue bike path solar lights (\$293,916). Power system for food van (\$33,813) and emergency power for SES & LDCC (\$71,145)
Furniture & Equipment	165,921	0	Work in progress: Skate park shade sail(s) Kumrumja centre projector (\$82,732), Council Chambers video conferencing (\$75,665) and WASP body scanner (\$7,524) Northern Avenue shared pathway.
Roads & Drainage	724,023	61,619	Work in progress: Roadwork refurbishments, crossings and pathways associated with hospital connection
TOTAL	1,299,515	1,991,312	

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Rates and charges	7,476,230	7,330,242
Grants and subsidies	149,975	131,670
Fees and charges	462,169	273,788
Interest revenue	80,483	84,145
Other Income	109,368	65,161
Total income	8,278,225	7,885,006
Administration expenses	659,001	547,014
Consultants	366,549	242,710
Contractors	1,370,214	1,568,325
Depreciation and amortisation	719,995	656,854
Electricity	241,870	347,795
General expenses	1,069,970	964,069
Other materials and services	229,173	284,124
Payroll expenses	2,777,277	2,114,643
Repairs and maintenance	878,136	833,351
Total expenses	8,312,185	7,558,885
Net Result	(33,960)	326,121
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(33,960)	326,121

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,857,486	5,416,131
Trade and other receivables	1,253,687	1,249,314
Other current assets	13,239	37,108
Total current assets	5,124,412	6,702,553
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	11,276,357	9,438,190
Intangible assets	29,882	59,812
Total non-current assets	11,308,239	9,498,002
TOTAL ASSETS	16,432,651	16,200,555
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,006,144	891,548
Revenue in advance	4,711,089	4,559,629
Total current liabilities	5,717,233	5,451,177
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,717,233	5,451,177
NET ASSETS	10,715,418	10,749,378
EQUITY		
Reserves	870,794	870,794
Retained profits	9,844,624	9,878,584
TOTAL EQUITY	10,715,418	10,749,378

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Retained Profits	Other Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	9,552,463	870,794	10,423,257
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	326,121	-	326,121
Total comprehensive income for the year	326,121	-	326,121
Balance at 30 June 2021	9,878,584	870,794	10,749,378
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(33,960)	-	(33,960)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(33,960)	-	(33,960)
Balance at 30 June 2022	9,844,624	870,794	10,715,418

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	8,333,781	8,572,500
Payments to suppliers and employees	(7,442,675)	(7,037,659)
Interest received	80,483	84,145
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	971,589	1,618,986
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(2,530,234)	(1,124,073)
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(2,530,234)	(1,124,073)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	-
Net increase (decreases) in cash held	(1,558,645)	494,913
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	5,416,129	4,921,216
Cash at end of financial year	3,857,486	5,416,129

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1 Corporate Information

Rio Tinto is responsible for the administration of the town of Weipa, which it carries out through Weipa Town Authority. The Weipa Town Authority acts in the role of Local Authority, with staff that one would normally associate with a local council.

The services supplied and maintained through the Weipa Town Authority are similar to those supplied by local councils throughout Australia, and include road maintenance, water supply, town planning, garbage collection, parks, ovals, libraries and public swimming pools.

The Weipa Town Area is governed by RTA Weipa Pty Ltd (RTA) by virtue of the Comalco Act and Agreement, within the limitations set out by those instruments. The Comalco Act makes reference to and imports in clause 45 of the agreement scheduled to the Comalco Act (Agreement) provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld).

These financial statements do not fully reflect all of the transactions that relate to the operation of the town authority. Some assets, liabilities and expenditures are recorded in other divisions of RTA.

The financial statements of Weipa Town Authority for the year ended 30 June 2022 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the committee on the date the committee members' declaration was signed.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Authority's functional and presentation currency.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the committee. The committee members have determined that the Authority is not a reporting entity.

No Australian Accounting Standards and authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been intentionally applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

The concept of accruals accounting has been adopted in preparation of the financial statements. The financial statements have also been prepared on a historical cost basis.

b) Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the authority. Details of critical accounting estimates and assumptions about the future made by management at the end of the reporting period are set out below:

Depreciation is based on the estimated useful life of the asset. Refer note 5.

WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

c) Employee Provisions

No provisions for employee entitlements are recorded in these financial statements as personnel are employed by another component of RTA.

d) Taxation

Income of local authorities and public authorities is exempt from Commonwealth taxation except for Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax (GST). The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

3 Rates and Charges

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
General rates	4,108,704	4,048,193
Cleansing rates	782,168	767,179
Sewerage rates	1,161,973	1,148,597
Water rates	1,333,135	1,506,459
Water usage charges	247,748	28,143
	<u>7,633,728</u>	<u>7,498,571</u>
Discounts and adjustments	(157,498)	(168,329)
	<u>7,476,230</u>	<u>7,330,242</u>

Rates and utility charges are recognised as revenue when the Weipa Town Authority obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts, which is the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as revenue received in advance on the Statement of Financial Position until the beginning of the rating period. Water usage charges are recognised as revenue in the period that the usage occurs.

4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Rates debtors	980,450	1,038,246
Sundry debtors	134,267	61,090
RTA Weipa Pty Ltd	138,970	149,978
	<u>1,253,687</u>	<u>1,249,314</u>

Trade receivables are recognised at the original invoice amount and have repayment terms between 30 and 90 days.

Collectability of trade debtors is assessed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off. An allowance is made for doubtful debts where there is objective evidence that the authority will not be able to collect all amounts due.

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

5 Property Plant and Equipment	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Infrastructure, at cost	12,322,561	11,198,787
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,171,472)	(3,598,803)
	<u>8,151,089</u>	<u>7,599,984</u>
Buildings, at cost	1,088,216	1,077,519
Less accumulated depreciation	(222,847)	(180,065)
	<u>865,369</u>	<u>897,454</u>
Plant & vehicles, at cost	283,570	284,447
Less accumulated depreciation	(184,581)	(154,646)
	<u>98,988</u>	<u>129,801</u>
Furniture & office equipment, at cost	295,904	129,984
Less accumulated depreciation	(124,306)	(79,627)
	<u>171,599</u>	<u>50,357</u>
Capital work in progress	1,991,312	760,594
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>11,278,357</u>	<u>9,438,190</u>

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

5 Property Plant and Equipment (continued)	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Carrying amount at the beginning of year ended 30 June 2022	7,599,984	129,801
Additions	-	-
Depreciation expense	(572,535)	(30,241)
Transfers	1,123,640	10,525
Carrying amount at the end of year ended 30 June 2022	<u>8,151,089</u>	<u>98,988</u>
	Infrastructure	Buildings
	\$	\$
	897,454	129,801
	-	-
	(572,535)	(30,241)
	1,123,640	10,525
	<u>8,151,089</u>	<u>98,988</u>
	Furniture & office equipment	Capital work in progress
	\$	\$
	50,357	760,594
	-	2,530,233
	(44,679)	-
	165,921	(1,299,515)
	<u>171,599</u>	<u>1,991,312</u>
	<u>11,278,357</u>	<u>9,438,190</u>

All property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost, including costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management, less depreciation and any impairment.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate	Depreciation basis
Infrastructure	1 – 33%	Straight Line
Buildings	2 – 44%	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	10 – 33%	Straight Line
Furniture & office equipment	10 – 33%	Straight Line

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. Gains and losses on disposals are calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the assets' carrying amount and are included in profit or loss in the year that the item is derecognised.

These financial statements do not recognise all infrastructure assets in the town area. Land and some components of infrastructure are owned by another component of RTA. Property, plant and equipment are capitalised by the Weipa Town Authority when the purchase of the property, plant and equipment has been funded by the Weipa Town Authority.

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6 Intangibles	2022	2021
Carrying amount at the beginning of year ended 30 June 2022	\$ 59,812	\$ 89,742
Additions	-	-
Amortisation expense	(29,930)	(29,930)
Transfers	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of year ended 30 June 2022	29,882	59,812

Intangible assets with a cost or other value exceeding \$5,000 are recognised as intangible assets in the financial statements, items with a lesser value being expensed.

Costs associated with the implementation of computer software are capitalised and are amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of expected benefit to the authority.

7 Trade and Other Payables	2022	2021
Trade creditors	\$ 277,211	\$ 513,422
Accrued expense	729,007	367,858
Other payables	(74)	10,268
	<u>1,006,144</u>	<u>891,548</u>

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the authority prior to year-end and which are unpaid. These amounts are unsecured and have 30-60 day payment terms.

8 Other Liabilities	2022	2021
Unexpended grants	\$ -	\$ 543,817
Rates and fees and charges in advance	166,963	176,167
Government Grants received	2,944,126	2,239,645
SES Project funds	1,600,000	1,600,000
	<u>4,711,089</u>	<u>4,559,629</u>

Unexpended grants are grants funds received where the Weipa Town Authority does not consider that it has obtained control of the grant funds received until the funds have been applied for the approved purpose set out in the relevant funding agreement.

Grants received reflect the government funding of capital projects. These grants have been included as revenue in advance and will be amortised over the life of the capital asset.

SES funds held in trust is funding received by the Weipa Town Authority for and on behalf of the QFES for the construction of an Administration Facility (including Weipa Local Disaster Coordination Centre and the future Rural Fire Services Headquarters in Weipa).

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9 Reserves	2022	2021
Parks & gardens capital reserve	\$ 9,794	\$ 9,794
Roadworks capital reserve	287,000	287,000
Water capital reserve	287,000	287,000
Sewerage capital reserve	287,000	287,000
	<u>870,794</u>	<u>870,794</u>

These are provisions for reserves which are reviewed each year, to provide for future expenditure on allocated infrastructure and equipment around the town.

10 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

	2022	2021
Net (deficit)/surplus for the period	\$ (33,960)	\$ 326,121
Cash flows excluded from (deficit)/surplus attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in (deficit)/surplus	719,995	656,854
Depreciation and amortisation	--	--
Disposal of WIP	(2,000)	-
Profit on disposal PPE		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	19,496	57,193
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	114,598	(104,629)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred revenue	151,460	683,447
	<u>971,589</u>	<u>1,618,986</u>

11 Contractual Commitments

Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2022	2021
Wholly settled within 12 months	\$ 841,570	\$ 1,321,910
Between 1 year and 3 years	532,428	532,428
Between 3 and 5 years	66,554	332,768
5+ years	-	-

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12 Events after the Reporting Period

There were no material events after the balance date.

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Committee Members' Declaration

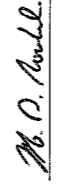
The committee members have determined that the authority is not a reporting entity. The committee members have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

The committee members of the authority declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity, and accompanying notes, give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements; and
2. In the committee members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee members by:


 Judey Haeusler
 Superintendent


 Michael Rowland
 Township Chairperson

Dated this 30th of November 2022

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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY MARGARET DEWHURST TO THE MEMBERS OF WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

As lead auditor of Weipa Town Authority for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Margaret Dewhurst
 Director

BDO Audit (NTH QLD) Pty Ltd
 Cairns, 5 December 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Weipa Town Authority

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Weipa Town Authority (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Committee Members' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 2.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter - Basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Entity to meet the financial reporting requirements of the committee. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the committee and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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BDO Audit (NTH QLD) Pty Ltd

Margaret Dewhurst

Director

Cairns, 5 December 2022





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