



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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 acknowledgement to all the Aboriginal members of the Anathangayth, Ankamuthi, Peppan, Taepadhighi, Thanikwithi, Tjungundji, Warrangu, Wathayn, Wik and Wik-Waya and Yupungathi 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 2,051 mm 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 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.

Rio Tinto 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: 1961



POPULATION: 4,097*

** Population as at 2021*

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 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.



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WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

It has been just a few months since my election as Chair of WTA, following the local government election process in March 2024.

The results of the election have meant a changing of the guard with newly elected WTA members Geoff Robins, Trent Gordon and Lisa Scharf coming onboard, and a bittersweet farewell to retiring WTA members Michael Rowland, Stretch Noonan and Dave Donald. The efforts of these three members (total collective of 30+ years) have left an amazing legacy for the town, and WTA is forever grateful for their contributions and endless lobbying for Weipa.

I must give a special mention to former Chair Michael Rowland, for his support and guidance over my first term as a member, and for always having time and patience for my endless questions and ideas. Michael's willingness to share his years of hard-earned knowledge helped me greatly and gave me the confidence to put my hand up for the Chair position, which I consider a great privilege and responsibility.

Since then, I have had the pleasure of working closely with the WTA staff and learning all about the important work they do each day to ensure community facilities and level of services are well maintained. You can rest assured there is a highly capable, motivated and dedicated team working every day for the betterment and long-term success of the community.

As you will see outlined in the report, WTA does not have a huge annual operating budget to provide services and make improvements. A lot of effort is put into the budget preparation each year to make sure rate payers' money is spent wisely on services and projects that are in line with community expectations.

In 2023-24, WTA undertook a significant Sewer Upgrade Project, which included the relining of approximately 9 kilometres of sewer mains across Rocky Point and Trunding. Coming in at just under \$2 million, the project was co-funded by the State Government 'Building Our Regions' Program. This vital upgrade will reduce the likelihood of unplanned maintenance, extend the life of the relined sewer network, and improve the reliability and capability of the sewer network to withstand additional demand due to future development.

The sewer upgrade is one of many WTA projects aimed to 'future proof' Weipa's infrastructure, providing economic opportunity for industry, and improve the liveability and amenity for the community well into the future. Other projects include the Aquatic Centre Upgrade (co-funded by Rio Tinto) which commenced in mid-2024 and Rocky Point Community Youth Precinct which is in the pre-construction engineering phase and will proceed to tender again in early 2025.

WTA has also installed solar CCTV units at both boat ramps and eat street, to improve public safety; upgraded various playgrounds; repaired irrigation; and replaced one of the Public Works vehicles, to ensure staff are adequately equipped to perform their duties. WTA is also very excited by the announcement of a \$12 million upgrade to the Rocky Point Boat Ramp over the next 4 years (owned by the State Government with WTA/Rio Tinto the appointed manager), which is funded entirely by the State Government. This will be a great improvement to a much loved and well used community asset.

It is a very exciting time for Weipa. Throughout the year, there has been great interest in the region, with various opportunities presenting themselves. This gives the region great optimism for the long-term future and sustainability. I am very much looking forward to the next few years and will continue to work hard to advocate for our community and the region.

Thank you for taking the time to read the Annual Report. I hope you find it interesting and informative. If you have any questions about anything you read in this report, please reach out to WTA's friendly team for assistance.

Jaime Gane

Chair,
Weipa Town Authority



WORDS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are pleased to present the WTA Annual Report for the 2023-2024 year.

Our focus for this year was on an 'Active and Vibrant Community'. We achieved this through upgrading essential infrastructure as well as enhancing Weipa as a great place to live, work and play. The WTA team have put in a tremendous effort to deliver projects the community expect and deserve, but at the same time remaining sustainable within an environment of rising costs.

WTA was fortunate enough to receive \$1.5 million funding from the State Government 'Building Our Regions' Program towards remediating critical sewer mains across Weipa. This work was completed without incident in late 2023.

Other projects delivered include –

- Sewer manhole upgrades
- Installation of solar CCTV at Rocky Point Boat Ramp, Evans Landing Boat Ramp and Eat Street
- Replacement of a Public Works fleet vehicle
- Playground upgrades including – Kookaburra and Joy Rollin Parks
- Replacement of the town Christmas Tree

Throughout the year, WTA responded to 644 community requests; 606 of these were completed. Of the requests received, local law queries (including animal management and environmental health) were the most common, with a completion rate of 95%.

This year, WTA strived to bring community members together in culture, sport, recreation and celebration through diverse activities and events encompassing a broad demographic. New records for program delivery were reached due to great efforts from the Sport and Recreation, and Library teams. A whopping 41 school holiday sessions were held, attracting over 1,000 participants through the WASP and Hibberd Library, where children learnt sporting skills, science and social skills, enjoyed cinema-esque experiences and time in the sun on WTA's new water inflatables, and most of all had some safe holiday fun with friends.

The sport and recreation team also delivered active after-school programs, including tennis, basketball, and soccer; a 6-week gym challenge, which attracted 50 participants; and the 'Learn to Swim' program, where all children learnt safe swimming techniques while developing joy for swimming. The library team had an outstanding year with 9,394 library books borrowed, 565 visits to Toddler Rock 'n' Rhyme, and 337 visits to Baby Wiggle 'n' Giggle. Many new minds were enriched by the library this year, with 142 new members joining the library, bringing library membership up to 611.

WTA also held Weipa Local Government Elections in March 2024. This process is conducted every four (4) years at the same time and in the same manner as all other Queensland Local Government Elections. Jaime Gane was elected unopposed for the Chair position, and a total of 1,082 ballot papers were issued to voters tasked with choosing 3 new WTA Elected Members. The new WTA Members are introduced in the following pages of the report. With the election, WTA said goodbye to standing WTA Members Michael Rowland (16 years), Stretch Noonan (12 years) and Dave Donald (4 years).

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate the entire WTA team for another successful year and the contribution to delivering exceptional services to our community. WTA also said goodbye to the Superintendent Judey Haeusler at the end of this year, as she moved to face broader challenges within the Rio Tinto management team.

At the time of preparing this report, recruitment of a new permanent Superintendent/CEO was underway.

WTA Leadership Team

Matt Turnbull, Supervisor Public Works

Nicky Perriman, Supervisor Corporate Services

Renee Williams, Supervisor Communities

Lauren Hughes, Supervisor Sports & Recreation



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 2024, WTA aligned with other Queensland Local Governments and held an election in accordance with Local Government Electoral Act 2011 (Qld). The election process resulted in the following members elected for a four (4) year term –

- Jaime Gane (Chairperson)
- Geoff Robins (Deputy Chairperson)
- Trent Gordon
- Lisa Scharf

At the Post Election Special Meeting on the 27th of March 2024, Geoff Robins was elected Deputy Chairperson and Chairperson of the Local Disaster Management Group.

The next election will be conducted in the same manner as other Queensland Local Government Elections in 2028.

The following Members served in the 2023-24 financial year until the election was held on the 16th of March 2024.

- Michael Rowland (Chairperson)
- Stretch Noonan (Deputy Chairperson)
- Dave Donald

WTA extends its appreciation and thanks to the outgoing councillors for their service to the community of Weipa.

WTA MEMBERS

MEET YOUR MEMBERS



Jaime Gane
Chairperson

JAIME GANE

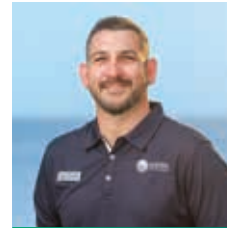
“Progress is more important than perfection.”

Jaime has been in Weipa since she was two years old. Alongside her husband Kurt, a fellow long-time local, they have raised their two daughters, who both attended Western Cape College.

Jaime has always been a very passionate and active community member and has been involved in a variety of different clubs and community groups. Jaime believes people who volunteer to run clubs, organisations, and host fantastic community events are a big part of what makes Weipa so special.

Her experiences growing up in Weipa, involvement in a range of different work environments and community groups, as well as owning and operating multiple small businesses, gives her a great insight into the challenges faced by different age groups, businesses and community groups.

Jaime is fiercely passionate about the region and is very driven to ensure that Weipa has a bright and prosperous future for generations to come.



Geoff Robins
Deputy Chairperson

GEOFF ROBINS

“Well done is better than well said.”

Geoff has spent most of his life in North Queensland. He first visited Weipa in 2010 for business and was immediately in awe of the unique community and lifestyle. It wasn't until 2014 that Geoff was able to move permanently to Weipa as the District Manager of the Weipa Community Corrections Office.

Over the years, Geoff and his family have been involved in a number of community groups and events including the Weipa Fishing Classic, the local State Emergency Service group, Weipa Running Festival, and Wine by the Sea. With a background in psychology and history in small towns, Geoff knows all too well how connection and engagement in the community greatly improves mental health and overall wellbeing for residents.

With over 15 years of service to date with Queensland Corrective Services and being a volunteer member of the State Emergency Services, Geoff will continue to look for opportunities to keep the community safe.



Trent Gordon
Elected Member

TRENT GORDON

“An opportunity only exists because a problem has been solved.”

Trent has lived on Cape York most of his life, apart from time at boarding school in Townsville and completing an apprenticeship in Cairns. He moved permanently to Weipa in 2003 after flying here for work and developing a love of the lifestyle and the community. Trent has been actively involved in many community events and sporting groups over the years, most notably coaching and refereeing junior rugby league for the last 12 years.

Trent believes with the right strategic vision Weipa will continue to sustainably grow as the central hub for the Western Cape Region without losing what makes it such a special place to live and work.



Lisa Scharf

Elected Member

LISA SCHARF

“Belonging and connecting is the essence of a life well-lived.”

Lisa has always led a nomadic life, living in many places, and had a lot of adventures, including sailing Northern Australia with her small family. In 2020 she embarked on a new journey to Weipa with her husband, falling in love with the landscape, lifestyle and people.

Belonging and connecting to the many towns and people where she lives has always been incredibly important to Lisa and is the driver for her community focused spirit. Her business ‘Get your Art on’ is dedicated to enriching the community through art and fostering a sense of belonging and connection for all residents. Lisa is a full-time multi-disciplinary artist and an active member of Weipa Potters, serving as President.

Lisa is dedicated to cultivating a future for Weipa where individuals feel deeply connected, fully supported, and empowered to thrive, not merely survive, as they proudly call Weipa their home.



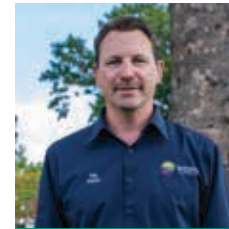
Aaron Schleich

Appointed Rio Tinto Representative

AARON SCHLEICH

Aaron came to Weipa in 2007 through Rio Tinto to start his professional career as a Mechanical Engineer. He has two bachelor degrees: Environmental Technology and Mechanical Engineering; which are pivotal in supporting his strength and success in various senior positions within Rio Tinto.

Aaron is a strong advocate for the Weipa region and a passionate community member demonstrated through his successive role as President of the Weipa Fishing Classic. He strives to shape and strengthen Weipa and the surrounding communities so others can visit and experience this wonderful, beautiful and culturally prominent region he calls home.



Tim Ryan

Appointed Rio Tinto Representative

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 with Rio Tinto, rising through a variety of positions since he came to Weipa 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.



Jackie Malacoola

Appointed Traditional Owner Representative

JACKIE MALACOOOLA

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.

WTA MEMBER MEETINGS

WTA holds all Member Meetings at the Council Chambers, located at 6 Hibberd Drive. WTA holds two different meetings: Workshops and General Meetings.

Workshops are for discussion items and preparation, with no resolutions made. These meetings are closed to the public. General Meetings are for the core business of WTA, with resolutions being made. General Meetings are open to the public. Generally, there are 10 Workshops and 12 General Meetings in a 12-month period.

All General Meeting dates are displayed for the calendar year on the WTA Website at: www.weipatownauthority.com.au/Your-WTA/Contact-Information/WTA-Meetings-and-Minutes

WORKSHOPS

Workshops are ordinarily held on the second Wednesday of the month. During the period July 2023 to June 2024, Workshops occurred on the following dates –

12 July 2023
 9 August 2023
 11 October 2023
 8 November 2023
 7 February 2024
 17 April 2024
 8 May 2024
 12 June 2024

GENERAL MEETINGS

General Meetings are ordinarily held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. During the period July 2023 to June 2024, General Meetings occurred on the following dates –

26 July 2023
 23 August 2023
 13 September 2023
 25 October 2023
 20 November 2023
 13 December 2023
 24 January 2024
 21 February 2024
 27 March 2024
 24 April 2024
 22 May 2024
 19 June 2024

MEMBER ATTENDANCE

WTA Members are expected to attend all relevant Member meetings. In the 2023-24 financial year, the following Member meetings were held:

- 8 Workshops
- 12 General Meetings
- 2 Special Meetings

Individual WTA Member attendance rates for 2023-24 are as follows –

WTA Member	Workshop (8 held)	General Meeting (12 held)	Special Meeting (2 held)	Attendance (%)
Chairperson Jaime Gane*	8	11	2	97%
Chairperson Michael Rowland* <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	3	8	1	87%
Deputy Chairperson Geoff Robins <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	3	4	1	100%
Deputy Chairperson Stretch Noonan* <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	4	6	1	85%
Elected Member Trent Gordon <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	3	3	1	92%
Elected Member Lisa Scharf <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	3	4	1	100%
Elected Member Dave Donald* <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	5	7	1	96%
Appointed Traditional Owner Representative Jackie Malacoola*^	3	4	1	63%
Appointed Rio Tinto Representative Tim Ryan*	6	10	2	86%
Appointed Rio Tinto Representative Aaron Schleich*	7	8	2	85%

* Member Rowland had an approved leave of absence for two meetings held during this period. Member Gane had an approved leave of absence for one meeting held during this period. Member Noonan had an approved leave of absence for three meetings held during this period. Member Donald had an approved leave of absence for one meeting held during this period.

Member Malacoola had an approved leave of absence for one meeting held during this period. Member Ryan had an approved leave of absence for four meetings held during this period. Member Schleich had an approved leave of absence for five meetings held during this period.

^ The Appointed Traditional Owner WTA Member position was deemed vacant from 15 June 2023 to 1 September 2023.

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 Appointed Traditional Owner (Alngith) Representative. Appointed Rio Tinto Representatives are not covered by this policy.

Commencing 1 July 2023 remuneration for WTA members was as follows –

	REMUNERATION	SUPERANNUATION (11%)	TOTAL
Chair	\$114,801	\$12,628	\$127,429
Deputy Chair	\$66,231	\$7,285	\$73,516
Member	\$57,400	\$6,314	\$63,714

The remuneration is all-inclusive and no additional remuneration is payable for sick leave, annual leave or other benefits otherwise applicable to employees. Remuneration for WTA Members includes a contribution equivalent to the Superannuation Guarantee Rate (11%).

Individual WTA Member remuneration for 2023-24 are as follows –

	REMUNERATION	SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL
Chairperson Jaime Gane	\$73,736.74	\$8,560.80	\$82,297.54
Chairperson Michael Rowland <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	\$80,333.33	\$9,928.85	\$90,262.18
Deputy Chairperson Geoff Robins <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	\$19,317.38	\$2,124.78	\$21,442.16
Deputy Chairperson Stretch Noonan <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	\$46,345.74	\$5,728.07	\$52,073.81
Elected Member Trent Gordon <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	\$15,118.29	\$1,695.14	\$16,813.43
Elected Member Lisa Scharf <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	\$16,712.73	\$1,870.53	\$18,583.26
Elected Member Dave Donald <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	\$40,658.31	\$4,472.44	\$45,130.75
Appointed Traditional Owner Representative Jackie Malacoola	\$38,266.62	\$4,284.75	\$42,651.37
Appointed Rio Tinto Representative Tim Ryan*	-	-	-
Appointed Rio Tinto Representative Aaron Schleich*	-	-	-
TOTAL			\$369,254.50

* Rio Tinto Representatives are not remunerated for their position as a WTA Member.

MEMBER EXPENSES

Individual WTA Member expenses for 2023-24 are as follows –

	TRAVEL	TRAINING AND CONFERENCES	TOTAL
Chairperson Jaime Gane	\$6,283.00	\$168.19	\$6,451.19
Chairperson Michael Rowland <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	\$5,714.42	\$1,044.00	\$6,758.01
Deputy Chairperson Geoff Robins <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	-	-	-
Deputy Chairperson Stretch Noonan <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	\$2,668.01	-	\$2,668.01
Elected Member Trent Gordon <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	-	-	-
Elected Member Lisa Scharf <i>(Elected 16 March 2024)</i>	-	-	-
Elected Member Dave Donald <i>(Term ended on 15 March 2024)</i>	\$2,610.00	\$3,017.09	\$5,627.09
Appointed Traditional Owner Representative Jackie Malacoola	-	-	-
Appointed Rio Tinto Representative Tim Ryan*	-	-	-
Appointed Rio Tinto Representative Aaron Schleich*	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$17,275.43	\$4,229.28	\$21,504.71

CORPORATE PLAN 2020-2025

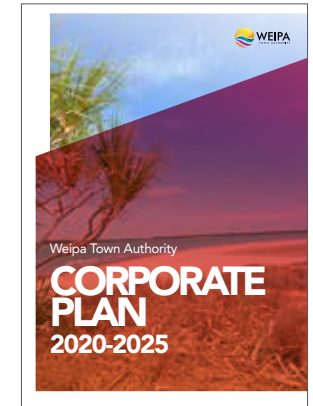
The adopted Weipa Town Authority Corporate Plan 2020-2025 sets the vision and future aspirations of the WTA by outlining strategic priorities, performance pathways and measurable service delivery outcomes.

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.

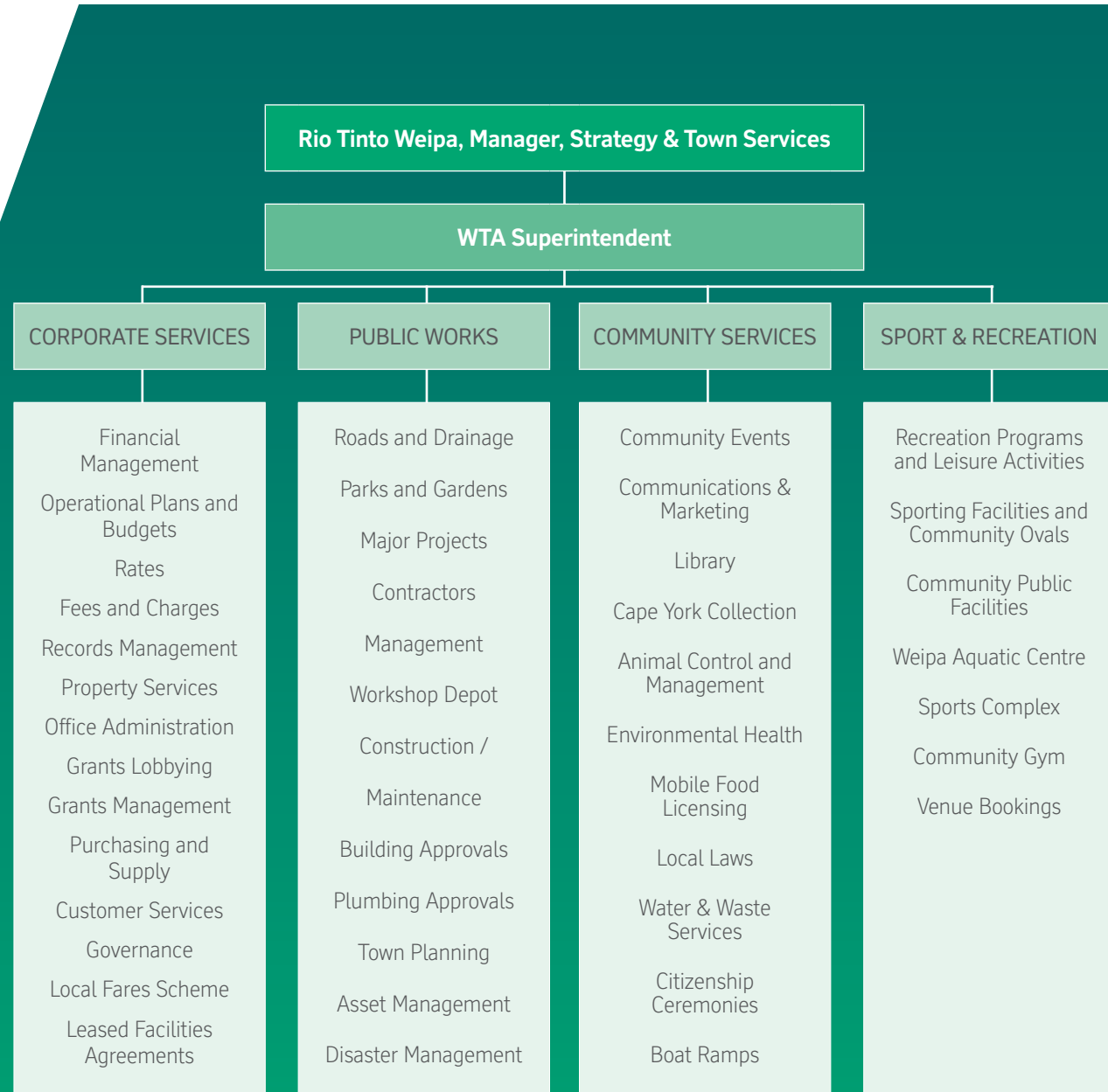
Operational delivery of the plan was undertaken through delivery of an annual Operational Plan 2023-2024.

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 program ▪ 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



THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2023



JULY

Active After School
Tennis

School Holiday Movie

Youth Night

Sunset Markets

Annual Discounted
De-Sexing Program

Movie Night



AUGUST

Abandoned Vehicle
Auction

Sunset Markets

Youth Night

Book Week

Weipa Rodeo

Movie Night

Rates Issued



SEPTEMBER

School Holiday Program

School Holiday Movie

Sunset Markets

RUOK day

Australian Citizenship
Ceremony welcomed
four new Citizens



OCTOBER

GET READY Disaster
Expo

Annual Community
Cyclone Cleanup

Active After School
Volleyball

Youth Night

Sewer Relining Project
completed



NOVEMBER

Dog Obedience Seminar
with Gary Jackson

Weipa Community
Christmas Market

Youth Night

New Works Hilux
Purchased



DECEMBER

Lighting of the New
Town Christmas Tree

Christmas Lights
Competition

School Holiday Program

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 2024



JANUARY

Australia Day Awards Dinner

Ride-on Floor Scrubber for Storm Surge Shelter arrives



FEBRUARY

Rates Notices issued

Youth Nights

Solar CCTV installed at Boat Ramps, Eat Street and Kumrumja



MARCH

Community Easter Markets

Youth Night

Community Easter Market

Weipa Local Election Process

New Floor Scrubber for WASP Gym purchased

Appointment of newly elected WTA Members

Official Post Election Meeting Held



APRIL

Pop up dance Class

Community Showcase Event

School Holiday Program

Active After School Tennis



MAY

2 x East Weipa | The Last Ore & Sunset Markets

National Simultaneous Storytime

Youth Night



JUNE

19th Annual Weipa Fishing Classic

Youth Night

WTA Operating Plan approved

Capital and Operating Budget approved

Animal Registration renewals issued

WASP Tennis Program

SEWER RELINING PROJECT

Total Project Cost – \$1,925,803

Did you know that some of Weipa's sewer mains were first constructed in 1973? That's 50+ years ago, and whilst we do build them tough in Weipa, it is well past the useful life for these assets and time for an upgrade.

Fortunately, Weipa Town Authority was awarded \$1,500,000 in funding from the Queensland Government through Round 6 of the Building Our Regions Program towards upgrading approximately 9km of Weipa's essential sewer network.

Over the last ten years, WTA has responded to numerous sewer incidents and undertaken unplanned repairs to the Weipa sewer main network typically caused by blockages from mass tree roots, sewer overflows or dislodged pipes.

The sewer relining project used an industry recognised method called 'cured in place pipe' (CIPP) to remediate or reline the existing mains (from the inside) and extend the asset life of the sewer mains a further 30+ years.

Sewer relining works by fixing your pipes from the inside. A special resin pipe liner is inserted into the existing, damaged sewer pipe. The resin is then cured (hardened) to form another pipe within the original pipe. This is a more efficient and cost effective process as the pipe remains in situ and avoids the need to excavate, remove the old and install new sewer mains.

This process used by Local Councils right across the nation, reduces the risk of hazardous events such as pollution and ground water contamination and avoids any public health concerns.

WTA completed the sewer relining works during the second half of 2023. You may well have seen the Veolia trucks operating through the streets of Rocky Point and Trunding.

Many of the sewer mains run along property boundaries and the project required access to the back yards of many Weipa homes. A huge thank you goes out to the residents of Weipa for allowing property access and supporting this project.





ENHANCING COMMUNITY SAFETY – SOLAR POWER CCTV, GUARD RAILS AND BOLLARDS

CCTV Installation Project Cost – \$62,547

Guard Rail & Bollard Installation Cost – \$73,055

Community safety remains a top priority for the Weipa Town Authority as we strive to create a safe, inclusive, and vibrant environment for all residents and visitors. During the 2023-24 financial year, WTA has achieved significant progress in enhancing safety through innovative and sustainable measures. Among these initiatives is the installation of advanced solar-powered CCTV systems at key locations, including the Rocky Point Boat Ramp, Eat Street, and Evans Landing Boat Ramp and Carpark. These systems provide 24/7 surveillance without relying on the traditional power grid, ensuring continuous operation while minimising environmental impact. They have proven effective in deterring criminal activity, supporting investigations, and fostering a sense of security for residents and businesses alike.

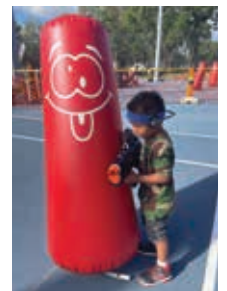
Additionally, the Weipa Town Authority has taken proactive steps to improve pedestrian safety by installing guardrails and bollards along the John Evans Drive footpath and Embley Street. This initiative was implemented following community feedback highlighting multiple near-miss incidents involving pedestrians, vehicles, and quad bikes in these areas. The installations serve as a physical barrier to prevent unauthorised vehicle access to pedestrian pathways, significantly reducing the likelihood of accidents. By creating a safer environment for pedestrians, these measures not only address immediate safety concerns but also contribute to the long-term goal of fostering a walkable and secure community for residents and visitors alike.





WASP INFLATABLES

The new WASP inflatables are a ton of fun, perfect for everyone from tiny tots to grown-ups. The kiddos in our holiday programs and youth nights go absolutely wild, bouncing, climbing, and scrambling all over the inflatables like they were on a cloud made of joy. They are versatile and can be used in so many ways.





6 MARKETS WITH **129** STALL HOLDERS



127 First5Forever SESSIONS



2,207 ATTENDANCE AT First5Forever SESSIONS



9,773 LIBRARY BOOKS LOANED



481 ACTIVE LIBRARY MEMBERS



11,638 INDIVIDUALS WHO VISITED THE LIBRARY



231 NEW LIBRARY MEMBERS



DELIVERED **50** SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS (**16** WASP/ INFLATABLE AND **34** ARTS & CRAFT SESSIONS) WITH OVER **1,300** PARTICIPANTS



5 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS PROVIDED WITH **358** PARTICIPANTS



521 ACTIVE WEIPA AQUATIC AND SPORTS PRECINCT MEMBERS



696 FITNESS CLASSES HELD



3 MOVIES SCREENED WITH **224** ATTENDANCE



WASP 6 WEEK FITNESS CHALLENGE

In February 2024, the WASP hosted its 3rd fitness challenge since the opening of the facility. The challenges are aimed at promoting positive lifestyle changes and forming lasting habits within a community of likeminded people for people of all ages > 18 and all levels of fitness. This was the first challenge to include the aquatic centre which consisted of weekly swim sessions with qualified swim coaches. Over the 6 weeks, challengers participated in fitness testing, education seminars, exclusive group fitness classes, ice baths, team fitness challenges, Evolt Body Scans and weekly mini challenges for competitors to complete in their own time. The challenge concluded with a presentation night to announce the winners of the categories, hand out prizes and enjoyed a dinner together with all the challengers families and the trainers involved.

Challenge Motivator

Josh Balodis

Gym Junkie

Tash Tapper

Overall male fitness

Alister Munro

Overall female fitness

Brigitta Vakautu

Overall Challenge Winner

David Tuckwood





163 BIN REPLACEMENT REQUESTS



644 SERVICE REQUESTS LODGED



1,743 WATER TESTS TAKEN



867 WATER SAMPLES COLLECTED AND SENT FOR ANALYSIS

TOP 5 SERVICE REQUESTS –



250 LOCAL LAWS



79 WATER



75 PATHS



42 PARKS



68 FACILITIES



16 ANIMAL PERMITS ISSUED



28 ANIMAL ATTACKS INVESTIGATED



24 ABANDONED VEHICLES REMOVED



48 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES ISSUED



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



PET REGISTRATION

This financial year, we recorded 904 dog registrations and 24 cat registrations. We impounded 133 dogs; 20 were rehomed, 2 surrendered and 111 dogs were handed back to their owners.

First5Forever SPACE IN THE HIBBERD LIBRARY

A Strategic Priorities Grant from the State Library QLD injected much needed funds into the Hibberd Library enabling a revamp of the First5Forever space in June 2024. With overarching reading trees defining this space we now have a dedicated and inclusive area for Weipa's young families to enjoy.

As a result, more families utilise the library and feel comfortable reading to their children, joining in on activities and games and teaching their little ones the benefits of borrowing library items.







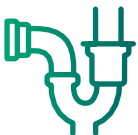
**94 LAND AND PROPERTY
SEARCHES PROCESSED**



**46 PLANNING ADVICE
ENQUIRIES RECEIVED**



**9 NEW DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS LODGED**



**4 PLUMBING APPLICATIONS
PROCESSED**



**19 NEW BUILDING
APPLICATIONS LODGED**



COMMUNITY GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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. WTA offers 5 different grants: Community Event Sponsorship, Community Group Grant, Youth Achievement Donation, Emergency Services Donation, and Chair Discretionary Fund.

Grants awarded for the year totalled \$27,500.

COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

This grant (up to \$5,000) is intended to sponsor events which contribute to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the community and to foster ongoing partnerships with mutual benefits for WTA and local organisations.

<p>Conquer the Corrugations</p> <p>\$5,000</p> <p>Support for the 2024 Conquer the Corrugations Event – a walk to raise awareness for mental health</p>	<p>Weipa Fishing Classic</p> <p>\$5,000</p> <p>Support for the 2024 Weipa Fishing Classic Event</p>	<p>Weipa Running Festival</p> <p>\$2,000</p> <p>Support for the 2024 Weipa Running Festival Event</p>
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COMMUNITY GROUP GRANTS

This grant (up to \$2,000) is intended to fund small projects, programs or equipment purchases that improve the organisations ability to conduct activities, increase participation and build capacity. This grant has two open periods throughout the year.

<p>Western Cape Region Rural Fire Brigade</p> <p>\$2,000</p> <p>Purchase of a fridge and BBQ for the new SES shed</p>	<p>Central Cape Suns Rugby League Club Inc. (Jnr)</p> <p>\$2,000</p> <p>Purchase of new sporting equipment</p>	<p>Weipa Dirt Karts Inc.</p> <p>\$2,000</p> <p>Purchase of 2 x 500L water tanks and a pump</p>	<p>Weipa Potters Inc.</p> <p>\$2,000</p> <p>Purchase of a new rack system for storage of pottery wheels, studio equipment, greenware and bisqueware</p>
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COMMUNITY GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT DONATION

This grant (up to \$500) is intended to support individuals under 18 years of age to pursue cultural, academic or sporting excellence.

<p>D Kostecki</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2023 Queensland Representative School Sport 10-19 yrs Cross Country (Peninsula Representation)</p>	<p>M Lynch</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2023 Queensland Representative School Sport 13-19 yrs Track and Field (Peninsula Representation)</p>	<p>D De Tournouer</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2023 Queensland Representative School Sport 13-19 yrs Track and Field (Peninsula Representation)</p>
<p>O Argent</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2023 Queensland Representation School Sport 10-12 yrs Track and Field State Championships (Peninsula Representation)</p>	<p>D De Tournouer</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2023 Queensland All School Sport 13-19 yrs Track and Field (Qld Representation)</p>	<p>Y Bosen</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2024 10-12 yrs Queensland School Sport AFL Championships (Peninsula Representation)</p>
<p>J Hall</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2024 10-12 yrs Queensland School Sport AFL Championships (Peninsula Representation)</p>	<p>S De Tournouer</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2024 Queensland Representative School Sport 10-19 yrs Cross Country (Peninsula Representation)</p>	<p>T De Tournouer</p> <p>\$500</p> <p>2024 Queensland Representative School Sport 10-12 yrs Girls and Boys Netball (Peninsula Representation)</p>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

This grant (up to \$4,500) is intended to support groups facilitate the delivery of important activities and services within Weipa Town which are considered to be in the public interest (i.e. State Emergency Services and Volunteer Marine Rescue).

<p>Volunteer Marine Rescue</p> <p>\$3,000</p> <p>Annual Contribution to local emergency service providers</p>

CHAIR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

This grant (up to \$1,000) allows the Chairperson of Weipa Town Authority to provide support to eligible community groups, organisations and individuals.

<p>NIL</p>

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 WTA’s financial performance and financial position. This report also includes key financial statistics and ratios that can be useful indicators of WTA’s performance.

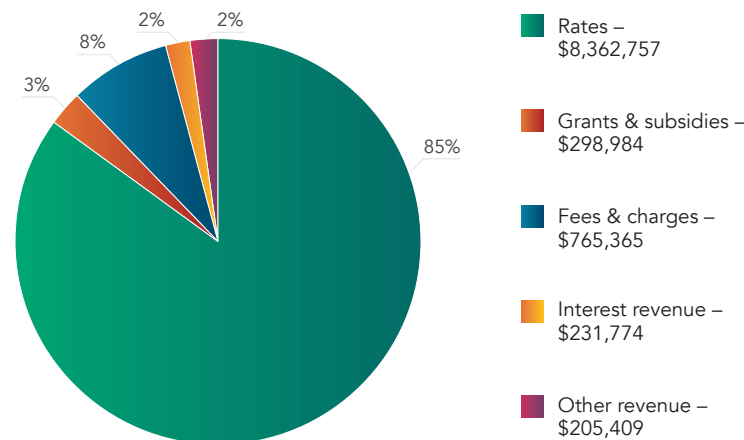
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

REVENUE

WTA received a total of \$9,860,340 in revenue and other income during the 2023-24 financial year.

Total revenue has increased by \$813,238 between this financial year and last financial year. This can be attributed to inflation and the cost of living crisis which resulted in a small overall increase to general rates and utility charges.

2023-24 Total Revenue \$9,860,340



Rates and charges

Rates and charges account for the majority of WTA’s revenue at 85%. This is the primary funding stream that enables WTA to complete the day to day operations throughout Weipa township. This annual total of \$8.3M includes general rates and also utility rates which fund maintenance of the town water supply, sewerage infrastructure as well as garbage collections.

Grants and donations

The annual total of \$298K attributed 3% of the total WTA revenue for 2023-24. 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 and charges revenue

Attributing to 8% of the total WTA revenue, fees and charges are an important revenue stream for the town to operate. Fees and charges include revenue from the aquatic centre and other facilities for hire, such as the Weipa Storm Surge Shelter and Kumrumja Centre. Revenue from animal registrations and the pound are also included in this total, as well as regulatory items such as rates searches, trade waste and town planning. A full list of WTA’s fees and charges can be found on our website.

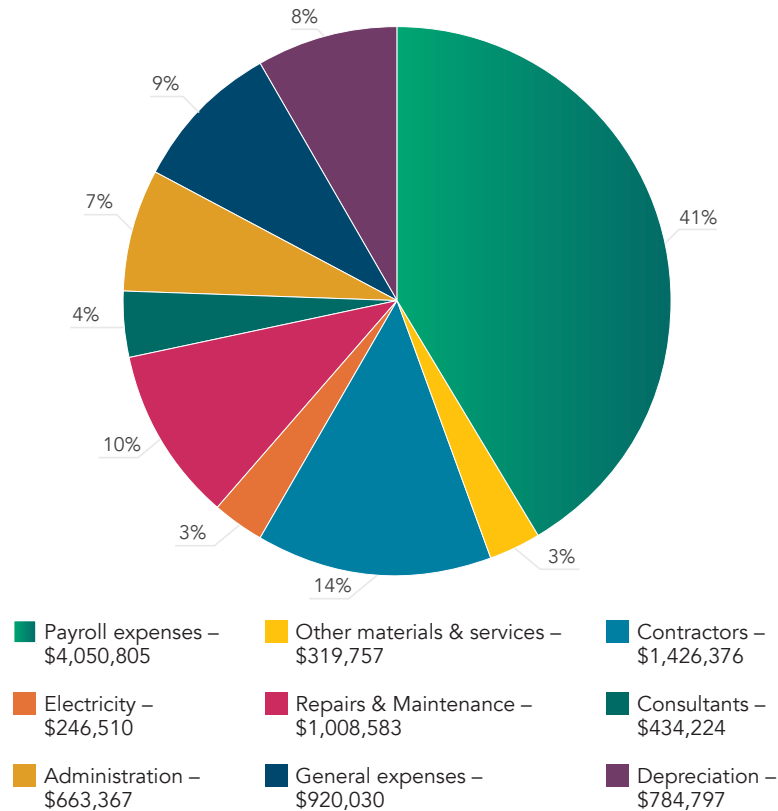
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EXPENDITURE

WTA's total expenditure for the 2023-24 financial year was \$9,854,449.

Total expenditure has increased by \$937,866 between this financial year and last. WTA has not been immune to the effects of the cost of living crisis, experiencing higher expenses for materials, labour, wages, utilities and supplies. A substantial amount of repairs and maintenance to community infrastructure including repairs to sewerage mains, road line markings, road repairs, storm water drain repairs as well as maintaining community properties were undertaken during this period.

2023-24 Total Expenditure \$9,854,449



Payroll

Payroll attributed to 41% of WTA's total expenditure for 2023-24.

This expenditure includes wages, salaries, WTA Member remuneration, and superannuation. WTA maintains a strong workforce that facilitates the provision of services to the community such as public works, water testing and distribution, sewerage collection and treatment, maintenance of roads and stormwater drainage, town planning functions, disaster management, food licensing, environmental health, garbage collection, events (i.e. movie nights, Australia Day awards, Rhyme Time at the library), animal control, local laws, finance, governance and grants, administration, and sports and recreation activities (i.e. school holiday programs, playgrounds, footpaths, ovals and fitness equipment).

Other materials and services

Other materials and services attributed to 3% of WTA's total expenditure. Totalling \$319K 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 WTA's facilities available for public hire and use (i.e. public toilets, house on the hill, assembly hall), pest control and caring for animals and their welfare (pound facilities and veterinary services).

Contractors

Contractor expenditure equated to 14% of the total WTA expenditure this financial year. The maintenance of the local parks and garden areas provide safe recreational activity opportunities and amenities for our community together with supporting native plants and animals. The garbage collection services are 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 and maintenance

Repairs and maintenance attributed to 10% of WTA's total expenditure for 2023-24. 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 and general expenses for parks as well as gardens around the town (i.e. tree trimming and tree removal). The costs for emergency call-outs for water and sewer leaks are also included in this category. The significant increase of costs from last financial year resulted from the reclassification of the expense to maintaining the grounds, parks and gardens around town from Contractors to Repairs and Maintenance.

General expenses

General expenses amounted to 9% and totalled \$920K this financial year. These costs cover general operations for the aquatic centre (i.e. gas for the pumps, chlorine and consumables), general library consumables, consumables for school holiday activities including general craft products, expenses for event preparation and rollout as well as expenses incurred when managing abandoned vehicles in and around town.

OPERATING POSITION

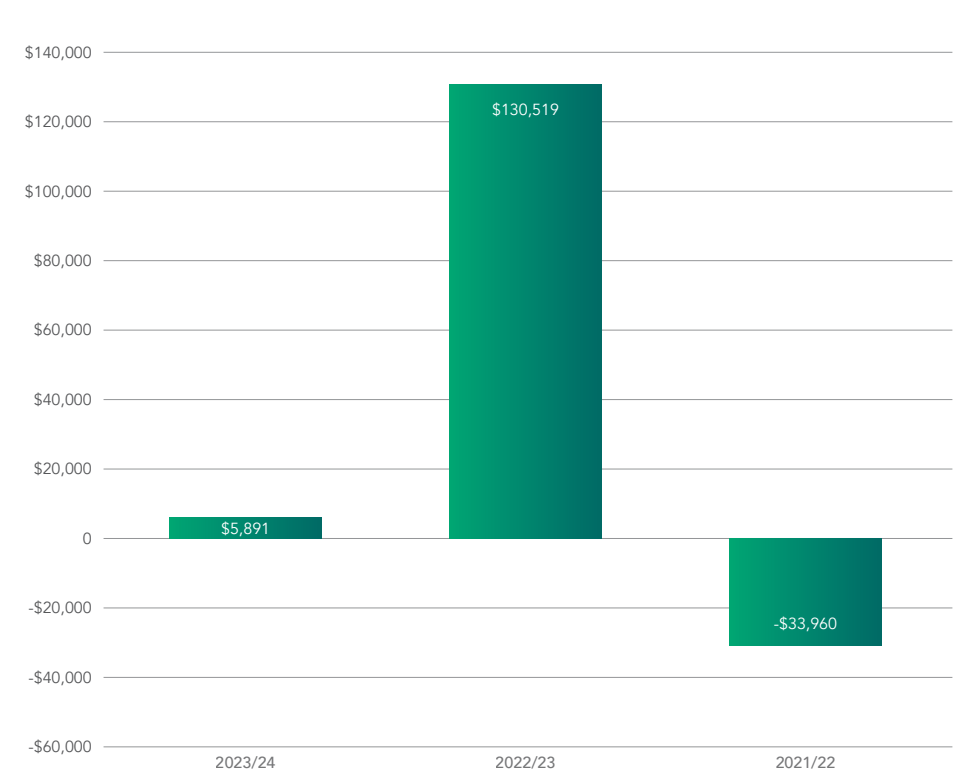
WTA's operating position reflects the organisation's ability to meet its day-to-day running costs from operating revenue.

WTA's operating position as at 30 June 2024 resulted in a small profit of \$5,891. This is a significant reduction from the results of the 2022-23 financial year and demonstrates the impact of the cost of living crisis has had on WTA.

The operating position is calculated by taking WTA's total operating revenue (\$9,860,340) and deducting the total operating expense (\$9,854,449). It does not include revenue or expenditure for capital projects as these are reflected in the Statement of Financial Position.

The following graph shows the financial performance for the past three years.

Operating position over the past 3 years



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

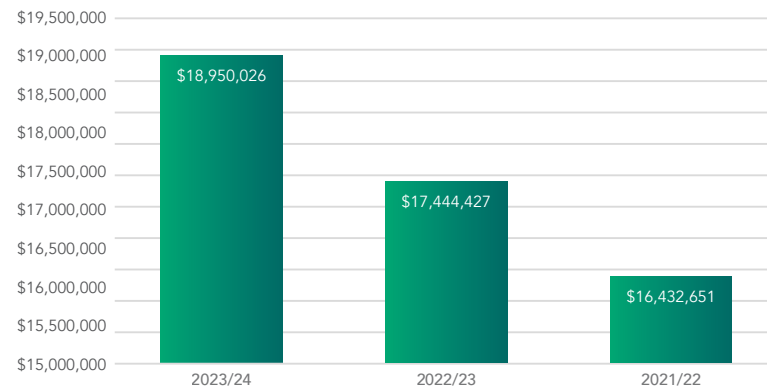
	2023-24	2022-23
Current Assets	\$5,293,681	\$5,834,560
Non-Current Assets	\$13,656,346	\$11,609,866
TOTAL ASSETS	\$18,950,027	\$17,444,426

WTA assets totalled \$18.9M at the end of the 2023-24 financial year, this represents a 9% increase on the total assets in 2022-23.

Current assets have decreased in this financial year due to the withdrawal of funds from the fixed term deposit before the end of its term.

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

3 year trend council assets



LIABILITIES

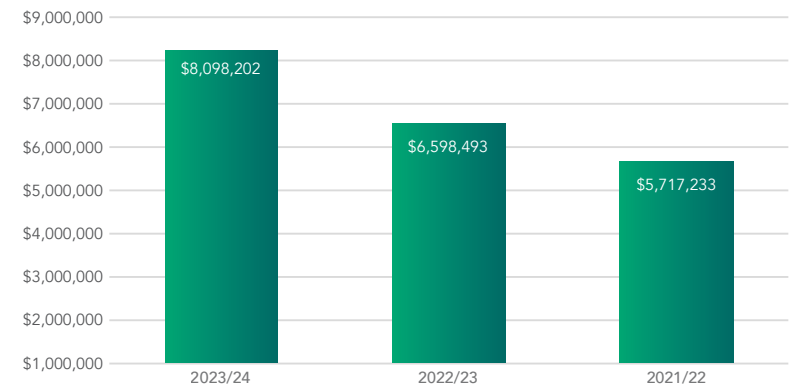
	2023-24	2022-23
Current Liabilities	\$8,098,202	\$6,598,493
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,098,202	\$6,598,493

WTA liabilities totalled \$8M at the end of the 2023-24 financial year, this represents a 22.7% increase on the total liabilities in 2022-23.

Current liabilities include trade and other payables which have decreased by \$604K compared with the previous year. Current liabilities also includes revenue in advance, which increased by \$2.1M. 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 2023-24 financial year, the balance of grant funds received for the Sewer Relining Project in addition to the receipt of other grant funds outweighed the amortisation of completed projects, which explains an increase. (Amortisation is 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

	2023-24	2022-23
Reserves	\$870,794	\$870,794
Retained profits	\$9,981,031	\$9,975,140
TOTAL EQUITY	\$10,851,825	\$10,845,934

WTA's total equity as at 30 June 2024 is \$10.8M. Equity is equal to total assets (what WTA owns) minus total liabilities (what WTA owes).

FINANCIAL RATIOS

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

MEASURE OF FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

	2024		INDICATOR
	TARGET	RESULT	
Operating Surplus Ratio			
(Profit/Operating Revenue)	0%-10%	0.06%	An indicator of the extent to which revenue raised covers 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%	28.44%	An indicator of the extent to which the net financial liabilities can be serviced by its operating revenue.

CONCLUSION

The audited financial statements support the Community Financial Report and present the view WTA has performed moderately well through the financial year resulting in a small profit of \$5,891 for the year. 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 2023-24 Capital Additions is provided below –

FIXED ASSET CLASSIFICATION	ADDITIONS	WORK IN PROGRESS	COMMENTS
Buildings	\$14,524	0	Hibberd Building Plant Room Refurbishment (\$14,524)
Other Structures	\$753,977	\$323,766	<p>Eat Street Solar Power CCTV (\$15,637), Embley Street & Nanum Pathway Bollards (\$73,055), Andoom Oval Irrigation (\$44,805), Anzac Avenue Irrigation (\$54,582), Evans Landing Boat Ramp Solar CCTV (\$15,637), Animal Impound Facility Carport (\$31,450), Joy Rollin Park Upgrade (\$32,828), Kookaburra Court Playground (\$85,183), Kumrumja Solar Power CCTV (\$15,637), Kumrumja Park Irrigation (\$11,659), Kumrumja Solar Lights (\$47,182), Lake Patricia BBQ (\$15,340), Lakes Park Benches (\$3,260), Memorial Square Irrigation (\$55,781), New Andoom Oval Lights (\$112,357), Park Run Shelter (\$26,576), WSSS Irrigation (\$28,821), Town Christmas Tree (\$45,960), WASP Inflatable (\$21,585), Stainless Steel Tables (\$1,005) and Rocky Point Boat Ramp Solar Power CCTV (\$15,637)</p> <p>Work in progress: Historical Town Signage Project (\$4,344), Weipa Youth Precinct (\$316,466), WASP Inflatable (\$1,079) and Wheelie Bin Anchor Points (\$1,877)</p>
Sewerage Infrastructure	\$2,249,676	0	Sewer Relining Program (\$1,930,575), Clarke Close Sewer Main (\$145,312) and 7 Dead End Sewer Man Holes (\$173,789)
Plant & Vehicle	\$82,663	0	Works Department Vehicle (\$52,044), Floor Scrubber for WASP (\$10,170) and Floor Scrubber for WSSS (\$20,449).
Furniture & Equipment	\$48,461	0	Library equipment: Reception Desk (\$25,781), Office Chairs (\$1,741), Reading Tree (\$7,480), WSSS Audio Visual Equipment (\$13,459)
Roads & Drainage	\$77,725	\$64,963	<p>Hibberd Park Pathway (\$77,725)</p> <p>Work in Progress: Weipa Hospital Pedestrian Crossing (\$49,694), and Weipa Hospital Roadwork Refurbishment (\$15,269)</p>
TOTAL	\$3,227,026	\$388,729	

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Statement of Profit or Loss For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Rates and charges	8,362,757	7,839,115
Grants and subsidies	298,984	338,388
Fees and charges	761,416	701,223
Interest revenue	231,774	109,158
Other income	205,409	59,218
Total income	<u>9,860,340</u>	<u>9,047,102</u>
Administration expenses	663,367	688,700
Consultants	434,224	279,959
Contractors	1,426,376	1,429,958
Depreciation and amortisation	784,797	701,409
Electricity	246,510	249,166
General expenses	920,030	1,057,959
Other materials and services	319,757	181,072
Payroll expenses	4,050,805	3,573,707
Repairs and maintenance	1,008,583	754,654
Total expenses	<u>9,854,449</u>	<u>8,916,583</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>5,891</u>	<u>130,519</u>

Note
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The above statement of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,462,799	4,550,114
Trade and other receivables		2,826,296	1,247,948
Other current assets	5	4,586	36,498
Total current assets		5,293,681	5,834,560
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	13,656,346	11,609,866
Total non-current assets		13,656,346	11,609,866
TOTAL ASSETS		18,950,026	17,444,427
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	1,030,176	1,634,243
Other Liabilities	8	7,068,026	4,964,250
Total current liabilities		8,098,202	6,598,493
TOTAL LIABILITIES		8,098,202	6,598,493
NET ASSETS		10,851,825	10,845,934
EQUITY			
Reserves	9	870,794	870,794
Retained profits		9,981,031	9,975,140
TOTAL EQUITY		10,851,825	10,845,934

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 2024

	Retained Profits	Other Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	9,844,621	870,794	10,715,415
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	130,519	-	130,519
Total comprehensive income for the year	130,519		130,519
Balance at 30 June 2023	9,975,140	870,794	10,845,934
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	5,891	-	5,891
Total comprehensive income for the year	5,891		5,891
Balance at 30 June 2024	9,981,031	870,794	10,851,825

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 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	10,153,994	9,212,586
Payments to suppliers and employees	(9,641,806)	(7,626,080)
Interest received	231,774	109,158
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	743,961	1,695,664
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(2,831,276)	(1,003,036)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(2,831,276)	(1,003,036)
Net increase (decreases) in cash held	(2,087,315)	692,628
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,550,114	3,857,486,00
Cash at end of financial year	2,462,799	4,550,114

Note

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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 2024

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 2024 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 Material 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 2024**

2 Summary of Material 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 Changes in Classification

Certain comparative amounts in the Financial Statement Notes have been reclassified to conform with the current year's classification.

The items were reclassified as follows:

	Previously Reported \$	After Reclassification \$
Water Rates	1,257,393	1,441,405
Water Usage Charges	363,813	179,801

Since the amounts are reclassifications within the Financial Statement Notes, these classifications did not have any effect on the Statement of Financial Position.

4 Rates and Charges

	2024 \$	2023 \$
General rates	4,577,550	4,353,418
Cleansing rates	870,910	818,127
Sewerage rates	1,295,318	1,218,074
Water rates	1,533,776	1,441,405
Water usage charges	259,882	179,801
Discounts and adjustments	8,537,435	8,010,825
	<u>(174,678)</u>	<u>(171,710)</u>
	<u>8,362,757</u>	<u>7,839,115</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.

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5 Trade and Other Receivables	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Rates debtors	1,347,958	1,137,517
Sundry debtors	1,391,946	110,431
RTA Weipa Pty Ltd	86,393	-
	<u>2,826,296</u>	<u>1,247,948</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.

6 Property Plant and Equipment

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Infrastructure, at cost	15,559,156	12,591,826
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,197,324)	(4,690,344)
	<u>10,361,832</u>	<u>7,901,482</u>
Buildings, at cost	2,971,840	2,980,868
Less accumulated depreciation	(382,651)	(304,866)
	<u>2,589,189</u>	<u>2,676,002</u>
Plant & vehicles, at cost	434,329	353,296
Less accumulated depreciation	(250,868)	(213,174)
	<u>183,460</u>	<u>140,122</u>
Furniture & office equipment, at cost	324,185	295,904
Less accumulated depreciation	(191,050)	(166,349)
	<u>133,135</u>	<u>129,555</u>
Capital work in progress	388,729	762,705
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>13,656,346</u>	<u>11,609,866</u>

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6 Property Plant and Equipment (continued)

2024	Infrastructure	Buildings	Plant & vehicles	Furniture & office equipment	Capital work in progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Carrying amount at the beginning of year ended 30 June 2024	7,901,482	2,676,002	140,122	129,555	762,705	11,609,866
Additions	-	-	-	-	2,853,050	2,853,050
Depreciation expense	(599,256)	(101,338)	(39,325)	(44,881)	-	(784,801)
Impairment	(21,771)	-	-	-	-	(21,771)
Transfers	3,081,378	14,524	82,663	48,461	(3,227,026)	-
Carrying amount at the end of year ended 30 June 2024	10,361,833	2,589,188	183,460	133,135	388,729	13,666,346

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.

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7 Trade and Other Payables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade creditors	798,468	1,114,995
Accrued expense	231,708	498,975
Other payables	-	20,272
	<u>1,030,176</u>	<u>1,634,243</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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Rates and fees and charges in advance	145,917	166,712
Government Grants received	5,397,854	3,233,476
SES Grants received	<u>1,524,256</u>	<u>1,564,062</u>
	<u>7,068,026</u>	<u>4,964,250</u>

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 Grant was received for the construction of an Administration Facility (for uses including Weipa Local Disaster Coordination Centre and the Rural Fire Services Headquarters in Weipa). This grant has been included as revenue in advance and will be amortised over the life of the capital asset.

9 Reserves

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
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	<u>287,000</u>	<u>287,000</u>
	<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		2023
	2024	\$
	\$	\$
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	5,891	130,519
Cash flows excluded from (deficit)/surplus attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in (deficit)/surplus		
Depreciation and amortisation	784,797	701,409
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(1,546,436)	2,754
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	(604,067)	607,820
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	2,103,775	253,162
	<u>743,961</u>	<u>1,695,664</u>

11 Contractual Commitments

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Wholly settled within 12 months	1,800,795	1,913,214
Between 1 and 3 years	1,719,953	2,053,268

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.

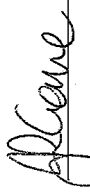
The committee members of the authority declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising the statement of profit or, 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 2024 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:



Tobias Rissman
Superintendent



Jaime Gane
Township Chairperson

Dated this 22nd January 2025



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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 2024, 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
23 January 2025

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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 2024, the statement of profit or loss, 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 material accounting policy information and 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 2024 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 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 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.

A small, stylized version of the BDO logo, consisting of the letters 'BDO' in a light blue, sans-serif font.

BDO Audit (NTH QLD) Pty Ltd

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Dewhurst'.

Margaret Dewhurst
Director

Cairns, 23 January 2025







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