



WEIPA
TOWN AUTHORITY

WTA Members General Meeting

MINUTES

Held at the Council Chambers, WTA Office
On Wednesday 24th May 2023
at 1pm



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 24 May 2023

ATTENDANCE

Present and History

- Present**

- Michael Rowland
- Stretch Noonan
- Dave Donald
- Jaime Gane
- Tim Ryan
- Aaron Schleich

- History**

Attendance 2023	January		February		March		April		May		June	
	Workshop	25-Jan Meeting	8-Feb Workshop	22-Feb Meeting	8-Mar Workshop	22-Mar Meeting	12-Apr Workshop	19-Apr Meeting	17-May Workshop	24-May Meeting	14-Jun Workshop	21-Jun Meeting
Michael Rowland	X	P	P	L	L	P	P	P	P			
Stretch Noonan	X	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	P			
David Donald	X	P	L	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Jaime Gane	X	P	P	P	Ap	P	P	P	P			
Jackie Malacoola	X	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	A			
Tim Ryan	X	Ap	P	P	AP	P	L	P	P			
Aaron Schleich	X	Ap	P	P	P	P	P	L	P			

- Guests**

N/A

Not Present

- Absent**

Jackie Malacoola

- Apology**

N/A

- Leave**

N/A

OPEN MEETING

The General Meeting opened at 1:01pm.

Traditional Owners Acknowledgment

We begin today by acknowledging the Alngith people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to Elders both past and present. We thank the First Australians for generations of careful custodianship of the land on which we live, work and play.

1. MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting on 19 April 2023 are attached as Appendix 1.

Resolution

Moved: Stretch Noonan

Seconded: Jaime Gane

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members adopt the minutes of the General Meeting on 19 April 2023 as true and accurate records.

CARRIED

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1. Bereavement and condolences

A minute of silence may be observed out of respect for community members who have recently passed away.

A moment of silence was held for Walter Savo.

2.2. Conflict of interest

WTA Members are asked to consider any Material Personal Interest (MPI) or Conflict of Interest (COI) issues that may arise due to items listed on the agenda.

i) **NIL**

2.3. Travel applications

WTA Members are asked to consider any travel plans so that all travel and reimbursements can be pre-approved by WTA (Pol-014 Member Expenses Reimbursement Policy).

i) DNA Conference – Darwin

Jaime Gane and Dave Donald would like to attend the DNA Conference in Darwin from 24th to 26th of July.

Resolution

Moved: Michael Rowland

Seconded: Stretch Noonan

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members approve travel expenses for Jaime Gane and Dave Donald to attend Development Northern Australia Conference in Darwin from the 24th to 26th of July.

CARRIED

2.4. Leave Applications

WTA Members are required to have all absences pre-approved by WTA resolution (POL-010 Member Remuneration Policy).

i) DNA Conference Attendance – Dave Donald

Leave form submitted on 24 May requesting a short period of leave to attend the DNA Conference. The leave has been submitted in the prescribed form.

Resolution

Moved: Michael Rowland

Seconded: Aaron Schleich

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members approve for Dave Donald to be absent from 19 to 28 July due to leave for a short period.

CARRIED

2.5. Community Engagement

WTA Members are asked to consider what community engagement activities are needed or what has occurred.

i) Future engagements

State Direct of DFAT and TTNQ Tourism Destination Workshop is on the 29th of May. Michael Rowland will be attending these.

DESBIT Small Business Month Event is on the 31st of May which a majority of the Members will be attending.

The Members have the intention to appear at the Sunset Markets.

3. QUESTIONS

3.1. Public questions

i) NIL

No public attendance

3.2. Member questions

i) LGAQ EMU dates

LGAQ is only available 8:30 to 11:30 on Friday 28th July for the EMU. They have no other times available. They are able to provide WTA with resources if 2 Members are unable to attend. What date would you prefer the EMU on:

- 26th July – 9am to 1pm (prior to the meeting)
- 28th July – 8:30am to 11:30am (Friday)

The members decided to have the EMU on the 28th of July so all the Members could attend.

3.3. Answers to previous questions

i) NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCES

4.1. Correspondence

i) IN – Department of Natural justice and Attorney General – Office of Fair Trading – READ

Please see Appendix 2 for the letter from the Deputy Director-General of the Commissioner for Fair Trading.

ii) IN – Member for Cook – Rocky Point Boat Ramp – READ

Please see Appendix 3 for the letter to the Minister for Transport from the Member for Cook – Cynthia Lui – regarding the Rocky Point Boat Ramp.

iii) OUT – 2023 Charity Quad Bike Event

Please see Appendix 4 for the letter of support sent to Jane Lawson.

iv) OUT – Sculpting the Tropics Trail Project

Please see Appendix 4.2 for the letter of support sent to Waratah Nicholls.

4.2. Petitions and joint letters

i) NIL

4.3. Deputations and delegations

i) NIL

5. CHAIR REPORT

Michael Rowland to present the Chair's Report.

6. WTA REPORTS

6.1. Superintendent

i) Superintendent's Report

Judey Haeusler to present the Superintendent's Report.

6.2. Corporate Services

i) NIL

6.3. Planning and Works

i) NIL

6.4. Community and Social

i) NIL

6.5. WASP

i) NIL

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7.1. Corporate Services

i) **Monthly Financial Report**

Nicky Perriman to present the monthly WTA Financial Report. Appendix 5.

Resolution #

Moved: Aaron Schleich

Seconded: Jaime Gane

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members accept the monthly financial reports for April 2023.

CARRIED

ii) Rates and Utilities Review 2023-24

Mead Perry has three options for the increase in rates and utilities. These options are:

- An increase of \$217,000 or 5% for all categories; or
- An increase of \$260,000 or 6% for all categories; or
- An increase of \$260,000 or 6%, with a 5% increase for the Residential PPR and 6% for NPPR, Industry and Sporting/NFP and slightly higher increases up to 7.4% for multi-units 5-20.

See Appendix 6.

Resolution #	
Moved:	Michael Rowland
Seconded:	Tim Ryan
Affirmative:	6
Negative:	0
<p>The WTA Members accept the findings of the Weipa Rates and Utilities Review conducted by Mead Perry 2023 and support option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase of \$260,000 or 6% with a 5% increase for the Residential PPR and 6% for NPPR, Industry and Sporting/NFP and slightly higher increases up to 7.4% for multi-units 5-20. 	
CARRIED	

iii) Local Government Remuneration Commission Report 2022

The draft Remuneration Policy will follow in the June Workshop. See Appendix 7.

Resolution #	
Moved:	Aaron Schleich
Seconded:	Jaime Gane
Affirmative:	6
Negative:	0
<p>The WTA Members note the determination in the report regarding increased maximum remuneration levels from 1 July 2023.</p>	
CARRIED	

iv) Sewer Relining Project Funding Contribution

The Sewer Relining Project has a funding agreement with the Queensland Government – Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning – for \$1,500,000. WTA has agreed to contribute \$500,000 towards the project.

Resolution

Moved: Stretch Noonan

Seconded: Jaime Gane

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members commit to the delivery of the Sewer Relining Project and have budgeted and approved a co-contribution of \$500,000 towards the project. WTA accepts responsibility to cover any funding shortfall if costs or other contributions change.

CARRIED

v) Youth Precinct Concept Design approval and consultation

The final concept design report for the Rocky Point Youth Precinct is to be approved.

Resolution

Moved: Dave Donald

Seconded: Stretch Noonan

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members approve the final concept design report for the Rocky Point Youth Precinct developed by Convic. The WTA Members approve the final concept design report to be issued for public consultation.

CARRIED

vi) Community Event Sponsorship - Conquer the Corrugations

The event 'Conquer the Corrugations' is ineligible for the Community Event Sponsorship grant as it is not located in Weipa. The WTA Members are to consider whether the event should be considered eligible for the Community Event Sponsorship.

Resolution

Moved: Aaron Schleich

Seconded: Jaime Gane

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members authorise the event 'Conquer the Corrugations' to be eligible for the Community Event Sponsorship grant as the event benefits the community of Weipa. Conquer the Corrugations' application is to be assessed in the 2023/24 period.

CARRIED

vii) Weipa Fishing Classic Show public holiday 2024

WTA must determine the Show public Holiday date for 2024.

Resolution

Moved: Jaime Gane

Seconded: Stretch Noonan

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members approve for the Weipa Fishing Classic Public Holiday (Nominated Show Holiday) to be Monday 10 June 2024.

CARRIED

7.2. Planning and Works

i) NIL

7.3. Community Services

i) NIL

7.1. Weipa Aquatics and Sport Precinct

i) NIL

7.2. Other

i) NIL

8. URGENT MATTERS

8.1. Motions

i) NIL

8.2. Notices

i) NIL

9. CONTINUATION OF ITEMS

9.1. Adjourned items

i) NIL

9.2. Debates

i) NIL

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

i) NIL

11. MEETING SCHEDULE AND TRAINING

11.1. Training and Conferences

State Director of DFAT – 29 May @ 2pm

TTNQ Tourism Destination Workshop – 29 May @ 2:30pm

DESBIT Small Business Month event – 31 May @ 5pm

Federal Minister for Regional Development – 6 June

DNA Darwin conference – 24-27 July

EMU - TBC

11.2. Workshop

- 14 June 2023
- 12 July 2023
- 9 August 2023
- 13 September 2023
- 11 October 2023
- 8 November 2023
- 13 December 2023

11.3. General Meeting

- 21 June 2023
- 26 July 2023
- 23 August 2023
- 13 September 2023
- 25 October 2023
- 22 November 2023
- 20 December 2023

11.4. Date Claimer

Sunset Markets – 17th June, 29th July, 2nd September

MEETING CLOSE

The General Meeting closed at 2:11pm.

ENDORSEMENT

These Minutes were confirmed this 21 day of June 2023.

Michael Rowland

Chair

Judey Haensler

Superintendent Weipa Township