

## Information Brochure 2006

**Weipa Town**  
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### **Committee Members:**

Chairman:	Michael Rowland	40699144
Deputy Chairman:	Trevor Snodgrass	40699233
Committee members:	Peter McCulkin	40697822
	Carrie Gay	40697763
Traditional Owner:	Patsy Hudson	40697191
Comalco Representatives:	Joy Campos	40698624
	Greg Finch	40697172

### **Committee Meetings**

Meetings of the Weipa Town Committee are held in the Council Chambers on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 8.00 am. This meeting is open to the public. Any variation to meeting times and dates will be advertised in the Weipa Bulletin. Correspondence for this meeting closes on the Friday prior to the meeting to allow Council officers sufficient time to prepare reports.

### **Town Office Staff**

Chief Executive Officer:	Ian Pressley OAM
Deputy Chief Executive Officer:	Dean Kneebone
Asset Supervisor:	Jeff Lewis
Assistant Asset Supervisor:	Peter Clarke
Admin Finance Officer	Rebecca Bechly
Admin Officer:	Maria Wehlow
Librarian:	Patricia Bassett
Dog Control Officer	Greg Bassett
Pool Manager:	Spotless

### **Hibberd Library**

Monday-	2pm to 4.30 pm
Wednesday-Friday	9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30 pm
Tuesday-Thursday	9.00 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00pm to 7.30 pm (Thursday night only)
Saturday	9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Membership is free for residents of Weipa Town. The library offers a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, reference, periodicals, children's books, videos and photocopying is available at 30c per copy. Internet access is available \$4.00 per ½ hour for non-members and \$2.00 per ½ hour for members. The Cape York Collection is located in the library and contains history and reference materials relating to Weipa and surrounding areas on the Cape.

### **Swimming Pool**

Monday: 1pm to 5pm general public. Pool key holders anytime.  
Tuesday: 9am to 1pm closed to General Public for maintenance. Open 1pm to 5pm to the public and pool key holders.  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday:  
1.00pm to 5.00 pm general public. Pool key holders anytime.

A pool key can be purchased each year for the use of swimming pool outside normal operating hours at the Town Office. The cost for this financial year is \$110.00 effective from 1 Jan 2006.

### **Rate Information**

**Discount:** To qualify for 5% discount, rates (together with any arrears or interest) must be paid in full and received by Town Office on or prior to the due date shown on the rates notice. The onus rests on the ratepayer to ensure that rates are received by the close of business on the due date in order to receive discount.

**Always check your Rate Notice for correct details. If unsure contact the Town Office.**

**Interest:** Compound interest at the rate of 11% per annum is charged on overdue rates and charges. This charge is effective from 1 Jul 2005.

**Rate Payments:** Rates may be paid by the following methods:

Cheque/Money orders made payable to the Weipa Town Office.

Credit Card in person at the Weipa Town Office.

EFTPOS in person at the Weipa Town Office.

To assist ratepayers in budgeting their rates, The Town Office will accept prepayments or instalments to your rate account at any time.

**Change of Address:** It is the owner's responsibility to advise the Town Office in writing of a Notice of change of address. This will ensure correct service of rates and other notices.

If mail is returned unclaimed to this office every endeavour will be made to redirect Notices.

## 2005/2006 Annual Rates & Charges

**Rates charges for Water, Sewerage and Garbage remained at the same cost as last financial year. General rates have increased by 4%**

<u>Description</u>	<u>2004/2005</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>
General Rate	2.54c in \$	1.38c in \$
Vacant Water	\$53.50 per unit	\$53.50
Water	\$37.45 per unit	\$37.45
Domestic Garbage	\$64.73 per unit	\$64.73
Industrial Garbage	\$494.00 per unit	\$183.61
Sewerage 1st Ped per dwell/flat/unit	\$80.25 per pedestal	\$80.25
Sewerage 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 21 Pedestals	\$29.42 per pedestal	\$29.42
Sewerage over 21 Pedestals	\$5.35per pedestal	\$5.35
Vacant Sewerage	\$53.50 per parcel land	\$53.50
Disposal Charge	\$2.67 per unit	\$Nil

\* Note: These charges are shown as a half-year levy on a Rate Notice

: GST is charged on Domestic, Industrial Garbage Rates, and General Rates.

## Calculation of Service Charges

- **Water:** A single dwelling or single flat is charged at a rate of “5” units of water. This unit charge is not a usage charge, as the town does not yet have water meters.
- **Sewerage:** A charge for pedestals located on your parcel of land. The 1<sup>st</sup> Pedestal rate for a single dwell/flat/unit is charged at the First Pedestal rate and any further pedestals are charged at a reduced rate.
- **Domestic Garbage:** A charge for wheelie bin collection twice a week located on your property.
- **Disposal:** Disposal charge ceases effective 1 Jul 2005. Charges for disposal of rubbish by commercial users will be charged by Cleanaway who have the contract for Town Dump.
- **Industrial Garbage:** A charge for industrial bin collection. Prices vary based on size of bin and number of times per week collected. This charge will be deleted from rates effective 1 Jul 2005 and will issue via a Debtors Invoice. From 1 Jan 2006 Cleanaway will then be responsible for billing and collection of money.

**Building:** Building permits must be obtained prior to any commencement of any structure/building work within the Weipa Town Boundary.

**Town Planning:** An Advisory Development Plan for Weipa Town is in force and Town Office consent is required for most land/material usage changes. The Town Planning enquiries should be directed to Town Office prior to any development commencing.

**Roads:** All requests and complaints relative to roads and roadwork's, other than matters of urgency should be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer.

**Dogs:** All dogs located within the town boundary over the age of 6 months must be registered. Information on "Restricted dogs" can be obtained from Town Office. The registration of a dog is currently \$30.00 full and \$15.00 for a desexed (certificate must be provided) **PER ANNUAM** per dog. You are allowed a maximum of 2 dogs per house and 1 dog per flat/unit. A permit may be granted for 1 additional dog per house or flat. **Effective from 1 Jul 2005** all dogs currently registered "as life of dog" will be required to re-register that dog on an annual basis. The Weipa Town Committee has changed dog registrations in line with other councils to an annual basis. New dogs registered from 1 Jul 2004 are charged an annual licence fee.

**Overgrown Allotments:** Vacant allotments in the Weipa Town area are required to be maintained in a clean and tidy state and owners are requested to make arrangements to ensure that their lands are kept tidy and free of long grass. Any costs incurred by the Weipa Town Office in clearing private land, when the owners fail to heed a Notice requiring them to do so, is a cost incurred by the owner and Town Office will take action to recover cost.

**Green belt areas:** It is illegal to drive on Greenbelts and people caught face prosecution. Town Office will pursue restitution for damage caused to green belts.

**Watering:** Watering of yards can only be carried out between 6.00 am to 9.00 am and 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm each day. Please conserve this valuable resource at all times especially during the dry season.

### **2005/2006 Expenditure**

This years Town Budget sees expenditure of \$3,061,300 up by \$400,000 from last financial year.

This financial year will see some major works within the Weipa Township

- Tree planting and irrigation in line with Urban Design
- Kerbing and Channelling
- Boat ramp upgrade
- Cemetery fencing and beautification
- Breeze FM radio
- Sport & Recreation officer employed

Proposed Capital and Operational expenditure funded by Comalco during the 2006 budget includes Water Mains, Roads, Kerbing and Channelling and Sewerage Works. These works are substantial increases, which is up on previous years funding by Comalco.