

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Ordinary Council | Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday 18 May 2023
Time: 9.00am
Venue: Council Chambers, 1 Hartwig Street, Wujal Wujal

WWASC holds Council Meetings
On the third Thursday of the Month
Beginning at 9:00am
The attendance of all councillors is requested.



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1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Welcome | Opening of Meeting

Declaration of opening of meeting by Mayor Bradley Creek

1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

2. Attendance, Leave of Absence and Apologies

2.1 Attendance

Councillors:

Councillor Bradley Creek, Mayor

Councillor Vincent Tayley, Deputy Mayor

Councillor Robert Bloomfield

Councillor Regan Kulka

Councillor Vanessa Tayley

WWASC Staff Representatives

Chief Executive Officer, Kiley Hanslow

Manager of Works and Building Services, Perry Gould

Manager of Finance, Micah Nkiwane (attending on behalf of Joanne Gowans)

Executive Assistant, Tania Edwards

Presenters

Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) representative Ricard Sandoval

2.2 Leave of Absence | Apologies

Manager Corporate and Commercial Services, Joanne Gowans.

2.3 Visitors | Presenters

3. Condolences | Congratulations

4. Mayoral Motion

This is business which the Mayor wishes to have considered at that meeting without notice.



5. Confirmation of minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 April 2023

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday 20 April 2023
COMMENCING AT 9:00AM
Council Chambers
1 Hartwig Street, Wujal Wujal

WWASC COUNCILLORS

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1. Welcome and Meeting Open

Mayor Bradley Creek declared the meeting open at 9:18am and welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land and paid respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance and Apologies

- All Councillors were in attendance.
- Council, under Section 254K of the Local Government Regulations 2012, accepts Cr Vanessa Tayley's participation in the meeting via video conference and Cr Reagan Kulka's participation in the meeting via teleconference.

Attendance | Deputy Mayor Vincent Tayley arrived at 9:30am.

VISITORS/PRESENTERS

VISITORS	NIL
PRESENTERS	Jim Evans – Boundary Change Presentation

3. Condolences | Congratulations

- Condolences – Uebergang family (S Uebergang was a nurse in Wujal Wujal until 1992).
- Congratulations – Nil.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time; however, if a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest, this will be declared or raised at that time.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes | Matters Arising

5.1 Previous Minutes

Resolution | Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2023 as circulated.

2023-04-01	Resolution: That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record. Moved by Cr Vanessa Tayley Seconded by Cr Robert Bloomfield CARRIED 4/4
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Resolution | Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 as circulated.

2023-04-02	Resolution: That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record. Moved by Cr Robert Bloomfield Seconded by Cr Vanessa Tayley CARRIED 4/4
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5.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

No matters arising.

Attendance: Deputy Mayor Vincent Tayley entered at 9:30am.



6. Mayor's Report

Reporting Period	March 2023
Council	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Reporting Officer	Bradley Creek - Mayor

DATE	MEETING
20.03.2023	DG Jamie Merrick Visit to Wujal Wujal -Discussed infrastructure, the loan, funding, advocated for a residential aged care facility for Wujal Wujal so Elders could remain in community close to their families.
21.03.2023	Teams meeting with TMR regarding roads and funding, including sealing of the road to Woobadda Creek.
22.03.2023	Special Council Meeting – adoption of HR policies for WWASC staff
27.03.2023	ABF Future Immortals meeting and increasing social and emotional wellbeing in Wujal Wujal.
29 - 30.03.2023	FNQROC State Mayoral Delegation – Advocacy for Wujal Wujal. Met with 11 Ministers to discuss and advocate for funding to upgrade the water and sewerage treatment plants in Wujal Wujal, for housing and land availability.
06.04.2023	FNQROC Board Meeting at Mission Beach. This board meeting was hosted by the Cassowary Coast.
12.04.2023	Community Meeting where the community heard presentations on environmental and animal health and management, land availability including rezoning of Ludden's Land on the Master Plan. All community members at the community meeting agreed to this change. Ludden's Land is already zoned residential on the statutory plans, but needed community consensus to change the Master Plan to allow land for housing.
19.04.2023	Mayor Bradley received confirmation that OHub had received funding for them to lease Charlie's Centre in Wujal Wujal. This will allow OHub to provide further services to the Wujal Wujal community.

Resolution | That Council accept the Mayors Report

2023-04-03	<p>Resolution</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the Mayor's report 2. Note the meetings attended by the Mayor <p>Moved by Mayor Bradley Creek</p> <p>Seconded by Deputy Mayor Vincent Tayley</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 5/5</p>
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6.2 Chief Executive Officer Report

Reporting Period	March 2023
Council	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (WWASC)
Reporting Officer	Chief Executive Officer, Kiley Hanslow

6.2.1 Report on meetings attended on behalf of WWASC

- All meetings attended between 7 March and 5 April 2023 are listed in the meeting agenda.
- The below meetings were further discussed in more detail at this meeting:

DATE	MEETING
07.03.2023	Attended the Regional Connectivity Funds Forum in Cairns and met with State Government, NBN and Telstra to advocate for funding and connectivity improvements through the Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) or Mobile Black Spot Solutions (with Mobile Network Operators).
10.03.2023	Attended Indigenous Chiefs Forum. Highlighted topic of discussion was payroll, pay, entitlements and allowances. Review commissioned through quotation to LGAQ/Peak Services to review staff award rates, entitlements and allowances to ensure these are correct.
20.03.2023	<p>Meeting with Mayor Bradley and Government Champion DG Jamie Merrick and Executive Director Alena Tracey. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWASC QTC loan. • Advocate for Boundary Extension. • Advocate for land and funding for community houses to ease overcrowding. • Residential Aged Care in Wujal Wujal to help aging residents who want to stay in community to be close to their families. • Business support for community locals • Advocate for flood boat for Wujal Wujal once SES members are trained in flood rescues. • Advocate for flood camera at Emmagen Creek. DG Jamie Merrick agreed to look at land held by DES and if communications towers could be constructed on that land. • Advocated for funding for footpaths and solar lights throughout the Wujal Wujal community to increase community safety. • Advocate for financial support for Community Togetherness Day and concert on 4 June 2023. DG Jamie Merrick committed to provide \$5,000 towards the Community Togetherness Day. • Advocated for a local housing officer – a local Bama Wujal Wujal community member, to work, four days per week, to help community with their housing requirements. • Advocate for the upgrade of the data exchange at Ayton to modernise it and increase the data available to Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire. • Advocated for more funding for WWASC to deliver State and Federal government services. • Provided update on grant application submitted 2.03.2023 for lights on sports oval.
22.03.2023	CEO, Mayor and elected members attended a Special Council Meeting with Council elected members to review and pass 15 policy documents.
23.03.2023	<p>Attended 6pm Cape York LMAC Reef Guardian Council meeting in Cooktown.</p> <p>The CEO and Depot team have prepared the Reef Guardian Council Action Plan with the assistance of the Reef Guardian Council GBRMPA team. \$920,000 funding is available for shovel-ready projects that protect the health of the reef.</p> <p>Council reviewed the Reef Guardian Action Plan.</p>

Resolution – Council approve the Reef Guardian Council Action Plan tabled by the Chief Executive Officer.

2023-04-04	<p>Resolution: That Council accept the Reef Guardian Action Plan tabled by the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>Moved by Cr Vanessa Tayley</p> <p>Seconded by Cr Reagan Kulka</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 5/5</p>
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Chief Executive Officer report on meetings continued...

DATE	MEETING
29.03.2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGAQ HR Masterclass. Discussion included employee payroll and entitlements – getting these right and the penalties for not – Peak Services have now been commissioned to undertake a review on pay rates and entitlements for WWASC staff. Medical cannabis use and fitness for work – Drug and alcohol policies and declaration of prescription to supervisors. Could result in adjustment of duties.

6.2.2 Follow Ups

- Emergency Management Network – conversations with Scott Quail, Wendy Rowlands and Fourier Team Brett Manktelow and Matthew Fox. The UPS batteries need to be changed. Council elected members worked hard to get this in place for an emergency network for community. Council won an award for the Emergency Management Network in 2017 and Cr Bloomfield travelled to Canberra to accept this award.
- Council want to see this Emergency Management Network up and running for the community. This is vital for community emergency alerts and text messages, as well as to access updates from BOM and Emergency Services.

6.5.3 Other Information

- I am working with staff to ensure they remain focussed on achieving the requirements of their positions, working as per my CEO direction to achieve the strategic requirements of Council and provide the required service to the community, and that the messaging out to community and stakeholders is accurate, ethical and consistent.
- There was a tombstone revealing community event scheduled for 15 April 2023, with an after-party on the oval. A/SGT Martin organised additional police to come from Cairns to Wujal Wujal to cover the event but would like to see a formal process for future events, so he has at least two weeks' notice to organise additional Police to be in community to cover any issues that might occur. Council discussed a formal process and prior notification/booking for the use of facilities.
- Council agreed events should have one month forward notice to allow adequate coverage, facilities preparation, support including policing support and public safety, keys, etc. Council requires this one month forward notice for future events. This requirement will be raised at the next community meeting.
- Council enquired on when the current lease on the Wujal Wujal Supermarket will expire. This lease expires in October 2023. The running of the shop will be put out to tender.

Resolution – Council accept the March 2023 monthly report from the Chief Executive Officer.

2023-04-05	<p>Resolution: That Council accept Chief Executive Officer's monthly report for March 2023 as presented.</p> <p>Moved by Cr Vanessa Tayley</p> <p>Seconded by Cr Reagan Kulka</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 5/5</p>
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6.3 Corporate and Corporate Services Division Report (C&CS)

Reporting Period	March 2023
Branch	Corporate and Commercial Services
Reporting Officer	Micah Nkiwane – Finance Manager

- Micah Nkiwane presented the Corporate and Commercial Services monthly financial reports.
- Micah provided the Council a brief introduction of himself and his drive to help the community, including mentoring and assisting business start-ups in the community.
- Micah stated QBuild is going well. Council need to look at opportunities and challenge with QBuild and housing maintenance. Need to look at creating own-source revenue for Council, to become less dependent on grants.
- Mayor Bradley, CEO Kiley Hanslow and Operations Manager Perry Gould will meet with Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott and CEO Brian Joiner to discuss contract for the road to Cooktown.
- Mayor Bradley, CEO Kiley Hanslow and Operations Manager Perry Gould will meet with Mayor Michael Kerr and CEO Rachel Brophy to discuss road maintenance along the China Camp Road.
- Jim Evans confirmed Council's debt recovery is going well and this is a credit to the Accounts team.
- Micah confirmed he is looking at the QTC forecasting model for financial sustainability prior to the 30 June 2023.
- Micah confirmed WWASC have received most budgeted income. Micah is working on reviewing Practical coding including job cost codes and simplifying processes to increase efficiencies.
- EO Kiley Hanslow requested monthly reports be provided to the CEO and Managers, including cost centres, job cost codes, budget, budget YTD, income YTD, expenditure YTD, variance, etc. These reports have been requested but have not been provided to date.
- Mayor Bradley agreed Council needs notification of funds coming in and expenditure reporting.
- Jim Evans confirmed some projects are two years out of date. Council agreed they need to monitor these dates and funds more closely and these reports should be provided at each Ordinary Council Meeting.
- Micah mentioned SIEMENS has completed works on energy efficient buildings in other areas which would benefit Council. Micah to discuss further with CEO Kiley Hanslow.
- A new finance report is required from 1 July 2023 to include Council's financial performance before depreciation – Council's cash position. This is in line with the new Financial Sustainability Framework.
- Micah will continue to focus on increasing revenue with building operations and also look at unearned grant revenue.
- CEO Kiley Hanslow asked whether Council is currently claiming fuel tax credits. This is an area where Council could benefit.
- Jim Evans confirmed Council should focus on priorities with the purchase of assets through grants, to ensure the whole of life costs do not outweigh the benefit of having the asset.
- CEO Kiley Hanslow recommended Council deposit holding funds into the QTC investment account to earn interest on funds whilst projects were in the planning stages, prior to any expenditure. Jim Evans confirmed this is done by most other Councils and is very beneficial.
- WWASC is running slightly behind in revenue but is catching up. Total revenue vs total recurrent expenses is relatively balanced. Need R2R documentation to receive funding.
- Council advised that the new phone system should be recognised as an asset, and he will work on doing that.
- Council discussed the Practical financial system. CEO Kiley Hanslow and Jim Evans requested Micah look around at what other Councils are using to see what is fit for purpose. Cook Shire Council has Authority. Financial systems cost a lot of money. Perhaps there is funding for this. CEO Kiley Hanslow agreed a financial system that provides direct reporting would save everyone a lot of time.



Attendance | Deputy Mayor Vincent Tayley was excused from the meeting.

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Manager Corporate and Commercial Services.

2023-04-06	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Manager Corporate and Commercial Services for March 2023 as presented. Moved by Mayor Bradley Creek Seconded by Cr Reagan Kulka <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</div>
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6.4 Operations Manager, Works and Building Services

Reporting Period	March 2023
Branch	Works and Building Services
Reporting Officer	John Kelly - Interim Operations Manager – Department Head

- Departing Operations Manager John Kelly has provided new Operations Manager Perry Gould a good introduction to the role and the Works and Building Services depot team.
- Operations Manager Perry Gould will join the FNQ Regional Roads Technical Group (RRTG) quarterly meetings.
- The Executive Assistant house is being refurbished and the Executive Assistant will move into the guest accommodation for a period of one week.
- The Containers for Change hours have decreased. The new hours will be advertised on the community electronic noticeboard and on the WWASC Facebook page and WWASC website.
- Operations Manager Perry Gould to look at a contractor to clean out gutters on all buildings.
- Departing Operations Manager John Kelly confirmed he is able to be contacted for any information and tasks that occurred during his time with WWASC.

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Departing Operations Manager, Works and Building Services.

2023-04-07	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Operations Manager Works and Building Services for March 2023 as presented. Moved by Cr Robert Bloomfield Seconded by Cr Vanessa Tayley <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</div>
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6.4.1 Monthly Project Manager Report - March 2023

Reporting Period	March 2023
Branch	Works and Building Services – Project Management
Reporting Officer	Laurie Raleigh – Project Manager

Project: ICCIP Sewer Network:

- Contractor provided notice to respond. Response not received within timeframe provided.

Project: Guest accommodation carpark

- Fence missing at front of guest accommodation.
- CEO requested barbed wire construction fencing be replaced with more aesthetic fencing

Project: Stormwater Drain -Depot to River

- Contractors to finish of last 30m of concrete when ground dries

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Project Manager.

2023-04-08	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Project Manager for March 2023 as presented. Moved by Mayor Bradley Creek Seconded by Cr Vanessa Tayley <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</div>
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6.4.2 Monthly Building Services Coordinator Report

Reporting Period	March 2023
Branch	Works and Building Services – Building Services
Reporting Officer	Patrick Nandy – Building Services Coordinator

- QBuild jobs being cleared. Aged jobs are reducing
- Building Services Coordinator to source costs and quotes to complete venting system in community hall kitchen.
- Plug Ins – Four Plug-Ins are complete. Six Plug-Ins remaining. Awaiting transfer of funds from the Subdivision project across to the Plug-In project.

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Building Services.

2023-04-09	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Building Services for March 2023 as presented. Moved by Cr Vanessa Tayley Seconded by Cr Reagan Kulka <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</div>
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6.4.3 Essential Services - Water and Waste

Reporting Period	March 2023
Branch	Works and Building Services - Essential Services – Water and Waste, Environmental Health and Animal Management
Reporting Officer	Michael Leslie – Essential Services Coordinator

Essential Services

- Council reviewed the Essential Services – Water and Waste report.

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Essential Services.

2023-04-10	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Essential Services report for March 2023 as presented. Moved by Mayor Bradley Creek Seconded by Cr Reagan Kulka <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</p>
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6.4.4 Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP/HACC)

Reporting Period	March 2023
Division	CHSP/HACC
Reporting Officer	Gina Manai – Aged Care Services Coordinator

- CHSP Aged Care Services requires more project management support.

Staffing

- Support for the Kitchen/Cook is needed as SM continually is responsible for the provision and ensuring recommendations are being adhere to and that nutritious meals meet the needs of our frail clients including those on special diets (e.g. modified textures, renal, diabetic, low salt, high fibre, fluids only, etc) in line with safe food handling guidelines and legislation.
- A Support Worker is required as previous Support Worker resigned to take up employment elsewhere.

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Aged Care Services.

2023-04-11	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Aged Care Services for March 2023 as presented. Moved by Cr Vanessa Tayley Seconded by Cr Robert Bloomfield <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</p>
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6.5 Art Centre Monthly Report

Reporting Period	March 2023
Department	Art Centre
Reporting Officer	Vikki Burrows – Art Centre Manager

Barriers and Issues:

- Gutters around the Art Centre and toilets need to be cleaned out. Full gutters could overflow and cause water to leak back inside and deteriorate the buildings.
- New Operations Manager Perry Gould to look into a contractor to clean out the gutters in the buildings around Wujal Wujal.

Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the Manager Art Centre.

2023-04-12	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Manager Art Centre. Moved by Mayor Bradley Creek Seconded by Cr Robert Bloomfield <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</div>
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6.5.1 Indigenous Knowledge Centre – Monthly Report

Reporting Period	March 2023
Department	Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Reporting Officer	Kiley Hanslow – Chief Executive Officer

- IKC Coordinator, Kylie Mills, finished with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council on 21 February 2023.
- There have been some issues with attendance from the My Pathways Paid Work Trial participants.
- Recruitment action is underway at the Indigenous Knowledge Centre. Positions have been advertised and are currently being shortlisted.



Resolution – Council accept the monthly report from the CEO for the Indigenous Knowledge Centre.

2023-04-13	Resolution: That Council accept the monthly report from the Coordinator Indigenous Knowledge Centre. Moved by Cr Reagan Kulka Seconded by Cr Vanessa Tayley <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED 4/4</div>
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6.6 Kindergarten Monthly Report - February 2023

The monthly Kindergarten report was not submitted, as the Kindergarten Director is on leave.

7. Closed Matters

No confidential items

8. General Business | Late Items

- Cr Reagan Kulka asked about the ANZAC Day activities for Wujal Wujal. These are set for 8am on 25 April 2023.
- Cr Reagan Kulka requested Council patch the potholes on Heorlein Street. More patch filler is on order. WWASC Operations Manager Perry Gould will follow up with the Project Manager on this.
- Cr Vanessa Tayley requested Council Parks and Gardens regularly attend the cemetery to keep the cemetery clean and well-maintained.
- Council asked about the cemetery beautification project – Operations Manager Perry Gould will follow up with Plans Program Office Maria Grimaldi and Michael Cootes on the boundary plans for the cemetery.
- Cr Robert Bloomfield requested Council Parks and Gardens crew clean up the vacant block at Ayton. This block was the old hairdresser property and has inground services and is shovel-ready. Perhaps a duplex could be built on this site.
- Mayor Bradley Creek requested CEO Kiley Hanslow follow up with the Cook Shire CEO Brian Joiner to request the guinea grass near Simms Wharf is cut and the potholes near the Middle Shop are patched.

9. Presentation | Guest Presenters | Jim Evans, Regional Manager, Local Government

- Jim Evans provided a presentation to Council on the process around boundary extensions.
- Jim Evans confirmed Council must resolve the issues around the AMP and the bridge ownership before the application for a boundary extension would be progressed.
- Mayor Bradley and CEO Kiley Hanslow have talked with Director General Jamie Merrick about the State taking on ownership of the bridge and will continue to progress this. Section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Act require Councils to be responsible for maintaining the infrastructure within their boundaries. The upkeep and insurance on the bridge would be cost-prohibitive for Council.
- The application would not progress if the AMP is not resolved. Options are being investigated, including ending the AMP at the bridge, and excluding the freehold blocks from the AMP.
- Timeframes for boundary changes can be quite long and are dependent on the timing of elections. If a boundary change application was submitted in 2023, it would be likely reviewed in 2025, then a report provided in 2026, and if approved, the boundary change would progress around 2028.



10. Next Ordinary Council Meeting Date

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is set for Thursday 18 May 2023.

11. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.15pm.

Resolution: Confirmation of Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2023 as circulated.

Resolution:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 April 2023 9.00am be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED



6. Declarations of Interest in the matters on the Agenda

- Declaration of Prescribed Conflict of Interest of any Item of Business
- Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest of any Item of Business
- Councillors to review existing Registers of Interest and Related Parties Disclosures

7. Business Arising or Outstanding Matters from Previous Meeting

8. Reports

8.1 Mayor's Report

Date	Meeting
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC ceremony
Friday 28 April	Walk around Wujal Wujal – planning and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday 4 May	Reef Guardian Councils Executive Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Monday 8 May & Tuesday 9 May	French Documentary Film Crew in Wujal Wujal
Wednesday 10 May	10/5/23. Caught up with Sean & Shalane from OHUB for a site visit to the Tourism Centre
Thursday 11 May	Attended the Yes Referendum Forum Brisbane

Resolution: Acceptance of the Mayors Report as included in the agenda

Resolution:

That Council receive the Mayor's report for the month April 2023 as presented, and note the meetings attended by the Mayor.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED

8.2 Chief Executive Officer Report

8.2.1 Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meeting during the period *4 April and 2023 and 12 May 2023*:

Date	Meeting
Tues 4 April	Met with QFES Discussed Emergency Management. Undertook training on Resupply Requests for disaster management events. Justin Smith from QFES was provided a tour of critical water plant and sewerage plant to gain an on-the-ground understanding of the impact a disaster event would have on the Wujal Wujal critical and essential services.
Wed 5 April	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Strategic Quarterly Governance Meeting. The following points were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More housing required in Wujal Wujal • Local Housing Plans need to be signed off • An overview on QBuild was provided • Need to decrease the number of aged QBuild jobs, to have no more than 30 jobs open for more than 30 days. • Importance of having a Housing representative at community meetings for community members to raise their housing, repairs and maintenance and tenancy concerns
Wed 12 April	CHDE Delivery Meeting with Evaness Hollingsworth of the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed up on the status of the six fire hoses for the Southside houses. Evaness will check the status and let me know.
	Community Meeting. Points of discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Togetherness Day on 4 June 2023 • Animal and environmental management • Discussion on primary access road for Wujal Wujal community • Change of land use for Ludden's Land to residential use • Housing team attendance to discuss property and tenancy concerns • CDCC Playgroup • 3-year-old Kindergarten • Pama Futures Voice to Parliament • Men's Shed opening hours
Friday 14 April	WWTP – Breach of contract and contract termination
	Fourier Annual Planning of IT requirements
Monday 17 – Friday 21 April	Governance – Meetings with Governance Officer Liza Perrett Policies and Boundary Extension Process - Jim Evans - Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
Wed 19 April	ANZAC Day Meeting and preparations
Thurs 20 April	Council – Ordinary Meeting Meeting with Mayor Bradley and Kerry-Lee Bird (DSDSATSIP) on Living Thriving Communities

Date	Meeting
Friday 21 April	Met with Aubrey and Jana from Housing re housing waitlist update. Far North Queensland Region of Councils (FNQROC) WHS & Wellbeing Committee (inaugural meeting) Met with Britta Upite from Bloomfield Primary School – ANZAC Day Event
Monday 24 April	ANZAC Day Meeting and Preparations Australian Warning System Change Consultation meeting with Sandra Ross – consultation on changes to colours and icons for disaster warnings (fire, cyclone, storm, flood, heatwave, etc.)
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC ceremony with 51 st Battalion soldiers from Wujal Wujal and Hopevale
Wed 26 April	Meeting with Brett Rip, Ted Aldred, Chris Blake, Brad Mulligan, Micheal Leslie and Laurie Raleigh on the WWASC Drinking Water Quality Management Plan and water treatment plan upgrade Meeting with C&K on Kindergarten Uplift Plan, programming, inclusion and continuous improvement
Thursday 27 April	Cook CDP JV Partnership Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABF Immortals Tour – Ian Lacey, Nicole Lacey, Bradley Beetson, Petro Cioniceva – regarding Rugby legend players coming to community to support positivity with social, DFV and Elder Abuse awareness, nutrition messaging, employment and attendance in school and work
Tuesday 2 May	Meeting with Carrie Goldsmith and Taleya(DES), Peter Dutallis (RECS) and Perry Gould Formal termination of breached contract following no response from supplier
Wed 3 May 2023	Meeting with Nicole Chatfield re Deadly Active Sport Recreation Program Critical Infrastructure Plant inspections with Carrie Goldsmith and Water Operations Team
Thursday 4 May	WWASC Quarterly Workplace Health and Safety Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General matters discussed No issues raised Initiating measures to ensure WWASC meets its compliance obligations
	Reef Guardian Councils Executive Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$920,000 funding for projects within Reef Guardian Council Action Plan
Monday 8 May	Taste of Tropical Queensland Showcase, Cairns Attended with Cr Kulka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking opportunity hosted by the Premier prior to formal meeting at 6.00pm
	Queensland State Reception The Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk & The Honourable Cameron Dick, Cairns Attended with Cr Kulka
Tuesday & Wednesday 9 & 10 May	Attended TCICA Meeting with Cr Kulka. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included delegation to see Minister Craig Crawford to discuss AMP, bridge, boundary extension



Date	Meeting
Thursday 11 May	TCICA Indigenous Local Government Disaster Resilience Forum, Cairns Attended with Cr Kulka. Discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity in disaster events • Disaster preparedness • Mapoon's Resilience Centre by CEO Tom Smith • Cook Shire Resupply Operations to Coen • Heatwave trends and future increased heatwave events
Friday 12 May	FNQROC Luncheon meeting with the Hon Di Farmer, Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development, Cairns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkages to schools and commencement of apprenticeships in Senior School, leading to continuation of apprenticeships in Council after students finish Grade 12 (students coming to Council semi-skilled) • Establishment of a small business hub to assist small business start-ups

8.2.2 Follow Ups

- Guinea grass and potholes on road and road verges up to Ayton – contacted Cook Shire Council Brian Joiner – slashing has now commenced along Bloomfield Road. It takes 1-2 weeks to complete the whole road. The pot holes will take longer to fix, as they are picked up on the DRFA camera and submitted to QRA for flood damage works.

8.2.3 Other Information

- Resignation: Joanne Gowans | Corporate and Commercial Manager Joanne Gowans has tendered her resignation, indicating her last day will be 2 June 2023.
On behalf of Council I would like to acknowledge the work Joanne has done during her time in her role and wish her all the best for her future.
- Interviews completed for the Local Thriving Communities Officer. A local community member has been found successful and we will organise training through Kerry-Lee Bird (DSDSATSIP), to support this new staff member to do well in her job. One of the first tasks will be the re-establishment of the Local Thriving Communities Committee.

Resolution: Acceptance of the Chief Executive Officer's report:

Resolution:

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's report and note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED

8.3 Corporate and Corporate Services Division Report (C&CS)

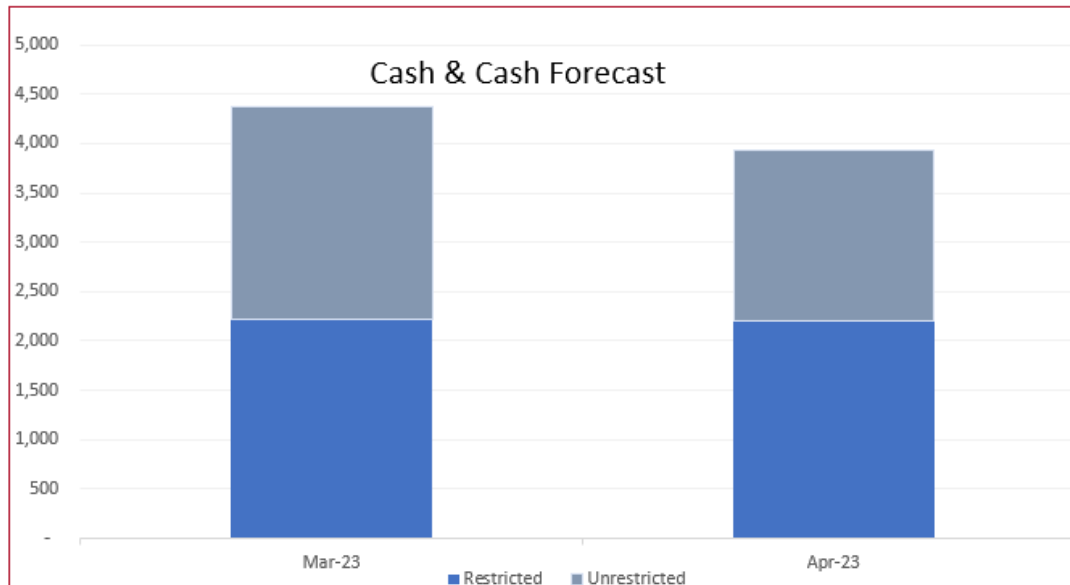
.3.1 Financial Dashboard

Monthly Financial Report as at 30 April 2023 CASH POSITION

Progress this month



Balance is more than last month, +\$2m in unrestricted, so favourable result



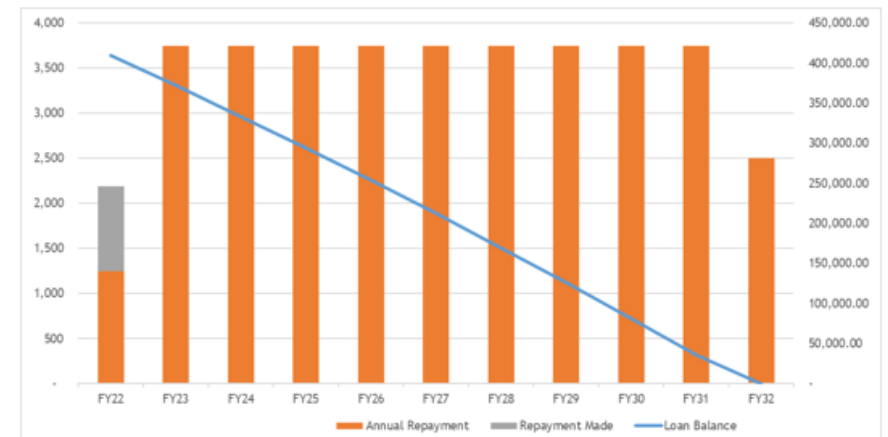
Money on hand & owing to council

Cash available to pay creditors and wages	1,727,243.51
Quarantined monies	2,200,184.84
Bank balance	3,927,428.35

Total debtors & receivables	390,950.74
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Long Term Loan	3,167,472.85
Creditors	61,415.50
Total monies owed	3,228,888.35

Long Term Loan Balance

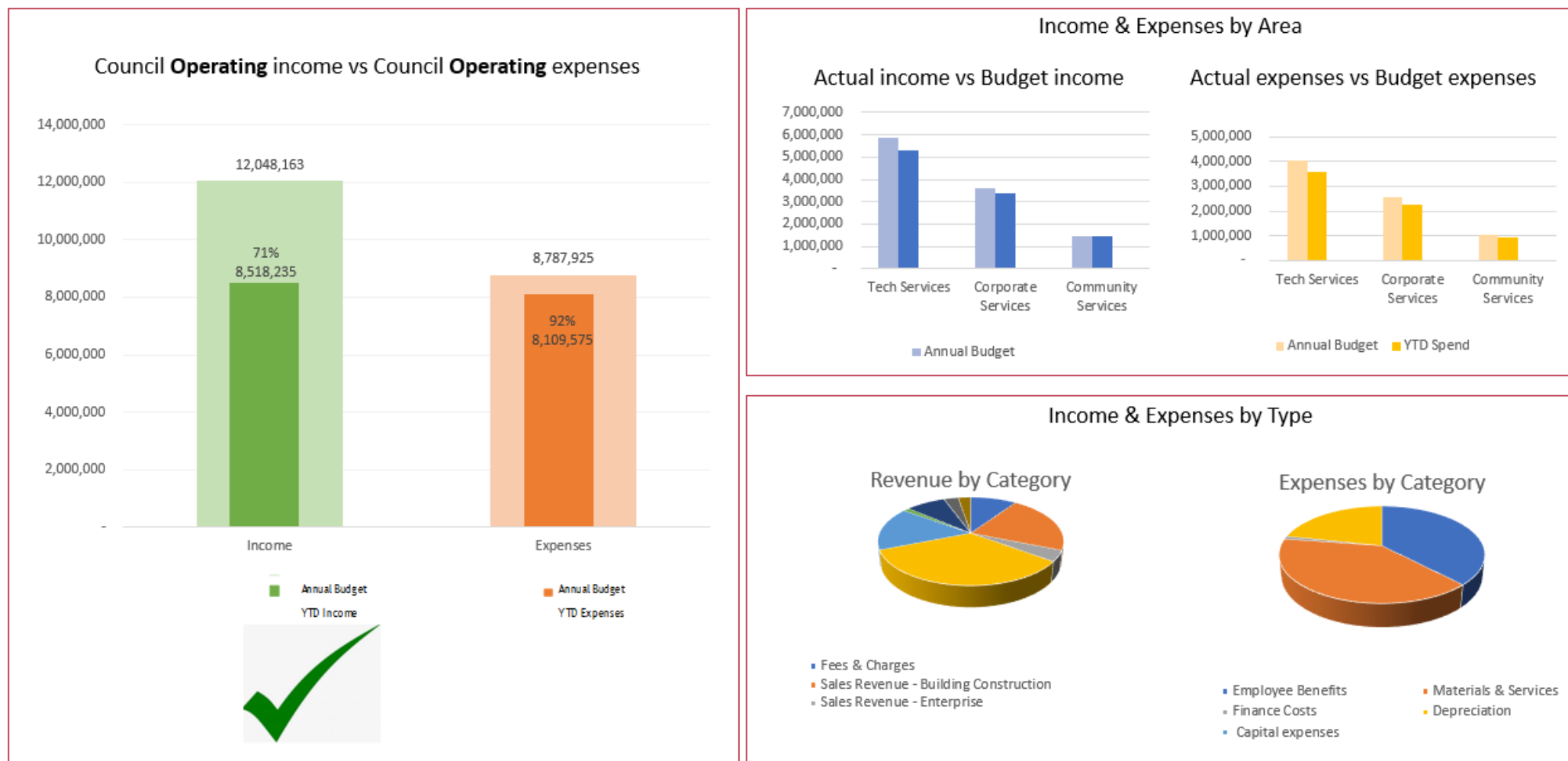


During the month Council has made its monthly repayment of \$35,207



Monthly Financial Report as at 30 April 2023

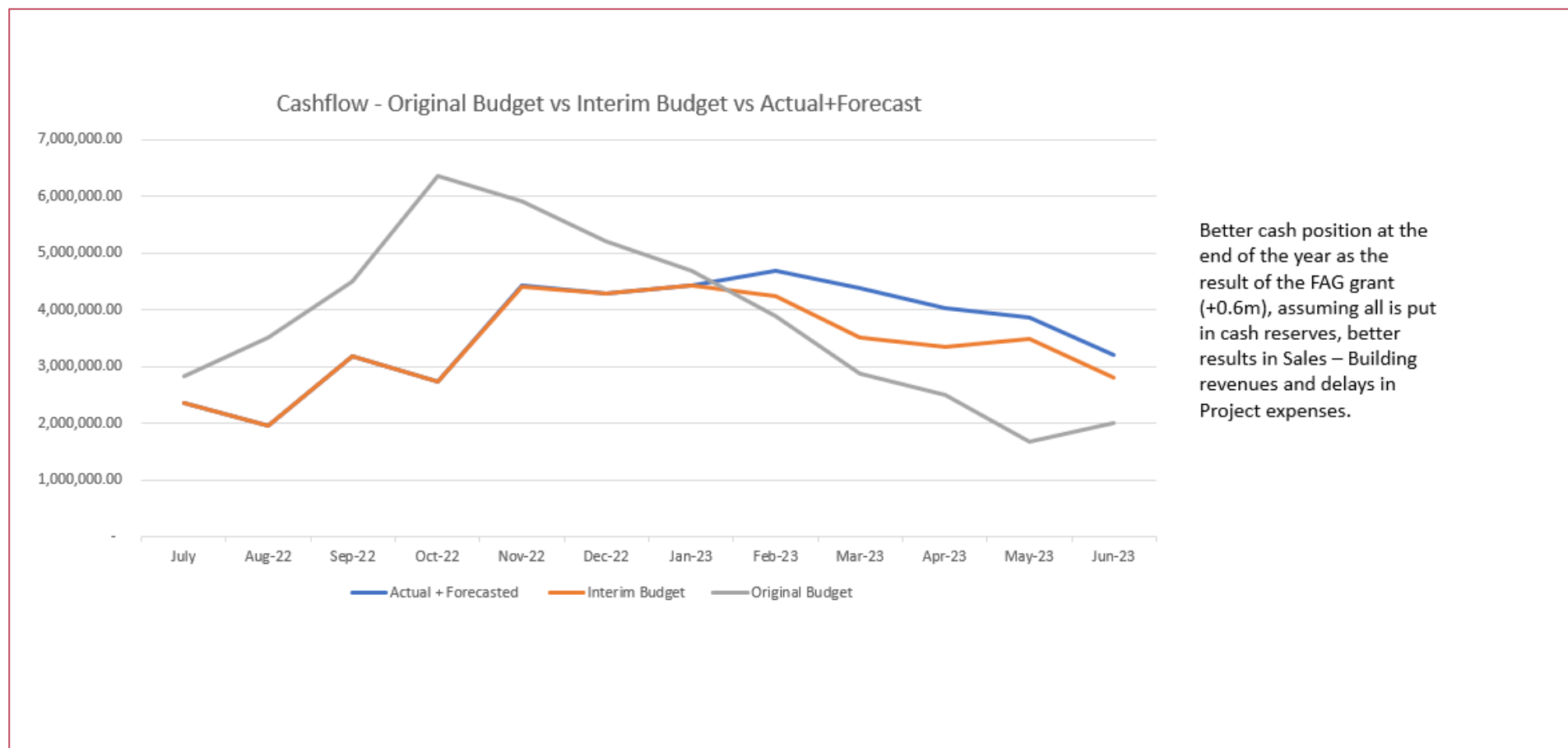
OPERATING POSITION





Monthly Financial Report as at 30 April 2023

CASHFLOW





Monthly Financial Report as at 30 April 2023

PROJECT PROGRESS

Community Buildings

Funding	Capital Projects	Due to complete	Budget utilisation % (Spend to date /Total Budget)	Project on track On time & budget
HPW Pluggin	HPW Pluggin Projects	31-Dec-22	104%	
W4Q 2022-24	Council buildings	30-Sep-24	1%	Started
W4Q 2022-24	Solar Art Centre	TBA	0%	Not Started
W4Q 2022-24	Solar Sports Centre	TBA	0%	Not Started
HPW	New House + Subdivision	TBA	0%	Not Started

Road Infrastructure

Funding	Capital Projects	Due to complete	Budget utilisation % (Spend to date /Total Budget)	Project on track On time & budget
LRCI	Guest Accom Carpark LRCI Program funding	31-Dec-22	100%	Completed
QRA	Slips China Camp	TBA	0%	Not Started
LCRI 2022 - Phase 3	Roadside Verges- cold patch.	TBA	21%	Not Started
QRA	Stormwater Drainage	TBA	4%	Not Started
DES	Litter Signage		0%	Not Started

Infrastructure Other

Funding	Capital Projects	Due to complete	Budget utilisation % (Spend to date /Total Budget)	Project on track On time & budget
JV Legacy funds	Southside Stage Project	Completed	68%	
W4Q 2022-24	Separate Electricity Meters	TBA	0%	Not Started
W4Q 2022-24	Automation Service Station (Stage 1)	TBA	0%	Not Started
AP Consult	Waste Initiative	TBA	0%	Not Started

Water and Sewerage

Funding	Capital Projects	Due to complete	Budget utilisation % (Spend to date /Total Budget)	Project on track On time & budget
ICCIP	WTP & WWTP Scada Upgrade	31-Aug-22	101%	
ICCIP	Wastewater treatment plant upgrade and irrigaion upgrade	31-Aug-22	114%	
ICCIP	Storm water drain	31-Aug-22	77%	



The Numbers

Statement of Comprehensive Income	YTD End of Month Reporting - April 2023			Comments
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Revenue				
Recurrent Revenue				
Fees & Charges	1,072,321	1,084,676	(12,355)	Waste management levy delay (-\$4k), Less fees from Wujal Lodge (-\$2k) and External works (-\$2k)
Sales Revenue - Building Construction	2,424,635	3,122,195	(697,560)	-\$80k BAS invoicing still catching up; Interim Housing Project still delayed (-\$235k). Awaiting variation from Dept of Housing
Sales Revenue - Enterprise	449,243	481,992	(32,749)	-\$15k Fuel station sales, -\$11k art sales
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	3,800,195	3,903,154	(102,959)	Timing of DATSIP funding (have sought an EOT)
Total Recurrent Revenue	7,746,394	8,592,016	(845,622)	
Capital Revenue				
Capital, Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	1,794,550	2,033,244	(238,694)	Waste Initiative funding not received at this time
Capital Income	918,346	1,163,056	(244,709)	Movement on lease and loan
Total Capital Revenue	2,712,896	3,196,300	(483,404)	
Rental income	141,012	132,312	8,700	
Interest received	5,732	5,177	556	
Joint Venture	335,000	150,000	185,000	JV funds received
Other income	290,096	313,121	(23,024)	R2R income hasn't been realised
Total Revenue	11,231,131	12,388,926	(1,157,795)	
Expenses				
Recurrent Expenses				
Employee Benefits	3,069,012	3,178,488	109,476	Fav due to absences and vacancies
Materials & Services	3,203,743	3,952,162	748,419	Interim project (+174k) Other projects delayed
Finance Costs	79,739	82,847	3,108	
Depreciation	1,757,081	1,795,871	38,790	
Total Recurrent Expenses	8,109,575	9,009,368	899,793	
Capital expenses	689	0	(689)	
Total Expenses	8,110,264	9,009,368	899,104	
Net Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	3,120,867	3,379,557	(258,690)	

8.3.2 Corporate and Commercial Services Monthly Report Points

The month of April was challenging with competing demands, but much was achieved by the team. Items of interest for the council are as per the following:

BAS invoicing

- We have re-engaged the help of an external contractor who has started invoicing and will be useful as Zhara is on leave.
- The strategy going forward is to build internal capacity and streamline internal processes by reducing the number of QBuild job codes. For the month of April 73 invoices were raised for QBuild with a total value of \$237,920.42. BAS responsive invoices amounted to \$236,097.23 while planned maintenance invoices amounted to \$142,830.00.

HR matters

- Workers Compensation claim previously investigated has been declined.
- This finalises this particular claim.

Department of Housing (infrastructure) Plug ins

- A variation has been submitted and we are still awaiting approval.
- Ongoing collaboration with the Works Department continues.
- We have voiced our concern over the delay with the variation, as the community desperately needs these plug ins finalised.

NexGen

- This dashboard will allow for council staff to understand procurement obligations (correct processes) and to see if they are being compliant.
- This work has progressed, and the first dashboard view was presented, with a notable change into good compliance from July last year onwards (this had 2 years of data in it).
- There is still work to be done, but initial feedback from staff that have access is that it is highly beneficial and easy to understand.

Local Buy/Vendor Panel

- We launched our first tender through the Local Buy/Vendor Panel arrangement.
- We had a number of good applications for work related to Project management in the event of disaster.

Ecotourism/Wujal Guest Accommodation-

- Further discussions regarding the booking system prior to finalisation is occurring.
- Forward bookings are encouraging.
- Eco Tents need much love: there is lots of evident mould building up, making them unappealing.

Café

- One party has come forward and is an established business person.
- A lease is currently being finalised with lawyers and the applicant.
- However, that interested party has now indicated the value of the lease was excessive
- Council will review applicants who had applied previously.



Leases

Jabalbina Rangers and Ohub leases are being finalised with lawyers at this time.

ICT

- Our new phone system has been installed and is now operational.
- Further our new Firewall will be installed, to assist with Cybersecurity.
- Cyber Training is being rolled out to all staff from 18th April through to December to embed awareness.

Insurance

Followed up on outstanding insurance work – van and admin building. Awaiting on Works Department to supply Admin building floorplan to progress with admin building claim.

Audit

- Work with our auditors Grant and Thornton has begun.
- This is our first year with them.
- Interim audit will be the week of May 22nd.
- Final Audit will be in early September.
- Micah has done great work to clean up accounts, with the support of the team.

Budget 2023/24

- Started work on next year's budget.
- Wanting to get this complete by the end of May, ready for presentation to council in June

Record Management

- Disposal of records has been arranged.
- Wendy has been meeting with Record Managers and gaining further information on how to best manage our records going forward.

Debts

The following debts are tabled to be forgiven.

The debt was first incurred in 2020 as a payroll error in which we overpaid them.

Since this time, the following people have finalised employment with the council and have not repaid the debt. Further, most have left community.

As the debt is so old, it is now a doubtful debt that is unlikely to be recovered.

Name	Amount
Jonathan Bassini	\$3,430.23
Sonya Doughboy	\$4,033.65
Total	\$7,433.88

Proposed resolution: To forgive the debts of the abovementioned individuals as the debt is unlikely to be recovered.

Resolution:

That Council forgive the debts of the individuals listed in the table listed above, as the debt is unlikely to be recovered.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED

Resignation

This will be my last council meeting with you all. I have enjoyed the challenge of getting Wujal Wujal financially back to a more acceptable level. We have all worked together as a team to come from a low base



to establish better processes and procedures for our finances, but more importantly invest in our finance team through further studies and cross training them. Nurture these folk as they are the future of Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council.

Resolution: Acceptance of the Corporate and Corporate Services Division Report:

Resolution:

That Council receive the Corporate and Corporate Services Division Report.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED



8.4 Works and Building Services Monthly Report - April 2023

Report to:	CEO, Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Operations Information Report
Reporting Period:	April 2023
Reporting Officer:	Manager Operations, Perry Gould
Status:	Information

This report outlines the works undertaken during the month of April 2023 including Civil, Building, Water, Sewer, Parks and Gardens, Animal Management, Environmental Health, Accommodation, Sports and Recreation and Disaster Management

8.4.1 Summary

Since commencement of contract with Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council as Manager Operations on 17th April 2023 I have concentrated on reviewing all operations, operational requirements, organisational structure, status of funded projects, Q-Build programs and Workplace Health and Safety to determine how effective Council's existing operations are and potential improvements.

Strategic Planning

Meetings with CEO Kiley Hanslow have highlighted areas for improvement and strategic planning required to better undertake business within Council to achieve required results.

Projects Overview

- Met with Carrie Goldsmith 4th – 5th to assess required work for completion of existing WWTP upgrade project and possible funding for potable water supply infrastructure.
- Meeting with Erica Choate regarding possible projects which may be undertaken under Reef Guardian Council Funding.
- Met with Vanessa Brindell Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy requesting information on further funding for completion of Plug-Ins.
- Existing contract with Truewater for WWTP project has now been terminated.

8.4.2 Damage to Property

Unfortunately, on 6 May 2023 the Council Depot Yard was broken into and two vehicles stolen, one has extensive damage, and the second vehicle was located by Police in Mossman with little visual damage according to Police report (yet to be determined).

Council depot office was also broken into with significant damage to front entry doors, locks on other doors and also back boundary fence exit gates.

Tools were also stolen from vehicles along with graffiti within the office and outside areas.

At time of report the depot boundary fencing and office entry doors have been secured, we will follow up on lodgement of an insurance claim.

8.4.3 Disaster Management, SES Rural, Fire

- Five consecutive days of SES training to be undertaken July 2023 for existing and new recruits.
- Transport compliance inspection by TPG was undertaken on fire tender (Yellow Canter Truck) (PASSED)
- SES utility needs new battery, Perry to order. We need to use the vehicle to ensure all components on the vehicle are operational in case of emergency.



8.4.4 Civil

- Assessment of Wastewater Treatment Plant access road was performed by Erscon Engineering, awaiting report.
- China Camp Road inspection by engineers, awaiting report.
- Drainage reconstruction assessment ongoing.
- Erscon Engineering have performed assessment for pothole repair works/re-sealing throughout the shire for FNQROC funding lodgement.
- Required works for completion of WWTP project have been assessed, awaiting report from Peter Dutailis REC Consulting Engineering.
- Testing of potable water supply and WWTP have been performed to ensure compliance.

8.4.5 Building: Status Summary Q-BUILD

- Planned Maintenance works:
- **Total number of invoices raised = 73**
- **Total value of invoices = \$261,712.42 inclusive of GST**
- **BAS responsive works were \$104,599.42 while planned maintenance was \$157,113.00.**

BUDGET /Planned Maintenance	total buget	% done	address
B56487 Modification to Bathroom	\$35,640.00	0%	10 Keim St
B61595 Flooring Upgrade	\$32,850.00	40% complete	10-8 Cape Tribulation Rd
B64327 10-3 Cape Trib Rd kitchen	\$32,704.00		
B61595 10-8 Cape Trib Rd	\$32,850.00		PO being raised
B64217 15 Keim St	\$19,600.00	30% complete	
B65254 24 Florence Lane	\$40,180.00	Complete	
B65534 32 Hartwig St	\$40,600.00		
B65540 33 Hartwig St	\$58,800.00	Complete	
B65254 24 Florence/10-3 Kitchen Upgrade	\$48,534.75	Complete	Received PO on 14.04.2023

Guest Accommodation / Eco village

Community Hall kitchen

- Works are 85% complete, fan and venting system still needs to be installed, requires external contractor to assess and quote.

Guest Accommodation

- Property Buildings are at 95% complete.
- Fully furnished are at 98%.
- Screens to bathrooms windows not installed.
- Electrical connection to be completed to outdoor gas BBQ.

Eco Tourism Village

- Boundary fence to be completed, defects need to be completed.

Planned Maintenance

- All works will be completed ASAP.

Plug-ins

- 4 Plug-Ins are complete.
- Defects completed.
- Sent final completed defect pictures to Michael Coote (Q-Build inspector)
- Please Note: Project will be completed once funded money is secured for completion of project

8.4.6 Animal Management

Treatments:

- Monthly treatments completed 27th April 2023

Complaints/concerns:

- Medicated injured dog due to hunting.
- One dog euthanised due to injuries sustained by being struck by vehicle traveling at speed through town
- Medicated a dog for infections.
- Impounded dogs for treatment

Miscellaneous:

- Collected de-sexing forms.
- Organised a de-sexing day with Skydog Vets.
- Registered new dogs.
- Check-ups on injured dogs.
- Patrols through community.
- Impounded dogs.
- Rehomed dogs.

Animals in community:

- 3 cats and 50 dogs.

8.4.7 Environmental Health

- Bin audit complete awaiting delivery to replace damaged wheelie bins.
- Water samples delivered to airport for transport to Cairns Council for testing.
- Picked up bulk waste off the streets.
- Collected vehicle surrender forms for Council pickup.
- Collected chlorine.
- Assisted mosquito control contractors with traps.
- Food inspection at Wujal Convenience Store
- Completed checklists.
- Skye and Nikki away for training Sunday 28th May – Saturday 3rd June (in Cherbourg for EHW/AMW Training)

8.4.8 Parks and Gardens

- A considerable amount of recourse has been utilised for weed removal by hand on football grounds along with slashing to old AFL grounds with My Pathways (paid work trial) staff being involved in the process
- Field still requires mowing and line marking closer to 27th May, matches to be held.
- Slashing of open spaces continues throughout the community with wet weather having some impact on scheduling.
- Mowing continues on all Council assets, entry to Wujal Falls has been cleared for easy access to walking track.



8.4.9 Sport and Recreation Hall

- Hall operating hours are 2.30 until 6pm Monday to Thursday with attendance around 40 per day which is very pleasing.
- Staff have cleaned up all areas including storage compartments, the gym upstairs is being used by some members of the community but with limited equipment and no cooling system upstairs deterring most enthusiasts.
- I have met with electrical contractors onsite requesting estimated costs of lighting replacement program for the hall for future funding opportunities.
- Crash matts donated by the school have been placed in the hall and are proving to be popular.

Resolution: Acceptance of the Works and Building Services Monthly Report for the month April 2023

Resolution:

That Council receive the Works and Building Services Monthly Report for the month April 2023.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED



8.5 Aged Care Services Monthly Report - April 2023

Report to:	CEO, Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Aged Care Services
Reporting Period:	April 2023
Reporting Officer:	Gina
Status:	Information

8.5.1 Funding and Spend

Spend	Value
Far Nth Office Choice	\$775.85
Emperor electrical	\$1000.00
BFG	\$650.00
Alister Gibson	\$1875.00
Ancer Czygan	\$775.00
Ayton Store	\$4220.33
Cooktown Food and Ice	\$2678.98
Total	\$11,975.16

8.5.2 Issues with Programs etc

Mowing and keeping up with the capacity is a struggle at present as no other supports available other than private, most clients cannot afford the out-of-pocket expense.

Would Council consider support with mowing outside of the client fence lines and poisoning the guinea grass?

There are numerous complaints for snakes. Now that winter is approaching, they will be looking for warmth.

8.5.3 Client/Correspondence

- Continued monthly Care plan reviews working well.
- Order of chiller/freezer for Community Care kitchen upgrade on the 11th of April looking to arrive around the 18th of May 2023 and commencing installation hoping other works are completed for this to progress smoothly.
- Visit from Wellways Carer Gateway – supporting carers and their clients.
- Continued financial abuse with several clients, seeking for one client to have external administration of finances.
- Support for a QCSS client to complete NDIS application.

8.5.4 Reporting

- DEX Mar 2023 report submitted.
- HCP Mar 2023 submitted.

8.5.5 Staffing

- Pursuing alternative mandatory training online for upskilling and professional development of staff members

Resolution: Acceptance of the Aged Care Services Monthly Report for the month April 2023

Resolution:

That Council receive the Aged Care Services Monthly Report for the month April 2023.

Moved:

Seconded:

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8.6 Bana Yirriji Art Centre Monthly Report - April 2023

Report to:	CEO, Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Bana Yirriji Art Centre
Reporting Period:	April 2023
Reporting Officer:	Manager of Bana Yirriji Art Centre, Vikki Burrows
Status:	Information

8.5.1 Highlights

The artists have been working with Shannon Brett for the past few months, designing a fashion collection for CIAF 2023 fashion show. There have been some great designs being printed for this event.

The new managers from the Sovereign Hotel purchased over \$5,000 worth of paintings for the resort rooms.

8.5.2 Data:

Sales report for the month of April 2023, attached.

IACA newsletter attached.

8.5.3 Barriers & Issues:

Storage area for art materials.

- Enclosing the back veranda is not suitable.
- The Art Centre Manager and the Works and Building Services Operations Manager will need to draft an extension plan to extend the back veranda for a larger printing area and enough space to have an enclosed storage space.

Funding required to complete:

- Council will need more funding than the \$20,000 to complete this project.
- Erica Choate from Wearepeak is assisting us to locate funding to support this proposed extension.

8.5.4 Funding/Agreements/Financials:

- The Art Centre Manager contacted Arts QLD to get an extension on the Indigenous Art Centre (IAC) - Year 4 Progress Report which was due 30th April 2023.

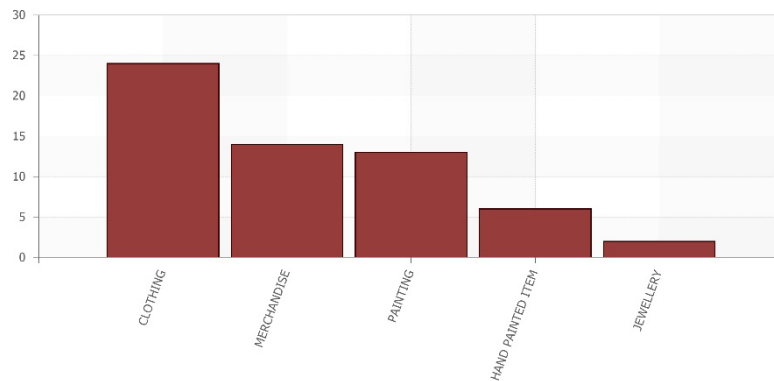
Sales by Category (volume and value): Bana Yirriji Art Centre

Sales from 01/04/2023 to 30/04/2023

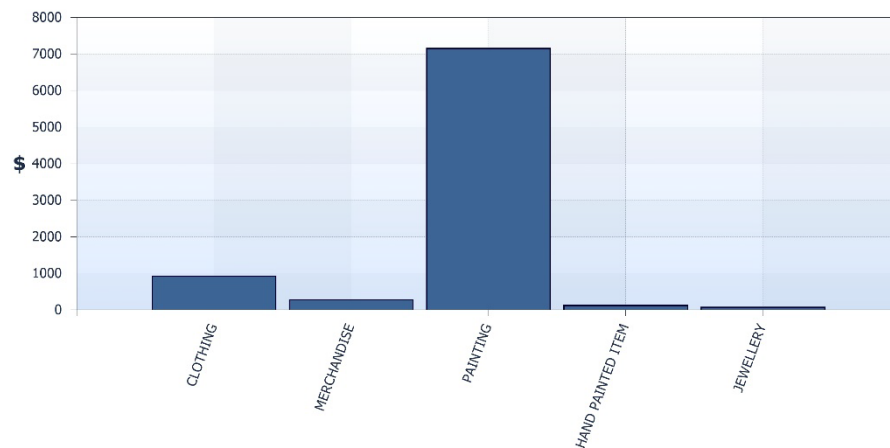
Product	Items Sold	Value of Sales
CLOTHING	24	\$920.00
MERCHANDISE	14	\$270.00
PAINTING	13	\$7,150.00
HAND PAINTED ITEM	6	\$120.00
JEWELLERY	2	\$70.00
Total Items Sold:	59	\$8,530.00

Sales by Category - Bana Yirriji Art Centre

Number of Items Sold



Value of Items Sold



Acceptance of the Bana Yirriji Art Centre Monthly Report for the month April 2023

Resolution:

That Council receive the Bana Yirriji Art Centre Monthly Report for the month April 2023.

Moved:

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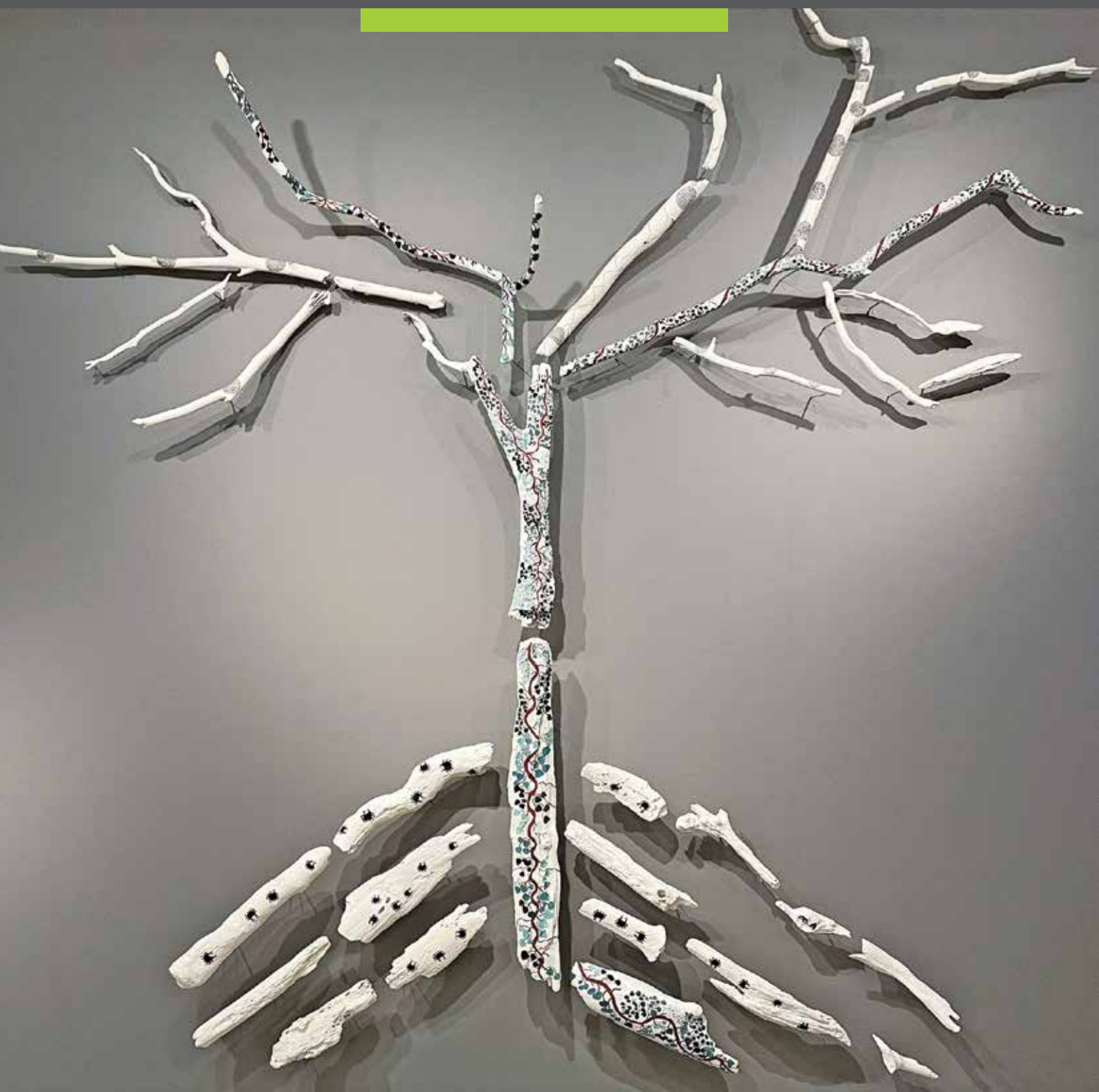
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Cover image: Sonya Creek, Mangkurru Mili, 2022, earth & dry pigment on driftwood. Courtesy of the artist and Bana Yirriji Art Centre (@banayirrijiart)

Image above: Lorna Shuan, Clay pinch pots, engobe and sgraffito on clay, 2022. Image: Yalanji Arts.



IACA programs and events receive financial assistance from the Queensland Government through the Arts Queensland Backing Indigenous Arts initiative, from the Federal Government's Ministry for the Arts through the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support program, the Australia Council for the Arts and Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund - an Australian Government initiative. IACA supports the Indigenous Art Code.

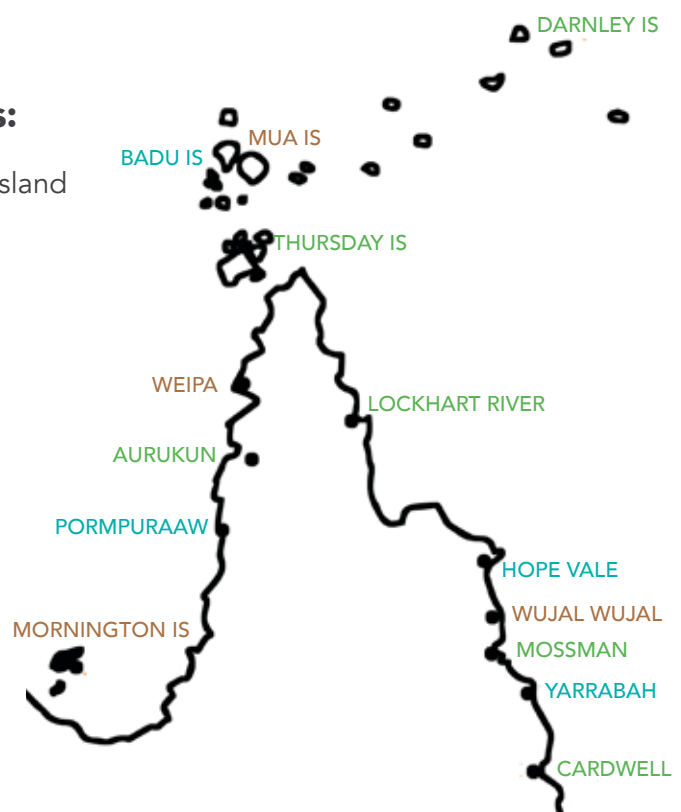
About IACA

IACA, the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance, is the peak body that supports and advocates for the community-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and cultural centres of Far North Queensland.

IACA works under the guidance and direction of a majority Indigenous Management Committee and is a not-for-profit organisation. There are currently 13 member art centres spread across the islands of the Torres Strait, the Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York and the tropical rainforest and coastal regions of Far North Queensland.

Indigenous Art Centre Alliance members:

Badu Art Centre / Badhulgaw Kuthinaw Mudh - Badu Island
Bana Yirriji Art Centre - Wujal Wujal
Erub Arts - Darnley Island
Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre - Cardwell
Gab Titui Cultural Centre - Thursday Island
HopeVale Arts and Culture Centre
Lockhart River Art Centre
Mornington Island Art
Moa Arts / Ngalmun Lagau Minaral - Mua Island
Pormpuraaw Art and Culture Centre
Wei'num Arts - Western Cape York
Wik and Kugu Art Centre - Aurukun
Yalanji Arts - Mossman Gorge
Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct



2023 - 2024 IACA Management Committee:

Solomon Booth - (President) Moa Arts / Ngalmun Lagau Minaral, Mua Island
Adam Boyd - (Treasurer) Manager Moa Arts / Ngalmun Lagau Minaral, Mua Island
Bereline Loogatha - (Secretary) MIArt, Mornington Island
John Armstrong - (Committee Member) MIArt, Mornington Island
Florence Gutchen - (Committee Member) Erub Arts, Darnley Island

Word from the President



Welcome to another edition of IACA News. I am the current President of IACA, and for those who don't know me, my name is Solomon Booth, and I am a Mualgal man of the Ilkigau tribe from Mua Island in the Torres Strait. I have been on the IACA Management Committee for the last 13 years and was the inaugural President in 2010-11. I am honoured to step back into this role and lead IACA into its next exciting chapter.

So much has happened at IACA since our last newsletter, including the resignation of Joann Russo from the Management Committee and President. Joann has gone on to work with Arts Queensland and we wish her well for the future. Thankfully COVID is behind us now and we are slowly returning to normal operations. In this edition of the IACA newsletter you'll see how much amazing work has been happening in our Art Centres, following the lifting of restrictions. It is a credit to all the artists and arts workers, managers, workshop facilitators and consultants that we have achieved so much.

For IACA members, the next six months will be a very important time as we get together to talk about our peak body; where we are now, where we need to go next and how we will get there. The needs and aspirations of each Art Centre is the most important thing. We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's conference, ready to plan a future that will be best for all of us.

In November I was privileged to attend *Purrumpa* – a national gathering and celebration of First Nations arts and culture. Coordinated by the Australia Council for the Arts and presented in Adelaide, it was an important national thinktank for the issues facing First Nations arts now and into the future. This gathering provided inspiration and ideas for IACA to build its profile alongside that of Far North Queensland's art centre network.

We look forward to strong growth and development in the future – not just for IACA, but for all our Art Centres and an Indigenous-led art sector as a whole. We hope to see all our art centres and industry partners at the conference planned for later this year – and we also hope you enjoy this edition of the IACA newsletter.

Solomon Booth

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Sonya Creek wins Artist Fellowship Award

Sonya Creek was one of three artists to be awarded a 2022 Artist Fellowship from the Cairns Art Gallery. Fellowships were selected by Ellie Buttrose, Curator of Contemporary Australian Art, QAGOMA, with each winner receiving \$7,500 to develop a new body of work for a future exhibition. The Artist Fellowship is made possible with the support of the Cairns RSL Club.

Sonya's artwork was featured in Cairns Art Gallery's ARTNOW FNO 2022 exhibition, held from December 2022 to February 2023. Her work was commended as an exemplary sculpture, made from found driftwood and painted with white ochre and earth pigments.



Sonya Creek, earth & dry pigment on driftwood. Courtesy of the artist and Bana Yirriji Art Centre (@banayirrijiart)



Sonya Creek creating her artwork. Image: Edwina Circuit and Bana Yiriji Art

Dikal, Mili and Kiju:

Bana Yirriji's first Sydney exhibition



L to R Josie Olbar, Lila Creek, Anne Nunn, Image: Aboriginal Contemporary



Lila Creek Bulnja, dry earth pigment on linen, 76.2 x 76.2cm, Image: Aboriginal Contemporary

Bana Yirriji enjoyed their first Sydney exhibition, presented in partnership with Aboriginal Contemporary in Waverley at the end of 2022. The exhibition showcased the work of four artists: Lila Creek is a senior artist with 21 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. Lila's work captures the camouflaged subtlety of rainforest owls in gestural, enigmatic portraits. Anne Nunns' work tells the ancient stories of the birds from the wetlands, such as the statuesque kubal (brolga). Josie Olbar is a Jalaji saltwater woman whose work tells the tales of Mili, the stinging jellyfish of the reefs of Far North Queensland; these are the stories passed down from her ancestors. And Doreen Collins, who learnt traditional weaving from her mother, captured the very essence of the simple dilly bag, so central to Bama life.

Dikal, Mili and Kiju is a sublime narration of life in Wujal Wujal. Cultural threads are woven into renderings of local wildlife carrying ancient and profound knowledge of Country. This unique collection of works celebrates the customs of Wujal Wujal with a mesmerising palette and pictorial playfulness, each artist leaving a lasting impression of life on the Bloomfield River.

Excerpt from exhibition catalogue.



Doreen Collins painting at Bana
Yirriji Art. Image Edwina Circuit
Bana Yirriji Art

Hopevale Arts and Mornington Island Art feature in Paris fashion exhibition



Grace Rosendale, *Seedpods dress* 2019.
Silk organza, elastic, sequinned fabric.
Courtesy of the artist, Hopevale Arts and
Cultural Centre and Queensland University
of Technology. Model: Magnolia Maymuru.
Image: Bronwyn Kidd.

Artists from both Hopevale Arts and Cultural Centre and Mornington Island Art Centre feature in *Piinpi: Contemporary Australian Indigenous Fashion* which recently travelled to the Australian Embassy in Paris.

The exhibition was curated by Bendigo Art Gallery's First Nations Curator, Kaantju woman Shonae Hobson, and brings together around 90 works by creators including Hopevale Arts and Mornington Island Art Centre. The *Piinpi* exhibition showcases First Nation designed garments and textiles. *Piinpi*, an Indigenous word commonly used across the east coast of Cape York Peninsula, refers to seasonal changes and the regeneration of Country.

Hopevale's Grace Rosendale featured her Seedpods Dress, while Mornington Island artists Amy Loogatha, Alison Kirstin Goongarra, Dorothy Gabori, and Agnes Kohler painted directly onto garments and dresses. *Piinpi* is a travelling exhibition, beginning at the Bendigo Art Gallery, then onto the National Museum of Australia and finally at the Australian Embassy in Paris.



Burrkunda (dress) 2017 by Amy Loogatha, Alison Kirstin Goongarra, Dorothy Gabori, Agnes Kohler and Grace Lilian Lee (collaborator). Synthetic polymer paint on cotton. Collection National Gallery of Victoria. Image: Leon Schoots.

Mornington Island artists head to Canberra



MIArt artists at the National Museum of Australia shop. Image MIArt



MIArt artists standing with their works at National Museum of Australia. Image MIArt

Artists from Mornington Island Art (MI Art) undertook a professional development trip to Canberra in January 2023. Artists Agnes Kohler, Elsie Gabori, Amanda Gabori, Dorothy Gabori, Joeline Roughsey, Coralie Thompson, Bereline Loogatha, and MI Art Manager John Armstrong travelled to Canberra, supported by Arts Queensland's Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund.



MI Art artists at AIATSIS. Image MI Art

The artists had a busy schedule, which included visiting the *Belonging - Stories From Far North Queensland* exhibition at the National Museum of Australia. MI Art is featured in this exhibition, which was developed by the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance. The *Belonging* artist-led project started out as an exercise in professional development and evolved into one of the most important museum acquisitions in the country. It was valuable for the artists to see their work installed in a museum environment. The artists also visited the National Gallery of Australia, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the Tent Embassy on Invasion Day.



MI Art artists at National Museum of Australia. Image MI Art



Sonya Creek painting 2022
Image: Edwina Circuit
and Bana Yirijji Art

Moa Arts bounces back after COVID

Moa Arts spent lockdown undertaking development work, and we jumped straight out of the gates when COVID restrictions lifted last year. We had strong growth at the three art fairs – DAAF, CIAF and Tarnanthi, generating lots of interest in our new works. Two of our senior artists, Fiona Mosby and Paula Savage held the art centre's first commercial gallery exhibition since 2018, at Onespace in Brisbane. The exhibition was a very successful show of prints and paintings.

In further good news, Coral Expeditions have restarted their art-themed cruises through Far North Queensland, stopping at Moa. This is a great chance for artists to talk about and sell their prints and weavings.



Fiona Mosby speaking at Onespace. Image Moa Arts



Paula Savage at DAAF. Image Moa Arts

A recent highlight was a fundraising exhibition held at the offices of our key partners and pro-bono lawyers, King and Wood Malleons (KWM). KWM held a fundraising exhibition in support of the Art Centres they represent in the Torres Strait, Northern Territory and Western Australia. The exhibition sold very well and showed us there is a lot of interest and support for First Nations art and culture.

Ngalmun Lagau Minaral TSI Corporation (Moa Arts) Board and artists travelled to Melbourne in November 2022 to attend the KWM exhibition and to join in the governance training workshops that were held over a couple of days. The workshops left Moa Arts' Board and artists feeling stronger and clearer about the importance of the work they do to keep Moa Arts and the communities of Kubin and St Pauls strong. The work they do has real value in the world.

The Chair of Moa Arts, Solomon Booth, who is also the President of IACA, was accompanied by Moa Arts Manager Adam Boyd to the Australia Council's *Purrumpa* conference in Adelaide in October. This was the first national gathering of First Nations arts industry organisations in 25 years and it was a great moment of learning, reconnecting with old friends, sharing stories and experiences and helping create a new vision for an Indigenous-led arts sector.



Moa Arts Board attend KWM exhibition. Image Moa Arts



Fiona Mosby and Paula Savage Oncespace. Image Moa Arts

Everyone left the gathering feeling proud of their achievements and with a much stronger sense of pride in the many achievements of our brothers and sisters over the years.

What we have learned from each of these opportunities is that strong, First Nations-led governance is the true foundation for our hopes and aspirations. Strong governance allows everyone to understand the issues and that their views are heard and valued. When people put their differences aside and step into leadership roles, speaking up for the whole community, real benefits come.

Pormpuraaw's ghostnet sculptures feature at Cairns Airport

In July 2019, Pormpuraaw Art and Culture Centre won a major public art commission for Cairns Airport. The seven large ghostnet fish sculptures for the commission took over five months to produce. Ghostnet is retrieved, discarded fishing nets that artists reuse to make evocative weavings sculptures.

The project was a shared initiative between Pormpuraaw Art and Culture Centre, the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) and Cairns Airport.

The artworks were due to launch in 2020, and then came COVID and the project was put on hold indefinitely. By the beginning of 2022 the airport was ready to plan and install works. Installing such large-scale works was challenging; it had to happen after 9pm, to minimise airport disruption and there was a need to hire a scissor lift and two extra tradespeople to mount the works.

The installation highlights the vital role First Nation artists play across North Queensland in addressing issues facing our marine life and the Great Barrier Reef. The sculptures represent barramundi, coral trout, red lionfish, potato cod, surgeon fish and Moorish idol.

The installation was opened with a gathering of traditional owners, artists, CIAF, airport staff, and media, with Sid Brue ShortJoe representing Pormpuraaw's artists. The works are now a permanent feature in the domestic terminal of Cairns Airport.



Installation at Cairns
Airport, sculptures, 2020.
Image Pormpuraaw Art



Sid Brue ShortJoe with his Potato Cod,
Ghostnet sculpture, 2020.
Image Pormpuraaw Art

Pompuraaw

A select group of Pompuraaw artists including Meredith Arkwookerum, Katherine Ngallametta, Mylene Holroyd and Jillian Holroyd have gained recent acclaim for their work, winning awards and generating interest for their artmaking and joyful approach to sharing traditional stories.

Delighting in free play with colour and form, these painters have created their own visual language to express their unique identity and place in the world.

"Our talented women tell their stories with vibrant colours. Their paintings make you feel

good, like going to a birthday party and seeing colourful decorations", Paul Jakubowski, Art Centre Manager.

Meredith Arkwookerum expresses her joy in painting as a reminder of her youth and culture, "Art brings me happiness. It is my cultural identity; where I belong."

Complementing these paintings was an immersive installation of ghost net sculptures by additional Pompuraaw Art & Culture Centre artists, housed from 23 March-29 April at the Cairns Court House Gallery.

Colourful Parrot Family, Meredith Arkwookerum, Acrylic on Canvas. Image & Credits courtesy of Pompuraaw Art & Culture Centre.



Yalanji Artist Lorna Shuan

uses pottery to connect with her totems

Lorna Shuan has been a member for Yalanji Arts for many years and has only recently discovered pottery. This has given Lorna a new medium with which to share her stories and illustrations.

Born in 1965, Lorna is a traditional custodian for the Kubirri Warra area, and grew up in the Mossman Gorge Community with her family. In 2008 she completed her studies in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts.

Yalanji Arts recently embarked on a new artistic development program, which, provides professional support to ceramic artists for three days a week throughout year. The program began with facilitator Alan Terrell, a Port Douglas-based ceramic artist. The Art Centre has kept exploring ceramics and skills and Lorna Shuan in particular has found an affinity with the medium. Lorna has created a regular art practice, allowing her to learn a variety of different ceramic techniques and develop a distinctive style .



Lorna Shuan, totems, pinch pots, engobe and sgraffito on clay, 2022. Image: Yalanji Arts.

Lorna has been using clay to tell stories about her totem, culturally significant ancestral beings to her family. Lorna says of her inspiration.

The rainforest is big part of my world, it gives me inspiration in my artwork. Mostly I enjoy making birds. They represent my totems and spiritual messages and remind me of my family. The cockatoo and cassowary are my totems. The Kuranji Cassowary is the Madja Boss. When I paint Kuranji, I have a connection to the rainforest. He looks after the land, cultivating the land and has a lovely natural colour. He is the leader of all birds in the rainforest. Parrot's rainbow colours make me feel happy and think about family that have passed. My artworks are connected with traditional ways, connected to the ancestors and my family, especially my grandmother and my grandfather; they give me life and strength.

Lorna has explored the techniques of engobe and sgraffito that allows her to engrave her designs on the ceramics. She has been making pinch pots, coolamons, tiles, and vessels. These works are then fired at low-fire and mid-fire kiln temperatures to achieve a specific colour palette and highlight the sgraffito details.



Lorna Shuan, totems, clay tile, engobe and sgraffito on clay, 2022. Image: Yalanji Arts.

Silky Oaks Lodge commissions Yalanji Artists

Silky Oaks Lodge a luxury resort, located in the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest, partnered with Yalanji Arts to showcase Yalanji artworks within their property. The artists involved were Vanessa Cannon, Lorna Shuan and Karen Shuan.

The commission is made up of 55 circular ceramic tiles of varying size, with 15 of these having a woven edge. 45 of the tiles are placed in the Lodge's new reception area. The tiles depict animals and plants corresponding to the names of the 45 lodge rooms. These tiles are shown together as one continuous work spread across the wall. An additional ten tiles are used in other areas of the Lodge.

The tiles are made from refined and coarse earthenware with engobe and sgraffito. Engobe is a liquid clay that is brushed on the surface. Sgraffito is a form of mark making whereby the artists scratches through a surface to reveal a lower layer of clay.



Artworks by Yalanji artists Vanessa Cannon, Lorna Shuan and Karen Shuan at Silky Oaks Lodge.
Image: Silky Oaks Lodge.



Yalanji artworks
showcased at Silky
Oaks Lodge.
Image: Yalanji Arts

Janet Koongotema

Congratulations to Janet Koongotema of Wik & Kugu Arts Centre, of Aurukun (Cape York Peninsula) on being accepted as a finalist in the Wynne Prize at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.



Mo'iam – Archer River, Janet Koongotema 2023, Acrylic on Lonen, 159 x 158.5 cm. Image courtesy of the artist and Wik & Kugu Art Centre.

About the artwork: Mo'iam is a sacred Aak Puulwuy (story place) for Wik people of the Winchanam clan, as well as a very important location for the artist's family. Due to its significance, Koongotema regularly paints Mo'iam, along with her family's other aak puulwuy. It is integral to Koongotema that she helps to keep this location healthy, so that the knowledge of Country can be passed on to her grandchildren. She says, 'I want to teach people about our culture and to share the wonderful stories we have been taught, which [explain] how to respect the land.'

www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/wynne/2023/30586/

Belonging

On show now: Belonging / Stories from North Queensland

Belonging is the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance's and the National Museum of Australia's seminal survey exhibition of the recent history of the Indigenous art movement from northern Queensland. Boasting 415 artworks, 'Belonging' encapsulates the visual storytelling and cultural importance of art as a means of cultural practice and expression for Indigenous artists.

Want to learn more about the history of the Indigenous art movement of Queensland and the 'Belonging' exhibition series? You can order a copy of the exhibition catalogue here: <https://bit.ly/41Re3v0>

The second (and current) of the 'Belonging' series features works by artists from Giringun Aboriginal Art Centre + Badu Art Centre + Wik & Kugu Arts Centre/Aurukun Shire Council.





Amanda Gabori and
Elsie Gabori at NMA.
Image: MIArt



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8.6 Kindergarten Monthly Report - April 2023

Report to:	CEO, Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Kindergarten
Reporting Period:	April 2023
Reporting Officer:	Gina Manai
Status:	Information

8.6.1 Funding

- QKFS – (4-4.5-year Kindy program) – ongoing.
- Kindergarten uplift – To support Staff with Professional development e.g. Training and conference – ongoing until further notice.
- Working with Department to fund the 3-year program funding approval has now been received and is in operation.

8.6.2 Issues

- Parents and Carers **not collecting children on time** however notice has been distributed to families as a reminder.
- Some parents are still **not providing food** for their child/children where **staff are giving up their lunch** to feed hungry children for morning tea and lunch.
- Children's attendance: fluctuates during the weeks, depending on parents' movements.

8.6.3 Assessment

- Assessment and Rating is due next week on the 16th and 17th of May 2023 – This is when the department comes in and audit our practices e.g. program, planning, safety, environment, equipment.

Still waiting on Council to clean the following:

- Shade Sails,
- Outside Shade Cover needs mould removal
- Completion of the soft fall edgings around the swings
- Outside Shade Cover: the gutters: have not been fixed, causing an erosion to expose the underground water pipe and tripping hazards.
- MSDS (Material safety data sheets need to be supplied. This has been reported on many occasions. This is imperative as it is a requirement of the Compliance Act.

8.6.4 Maintenance and repairs

- Angus Gowans has kept the Kindy grounds neat and tidy which we are happy with his service unfortunately we have been informed that he will be leaving Wujal and will be required to find a replacement. Wujal Wujal needs more small local business to provide popery maintenance services.

8.6.5 Training/ Professional Development

Mandatory Training: Affiliate Compliance Bundle, including:

- Privacy
- Child Protection
- Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Workplace Bullying
- Workplace Health and Safety



8.6.6 Visitors

- Speech Pathologist - 11th of May 2023
- C&K – 26th and 28th of April 2023
- Hearing Australia – 3rd of May 2023 / All children checked
- CDCC - 2nd of the May 2023

8.6.7 Volunteer

- Wendy Ashworth volunteered her services under the New Start Program as the Administration Support Person and will be commencing on Tuesday 23rd of May 2023, for 30 hours a fortnight, every Tuesday to Thursday. Volunteer Registration form will be completed.

Resolution: Acceptance of the Kindergarten Monthly Report for the month April 2023

Resolution:

That Council receive the Kindergarten Monthly Report for the month April 2023.

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED



9. Closed Matters

No closed items for the meeting 18 May 2023

10. General Business | Late Items

- 10.1 Break-in at the Depot and Theft of Council Property
- 10.2 Determination of most appropriate measures for the for two people involved in the Break-in at the Depot and Theft of Council Property
- 10.3 Preparation for the Rugby League matches 27 May 2023
- Line marking
 - Referee
 - Police & Ambulance
 - Food & Drink supplies

Recommendation: The Council approve the establishment of a meeting with the Youth Justice Centre and relevant Council representatives to determine the most appropriate measures for two people involved in the Break-in at the Depot and Theft of Council Property

Resolution:

Moved:

Seconded:

LOST / CARRIED

11. Presentation to Council

- 11.1 **Assessment Report for Lot 11SP263792 (Ludden's Land) : 2.00pm-3.00pm**
Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO) representative Ricard Sandoval will present to Council on the following:
Mapping, Reporting and an Overall Ecological **Assessment Report**, Biodiversity Assessment Report, Cultural Heritage Assessment Report and Natural Hazards Assessment Report for Lot 11SP263792 (**Ludden's Land**) and **provide recommendations** on behalf of Council and the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP) to determine **what land within Lot 11 is suitable for urban development.**
- 11.2 **Voices to Parliament | Pama Futures, Rickii-Lee | 3.00pm-4.00pm**
Presentation to Council

12. Next Ordinary Council Meeting Date

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is set for Thursday 15 June 2023.

13. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at (note time).