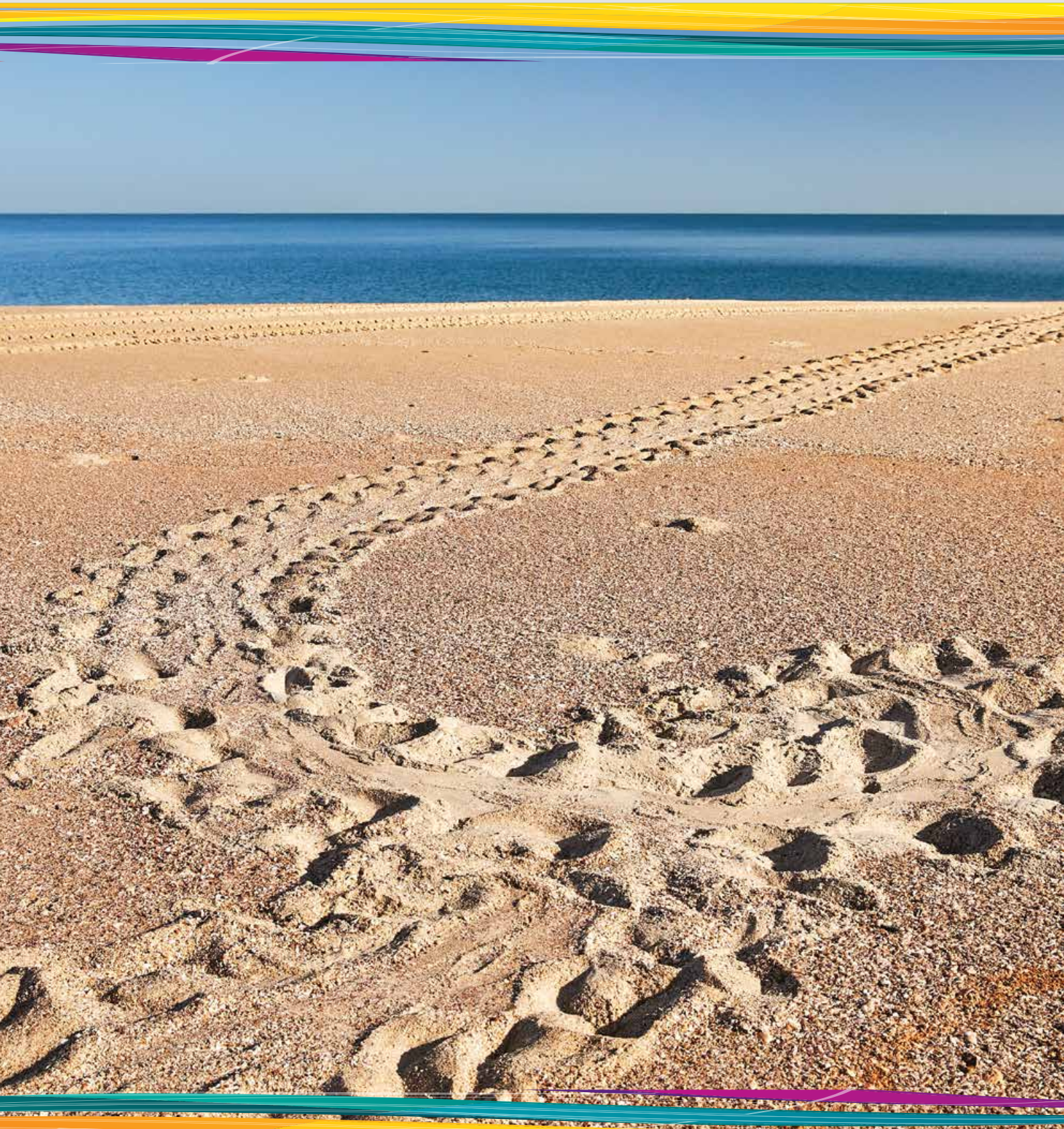




# ANNUAL REPORT

2020-21





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# INTRODUCTION

**Weipa is a vibrant, sustainable coastal community of approximately 4,000 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 about 800km from Cairns by road (or 1.5 hours flying time by air). Despite the distance from other major cities, the Weipa Township serves as the regional hub for the Western Cape York Region and contains all the facilities and conveniences of modern living.

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. It is home to a number of different Traditional Owner groups, each contributing to the unique diversity of the area. The Weipa Township is located on the traditional lands of the Alngith people.

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

RTA Weipa Pty Ltd (RTAW) 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 services supplied and maintained through the WTA are those supplied by local councils throughout Australia, and include road maintenance, water supply, town planning, garbage collection, parks, ovals, sporting facilities, library and aquatic centre.

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

## Vision

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

## Mission

The WTA's mission is to deliver strong, accountable and inclusive leadership that meets the needs 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.



# STATEMENT FROM CHAIR

I am very pleased to present you with the Weipa Town Authority (WTA) Annual Report for 2020-21.

With the risks of COVID-19 ever present in our community, here at the WTA we are learning to be flexible and adaptable in our planning whilst still delivering services in a community minded and cost-effective manner.

Throughout this year, we provided support to residents and the business community, particularly those struggling with reduced visitor and tourist numbers. The WTA adopted a modest budget with no increases to general rates, utilities, fees and charges.

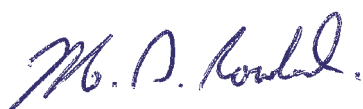
The WTA Members are proud to release a new strategic plan this year. The WTA Corporate Plan 2020-2025 is the guiding document for the WTA Members and staff and directs all our planning and service delivery for the next five (5) years.

Significant capital investment for much needed infrastructure occurred in 2020-21 with the completion of the Central Avenue Pathway Solar Lights Project and design of the new Northern Avenue Shared Pathway. Additional projects completed were the replacement of Trunding Water Mains (Stage 1) and commencement of construction for the new Weipa Sports Complex.

The WTA sought to connect community in 2020-21 and provide a welcomed distraction through events that have now become such an important part of the fabric of community life. The Australia Day celebration and awards, sunset markets, school holiday activities, Father's Day event and so many other successful community activities were enjoyed.

At the WTA, we continue to maintain a very high level of vigilance relating to COVID-19 and look forward to seeing our community grow, change, and adapt and to continue to be the best place in the North to live.

Thank you,



**Michael Rowland**  
Chair,  
Weipa Town Authority Chair



# CEO REPORT

I am very pleased to provide the Chief Executive Officer update for the WTA Annual Report 2020-21.

With COVID becoming a part of our day-to-day life, 2020-21 saw a return to a new state of normal with restrictions at public facilities easing a little, allowing our aquatic centre and library to reopen.

The end of year Christmas Markets and Santa Photo Event was the first real opportunity for our community to come together in large numbers since early 2020. The Weipa community spirit was highly evident throughout the morning which saw hundreds of families attend and support our local small business and stall holders. It was wonderful to see residents enjoying themselves after such a difficult year.

Other key community events also returned with Weipa's much loved sunset community markets, school holiday activities and movies with popcorn. Upgrades to the cinema projector at the Kumrumja Centre now enable us to screen new release films within weeks of opening at cinemas. Thank you to Rio Tinto for also contributing to this worthwhile project.

Capital investments for 2020-21 included several major infrastructure projects:

- Trunding water main upgrade
- Central Ave pathway solar lights
- Second round of storm water inlets in Trunding
- Airconditioning works at the Hibberd Centre

WTA was also successful in acquiring funding through the Queensland Government Cycle Network Program. This funding has enabled us to continue work on creating new transport corridors such as the Central Ave and Northern Ave pathways and planning of the Nanum Hospital Connection pathway for next year. These projects create safer access for pedestrians and cyclists across our great community.

Another busy year for the WTA team in terms of community requests for assistance. 2020-21 saw over 500 requests lodged in our system. Our top request categories included animal management and local laws followed by requests to address fallen trees, mow and tidy our parks and gardens, manage and clean facilities and attend to water leaks.

This year we also commenced preparation of an operating model for the brand new Weipa Sports Centre building. With construction costs funded by Rio Tinto, the project is due for construction completion and handover in 2021-22.

I am proud of the WTA's achievements in 2020-21 and feel excited about up-and-coming projects and programs to further support the community of Weipa.

Thank you.

**Judey Haeusler**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Weipa Town Authority



# DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Kicking off into 2020-21 and the continued COVID19 pandemic, we rapidly grasped and effectively communicated the changing and at times challenging Queensland Health Directions.

This time has proven to us that tele and video conferencing are now part of the new norm with numerous events and conferences cancelled during 2020.

Entering the annual wet season towards the end of 2020 presented no major calls for concern. With the forecasted La Nina' weather conditions, the Weipa Local Disaster Management Group prioritised and completed the annual reviews and updating of Local Disaster Management Plans in preparation and readiness for any localised event.

Conducting a Desktop exercise for the Executive Members based on a Category 3 cyclone heading directly towards Weipa along with positive COVID-19 community transmission cases examined and identified

any gaps in our response plans, gauging a better understanding of unidentified hazards this situation could present to our local community and importantly, what strategies and support from the State would be required to control and contain such events.

To date we are gratified to report that we have not had to respond to any residents testing positive to COVID-19 in community. However, we have had to support the re-routing of ships transiting to their destinations to Weipa. This was required by Maritime Safety Queensland and Queensland Health to enable safe extraction of COVID-19 positive workers upon those vessels.

We were pleased to announce the seasonal events passed smoothly without requiring any activations.

To ensure the Preparedness, Prevention, Response and Recovery messages stay at the forefront each season, planning for the annual Get Ready week will see a change in delivery during 2021. During "Get Ready" week in October, a multi-agency community interactive

event is being planned. The community expo will provide visitors and residents displays of emergency services, informative stalls, and interactive displays.

Maintaining and recognising our strong partnerships locally will ensure a coordinated community response, locally driven and led. We support the great duty of our front-line workers as we strive to reach the 80% COVID-19 Vaccination rates for our community and region.

My acknowledgements to our LDMG Executives and community members, your continued vigilance and following directions ensures Weipa Township & Cape region remains free of COVID-19.

## **Stretch Noonan**

*Chair*

*Weipa Local Disaster Management Group*

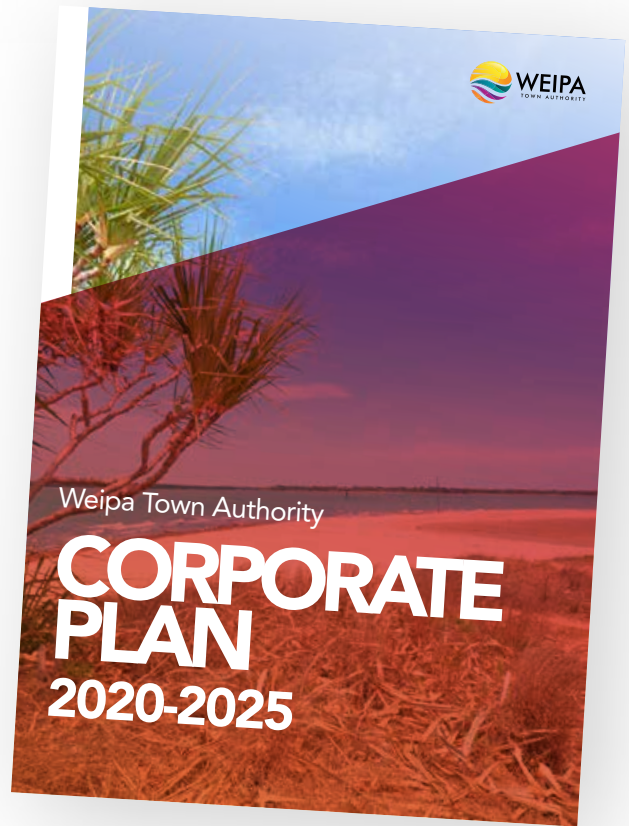


# PLANNING

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

The new plan is a result of hard work and commitment by WTA Members, WTA Staff, Rio Tinto and key community leaders who have generously provided input, expertise and collaboration in the development of the new strategic plan.

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 2020-2021.*

## THERE ARE FIVE (5) PILLARS IN THE CORPORATE PLAN –

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





# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE





# OUR MEMBERS

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



L-R: Jaime Gane, Stretch Noonan, Michael Rowland, Dave Donald



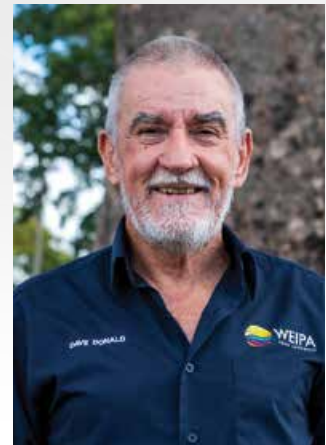
Michael Rowland



Stretch Noonan



Jaime Gane



David Donald



Aaron Schleich



Jackie Malacoola



Fiona Kruger

# GENERAL MEETINGS

# 12

**general  
meetings  
were held  
2020–21**

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

During the period July 2020 to June 2021 General Meetings were held on the following dates:

- 22 July 2020
- 26 August 2020
- 30 September 2020
- 28 October 2020
- 18 November 2020
- 16 December 2020
- 27 January 2021
- 24 February 2021
- 24 March 2021
- 28 April 2021
- 26 May 2021
- 23 June 2021

# 11

**workshops  
were held  
2020–21**

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 2020 to June 2021 workshops were held on the following dates:

- 12 August 2020
- 09 September 2020
- 14 October 2020
- 11 November 2020
- 9 December 2020
- 13 January 2021
- 10 February 2021
- 10 March 2021
- 21 April 2021
- 12 May 2021
- 9 June 2021

# MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Attendance rates for 2020–21 are as follows:

## Meetings

	22 Jul	26 Aug	30 Sep	28 Oct	18 Nov	16 Dec	27 Jan	24 Feb	24 Mar	28 Apr	26 May	23 Jun	No. attended	No. held	%
Michael Rowland	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	11	12	91.67%
Stretch Noonan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	11	12	91.67%
Jaime Gane	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	12	12	100.00%
David Donald	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	12	12	100.00%
Jackie Malacoola	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	2	12	16.67%
Fiona Kruger	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	X	X	8	10	80.00%
Aaron Schleich	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	9	12	75.00%

**P** Present    **A** Absent or Apology    **X** N/A or Cancelled

## Workshops

	8 Jul	12 Aug	9 Sep	14 Oct	11 Nov	9 Dec	13 Jan	10 Feb	10 Mar	21 Apr	12 May	9 Jun	No. attended	No. held	%
Michael Rowland	X	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	10	11	90.91%
Stretch Noonan	X	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	9	11	81.82%
Jaime Gane	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	11	11	100.00%
David Donald	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	11	11	100.00%
Jackie Malacoola	X	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	P	A	A	A	2	11	18.18%
Fiona Kruger	X	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	A	X	X	5	9	55.56%
Aaron Schleich	X	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	8	11	72.73%

**P** Present    **A** Absent or Apology    **X** N/A or Cancelled

# 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 councilors 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 2020** remuneration for WTA members was –

<b>Chair</b>	<b>\$87,411</b>
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	<b>\$37,458</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>\$26,640</b>

The remuneration is all-inclusive, and no additional remuneration is payable for sick leave, annual leave, or any other benefits otherwise applicable to employees.

WTA Members are entitled to superannuation as per the relevant employer Superannuation Guarantee rate (9.5%).

## Payments to WTA members for 2020–21 were as follows:

	Members Allowance (ex. super)	Members Training	Travel	Meeting Expenses	Members Expenses	Total
David Donald	29,171.04		2,382.24		2,421.02	33,974.30
Jaime Gane	29,171.04		1,770.51			30,941.55
Jackie Malacoola	29,171.04		-			29,171.04
Michael Rowland	95,715.00		3,853.52		1,006.86	100,575.38
Stretch Noonan	41,016.96		3,170.91			44,187.87
	<b>224,245.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,177.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,427.88</b>	<b>238,850.14</b>



Michael Rowland (standing, second from Left) with members of the Torres Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance Inc. Canberra, June 2021

# COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS

The WTA manages and responds to a variety of complaints, suggestions and requests from the Weipa community to provide services.

Issues and feedback are received via the WTA website, email, phone and through face to face visits to the town office. Items are actioned and recorded using a council management software platform (MagiQ).

The WTA logged a total of 532 entries in MagiQ for the 2020-2021 financial year. Trends in the concerns raised by community and requesting action by the WTA include -

- Fallen trees, dropped limbs and hazardous trees,
- Leaking water pipes, valves and meters,
- Grassed areas need mowing,
- Wandering dogs, barking dogs and calls for dog pick up,
- Public health concerns, for example illegal dumping, overgrown allotment,
- Facilities damaged and/or needing repair





# COMMUNITY GRANTS

Each year, Weipa Town Authority provide a variety of grants to assist local groups and organisations within the Weipa Community. These include the Community Group Grants programme, Community Events/ Festivals Sponsorship, Emergency Service Donations and Youth Achievement Donations.

## **Weipa Social Netball Club**

# **\$2,000**

*Equipment and court hire for the NetSetGO Netball Starter Program*

## **Sporting Shooters Association (Weipa Branch)**

# **\$1,291**

*Purchase of brush cutter, blower, fuel can and oil*

## **Pebbles Playgroup**

# **\$1,715**

*Purchase of new play equipment*

## **C&K Weipa Kindergarten**

# **\$1,294**

*Purchase of laptop for Committee*

## **Weipa Potters Inc**

# **\$1,964**

*Pottery workshop equipment including vacuum, electric sander and grinder*

## **Cape Animal Protections Shelter (CAPS)**

# **\$1,698**

*Purchase of new pressure washers for boarding kennels*





# DONATIONS

## Emergency Services

**Volunteer Marine  
Rescue (VMR)**  
**\$3,000**  
*Annual contribution  
to local emergency  
service providers*



**Weipa State  
Emergency Service  
(SES)**  
**\$2,000**  
*Annual contribution  
to local emergency  
service providers*



## Youth Achievement

**C Lawrence**  
**\$500**  
*Peninsula Representation  
for  
Under 12 Years Cricket*

**M Lynch**  
**\$500**  
*Peninsula Representation  
for 10-19 Years Cross  
Country*

## Chairman's Discretionary Fund

**Bray-Pavey Family**  
**\$250**  
*Voucher for use of  
Christmas Sleigh*

# 2021 AUSTRALIA DAY

The 2021 Australia Day celebrations for the Weipa Community was a compilation of the Australia Day fun run hosted and organised by the Weipa Running Festival, followed by Weipa's Australia Day Citizenship ceremony.

## The winners of the 2021 Australia Day awards were:

### Young Citizen of the Year 2021: Jasmine Scikluna

With a kind heart, selfless and genuine qualities, Jasmine has donated large amounts of her spare time to charity by means of wrapping presents for children in hospital over the Christmas period via an initiative called "Bring a Smile to a Child Christmas campaign". She also raised funds through her Body Scrub enterprise where portions of her sales go direct to purchase gifts for children in our communities who are less fortunate.

### Citizen of the Year 2021: Russell Scikluna

Whilst Russell has been involved with many community organisations on all levels, he was awarded today the Citizen of the Year Award for 2021 for his commitment and achievements in the creation and progression of the Andoom Oval Special Events Facility. This facility will provide permanent facilities for large community events including the Fishing Classic and the Weipa Bull Ride. Russell is very community oriented and is passionate about providing positive outcomes for the Weipa community and is always eager to assist with projects and fundraising initiatives.

### Young Sportsperson of the Year 2021: Charlie Lawrence

Awarded for his significant commitment and achievements through playing Cricket in 2020. In 2020, amongst many achievements, Charlie was selected for the Peninsula School Boy Cricket team, scoring 85 in Toowoomba.

Charlie hopes that his achievements in cricket will encourage others in the community to participate in cricket in the years to come.

### Sportsperson of the Year 2021: Darryl French

Darryl is an active committee member of the Weipa Billfish Club and has a strong passion for fishing, particularly Bill fishing. Also awarded by the Game Fishing Association of Australia, Darryl was awarded the Sir Garrick Agnew trophy for tagging and releasing the most billfish in Australian waters in 2019-2020.

### Community Event of the Year 2021: Weipa Fishing Classic

With an almost cancelled event in 2020, the Weipa Fishing Classic used creative thinking and delivered a largely virtual format that promoted fishing in the Cape. The event also provided exciting and engaging online entertainment over the weekend which was supported by local businesses.



**Citizen of the Year 2021** Russell Scikluna & **Young Citizen of the Year 2021** Jasmine Scikluna



**Sportsperson of the Year 2021** Darryl French



**Community Event of the Year 2021** Weipa Fishing Classic - Committee Members Geoff Robins & Lisa May



**Young Sports person of the Year 2021** Charlie Lawrence

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Weipa Town Authority prides itself on delivering several community events each year. Despite the Queensland Health directives and COVID-19 restrictions implemented in March 2020, WTA continued to support community and successfully enabled a diversified program of community events.

As COVID-19 continues to shape our new normal, activities and events are continuously being adapted and shaped to comply with social distancing and public health directives.

## Dog Park Opening

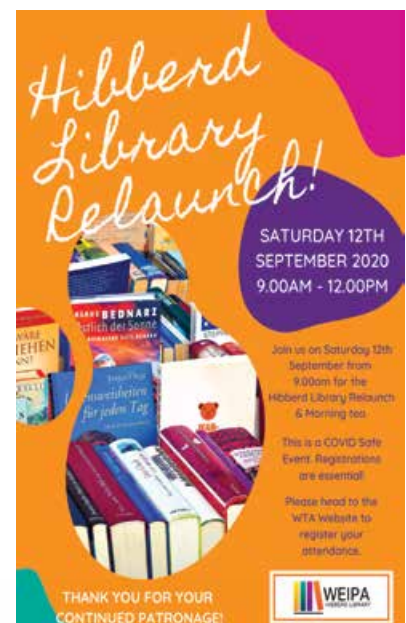
Weipa Town Authority partnered with Cape Animal Protection Shelter (CAPS) and Sodexo to launch the new fully fenced dog park facility, located near House on the Hill in Rocky Point. Members from the community brought along their beloved pooches and tested out this wonderful new facility. Much fun was had with dog agility exercises run by CAPS and dog owners were provided with WTA merch bags filled with merchandise like dog waste bag holders, leads, collapsible water bowls and the like. Sodexo and WTA provided a cooked breakfast for attendees, and community members were able to support CAPS raffles, sign up for dog registration and reduced-cost animal desexing.



## Library Activities - Relaunch

Hibberd Library closed its doors for a day to refit with exciting new equipment, furniture and toys and held a library relaunch on Saturday 12th September 2020. We were lucky enough to be joined by two professional magicians for a special interactive magic show which wowed and amazed all of the attendees, both young and old. Children were also able to try out new activities and toys and all gave a huge thumbs up to the changes.

Weipa Town Authority believes that investment in the Hibberd Library is an investment in the entire community as libraries evolve from their traditional role as a research centre to also becoming a community hub of learning, experiences, interactions and engagement.



## Father's Day Community Event

To celebrate Father's Day, WTA partnered with The Men's Shed Weipa to deliver a bespoke event which included sunset market stalls, live music, an inaugural homemade jerky competition, a children's art display, lawn games and a bar service for patrons to enjoy a cold beer or wine. Despite heavy COVID-19 event restrictions and requirements, the Weipa Community completely embraced the first community event following the first series of lockdowns in 2020. The event was well attended, with local Alyssa Taare smashing the 'Dad' entrants in the blind judging of the homemade jerky entrants to win the inaugural Weipa homemade jerky competition.



Weipa Men's Shed Committee Members

## New Movie Equipment at Kumrumja Centre

The installation of new cinema projector equipment has allowed Weipa Town Authority to show more up to date movies. Once the wet season eases, the movie program commences, with free children's movies shown in the school holidays as a part of the school holiday program as well as regular movie nights for children, families and adults alike. The Kumrumja Centre candy bar also operates with authentic movie popcorn, drinks and other snacks all available for purchase at affordable prices making a Kumrumja Centre movie experience significantly cheaper than Cairns.



## Annual Christmas Tree Reveal

Christmas is a serious event in Weipa and the Christmas spirit really kicks off with the installation of the WTA Christmas Banners on light poles along Central Avenue and the installation of the community Christmas tree. On the 1st December the weather held off to allow the official lighting of the tree event. Chairperson Michael Rowland led the festivities and residents enjoyed listening to Christmas carols, enjoyed a bite to eat from the local food vans and had photos with the 2020 Christmas tree.



## 2020 Christmas Markets

The annual Santa visit to Weipa was reinvented in 2020 with the Weipa Storm Surge Shelter hosting a reinvigorated event, titled “Weipa’s Community Morning”. The event saw the largest number of local market stalls ever held in Weipa retailing an array of local products; local business “Get Your Art On” holding a painting experience for children with all profits donated to charity; Hibberd Library facilitating two sessions of the First Five Forever’s “Rhyme Time” and Weipa Town Authority relocating the usual Saturday Craft in the Hibberd Library where children were able to decorate their own Christmas gingerbread men.

As per Weipa’s tradition, Santa arrived at the event on the Fire and Rescue fire truck. Special acknowledgement to the local Bray-Pavey family who donated their purpose-built Santa sleigh and reindeers exhibit, allowing children to meet Santa in an interactive and socially distanced Santa experience. The morning saw over 250 children meeting Santa, with all children receiving a gift of a picture book from Santa and Weipa Town Authority.

Community feedback was extremely positive, with market stalls also reporting their most successful market in history and requests for regular markets to be facilitated by Weipa Town Authority. This feedback fueled the reshaping of the Easter Community Event in 2021 and the dry season Sunday Markets in 2021.





## Easter Community Markets

After the success of the 2020 Community Christmas Morning, Weipa Town Authority held a Community Easter Morning at the Weipa Storm Surge Shelter. This event showcased a large array of community markets, a First Five Forever “Rhyme Time” session hosted by the Hibberd Library and Easter craft provided by WTA. A very special guest, the Easter Bunny also attended thanks to the support of the Weipa Community Care Association, with all children attending receiving easter eggs as a gift from WTA.



## Girls Night In Event

Over the past few years, Girls Night In has become a highly anticipated and well received event in Weipa. In 2021 the event again held across two nights to allow for more residents to attend. Local businesses were invited to donate items for raffles, with all money raised from bar sales and raffles again being donated to the Cancer Council. The movie “Finding You”, a new release movie, was shown and very well received by attendees and an enjoyable night was experienced by all.



## Library Activities – Rhyme Time And Baby Bounce

Hibberd Library’s Library Officers offer “Rhyme Time” and “Baby Bounce” sessions, which are supported by State Library Queensland’s First Five Forever program every Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the school terms. Rhyme Time sessions are a fun interactive and high energy session designed for all kids 0-4 and include singing and dancing to nursery rhymes, story time and then craft session. Baby Bounce sessions focus on engagement and the strengthening of bonds between parents, caregivers and their babies from 0-12 months of age.

These sessions were highly popular, with capacity restrictions due to COVID-19 mandates requiring participants to pre-book a place.



## Library Activities – May The 4th

Star Wars Day was celebrated on May 4th in Hibberd Library with Star Wars themed activities, craft, scavenger hunt and a Star Wars themed exhibit. A number of die-hard fans attended, with fierce competition for best dressed being held.



## National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime was held in the Kumrumja Centre precinct on Wednesday 19th May 2021. Hibberd Library Officers Miss Richelle and Miss Amanda gave entertaining performances to deliver the book “Give Me Some Space” followed by numerous activities such as air compression rocket experiments, fizzy rocket experiments, make your own rocket ship craft, moon dough play, and gooey galaxy slime. The children from Weipa C&K Kindergarten joined families from the Weipa Community for this fun filled morning which concluded with a space themed morning tea.



## Library Activities – Book Week

Hibberd Library hosted a Book Week event for all of Weipa’s pint sized book fans. It was delightful to see so many families embrace the opportunity for a dress up and celebration of a shared love of books. All attendees participated in story time followed by crafts and activities with Miss Richelle.



## School Holiday Activities

Weipa Town Authority presented a jam-packed school holiday program in all four major school holidays through the year and delivers activities for all interests and ages. When the weather allowed it, the inflatable obstacle course was set up every Friday at the Weipa Aquatic Centre for kids of all ages to enjoy. Various library activities were held three times per week, with a mixture of craft, STEM activities and craft and play based activities scheduled. Craft sessions were planned to ensure that craft could be packaged as “take home craft” if lockdowns prevented in person sessions to be held.

In the cooler months, free school holiday movies were held in the Kumrumja Centre each Wednesday and with the installation of the upgraded movie projection system allowed for newer released movies “Raya and the Dragon” and “Bad Grandpa” were shown in the April 2021 school holidays. Weipa Town Authority also operates a fully stocked Candy Bar at the movies including authentic ‘movie’ popcorn.

Participants of all movies and library activities were required to pre-book a session to ensure that compliance with capacity restrictions of venues and social distancing and despite these changes, places in school holiday activities continue to be in high demand.



## Sunset Markets

Weipa Town Authority established regular Sunset Markets in the latter half of the financial year, with the first kicking off at the Mother’s Day event. Sunset markets were then held each month until September, with WTA partnering with local community groups to man the Sunset bar, where patrons could purchase a selection of beers, wine, cider and snacks to enjoy as the sun set. Local vendors were invited to hold a stall in Kumrumja Park, and local food vans served meals and snacks from the newly established food van area. Live music and jumping castles were provided by Weipa Town Authority and community groups who partnered with WTA for the markets benefit from 100% of the profits from the Sunset Bar as well as being able to sell merchandise and raise awareness and engagement for their group.

The Sunset Markets were such a resounding success, that in 2022 a Sunset Market will be held on the fourth Saturday afternoon of the dry season months between May and September, with plans to market these events as a tourist activity.





# 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.

## CORPORATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

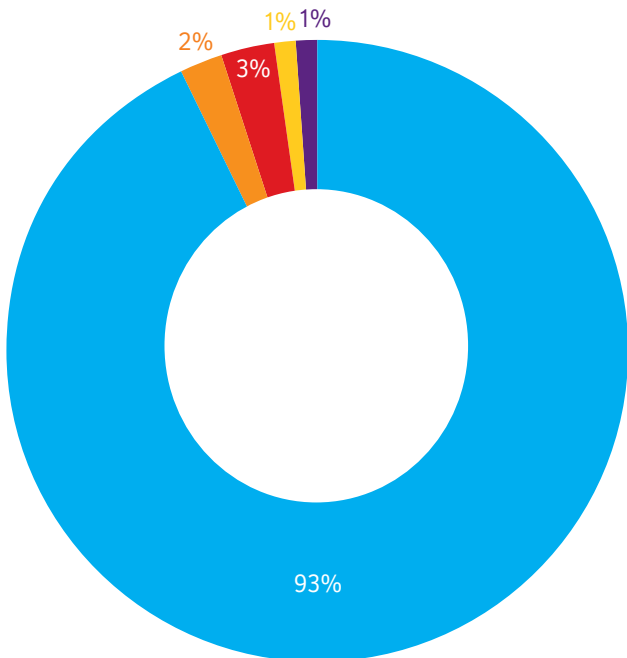
### Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

#### REVENUE

The WTA received a total of \$7,885,006 in revenue and other income during the 2020-21 financial year.

Total revenue has increased by \$70,955 between this financial year and last financial year. This is the result of an increase in town rates based on annual valuation data.

#### 2020–21 Total Revenue \$7,885,006



Rates and charges	\$7,330,242
Grants & subsidies	\$131,670
Fees & charges	\$273,788
Interest revenue	\$84,145
Other income	\$65,161

#### Rates and charges

Rates and charges attribute to the majority of the WTA revenue at 93%. This is the primary funding stream that enables the WTA to complete the day to day operations throughout Weipa town. This annual total of \$7.3m includes general rates and also utility charges which fund maintenance of the water and sewer infrastructure, as well as garbage collections.

#### Grants and donations

The annual total of \$132k attributed 2% of the total WTA revenue for 2020-21. 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.

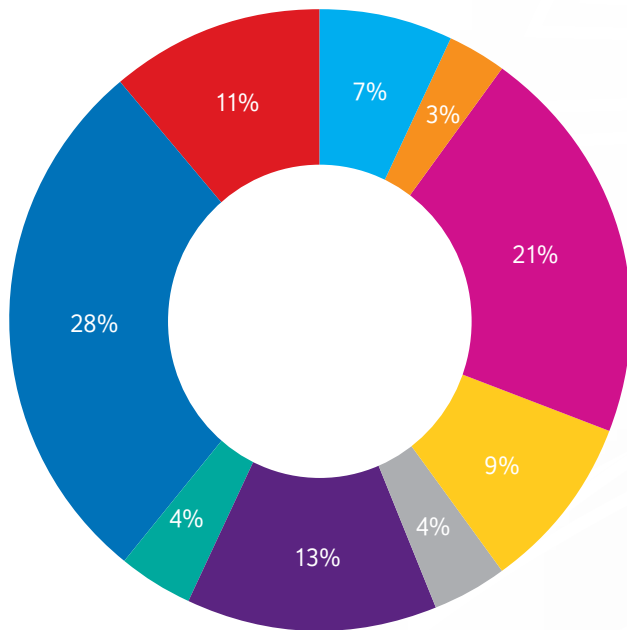
#### Fees & charges revenue

Attributing to 3% 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.

## EXPENDITURE

The WTA's total expenditure for the 2020-21 financial year was \$7,558,885. Total expenditure has increased by \$211,620 between this financial year and last. This can be mainly attributed to an increase in parks and gardens maintenance, as well as the completion of maintenance works which had been deferred due to Covid-19 restrictions.

### 2020-21 Total Expenditure \$7,558,885



Administration Expenses	\$547,014
Consultants	\$242,710
Contractors	\$1,568,325
Depreciation and amortisation	\$656,854
Electricity	\$347,795
General Expenses	\$964,069
Other materials and services	\$284,124
Payroll expenses	\$2,114,643
Repairs and maintenance	\$833,351

### Payroll

Payroll attributed to 28% of the WTA's total expenditure for 2020-21. This expenditure includes wages, salaries, WTA Member remuneration, and superannuation. The WTA maintains a strong workforce, having 16 FTE during this financial year, 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).

### Other materials and services

Other materials and services attributed to 4% of the WTA's total expenditure. Totalling \$284k 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 21% 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

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 2020-21. 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.

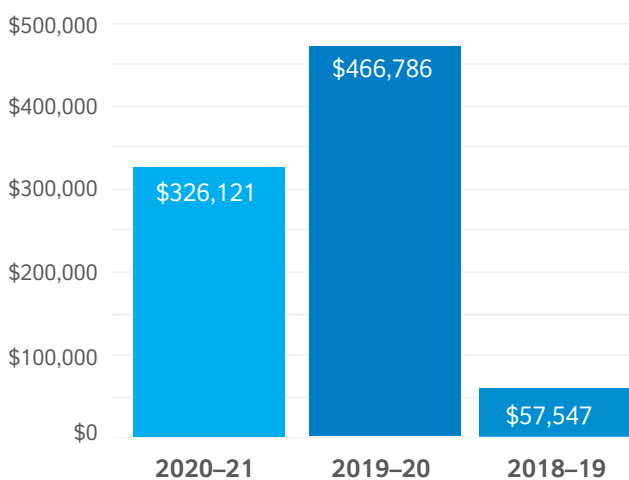
### General expenses

General expenses totalled \$964k 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 2021 is a surplus of \$326,121, a slight decrease from the \$466,786 surplus in the 2019-20 financial year. The operating position is calculated by taking the WTA's total operating expense (\$7,558,885) from total operating revenue (\$7,885,006).

### Operating position over the past three years



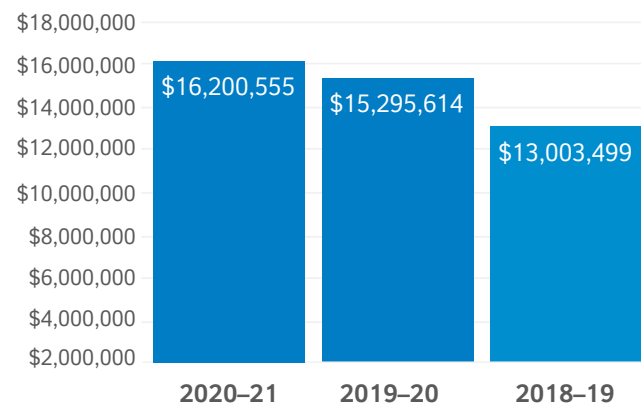
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2020-21	2019-20
Current Assets	6,702,553	6,264,831
Non-Current Assets	9,498,002	9,030,783
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>16,200,555</b>	<b>15,295,614</b>

The WTA assets totalled \$16m at the end of 2020-21 financial year, this represents a 6% increase on the total assets in 2019-20. Current assets have increased in this financial year due to increased cash at bank compared to the prior financial year.

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

### 3 year trend council assets



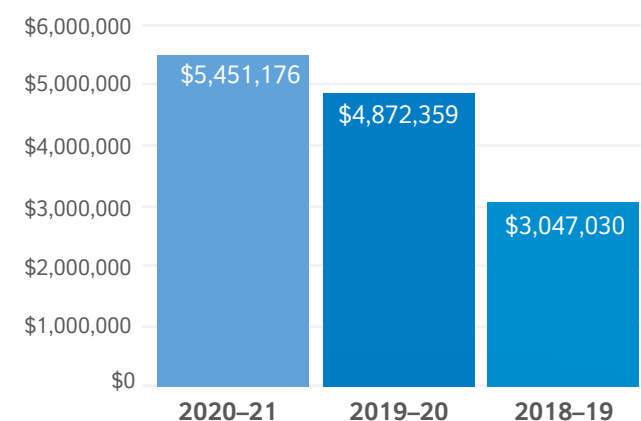
Liabilities	2020-21	2019-20
Current Liabilities	5,451,177	4,872,359
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,451,177</b>	<b>4,872,359</b>

The WTA liabilities totalled \$5.5m at the end of the 2020-21 financial year, this represents a 12% increase on the total liabilities in 2019-20.

Current liabilities includes trade & other payables which have decreased by \$100k compared with the previous year. Current liabilities also includes revenue in advance, which has increased by \$0.7m, largely attributed to capital projects funds held for the SES building construction.

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

### 3 year trend council liabilities





Equity	2020-21	2019-20
Reserves	870,794	870,794
Retained profits	9,878,584	9,552,461
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>10,749,378</b>	<b>10,423,254</b>

The WTA's total equity as at 30 June 2021 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

	Target	2021 Result	Indicator
<b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b> (Surplus / Operating Revenue)	0% - 10%	4.1%	This indicates that WTA has raised sufficient revenues to cover operational expenses and contribute funding to proposed capital projects.
<b>Net Financial Liability Ratio</b> $\frac{\text{Total Liabilities} - \text{Current Asset}}{\text{Total Operating Revenue}}$	< 60%	-16%	WTA's current assets exceed total liabilities, indicating a healthy financial position and in line with target results.

## 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 in a strong financial position with an operating result of \$326,121. The WTA remains fully committed to keep thorough financial management plans, including the operational plan and ongoing regular budget reviews.

## 2020–21 CAPITAL ADDITIONS

The main projects this financial year were the replacement of Trunding storm water inlets and the Storm Surge Shelter carpark water mains works, improving the operational ability of our town water infrastructure.

This financial year also saw the completion of park and playground upgrades at Alstonia, Anzac, Flinders, Hibberd, Kookaburra and Merluna Parks, providing improved spaces for our community. We also completed the Kumrumja theatre refurbishment, enabling improved entertainment and event options. The addition of Council Chambers video conferencing facilities and the Hibberd Building refurbishment, enables the building to have a more sustainable future.

Work is progressing well on the Northern Avenue shared pathway and the Central Avenue pathway solar lights projects. 50% of the cost of these projects is being funded by the Department of Transport and Main Roads through the Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program.

### A summary of the 2020–21 Capital Additions is provided below:

Fixed Classification	Asset	Additions \$	Work in Progress \$	Comments
Buildings		278,696	291,288	Hibberd Building air conditioner remediation and lighting. Work in progress: SES Building.
Other structures		243,966	315,099	Alstonia, Anzac, Flinders, Hibberd, Kookaburra and Merluna park and playground upgrades, and the Urban Green tree planting project. <i>Work in progress:</i> Central Avenue pathway solar lights, Northern Avenue shared pathway, and Joy Rollin park upgrade.
Plant & vehicles		14,690	-	Robotic pool cleaner
Furniture & equipment		-	154,206	<i>Work in progress:</i> Kumrumja theatre refurbishment, and Council Chambers video-conferencing facilities.
Roads & drainage		125,852		John Evans Drive Hospital roundabout works, and Trunding storm water inlets.
Water infrastructure		25,042		Storm Surge Shelter carpark water mains.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>688,246</b>	<b>760,593</b>	



Northern Avenue Shared Pathway




Central Avenue pathway solar lights



Trunding water main upgrade





**WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

# WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Rates and charges	3	7,330,242	7,326,527
Grants and subsidies		131,670	109,308
Fees and charges		273,788	252,338
Interest revenue		84,145	103,183
Other Income		65,161	22,695
<b>Total income</b>		<b>7,885,006</b>	<b>7,814,051</b>
Administration expenses		547,014	499,266
Consultants		242,710	250,701
Contractors		1,568,325	1,342,316
Depreciation and amortisation		656,854	631,257
Electricity		347,795	413,386
General expenses		964,069	784,996
Other materials and services		284,124	309,503
Payroll expenses		2,114,643	2,102,822
Repairs and maintenance		833,351	1,013,018
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>7,558,885</b>	<b>7,347,265</b>
<b>Net Result</b>		<b>326,121</b>	<b>466,786</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>326,121</b>	<b>466,786</b>

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

**WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 30 June 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		5,416,131	4,921,216
Trade and other receivables	4	1,249,314	1,309,216
Other current assets		37,108	34,402
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>6,702,553</b>	<b>6,264,834</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	5	9,438,190	8,941,041
Intangible assets	6	59,812	89,742
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>9,498,002</b>	<b>9,030,783</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>16,200,555</b>	<b>15,295,617</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	891,548	996,178
Revenue in advance	8	4,559,629	3,876,182
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>5,451,177</b>	<b>4,872,360</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>5,451,177</b>	<b>4,872,360</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>10,749,378</b>	<b>10,423,257</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	9	870,794	870,794
Retained profits		9,878,584	9,552,463
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>10,749,378</b>	<b>10,423,257</b>

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



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Statement of Changes in Equity  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Retained Profits \$	Other Reserves \$	Total \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2019</b>	<b>9,085,677</b>	<b>870,794</b>	<b>9,956,471</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	466,786	-	466,786
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>466,786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>466,786</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>9,552,463</b>	<b>870,794</b>	<b>10,423,257</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	326,121	-	326,121
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>326,121</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>326,121</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>9,878,584</b>	<b>870,794</b>	<b>10,749,378</b>

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 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cash from operating activities:</b>			
Receipts from customers		8,572,500	9,209,217
Payments to suppliers and employees		(7,037,659)	(6,478,786)
Interest received		84,145	103,183
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	10	<b>1,618,986</b>	<b>2,833,614</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(1,124,073)	(796,328)
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	(3,620)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>(1,124,073)</b>	<b>(799,948)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		-	-
<b>Net increase (decreases) in cash held</b>		<b>494,913</b>	<b>2,033,667</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		4,921,216	2,887,549
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>		<b>5,416,129</b>	<b>4,921,216</b>

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

## WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

#### 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 2021 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 2021

#### 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

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
General rates	4,048,193	4,084,579
Cleansing rates	767,179	760,728
Sewerage rates	1,148,597	1,138,712
Water rates	1,506,459	1,491,787
Excess water rates	28,143	27,129
	7,498,571	7,502,935
Discounts and adjustments	(168,329)	(176,408)
	7,330,242	7,326,527

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.

#### 4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Rates debtors	1,038,246	1,137,441
Sundry debtors	61,090	50,043
RTA Weipa Pty Ltd	149,978	121,732
	1,249,314	1,309,216

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.

**WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

**5 Property Plant and Equipment**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Infrastructure, at cost	<b>11,198,787</b>	10,803,926
Less accumulated depreciation	<b>(3,598,803)</b>	(3,038,755)
	<b>7,599,984</b>	7,765,171
Buildings, at cost	<b>1,077,519</b>	798,823
Less accumulated depreciation	<b>(180,065)</b>	(154,860)
	<b>897,454</b>	643,963
Plant & vehicles, at cost	<b>284,447</b>	269,758
Less accumulated depreciation	<b>(154,646)</b>	(123,837)
	<b>129,801</b>	145,921
Furniture & office equipment, at cost	<b>129,984</b>	129,984
Less accumulated depreciation	<b>(79,627)</b>	(68,765)
	<b>50,357</b>	61,219
Capital work in progress	<b>760,594</b>	324,767
Total property, plant and equipment	<b>9,438,190</b>	8,941,041

**WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

**5 Property Plant and Equipment (continued)**

2021	Infrastructure \$	Buildings \$	Plant & vehicles \$	Furniture & office equipment \$	Capital work in progress \$	Total \$
Carrying amount at the beginning of year ended 30 June 2021	7,765,157	643,959	145,936	61,220	324,768	8,941,040
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,124,074	1,124,074
Depreciation expense	(559,877)	(25,377)	(30,807)	(10,863)	-	(626,924)
Transfers	394,704	278,872	14,672	-	(688,248)	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Carrying amount at the end of year ended 30 June 2021</b>	<b>7,599,984</b>	<b>897,454</b>	<b>129,801</b>	<b>50,357</b>	<b>760,594</b>	<b>9,438,190</b>

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 asset's 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.

**WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

**6 Intangibles**

<b>2021</b>	<b>Software</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Carrying amount at the beginning of year ended 30 June 2021	<b>89,742</b>	89,742
Additions	-	-
Amortisation expense	<b>(29,930)</b>	(29,930)
Transfers	-	-
Disposals	-	-
<b>Carrying amount at the end of year ended 30 June 2021</b>	<b>59,812</b>	<b>59,812</b>

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**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trade creditors	<b>513,422</b>	642,656
Accrued expense	<b>367,858</b>	343,253
Other payables	<b>10,268</b>	10,269
	<b>891,548</b>	996,178

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 7-60 day payment terms.

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8 Revenue in Advance

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Unexpended grants	543,817	187,417
Rates and fees and charges in advance	176,167	156,395
Government Grants received	2,239,645	2,332,370
SES Project funds	1,600,000	1,200,000
	<u>4,559,629</u>	<u>3,876,181</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.

9 Reserves

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
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



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**10 Cash Flow Information**

*Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax*

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Net (deficit)/surplus for the period	326,121	466,786
Cash flows excluded from (deficit)/surplus attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in (deficit)/surplus		
Depreciation and amortisation	656,854	631,257
Disposal of WIP	-	-
Profit on disposal PPE	-	3,619
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	57,193	(93,377)
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	(104,629)	446,952
Increase/(decrease) in deferred revenue	683,447	1,378,377
	1,618,986	2,833,614

**11 Capital Commitments**

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

	2021	2020
Northern Avenue Shared Pathway Project	-	278,751

**12 Contractual Commitments**

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

	2021	2020
Wholly settled within 12 months	1,321,910	-
Between 1 year and 3 years	532,428	-
Between 3 and 5 years	332,768	-
5+ years	-	-

**13 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.

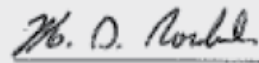
The committee members of the authority declare that:

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 2021 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described 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 2nd of February 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 2021, 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, 9 February 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 2021, 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 member's declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2021 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 requirements of the members. 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 requirements of the members 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.

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

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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](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, 9 February 2022







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