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# AGENDA

## Special Meeting

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### Notice of Meeting

Mayor and Councillors of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council are invited to attend a Special Meeting of Council to be held on:

**11 October 2022**

COMMENCING AT 2.00pm

To be held in the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council Board Room

### Purpose of Special Meeting

TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION, THE PROPOSED EMPOWERMENT



**Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council**

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**WUJAL WUJAL ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

**Tuesday 11 October 2022**

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## 1. WELCOME/MEETING OPENING

Mayor welcomes everyone and opens the meeting.

## 2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

<b>Members Present:</b>	Cr Bradley Creek, Mayor Cr Vincent Tayley Deputy Mayor Cr Regan Kulka Cr Vanessa Tayley Cr Robert Bloomfield
<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>Officers/ Staff:</b>	John Kelly – Interim Chief Executive Officer (A/CEO)
<b>Visitors</b>	Mr Brett DeChastel – Executive Governance Advisor (Video conference)  Ms Keri Hull – Parma Future, Cape York Institute (Video conference)

## 3. Purpose of Meeting: TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION, THE PROPOSED EMPOWERMENT SYSTEM MODEL FOR WUJAL WUJAL

### Business Paper:

The following document provides background and explanation of the proposed Empowerment System Model (WWESM) and how it would operate within the Wujal Wujal Community. It sets out the steps to follow in order to present the model to the Community and seek guidance into the final design of the framework.

Once adopted and implemented, the WWESM will provide for broad and inclusive participation and decision making in Wujal Wujal.

The background document has been prepared by Ms Kerie Hull, Parma Futures, Cape York Institute who will attend the meeting via video conference.

This paper provides background on the development of the draft empowerment model that the Mayor and other Councillors seek to progress to further and final community input and design.

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**It is proposed that this model be adopted by the Council for further community design.**

The model has been shaped by the values (cultural), expectations, needs, concerns and hopes expressed throughout a range of small and larger meetings since 2020 – a community meeting in 2020, a leaders' meeting in 2021 (family/clans/elected), smaller design meetings with key Elders and family representatives in 2021-22, design discussions/workshops with the Council in 2022, and formal Joint Decision Making Processes in 2021 and 2022.

The model is also informed by the [Indigenous Voice Co-design Process Final Report](#) provided to the Australian Government in late July 2021. The Indigenous Local & Regional Co-design Group developed a proposed framework for Local & Regional Voices to help communities and all governments work better together. They looked at how Indigenous Australians in local communities and regions can come together so their voices are heard. This includes greater input into local and regional decision-making.

The Wujal Wujal model provides this framework at a local level but requires a commitment from all levels of government for empowerment at the local level to truly occur.

A key aim is to build a better and empowering partnership between Wujal Wujal Bama and governments. Wujal Wujal set out to co-design a system for broad and inclusive participation in planning and decision making in Wujal Wujal. The model, in its current form recognises the need for extensive community input into holistic community development planning and ensures that many voices will be actively participating in planning via a variety of mechanisms including one-on-one interviews, household focus groups, community group workshops, needs analysis where necessary and stakeholder workshops. The model expects that all levels of government will be taking a capabilities development approach, not a narrow focus on service delivery alone which will not solve all of our challenges. All development planning priorities, strategic approaches, investment and policy decisions would be underpinned by the lived experience, cultural values and knowledge, and aspirations of the local Bama.

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The model articulates that for empowerment to exist all levels of government – local, state and federal- would need to collaborate around Wujal Wujal priorities as set out in the local Wujal Wujal Development Plan and that all stakeholders delivering services and programs in the town will be operating to the Development Plan priorities and reporting on key deliverables as per the Plan.

As elected members of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council, the Mayor and Council would play a leading role in ensuring the empowerment system is implemented.

Next steps:

While community ideas and views have been heard and counted in the model, the wider community has not yet seen ‘how’ the system would work in practice and how it will devolve decision making closer the point of impact. There remain questions around ‘representation’ and selection of negotiating panel or leadership group, identity of the system (naming), and affirmation around how best to ensure many voices are heard in all major decisions impacting households and families.

The key elements for community members to consider are ‘representation’, naming of their ‘system’, and mechanisms for planning.

It is proposed that the following design sessions take place:

- a. One-on-one discussions with key clan and family leaders including Justice Group Elders and other influential family/community voices. Wujal Wujal Councillors may wish to list these.
- b. Community workshop – formal invitations to be distributed from the Mayor and Council, WWASC Facebook all-community invitation, noticeboard posters, and flyers distributed to each household. This gathering would take place under the Mango Tree and in the Council Training Room.
- c. Mayor to invite Noel Pearson to address the community about the Voice to Parliament, the referendum, and the practical benefits and link-up from the local empowerment systems to the national Voice, also the primary and leading role of Indigenous leaders/people in transforming the way governments do business with Indigenous people, particularly discrete Indigenous villages.

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- d. Redrafting of model based on community input with small design group including Mayor and Councillors, and other key local Bama invited by the Council (based on expressed interest throughout design discussions)
  - e. Final Model distributed for endorsement ( two weeks for final feedback to Mayor and Council)
    - i. Council newsletter
    - ii. On Council's Facebook
    - iii. Community noticeboards
    - iv. PF Backbone officers to conduct 1:1 with Elders and key influencers for their final comments
  - f. Meeting with State and Federal representatives to present the community's endorsed Model
  - g. Final Model tabled in nearest Council Ordinary Meeting for endorsement (17 November or 15 December 2022, no later)

*The design process has been supported by the Pama Futures Backbone (Empowered Communities) implementing collective impact methodologies.*

**Three illustrations below outline:**

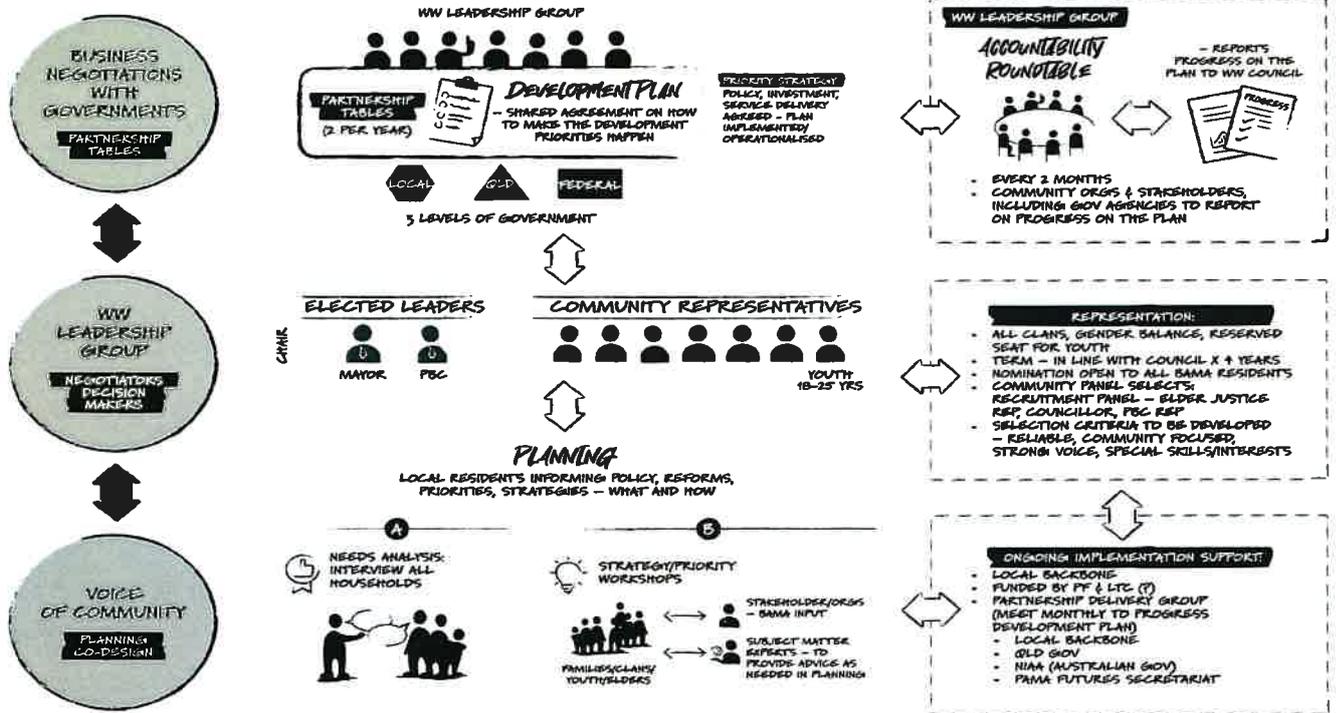
- The Aim
- Wujal Wujal Draft Model for consultation
- Steps for local participation engagement towards final model

## THE AIM



**WUJAL WUJAL'S CUSTOM DESIGNED APPROACH**

**EMPOWERMENT SYSTEM MODEL**



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### Next Step:

The diagram below illustrates the key steps of participation towards a final empowerment model.



### Recommendation:

*That with respect to the development of a broad and inclusive decision making model:*

- a. *Council adopt for the purposes of Community consultation, the proposed Wujal Wujal Empowerment System Model as detailed in the agenda and business papers for the Special Meeting of Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022,*
- b. *The Chief Executive Officer in discussions with the Mayor, develop a program and timelines for the Community consultaion process seeking input from the Wujal Wujal Community and key stakeholders and submit this to a future meeting of ordinary meeting of Council to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for consideration, and*
- c. *Council extend thanks to Ms Kerrie Hull for her input in preparation of the WWESM.*