

Monthly Community Update

Message from the Chair



Hi Weipa,
I hope everyone had a good Easter break, and is enjoying getting out and about after a very long wet season (even though it looks like it's not quite over). March was a busy month, and was definitely dominated by Tropical Cyclone Narelle.

The Local Disaster Management Group (LMDG) did a fantastic job preparing for and responding to TC Narelle, and I am very grateful to work with such an awesome group of people here at the WTA, as well as all of the other members of the LDMG, who's knowledge and expertise enabled us to bounce back from TC Narelle very, very quickly. The speed in which this community rallied to get things back online after the event was impressive to say the least. I must give a special mention to the Evolution and EDC crews who were out at first light clearing trees off the roads to ensure access was safe.

I must also give a special mention to Rio Tinto, who provided the bulk of the manpower and equipment to get us back up and

running. Our critical services like power and water are always the priority to get restored after a Cyclone, and the Rio Tinto Electrical team did an outstanding job getting the power restored as quickly as they did to most of the town, and the Utilities team ensured that our water supply was maintained. Thanks to all who contributed.

I must also say a big thanks to the community for getting straight into recovery mode. The sound of chainsaws rang out across town in the days following TC Narelle, and it just demonstrated how resilient this community is, and how you all just get on with it.

Straight after TC Narelle, my CEO Tobias and I had a quick two night trip down to Brisbane to attend the LGAQ Civic Leaders conference, which brings together councils from all over the state. This is a great opportunity for us to network, and make connections with people who become more familiar with our community, and our unique governance situation, which always creates interest and intrigue.

We had the Easter Markets and Community Showcase to close out the month, which was a great success as usual. I was worried that we might not get much of a turnout because it was the first bit of nice weather we'd had for a while, but the community still showed up in strong numbers to support our stallholders and community groups, and a photo with the Easter Bunny always draws in the families.

WTA held our first WTA Community Conversation, which definitely didn't see as many attendees as the Markets though was still great to conduct my first one to the community. We still had a great chat with those who did attend, and I was very appreciative to those who made the effort to come down, even though I know the timing wasn't great with everything else that was going on. We will try to do it again because I think it's important to give more community members an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback, but we might try a Saturday morning and align it with the coffee van.



CHAIR JAIME GANE

Thanks for reading this far, and please remember that my door is always open if you ever want to come down for a chat.

See you all out and about.

Jaime Gane

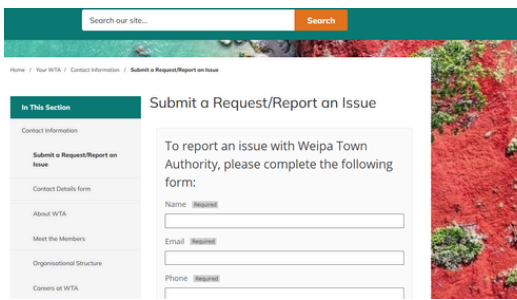


Weipa Community Clean Up

As we head into the dry season, the Weipa Town Authority invites all valued community members to join us for our Community Clean Up.

- Friday, 8 May 2026
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Kumrumja Park

All welcome – bring your friends, family, and community spirit. Please register your interest via the QR code.



Report an Issue with Ease Using WTA's Online Form

Whether it's a maintenance concern, or a positive experience you'd like to share, the 'Report an Issue' form on our website makes it simple for community members to get in touch with WTA. The process is user-friendly, requiring just a few clicks to fill in the necessary details and submit your concern or compliment directly to the relevant team.

WTA encourages residents to take advantage of this tool to help keep our streets safe, clean, and well-maintained. Your feedback plays a vital role in ensuring that the community continues to thrive.



Sunset Markets EOI

The 2026 Sunset Markets at Kumrumja Park are back—and we want YOU to be part of it!

Join us for three incredible evenings of food, community, and sunset vibes in Weipa:

- Saturday 2 May
- Saturday 1 August
- Saturday 5 September

Whether you're selling handmade goods, or representing a local group—this is your chance to showcase what you do best!

