

Monthly Community Update

Message from the Chair



Hi Weipa,

I hope you've all had a good start to the year, and have been enjoying the wet weather. It's been a busy start for the WTA team, who have been planning and preparing for the year ahead, whilst managing all of the disruptions that the wet season brings. The consistent rain has been keeping the works team busy filling potholes, removing fallen trees, chasing roof leaks and water main leaks, and doing fire hydrant upgrades just to name a few things.

Our Local Laws legends Reg and Shayna have been run off their feet dealing with increased numbers of animal management issues. Since the start of the year, we've seen 43 dogs come through our impoundment system, which is a significant increase from the same time period last year.

Our local laws team have been very

active in the community which will account for some of the increase, but we have also seen a steady increase in community members reporting issues via the "report an issue" tab on the WTA website, which only takes a couple of minutes, and is the best way to notify our team of something that needs our attention. Since the start of the year, we have had 198 issues reported, with 147 of those being addressed and closed out, and the remaining being actively managed. We have a small team who can't be everywhere, so we really value your help in identifying and reporting issues.

We are currently planning what our year looks like, and are keen to get a new initiative underway. We will be hosting Weipa Community Clean-Up, where we will select an area of town (or areas depending on volunteer numbers), to spend a few hours tidying up and removing rubbish. At the moment, we have the afternoon

of the 8th May from 3:30pm - 6:30pm pencilled in for the event, but you will see more comms about this once we have all the details finalised.

Planning is currently underway for the Easter Community Markets and Showcase event, which is being held on Saturday 28th March. The Easter Markets are always a hit, as they kick off the start of our market events for the year, and it's a great chance for community groups to showcase all of the different activities on offer in town, especially for new residents who might be looking to get involved.

We are also in the final stages of developing our Corporate Plan, which will set out the vision and focus for the next 5 years. We received really good input and feedback from the community on the corporate plan, which has given us a clear understanding of



CHAIR JAIME GANE

what is most important to you, which directly impacts and informs how we prioritise spending and what we commit resources to.

Thanks for reading and staying engaged with what is happening in your community, and remember my door is always open if you would like to come down and have a chat.

Jaime Gane

<p>Upcoming Event News:</p> 	<p>Senior Social Lounge @ Hibberd Library 10.00am Monday</p>	<p>Term 1 F5F Toddler Rock 'n' Rhyme @ Hibberd Library 9.30am Wednesday</p>	<p>Term 1 F5F Baby Wiggle 'n' Giggle @ Hibberd Library 9.30am Thursday</p>	<p>Term 1 STEAM Kids @ Hibberd Library Thursday 3:15pm</p>
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Stay informed this wet with the Weipa Disaster Dashboard

The wet season is still here, bringing heavy rainfall, extreme humidity, and the potential for monsoonal lows and tropical cyclones. Staying informed is key to keeping your family and property safe. The Weipa Disaster Dashboard provides real-time weather updates, road closures, emergency contacts, and essential preparedness tips—all in one place.

Don't wait for a disaster to strike—be proactive! Check the Weipa Disaster Dashboard regularly to stay updated and ensure you're ready for whatever the season brings.





Toponymy Tuesdays

The Weipa Town Authority is proud to launch Toponymy Tuesday. Once a fortnight, local historian Geoff Wharton will share fascinating insights into the origins of how Weipa's street names came to be...

Did you know that the name Weipa comes from the Anathangayth language, meaning "fighting ground" — a ceremonial meeting place of cultural significance? From the original Presbyterian Mission on the Embley River to the formation of the township as a separate area from Cook Shire in 1967, our town's story is layered with history.

Follow along on our Facebook page and discover the meaning behind the names we see every day — because every street has a story.





Easter Markets & Community Showcase 2026

Saturday 28th March
Community Easter Market & Showcase

Preparations are underway for the Combined Easter Market & Community Showcase, bringing together local stallholders, community groups and residents for a fun and family-friendly morning.

Join us on Saturday, 28 March from 9am to 12 noon at the Weipa Storm Surge Shelter to enjoy a vibrant mix of handmade goods, and community displays that celebrate the creativity and spirit of Weipa — and keep an eye out, as the Easter Bunny may even hop by for photos with some lucky visitors!