

Minutes 16 July 2009

Council Chambers
Hibberd Drive
Weipa

WTA General Meeting – 16 July 2009

OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting commenced at 8.37am

ATTENDANCE

Carrie Gay –Chairperson
Peter Miller –Deputy Chair
Peter Graham –Elected Member
Karen Gill –Member, RTA Representative
John Graham –Member, RTA Representative (from 9.20am)
Ian Pressley –CEO
Joan Stratton –Director of Planning and Infrastructure
Joanne Jacobson –Director Corporate & Finance (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

Shane Bousen – WTA Elected Member

ABSENT

No Traditional Owner Representative (waiting on new appointment)

GUESTS (by Invitation)

Weipa Police

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation: That the WTA adopt the minutes of: the General Meeting held 19 June 2009 as a true and accurate record.

Resolution: That the WTA adopt the minutes of: the General Meeting held 19 June 2009 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: P Graham **Seconded:** P Miller **Carried**

1. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS (WTA Chair: Carrie Gay)

1.1. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

1.2. BUSINESS ITEMS

1.2.1. Item: Chair's Report

The Chair welcomed Karen Gill as the new RTA Representative.

WTA Members were thanked for their support at the Saturday morning 'meet and greet'. The event will be repeated for the next two weekends.

GRANTS: QCCU has not allocated the WTA any grant funds; still waiting to hear from the Government; an application has been submitted to WCCCA.

SKATE PARK: There was some discussion concerning making the Skate Park the project for the year (WTA to fund the whole project if no Government grants received); perhaps approach RTA for support. Concern was expressed about the timing of the project implementation / the state of the Weipa Roads / potential emergency water works / the lack of Capital Funding from RTA.

➤ **Action:** This project not to be progressed at this stage.

ROCCY: The Chair recommended that the WTA no longer continue with the membership of this group. Annual Cost \$10,000. There are some networking advantages. There is not a lot on the agenda for the Weipa Community. There are some political implications – WTA would be the only Council on the Cape not in the organization. It is the only avenue we have to meet with other Councils. There is a need to develop a strategic plan for the Cape.

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- **Action:** Decision to be held over until after the Summit

1.2.2. Item: Governance Summit Update

The Chair reported that she had met with Alex Pope (facilitator) to develop the program.

Brett Jenkins and Mark Dwyer Weipa Police attended the meeting at 9.15am

J Graham entered the meeting at 9.20am

Vandalism: There has been some vandalism at the school. The offenders have been caught.

PCYC: A PCYC for Weipa was discussed; in conjunction with the new school sports centre (Primary Playground). There are a lot of hoops to jump through. Unlikely to be approved if connected to the School. Napranum has a PCYC. There is something going in at Mapoon. Mark spoke of his experience with another town. This project was supported by the local council and the local mine; lots of community support. This is what made the project a success. Perhaps we could apply for a Sport and Rec Officer.

PLOs: Weipa doesn't have Police Liaison Officers; would be a good support for local issues.

Drink Driving: The main problem in Weipa at the moment is drink driving; very high readings.

- **Action:** It was suggested that the WTA lobby the local Magistrate concerning penalties over illegal use of quod bikes; also other regular offences.

AMP: The Police have focused recently on stopping the purchasing of liquor in the town due to the AMP in Aurakun. Some people are coming by boat to Weipa to purchase liquor. There are camps at the Archer River and Coen. An AMP for Weipa is a possible solution.

- **Action:** Police to attend the WTA Workshop 6 August 3pm to discuss this further.

24 Hour Station: Likelihood that this will occur in time.

Rocky Point Boat Ramp parties: Lots of notices issued concerned drinking in a public place.

Camps: There is a camp in Weipa; lots of dogs; litter; alcohol abuse.

Use of Low Risk Offenders in Weipa: Letters have been written to Correctional Services; must be well supervised / actually productive; who covers them for insurance? Who will run the program (WTA doesn't have the resources to do this.)

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10am

The meeting recommended 10.30am

1.2.3. Item: CEO's Report

Recommendation: That the report be received as presented.

Dog complaints were discussed. Incoming complaints are as usual.

The Chair reported on the meeting with Malaruch; setting up the Ranger Program again. No progress on the WTA Representative appointment. No response re the Summit.

The Rural Fire Brigade are doing some controlled burning around town. A hazard reduction strategy is being developed.

Electrical Meter Reading meeting; I Pressley and J Graham met with accounts to discuss the issues. No response to date. There was some discussion as to whether the WTA should be doing this at all.

Library Assistant Saturday Mornings: Alana Pritchard has been appointed to conduct the three month trial; commencing 8 July.

The CEO reported that Napranum Council is discussing the payment of their overdue WTA account at their July meeting.

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Resolution: That the report be received as presented.

Moved: P. Graham **Seconded:** C. Gay **Carried**

1.3. MEMBERS ITEMS

NIL

1.4. GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

2. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (Committee Chair: John Graham)

2.1. BUSINESS ARISING

NIL

2.2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.2.1. Item: Chair's Report

The Federal Government has announced a grant of \$2.1 million to increase Cape Kids Early Learning Centre places to 75. C&K has been awarded the contract (a not-for-profit group). They currently have a presence in Weipa and Napranum. There will be a need to relocate the bike track. This will be very positive for the town. There are high waiting lists for places in the Centre. J. Graham hopes to have the contracts finalised by first week September; RTA to provide a long term lease to C&K for the use of the facility. There is still a lot of work to be done (legal framework, land, town planning and building approvals, staff etc). This project was originally initiated by the WTA and carried forward by a Community Committee.

A Stoker has reviewed the draft Code of Conduct and made it much simpler (as requested). There will be a separate procedural document to support the Code of Conduct. He is also working on a Deed of Agreement / Delegations document for the WTA Members. Jonathan Fulcher is also working with Adam on the document. To have something by next week; to be tabled at the next workshop; WTA Members can/may then seek their own legal advice on the documents.

2.2.2. Item: Protocol 11.1 Funding for Services Provided

Recommendation: That the WTA Members acknowledge the implementation of RTA WTA Management Protocol 11.

11. Finances and Funding

11.1 Funding for Services provided by the WTA

(a) Where possible, the WTA will promote the provision of services which are fully recoverable by way of fees and charges. The principle of cost-recovery will be based on cost of service provision plus administration costs, and where possible will be "user-pays" philosophy.

(b) For those services that are currently not fully recoverable, the WTA will seek to ensure that those services are utilised by as large a cross section of the community as possible. WTA will also seek to move to the recover of these costs over time.

(c) The WTA will implement appropriate fees and charges for use of community buildings which reflect a reasonable payment for use of the facility, ongoing maintenance and provision of utility services and costs of lease fees. If a specific group should seek exclusive use of community buildings and/or sports ovals, a lease will be entered into. If the facility is reserved to be used by any specific member(s) of the community, then the WTA will seek opportunities to utilise fully the facility for income purposes to minimize the burden to the general community and RTA.

The above protocol has been implemented.

Resolution: That the WTA Members acknowledge the implementation of RTA WTA Management Protocol 11.

Moved: C. Gay **Seconded:** P. Graham **Carried**

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2.2.3. Item: WTA Rates Budget Financial Reports

Recommendation: That the WTA Members receive the reports as presented.

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\$287,000.00 Water
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\$287,000.88 Roads
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The Director C&F commented on the financial reports.

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Moved: C Gay **Seconded:** P Miller **Carried**

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Moved: P Miller **Seconded:** P Graham **Carried**

2.3. MEMBERS ITEMS

NIL

2.4. GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

3. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL (Committee Chair: S Bousen)

3.1. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

3.2. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.2.1. Item: Report from the Committee Chair

No report.

3.2.2. Item: Lack of Phones

The Disaster Management Committee will be meeting next week to workshop the impact on the town of the recent loss of all phone communication in Weipa.

3.2.3. Item: Disaster Management Exercise

There will be an exercise in Weipa, Saturday 15 August.

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3.3. MEMBERS ITEMS

3.3.1. Animal Control (P Graham)

Recommendation: That the WTA pursue the avenue of employing an Animal Control Contractor and revisit the by-laws regarding the holding / destruction / medical treatment of dogs in Weipa.

P Graham expressed concern about dogs in town; people being attacked; lots of animals on the loose; lots of community feedback; Weipa has big powerful killing dogs that are on the loose. The cost of not acting on this issue may be severe. The measures we are taking are not successful thus the proposal to employ a contractor to collect dogs on the loose – zero tolerance; run a public awareness program; attempt to make a cultural change. The CEO reminded the WTA that we must work within the new Animals Act. Contractors cannot be an Authorised Officer (able to pick up dogs).

Perhaps RTA employees could do the meter reading this quarter which would free up WTA staff to put more time into animal management.

J Graham would like to receive some education on the new Animals Act.

Resolution: That the WTA approach RTA to do the meter reading for the next quarter to enable WTA employees to concentrate on animal management.

Moved: P Graham **Seconded:** J Graham **Carried**

3.4. GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

4. ENGINEERING AND WORKS (Committee Chair: Peter Miller)

4.1. BUSINESS ARISING

NIL

4.2. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.2.1. Item: Report from the Committee Chair

Nothing to report (as per normal).

4.3. MEMBERS ITEMS

NIL

4.4. GENERAL BUSINESS

NIL

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Committee Chair: Peter Graham)

5.1. BUSINESS ARISING

NIL

5.2. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.2.1. Item: Report from the Committee Chair

Nothing to report.

5.3. MEMBERS ITEMS

NIL

5.4. GENERAL BUSINESS

P Graham sought feedback on the purchase of additional land at 1 Cooloo. The land has issues with drainage and also sewerage infrastructure crossing the block and the application was refused.

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6. MEETING SCHEDULE

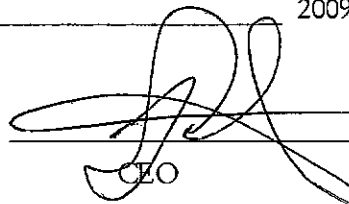
8.30am	Tue	28 July - Governance Summit	Council Chambers
3.00pm	Thur	6 August (Police invited to this workshop)	Council Chambers
8.30am	Fri	14 August (Changed from 21 August)	Council Chambers
3.00pm	Thur	3 September	Council Chambers
8.30am	Fri	18 September	Council Chambers
3.00pm	Thur	1 October	Council Chambers
8.30am	Fri	16 October	Council Chambers
3.00pm	Thur	5 November	Council Chambers
8.30am	Fri	20 November	Council Chambers
3.00pm	Thur	3 December	Council Chambers
8.30am	Fri	18 December	Council Chambers

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.12pm

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2009

Chairperson



CEO