



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 20 November 2023

ATTENDANCE

Present and History

- Present**

- Michael Rowland
- Stretch Noonan
- Dave Donald
- Jaime Gane
- Jacqueline Malacoola

- History**

	January		February			March		April		May		June		July			August		September		October			November		December	
	25th	8th	22nd	8th	22nd	12th	19th	17th	24th	14th	21st	12th	26th	28th	9th	23rd	13th	11th	25th	8th	22nd	13th	20th				
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	SM	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M		
Michael Rowland	X	P	P	L	L	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	P	X	P	P	P	L					
Richard Noonan	X	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	L	L						
David Donald	X	P	L	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	X	P	P	P	P						
Jaime Gane	X	P	P	P	Ap	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	X	P	P	P	P						
Jackie Malacoola	X	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A						X										
Tim Ryan	X	Ap	P	P	AP	P	L	P	P	P	Ap	P	P	P	P	P	X	Ap	P	P	Ap						
Aaron Schleich	X	Ap	P	P	P	P	L	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P						
Jacqueline Malacoola	X																X	A	A	A	A						

- Guests**

- Duane Fewquandie – Manager, Strategy and Town Services

Not Present

- Absent**

NIL

- Apology**

- Aaron Schleich – Emergency Carers Leave

- Leave**

- Tim Ryan – SES Training

OPEN MEETING

The General Meeting opened at 9:04 am.

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 25 October 2023 are attached as Appendix 1.

Resolution #

Moved: Michael Rowland

Seconded: Jaime Gane

Affirmative: 4

Negative: 0

The WTA Members adopt the minutes of the General Meeting on 25 November 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.

NIL

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.

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) NIL

2.4. Leave Applications

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

i) Jaime Gane – Short Period

Leave form submitted on the 26th of October requesting a short period of leave. The leave has been submitted in the prescribed form.

Resolution #	
Moved:	Dave Donald
Seconded:	Stretch Noonan
Affirmative:	4
Negative:	0
The WTA Members approve for Jaime Gane to be absent from 20 November to 24 November 2023 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.

Members discussed the Christmas Markets on 18 December 2023.

3. QUESTIONS

3.1. Public questions

i) NIL

3.2. Member questions

i) NIL

3.3. Answers to previous questions

i) NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCES

4.1. Correspondence

i) IN – Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Art – Congratulations on Strategic Priority Grant - READ

Please see Appendix 2.1 for the letter from the Minister for the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Art regarding a congratulations for receiving the Strategic Priority Grant.

ii) IN – Queensland Fire and Emergency Services – State Disaster Risk Report - Read

Please see Appendix 2.2 for the letter from the commissioner for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services regarding the release of the 2023 State Disaster Risk Report.

iii) IN – Various Ministers – WTA’s Eligibility of Financial Assistance Grants

Please see Appendix 2.3 for the letters from the (1) Minister of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure, and (2) Regional Development, Local Government and Territories regarding the eligibility of WTA for the Financial Assistance Grants. (Spoiler not eligible)

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.

See Appendix 3 for information from TCICA.

6. WTA REPORTS

6.1. Superintendent

i) Superintendent’s Report

Judey Haeusler to present the Superintendent’s Report.

Jacqueline Malacoola arrived at 10:08 am (after the completion of Judey’s report)

6.2. Corporate Services

i) NIL

6.3. Planning and Works

i) NIL

6.4. Community and Social

i) NIL

6.5. Sports and Recreation

i) NIL

6.6. Other

i) Rio Tinto - "Closure" update

Duane Fewquandie provided an update on "closure" and future planning.

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7.1. Corporate Services

i) **Monthly Financial Report**

Nicky Periman to present the monthly WTA Financial Report. See Appendix 4.

Resolution #

Moved: Jaime Gane

Seconded: Stretch Noonan

Affirmative: 5

Negative: 0

The WTA Members accept the monthly financial report for October 2023.

CARRIED

ii) Letter of Support – Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fishery Discussion Paper

See Appendix 5.

Resolution #	
Moved:	Stretch Noonan
Seconded:	Jaime Gane
	Affirmative: 5
	Negative: 0
<p>The WTA Members endorse the letter of support in response to the Gulf of Carpentaria Inshore Fishery: Consultation on gillnet-free zones and fishery reforms Discussion Paper.</p>	
CARRIED	

7.2. Planning and Works

i) Boundary Road Pathway and Pedestrian Crossing Designs

See Appendix 6.

Resolution #	
Moved:	Michael Rowland
Seconded:	Dave Donald
	Affirmative: 5
	Negative: 0
<p>The WTA Members approve the amended designs for the Boundary Road pathway and pedestrian crossing developed by Pekol Traffic and Transport Engineering.</p>	
CARRIED	

7.3. Community Services

i) CEA – Pound Carport

The construction of a carport at the pound is in the operational budget. The budget however is not sufficient to cover the cost of the carport. See Appendix 7.

Resolution #	
Moved:	Jaime Gane
Seconded:	Stretch Noonan
	Affirmative: 5
	Negative: 0
<p>The WTA Members approve the CEA of \$38,054 for the cost adjustment for the pound carport to be funded from WTA funds. This cost will be addressed in the next budget review.</p>	
CARRIED	

7.4. Sports and Recreation

i) CEA – Ride on Floor Cleaner

It is proposed to purchase a new floor cleaner for the Weipa Storm Surge Shelter. This is not currently in the capital budget. The T681 costs \$20,499. See Appendix 8.

Resolution

Moved: Michael Rowland

Seconded: Dave Donald

Affirmative: 5

Negative: 0

The WTA Members approve the CEA of \$20,499 for the purchase of a T681 ride-on floor cleaner to be funded from WTA funds. This cost will be addressed in the next budget review.

CARRIED

7.5. Other

i) 2024 Meeting Dates

Each year the dates for the General Meetings and workshops must be decided upfront. As this year is an election year, all meetings until March have been determined as per the usual rules (every second Wednesday of the month at 1pm). The dates for the meetings after March will be determined by the post-election WTA Members.

Resolution

Moved: Michael Rowland

Seconded: Stretch Noonan

Affirmative: 5

Negative: 0

The WTA Members approve the General Meeting and Workshop dates for 2024, prior to the election, as follows:

General Meeting
24 January 2024
21 February 2024
20 March 2024

Workshop
7 February 2024
6 March 2024

CARRIED

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

Please complete 'so you want to be a councillor' training if you would like to run for a WTA Member position again.

11.2. Workshop

- 13 December 2023

11.3. General Meetings

- 13 December 2023

11.4. Date Claimer

- Christmas Market – 18 November 2023
- Christmas light competition – Judging 13 and 14 December 7-9pm
- Australia Day Award Night – 23 January 2024
- Local Election – Notice of Election / Caretakership commences – 29 January 2024
- Local Election – Close of nominations – 13 February 2024
- Local Election – Early voting commences – 11 March 2024
- Local Election – Election Day – 16 March 2024

MEETING CLOSE

The General Meeting closed at 10:38 am.

ENDORSEMENT

These Minutes were confirmed this 13 day of December, 2023.

The Members listed as present in these Minutes are considered eligible for the Meeting Fee.

Michael Rowland

Chair

Juday Haensler

Superintendent Weipa Township