



WEIPA
TOWN AUTHORITY

WTA Members General Meeting

AGENDA

Held at the Council Chambers, WTA Office
On Wednesday 28 January 2026
at 9:00 am

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GENERAL MEETING

Agenda

Wednesday 28 January 2026

ATTENDANCE

Present and History

- Members

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- History

	July		August			September		October		November		December	
	W	M	W	*	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
	16	30	13	19	27		17	08	29	26	26		10
Jaime Gane	P	AA	AA	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	P
Geoffrey Robins	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	A	P	P	P	X	P
Trent Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	A	X	P
Tacita De Tourmouer				P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	P
Jackie Malacoola	A	A	P	A	A	X	P	P	A	A	A	X	A
Tim Ryan	Ap	P	Ap	P	Ap	X	P	P	Ap	P	P	X	P
Nick Preece	P	P	P	P	Ap	X	Ap	A	Ap	Ap	Ap	X	P

- Guests

Jerryn – Zwart transport Planning – Via Teams

Xanthia Dubler – Zwart Transport Planning – Via Teams

- WTA Staff

...

Not Present

- Absent

NIL

- Apology

Jackie Malacoola

Tim Ryan

- Approved absence

NIL

OPEN MEETING

The General Meeting opened at <time> am.

Traditional Owners Acknowledgment

We begin today by acknowledging the Alngith people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to Elders both past and present. We thank the First Australians for generations of careful custodianship of the land on which we live, work and play.

1. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

All elected Members must undertake a Declaration of office when they commence their positions.

Malcolm Slack to take his Declaration of Office.

I, Malcolm Slack, having been elected as a Member of Weipa Town Authority, declare I will faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of the office, in accordance with the Local Government Principles (Local government Act 2009) and Code of Conduct to the best of my judgment and ability.

2. MINUTES

2.1. General Meeting – December

The December Members General Meeting took place on Wednesday 10 December 2025 at 10:30 am. The minutes are attached as Appendix 1.

To discuss this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.

Moved:
Seconded:

Recommendation

It is recommended the WTA Members adopt the minutes of the General Meeting on 10 December 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Resolution 2601-1

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1. Bereavement and condolences

A minute of silence may be observed out of respect for community members who have recently passed away.

A moment of silence will be held for the passing of members of the community.

3.2. Conflict of interest

WTA Members are asked to consider any Material Personal Interest (MPI) or Conflict of Interest (COI) issues that may arise due to items listed on the agenda.

TBD

3.3. Travel Applications

WTA Members are asked to consider any travel plans so that all travel and reimbursements can be pre-approved by WTA (Pol-014 Member Expenses Reimbursement Policy).

NIL

3.4. Acknowledgement of Absence - Applications

WTA Members are required to have all absences pre-approved by WTA resolution (POL-010 Member Remuneration Policy).

NIL

3.5. Community Engagement

WTA Members are asked to consider what community engagement activities are needed or what has occurred.

i) Reflection – Australia Day Awards Dinner – 21 January 2026

WTA hosted the Australia Day Awards Dinner on 21 January 2026. WTA Members attended this event.

... *Reflection*

4. CORRESPONDENCES

4.1. Correspondence

i) IN – Member for Traeger – Cattle Numbers in Cape York – READ

A letter from Member for Traeger regarding the questions and responses on the number of cattle in Cape York during an Estimates Hearing is attached as Appendix 2.1.

ii) IN – Member for Traeger – Weeds and Biosecurity in Cape York – READ

A letter from Member for Traeger regarding the questions and responses on weeds and biosecurity in Cape York during an Estimates Hearing is attached as Appendix 2.1.

4.2. Petitions and joint letters

NIL

4.3. Deputations and delegations

NIL

5. CHAIR REPORT

Jaime Gane to present the Chair's report.

6. WTA REPORTS

6.1. Superintendent's Report

Tobias Rissman to present the Superintendent's Report.

6.2. Other

NIL

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7.1. Corporate Services

i) Monthly Financial Report – December

A financial report was prepared capturing the financial performance of WTA for the month of December. This report is attached as Appendix 3.

[To discuss this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.](#)

Moved:
Seconded:

Tobias Rissman to present the December WTA Financial Report.

Recommendation

It is recommended the WTA Members accept the monthly financial report for December 2025.

Resolution 2601-2

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID**ii) End of Financial year Statements 2024/25 and Audit's Opinion Report**

Each year WTA completes an independent financial audit. The 2024/25 financial audit was completed by BDO. BDO has prepared an audit completion report.

The End of Financial Year Statements 2024/25, and Audit Completion Report are attached as Appendix 4.

To discuss this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.

Moved:**Seconded:**

Nicky Perriman to present the End of Financial Year Statements for 2024/25 and the Auditor's Completion Report for year ending 30 June 2025.

Recommendation

It is recommended the WTA Members accept the End of Financial Year Statements 2024/25, and the Audit Findings outlined in the Auditor's Annual Completion Report as of 30 June 2025.

Resolution 2601-3

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID**7.2. Planning and Works****i) Walking Network Plan**

In October, Zwart Transport Planning attended the WTA Members Workshop to run an information gathering session to assist in the development and direction the Walking Network Plan. Zwart Transport Planning have developed a Walking Network Plan for Weipa.

To discuss this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.

Moved:**Seconded:**

Jerryn and Xanthia to present the Walking Network Plan. The presentation is attached as Appendix 5.

Recommendation

It is recommended the WTA Members endorse the Walking Network Plan as presented.

Resolution 2601-4

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID

7.3. Community Services

NIL

7.4. Sports and Recreation

NIL

7.5. Other

i) Move of the April General Meeting

Currently, the April General Meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of April 2026. This clashes with the QPS Doctrine and Guidelines Workshop, involving the Superintendent, Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. Therefore, the date of the General Meeting must be changed.

To discuss this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.

Moved:

Seconded:

The proposed new date of the April General Meeting is one week after the current date – being the 29th of April 2026. This is not impacted by the April Queensland school holidays.

Recommendation

It is recommended the WTA Members approve the change of date of the April General Meeting from 22 April to 29 April 2026.

Resolution 2601-5

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID**ii) Deputy Chairperson Appointment**

The WTA Members must appoint a Deputy Chairperson of Weipa Town Authority.

Do we have any nominations for the position of deputy chairperson? (Members can nominate themselves or someone else. More than one person can be nominated).

(If more than one Member is nominated) – Please vote for which Member you believe should fill the role of Deputy Chairperson.

(Once a Member has been nominated and majority voted) - To resolve this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.

Moved:**Seconded:****Recommendation**

It is recommended the WTA Members appoint <Trent Gordon, Tacita De Tournouer, Malcolm Slack> as the WTA Deputy Chairperson.

Resolution 2601-6

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID**iii) Weipa Local Disaster Management Group Chair and Deputy Chair Appointment**

The WTA Members must declare the Chair or Deputy Chairperson to be the Chair of the Weipa Local Disaster Management Group.

To discuss this motion, can we have a mover and a seconder.

Moved:**Seconded:**

Recommendation

It is recommended the WTA Members appoint <Jaime Gane, Trent Gordon, Tacita De Tournouer, Malcolm Slack> as the Chair of the Weipa Local Disaster Management Group and appoint <Jaime Gane, Trent Gordon, Tacita De Tournouer, Malcolm Slack> as the Deputy Chair of the Weipa Local Disaster Management Group.

Resolution 2601-7

Affirmative:

Negative:

CARRIED / DENIED / DEFERRED / INVALID

8. URGENT MATTERS

8.1. Motions

NIL

8.2. Notices

NIL

9. MEETING SCHEDULE AND TRAINING

9.1. Training and Conferences

- Headquarters Joint Operations Command and Headquarters 2nd (Australian) Division – 3 February 2026 10:30 am
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9.4. Date Claimer

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- Weipa Rodeo – August 2026
- WTA Sunset Markets – 5 September 2026
- WTA Disaster EXPO – 10 October 2026
- WTA Christmas Markets – 19 November 2026
- WTA Christmas Tree Lighting – 1 December 2026

MEETING CLOSE

The General Meeting closed at <time am/pm>.

ENDORSEMENT

These Minutes were confirmed on the <dd> day of <mmmm, yyyy>.

The Members listed as present in these Minutes for <month> are considered eligible for the Meeting Fee.

Weipa Town Authority Chairperson

Superintendent Weipa Township



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WTA Members General Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Held at the Council Chambers, WTA Office
On Wednesday 10 December 2025
at 10:30 am

GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes

Wednesday 10 December 2025

ATTENDANCE

Present and History

• Members

Jaime Gane

Tacita De Tournouer

Geoff Robins

Nick Preece

Trent Gordon

Tim Ryan

• History

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Geoffrey Robins	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	A	P	P	P	X	
Trent Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	A	X	
Tacita De Tournouer				P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	
Jackie Malacoola	A	A	P	A	A	X	P	P	A	A	A	X	
Tim Ryan	Ap	P	Ap	P	Ap	X	P	P	Ap	P	P	X	
Nick Preece	P	P	P	P	Ap	X	Ap	A	Ap	Ap	Ap	X	

• Guests

NIL

• WTA Staff

Tobias Rissman – Superintendent Weipa Township

Nicky Perriman – Supervisor Corporate Services

Renee Williams – Supervisor Communities

Kai-ishya Thompson – Governance Officer – Via Teams

Jolene Clifton – Accountant and Rates Officer – Via Teams

Not Present

• Absent

Jackie Malacoola

• Apology

NIL

• Approved Absence

NIL

OPEN MEETING

The General Meeting opened at 10:31 am.

Traditional Owners Acknowledgment

We begin today by acknowledging the Alngith people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to Elders both past and present. We thank the First Australians for generations of careful custodianship of the land on which we live, work and play.

1. MINUTES

1.1. General Meeting – November

The October WTA Members General Meeting took place on Wednesday 26th of November 2025 at 9:19 am. The minutes were attached as Appendix 1.

Moved:	Geoff Robins
Seconded:	Trent Gordon

Resolution 2512-1

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members adopt the minutes of the General Meeting on 26 November 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

The Members carried the motion with no comments.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1. Bereavement and condolences

A minute of silence may be observed out of respect for community members who have recently passed away.

A moment of silence was held for the passing of a member of community.

2.2. Conflict of interest

WTA Members are asked to consider any Material Personal Interest (MPI) or Conflict of Interest (COI) issues that may arise due to items listed on the agenda.

NIL

2.3. Travel Applications

WTA Members are asked to consider any travel plans so that all travel and reimbursements can be pre-approved by WTA (Pol-014 Member Expenses Reimbursement Policy).

NIL

2.4. Acknowledgement of Absence - Applications

WTA Members are required to have all absences pre-approved by WTA resolution (POL-010 Member Remuneration Policy).

NIL

2.5. Community Engagement

WTA Members are asked to consider what community engagement activities are needed or what has occurred.

i) Reflection – Christmas Markets - 29 November 2025

WTA hosted Christmas Markets on Saturday the 29th of November. WTA Members attended this event.

The Members noted good attendance at the markets, with the 'photo with Santa Clause' session running well past the scheduled time.

ii) Reflection – Christmas Tree Lighting – 1 December 2025

WTA hosted the Community Christmas Tree Lighting event on Monday the 1st of December at Eat Street. WTA Members attended this event.

The Members noted good attendance at the event.

3. QUESTIONS

3.1. Public attendance

i) NIL

3.2. Member questions

i) NIL

3.3. Answers to previous questions

i) NIL

4. CORRESPONDENCES

4.1. Correspondence

i) IN – Department of Police and Emergency Services - Amendments to Disaster Management Arrangements – READ

Appendix 2.1 is a letter from Minister for Police and Emergency Services regarding amendments to Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements through the Disaster Management Amendment Regulation 2025.

The Members noted the letter with minimal comments.

ii) IN – Department of Agriculture, Fishers and Forestry - Response Letter – READ

Appendix 2.2 is a letter from Senior Director of Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry regarding the letter of support for Tropical North Queensland Drought Hub sent on the 30th of October 2025.

The Members noted the letter with no comments.

4.2. Petitions and joint letters

NIL

4.3. Deputations and delegations

NIL

5. CHAIR REPORT

Jaime Gane presented the Chair's report.

The meeting was closed at 11 am.

The meeting was reopened at 12:08 pm.

6. WTA REPORTS

6.1. Superintendent

i) Superintendent's Report

Tobias Rissman presented the Superintendent's Report.

6.2. Other

NIL

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7.1. Corporate Services

i) Monthly Financial Report – November

A financial report was prepared capturing the financial performance of WTA for the month of November. This report was attached as Appendix 3.

Moved:	Geoff Robins
Seconded:	Tacita De Tournouer

Tobias Rissman presented the November WTA Financial Report.

Resolution 2512-2

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members accept the monthly financial report for November 2025.

CARRIED

The Members carried the motion with minimal comments.

ii) Principal Cycle Network Amendment

On the 7th of November 2025, WTA received a letter from the Director-General of Department of Transport and Main Roads to endorse the updated Principal Cycle Network. The letter and map showing the amended network were attached as Appendix 4.

Moved:	Trent Gordon
Seconded:	Tacita De Tourouer

The amended Cycle Network Plan shown in appendix 4.2 extends past the Weipa Town Boundary. WTA clarified with the Department the endorsement of the network will not hold WTA to complete worked outside of the Town Boundary.

Resolution 2512-3

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members endorse the presented amended Principal Cycle Network.

CARRIED

The Members carried the motion with minimal comments.

7.2. Planning and Works

NIL

7.3. Community Services

i) Animal Management Strategy

WTA reviewed and updated the Animal Management Strategy 2015-2019. The strategy draft was attached as Appendix 5.

Moved:	Geoff Robins
Seconded:	Trent Gordon

Renee Williams presented the Animal Management Strategy 2026-2030.

Resolution 2512-4

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members adopt the Animal Management Strategy 2026-2030, effective 1 January 2026.

CARRIED

The Members carried the motion with no comments.

ii) Additional Animal Permit Policy

Residential properties within Weipa have a maximum of 1 or 2 dogs, depending on the property type, permitted without an additional animal permit. Currently there is no maximum limit on the number of dogs allowable under an additional animal permit. Stemmed from the Animal Management Strategy 2026-2030, POL-037 has been developed to impose a number on the maximum number of dogs allowed under an additional animal permit. The policy was attached as Appendix 6.

Moved:	Trent Gordon
Seconded:	Tacita De Tournouer

Renee Williams presented POL-037 Additional Animal Permit Policy.

Resolution 2512-5

Affirmative:

Negative:

The WTA Members adopt POL-037 Additional Animal Permit Policy, effect 1 January 2026.

CARRIED

The Members carried the motion with minimal comments.

iii) WTA Australia Day Awards

Every year, WTA host an Australia Day Awards Dinner where certain members of the community are recognised for their achievements and contributions. There are 3 award categories:

- **Citizen of the Year** – Citizens aged 19 yrs and above who have made a significant contribution to the (1) social and wellbeing, (2) sports and recreation, or (3) culture and arts of the community.
- **Youth Citizen of the Year** – Citizens aged 18 yrs and under who have made a significant contribution to the (1) social and wellbeing, (2) sports and recreation, or (3) culture and arts of the community.
- **Community Spirit Award** – Either individual citizens or local organisations whose selfless efforts have helped improve the lives of others and/or those who have helped build community spirit, resilience, and identity.

The nominees for the 2026 Australia Day Awards were attached as Appendix 7 (CONFIDENTIAL).

Moved:	Tim Ryan
Seconded:	Nick Preece

Resolution 2512-6

Affirmative: 6

Negative: 0

The WTA Members support for the Australia Day Awards to be awarded to the recipients as discussed.

CARRIED

7.4. Sports and Recreation

NIL

7.5. Other

NIL

8. URGENT MATTERS

8.1. Motions

NIL

8.2. Notices

NIL

9. CONTINUATION OF ITEMS

9.1. Adjourned items

NIL

9.2. Debates

NIL

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

NIL

11. MEETING SCHEDULE AND TRAINING

11.1. Training and Conferences

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11.3. Date Claimer

- WTA Christmas Lights Competition – 9-10 December 2025
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MEETING CLOSE

The General Meeting closed at 12:54 pm.

ENDORSEMENT

These Minutes were confirmed this ...day no... day of ...month... ...year....

The Members listed as present in these Minutes are considered eligible for the Meeting Fee.

Chair

Superintendent Weipa Township



Robbie Katter
Member for Traeger

Ref: LG

27 November 2025

Ms Jaime Gane
Chairperson
Weipa Town Authority
6 Hibberd Drive
Rocky Point
Weipa
Queensland
4874

Dear Ms Gane

RE: Estimates 2025 – Cattle numbers in Cape York

As part of my Parliamentary duties, I sit on the Primary Industries and Resources Committee. This gives me the opportunity to ask questions of relevant Ministers during Estimates Hearings.

My committee is responsible for the following portfolios:

- Natural Resources and Mines
- Manufacturing
- Regional and Rural Development

During the Estimates hearing back in August I asked questions of Minister Tony Perrett, Minister for Primary Industries and Mr Graham Bolton Director-General regarding cattle numbers in Cape York.

As we have worked on similar issues together, I am pleased to share the extract from Hansard which shows the questions I asked of the Minister during the Estimates Hearing.

I hope this will be of some interest to you, if you wish to discuss further, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or my office.

Yours Sincerely,

Robbie Katter
Member for Traeger

soil temperature data, rainfall tracking and ant behaviour modelling so we can time baiting efforts more effectively. This scientific and seasonally adaptive approach is now embedded in the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program's operational plan.

Queensland's leadership in adopting winter suppression has been noted by the national program's steering committee and is informing best practice guidelines for other jurisdictions. The previous government treated fire ants like a seasonal problem; we treat them like a year-round threat. Our investment in winter suppression, aerial capability and weather responsive planning ensures Queensland is giving the issue the seriousness it demands in correcting years of delay and inaction.

On the tail end of that, I acknowledge the work that our scientists have done. It is world leading. It is great work. I have been in Berrinba and talked to the scientists. They need to be commended, because what we are now doing in this state reflects the conditions in this state. It will certainly enhance our ability to deal with this ongoing challenge.

Mr SPEAKER: I will go to non-government members. Member for Traeger, do you have a question?

Mr KATTER: My first question, Minister, may be better answered by the director-general. Can you confirm if the cattle numbers in Cape York have decreased in the last, say, 10 years?

Mr Bolton: I did not quite hear the last part of that question.

Mr KATTER: I am talking about the cattle numbers in Cape York. Would the department be aware of a decrease in their numbers over the last 10 years?

Mr Bolton: The number of cattle on the cape is not something that I believe we actively track. If it is okay with the minister, I would like to see if I can give you a more definitive answer around that and also whether or not we have observed any decrease in numbers over the last 10 years.

Mr KATTER: Perhaps I could go straight to it, Minister: in pursuing the goal of a \$30 billion industry, will the minister be pushing for greater cattle numbers in Cape York?

Mr PERRETT: I thank the member for Traeger for his interest in the importance of the beef industry to not only his electorate but also the northern part of the state. As we know, the beef industry is one of the key economic drivers within our regional and rural communities. The industry's value to the state not only domestically but also internationally through our export markets is critical to the future growth of primary industries.

We understand that in the cape particularly there is some opportunity linked to increased production across primary industries not just in terms of cattle herds and beef numbers but generally. I think there are some untapped areas there where there is the opportunity to enhance our role. I take seriously the commitment of \$30 billion by 2030. The beef and livestock industry will play an important part in that as we move to achieving that goal over the next few years.

Mr KATTER: There has been a lot of land in the cape and some in the gulf that has been taken out of production for pastoral activities for all sorts of other uses, mostly national parks. Would the minister commit to no more of these large pastoral leases being converted to national parks, particularly in the northern region and the gulf and cape?

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, it is not really within your portfolio, but I will allow you to answer it as you will.

Mr KATTER: I appreciate that that is a pretty difficult question to answer. Perhaps it might be better framed by asking: would the minister oppose moves for more national parks in those areas?

Mr SPEAKER: As I said, member for Traeger, I know the agriculture policy area does rove across a number of portfolio areas. I will let the minister answer as he will.

Mr PERRETT: There are important questions around land use planning. That is an important part of what we do in this state. The issue the member raises probably is more within the Minister for the Environment's portfolio, but he is certainly aware of our approach to grow the value of primary industry production in this state to \$30 billion by 2030. I am always pleased to commit to preserving good quality prime agricultural land for the future. There are all sorts of land use planning pressures that come into that. We are seeing those across other commodities here in this state.

The Indigenous communities in those areas have a long history and a key role to play in the pastoral industry. I know the member for Traeger is aware of that. I am certainly aware of that. We will take any opportunity we get to work with the Indigenous communities in that area, particularly around

the traditional area of beef and cattle production. I know they have a natural interest in that. They are great land managers in those areas. They understand the importance of growing economic opportunity.

To answer the member's question, these communities do need opportunity. I think we can offer that through primary industries, particularly given our goal of \$30 billion in production by 2030. I think the cape and those communities can play their role. We can also assist them with an area that they have a natural interest in.

Mr SPEAKER: Did you have another question, member for Traeger?

Mr KATTER: Yes, Mr Speaker. Pivoting off the issue of the drive towards \$30 billion in production is the 3.8 million megalitres of water. Bearing in mind that this is a water issue, I want to see how you play a part in terms of advocacy in unlocking that 3.8 million megalitres of water that runs down the Flinders every year. To put context around that, Andrew Pauli is somewhat of a pioneer in the mid-west area. He has 4,000 hectares of share farms and 10,000 megalitres of that 3.8 million megalitres would transform his operations.

Mr SPEAKER: In the interests of time, would you come to a question, please, member for Traeger.

Mr KATTER: What can you do to help the likes of Andrew Pauli establish and pioneer farming off the Flinders in the mid-west plains?

Mr PERRETT: The point is well made in respect of the opportunity in the cape and the northern part of this state. Water is an abundant resource in some of those areas. There is certainly a review that Minister Leahy is undertaking. We committed to review all 23 water plans in this state to make certain that we can benefit agriculture production, which is critical. We know where there is water security. We know that in the regions where we have good soil types we have water security and we get investment. That is important, particularly in those more regional and remote areas.

If we can build economies around that then that absolutely dovetails into the broader plan around primary industries. Working with those communities and the Indigenous communities in those areas to gain opportunities from the resources there is extremely important. I do not underestimate the opportunity that is there, member for Traeger. They are certainly there.

Those issues have been raised. They may sit within other portfolios, but with a whole-of-government approach—and particularly given the drive for \$30 billion in production by 2030—water security is key to it and working to enhance that is critical. For the member's benefit, we have proudly established the Agriculture Energy Water Council where we bring together key industry organisations to discuss these matters and link opportunities. That council will be essential to driving the change that you are talking about where you can link industry understanding and individuals' understanding of the opportunities. Obviously, the other issue is water and that is a critical component of it.

That council will have an important role in assisting me as the minister and assisting the government to make certain that we look for those opportunities. As the member for Traeger is certainly aware and I am certainly aware, there is some immediate investment that is sitting there waiting for some opportunity. It is significant investment. In a lot of cases there may be a certain amount of risk, but those people in that area are prepared to put these proposals forward and we have a mechanism to be able to consider them.

Mr MARTIN: Minister, following up on a question that you responded to earlier about Spanish mackerel, I note that earlier you said that you were aiming for a 48 per cent biomass for Spanish mackerel. However, there is a bit of inconsistency. The Minister for the Environment said that the government was fully committed to the UNESCO commitment made in May 2023. That commitment is for 60 per cent biomass. There is a bit of inconsistency. What is the answer? Is there a new commitment for 48 per cent? Are we not going to honour our UNESCO commitments to the Great Barrier Reef or is the Minister for the Environment—

Mr SPEAKER: That is a long question, member for Stretton.

Mr MARTIN: The point is clear, though; it is 48 per cent or 60 per cent.

Mr SPEAKER: I am not arguing about the question; it is just the length of it.

Mr BENNETT: Mr Speaker, point of order: is there authentication of where the other minister has made the UNESCO claim? I wonder where that came from.

Mr MARTIN: Through estimates and it is in *Hansard*. That is my understanding.



Robbie Katter
Member for Traeger

Ref: LG

27 November 2025

Ms Jaime Gane
Chairperson
Weipa Town Authority
6 Hibberd Drive
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Dear Ms Gane

RE: Estimates 2025 – Weeds and Biosecurity

As part of my Parliamentary duties, I sit on the Primary Industries and Resources Committee. This gives me the opportunity to ask questions of relevant Ministers during Estimates Hearings.

My committee is responsible for the following portfolios:

- Natural Resources and Mines
- Manufacturing
- Regional and Rural Development

During the Estimates hearing back in August I asked questions of Minister Tony Perrett, Minister for Primary Industries and Mr Graham Bolton Director-General regarding Weeds and Biosecurity.

As we have worked on similar issues together, I am pleased to share the extract from Hansard which shows the questions I asked of the Minister during the Estimates Hearing.

I hope this will be of some interest to you, if you wish to discuss further, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or my office.

Yours Sincerely,

Robbie Katter
Member for Traeger

develop feedstock such as Pongamia, tallow and oil seed crops may help kickstart a new industry to help fuel the heavy industries.

Our timber research and innovation is of great interest. As we develop the Queensland Future Timber Plan, we are still looking to identify opportunities to increase our timber manufacturing capacity in a sustainable way that also maximises the use of processing residues. Local equity partners may play a role in the expansion of our timber plantations, and this is something that could be explored further at the Global AgInvesting conference in Brisbane in June 2026.

The strength of our relationship with key businesses in South Korea was highlighted through the positive sentiment expressed towards our beef. It was also pleasing to know that Queensland macadamias, citrus, carrots and mangos can be found on the menu in South Korea throughout the year. Given current geopolitical uncertainty, I reaffirmed the clear opportunity Queensland offers to establish larger and longer term agreements as a trusted and reliable provider of premium-quality safe and sustainable food and fibre.

Lotte International continue to invest in their Sandalwood Feedlot here in Queensland. I will make a point of visiting the feedlot to confirm our relationship and commitment to promoting beef exports, including Lotte wagyu beef. The processing plant in Toowoomba is innovatively creating a beef bone extract to produce bone broth to export to South Korea. Bone broth is a staple in many Korean dishes. This provides high-growth potential for further Korean cuisine in Queensland and around the world. All these trade opportunities directly lead to more investment opportunities and higher paid jobs for Queenslanders, particularly those in our rural and regional communities.

Mr SPEAKER: I will go to non-government members. I believe the member for Traeger has a question.

Mr KATTER: I have a few questions here. The SDS refers to partnering up to maintain a skilled and agile primary industries workforce. With 50 per cent of Queensland's agricultural industry leaders being graduates from ag colleges—and being mindful that the extraordinary decision was taken to close Longreach and Emerald—what advice has the minister been given about maintaining those numbers in light of those closures over the years?

Mr PERRETT: I acknowledge the challenge around workforce training. Many of our industries—and not just our rural industries—are certainly struggling with that. The member may be aware that the assets around Longreach and Emerald have been sold. They no longer exist in the department. Certainly, Berrigurra, the property that was linked to the Emerald Agricultural College, was sold by the former government. The interest in the Longreach Pastoral College was divested by the former government.

The issue the member raises is raised regularly. We work closely with the industry. Industry are working on plans and in a lot of cases they are investing themselves. I am cognisant of this issue. We work directly with the Queensland Farmers' Federation and the Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network on this. It is something that we are committed to working with industry on to find solutions.

The nature of the workforce required in rural industries is changing somewhat. There are still the traditional methods like grabbing a crowbar and a shovel or grabbing a chainsaw, and they are still important components, but particularly around ag tech there is significant interest in being able to develop further skills. We are seeing that driven by industry. In a lot of cases, industry has taken the lead.

We have some good examples—member, you may have them in your region; I certainly have them my mine—in our state education system of ag programs. I quite often use the example of Gympie State High School's ag program that links directly with industry. Industry partners offer certificates. I had a meeting with a private school in the Central Queensland region earlier this year where they informed me that they are now offering diploma courses up to year 12. They are really embracing it. There is a lot of collaboration between education providers—particularly state and private schools—and industry to drive that change. I am confident that that will be the case. I commit to continuing to work with the sectors to find those solutions.

Mr KATTER: Director-General, people ask all the time about how many biosecurity officers we have. In the country where I live, it is always wobbly whether the Cloncurry office is manned or not. The cape and the gulf are the front line for threats coming down from Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Can you give any commitment or feedback on how many officers will be positioned in the gulf or Cape York?

Mr Bolton: We have already recruited 13 of the 100 FTEs that have been identified by the new government. The first three of those were regional leads—senior officers based in the northern, central and southern regions. Those biosecurity leads are now working with local governments to understand the priorities across those particular regions and looking at what the response should be, including where staff should be located. We are looking to try to tailor the recruitment of the remaining 100 FTEs in response to the particular risks in the particular regions.

With regard to the cape, that is something that we are turning our minds to. As the minister may have mentioned, part of one of the election commitments is to undertake an independent review of the closure of the Coen biosecurity facility. That is currently underway. Once we get the outcomes of that and the minister has been briefed on that, we will be looking at what those opportunities are moving forward, and in particular what the response might be to ensure we have the right level of biosecurity response on the cape.

Mr KATTER: Minister, I will bundle my questions to be more efficient with time, because it is same the question at the end of the day. They say there are six million hectares of prickly acacia. It is said that 70 per cent of the estimated 2.3 million pig population, which is something like 1.6 million pigs, needs to be killed every year. Siam weed, navua sedge, giant rats tail grass, grader grass—pick your weed, they are exploding everywhere. They are a big problem—a seemingly insurmountable problem. The funding from the federal government has probably gone in the wrong direction in the last five years. It seems ominous and difficult. Bundling those biosecurity issues—weeds and feral pests—what is the response to those? Are they identified as a problem?

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, I am warning you that we have 10 minutes left. I can hardly see the director-general for the pile of sticky notes. We have a lot of questions on notice to go through. If you could answer the question without making it too long, it would be appreciated. We have a bit to get through.

Mr PERRETT: Thank you, Mr Speaker, for that guidance. I certainly understand the issues raised by the member for Traeger. They are becoming increasingly challenging—all the weeds and the feral animals. Part of the challenge we have in dealing with some of them currently is that nowhere in the state is drought-declared. Thankfully, we are getting good seasons, but great seasons aid feral pig numbers and the spread of so many of these weeds. They are significant ongoing challenges to this state, to production and to the viability of properties in some cases.

From a departmental perspective, the research work that we are doing at the Ecosciences Precinct around some of the invasive weeds that the member mentioned is critical. In some cases, biological control is the only chance we have given the areas they are located and the impact they are having on producers. Giant rats tail grass—I know you mentioned that—is a massive issue right up the east coast. So many properties are battling it. I know there is some significantly good work going on. I have seen it firsthand at the Ecosciences Precinct. The trouble is, particularly with giant rats tail grass, ensuring you do not get unintended consequences from the biological controls. We know of a number of those in this state. Probably cane toads come to mind for most people, but there are many of them.

We are certainly aware of the issue. We are always happy to engage, look for opportunities and work with industry around those challenges and make certain that the departmental application to issues is what it needs to be. I am cognisant of the time. I am looking at the clock and the Speaker is getting a little restless in his seat.

Mr SPEAKER: If we have time for another question after we do this, we will. I think we better go through the questions on notice. Director-General, could you start with some of the questions on notice?

Mr Bolton: In response to the member for Bundaberg's question regarding UNESCO and whether or not changing the Spanish mackerel maximum economic yield would be in contravention of that, I can advise the member that, on 25 May 2023, the then Australian minister for environment wrote to UNESCO providing an undertaking on behalf of the Australian and Queensland governments on a range of matters to respond to their concerns with regard to the Great Barrier Reef marine World Heritage area. Those matters included water quality, fisheries and climate change.

With respect to fisheries, in particular, there were five specific matters that were mentioned or undertakings given. One of those included finalising the outstanding harvest strategies and working towards the target maximum economic yield. I do note in brackets it had 60 per cent. Of relevance to that, under the *Queensland harvest strategy policy*, section 9.2.1 sets that a maximum economic yield of 60 per cent should be used as a proxy 'where a more specific estimate is not available'. For Spanish

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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Statement of Profit or Loss
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	\$	\$
Rates and charges	3	8,757,101	8,362,757
Grants and subsidies		332,342	298,984
Fees and charges		769,056	761,416
Interest revenue		249,352	231,774
Other Income		166,529	205,409
Total income		10,274,381	9,860,340
Administration expenses		598,716	663,367
Consultants		246,735	434,224
Contractors		1,438,545	1,426,376
Depreciation and amortisation		837,414	784,797
Electricity		259,638	246,510
General expenses		823,588	920,030
Other materials and services		374,289	319,757
Payroll expenses		4,055,053	4,050,805
Repairs and maintenance		871,318	1,008,583
Total expenses		9,505,295	9,854,449
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		769,085	5,891

The above statement of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2025**

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		3,710,029	2,462,799
Trade and other receivables	4	1,919,649	2,826,296
Other current assets		4,559	4,586
Total current assets		5,634,237	5,293,681
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	13,932,020	13,656,346
Total non-current assets		13,932,020	13,656,346
TOTAL ASSETS		19,566,257	18,950,026
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	1,044,904	1,030,176
Other Liabilities	7	6,900,443	7,068,026
Total current liabilities		7,945,347	8,098,202
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,945,347	8,098,202
NET ASSETS		11,620,910	10,851,825
EQUITY			
Reserves	8	870,794	870,794
Retained profits		10,750,116	9,981,031
TOTAL EQUITY		11,620,910	10,851,825

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Retained Profits \$	Other Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	9,975,140	870,794	10,845,934
 <i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	5,891	-	5,891
Total comprehensive income for the year	5,891	-	5,891
Balance at 30 June 2024	9,981,031	870,794	10,851,825
 <i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	769,085	-	769,085
Total comprehensive income for the year	769,085	-	769,085
Balance at 30 June 2025	10,750,116	870,794	11,620,911

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers		10,764,092	10,153,994
Payments to suppliers and employees		(8,653,126)	(9,641,806)
Interest received		249,352	231,774
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	9	2,360,319	743,961
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(1,113,088)	(2,831,276)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(1,113,088)	(2,831,276)
Net increase (decreases) in cash held		1,247,230	(2,087,315)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,462,799	4,550,114
Cash at end of financial year		3,710,029	2,462,799

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

1 Corporate Information

Rio Tinto is responsible for the administration of the town of Weipa, which it carries out through Weipa Town Authority. The Weipa Town Authority acts in the role of Local Authority, with staff that one would normally associate with a local council.

The services supplied and maintained through the Weipa Town Authority are similar to those supplied by local councils throughout Australia, and include road maintenance, water supply, town planning, garbage collection, parks, ovals, libraries and public swimming pools.

The Weipa Town Area is governed by RTA Weipa Pty Ltd (RTA) by virtue of the Comalco Act and Agreement, within the limitations set out by those instruments. The Comalco Act makes reference to and imports in clause 45 of the agreement scheduled to the Comalco Act (Agreement) provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld).

These financial statements do not fully reflect all of the transactions that relate to the operation of the town authority. Some assets, liabilities and expenditures are recorded in other divisions of RTA.

The financial statements of Weipa Town Authority for the year ended 30 June 2025 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the committee on the date the committee members' declaration was signed.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Authority's functional and presentation currency.

2 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the committee. The committee members have determined that the Authority is not a reporting entity.

No Australian Accounting Standards and authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been intentionally applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

The concept of accruals accounting has been adopted in preparation of the financial statements. The financial statements have also been prepared on a historical cost basis.

b) Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the authority. Details of critical accounting estimates and assumptions about the future made by management at the end of the reporting period are set out below:

Depreciation is based on the estimated useful life of the asset. Refer note 5.

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2 Summary of Material Accounting Policies (continued)

c) Employee Provisions

No provisions for employee entitlements are recorded in these financial statements as personnel are employed by another component of RTA.

d) Taxation

Income of local authorities and public authorities is exempt from Commonwealth taxation except for Fringe Benefits Tax and Goods and Services Tax ('GST'). The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO or payable to the ATO is shown as an asset or liability respectively.

3 Rates and Charges

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
General rates	4,728,913	4,577,550
Cleansing rates	928,272	870,910
Sewerage rates	1,366,915	1,295,318
Water rates	1,646,433	1,533,776
Water usage charges	242,669	259,882
	<u>8,913,201</u>	<u>8,537,435</u>
Discounts and adjustments	(156,100)	(174,678)
	<u>8,757,101</u>	<u>8,362,757</u>

Rates and utility charges are recognised as revenue when the Weipa Town Authority obtains control over the assets comprising these receipts, which is the beginning of the rating period to which they relate. Prepaid rates are recognised as revenue received in advance on the Statement of Financial Position until the beginning of the rating period. Water usage charges are recognised as revenue in the period that the usage occurs.

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4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Rates debtors	1,539,991	1,347,958
Sundry debtors	346,581	1,391,946
RTA Weipa Pty Ltd	33,076	86,393
	<u>1,919,649</u>	<u>2,826,296</u>

Trade receivables are recognised at the original invoice amount and have repayment terms between 30 and 90 days.

Collectability of trade debtors is assessed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off. An allowance is made for doubtful debts where there is objective evidence that the authority will not be able to collect all amounts due.

5 Property Plant and Equipment

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Infrastructure, at cost	15,736,867	15,559,156
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,709,546)	(5,197,324)
	<u>10,027,321</u>	<u>10,361,832</u>
Buildings, at cost	2,971,840	2,971,840
Less accumulated depreciation	(484,269)	(382,651)
	<u>2,487,570</u>	<u>2,589,189</u>
Plant & vehicles, at cost	439,158	434,329
Less accumulated depreciation	(294,092)	(250,868)
	<u>145,066</u>	<u>183,460</u>
Furniture & office equipment, at cost	324,185	324,185
Less accumulated depreciation	(239,686)	(191,050)
	<u>84,499</u>	<u>133,135</u>
Capital work in progress	1,187,564	388,729
	<u>13,932,020</u>	<u>13,656,346</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

5 Property Plant and Equipment (continued)

2025	Infrastructure	Buildings	Plant & vehicles	Furniture & office equipment	Capital work in progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Carrying amount at the beginning of year ended 30 June 2025	10,361,832	2,589,189	183,460	133,135	388,729	13,656,345
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,140,882	1,140,882
Depreciation expense	(646,426)	(101,619)	(43,223)	(46,146)	-	(837,414)
Impairment	(25,303)	-	-	(2,489)	-	(27,792)
Transfers	337,218	-	4,829	-	(342,047)	-
Carrying amount at the end of year ended 30 June 2025	10,027,321	2,487,570	145,066	84,499	1,187,564	13,932,020

All property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost, including costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management, less depreciation and any impairment.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate	Depreciation basis
Infrastructure	1 – 33%	Straight Line
Buildings	2 – 44%	Straight Line
Plant & Equipment	10 – 33%	Straight Line
Furniture & office equipment	10 – 33%	Straight Line

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. Gains and losses on disposals are calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the asset's carrying amount and are included in profit or loss in the year that the item is derecognised.

These financial statements do not recognise all infrastructure assets in the town area. Land and some components of infrastructure are owned by another component of RTA. Property, plant and equipment are capitalised by the Weipa Town Authority when the purchase of the property, plant and equipment has been funded by the Weipa Town Authority.

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6 Trade and Other Payables

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade creditors	625,397	798,468
Accrued expense	413,154	231,708
Other payables	6,353	-
	1,044,904	1,030,176

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the authority prior to year-end and which are unpaid. These amounts are unsecured and have 30-60 day payment terms.

7 Other Liabilities

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Rates and fees and charges in advance	115,333	145,917
Government Grants received	5,300,660	5,397,854
SES Grants received	1,484,449	1,524,256
	6,900,443	7,068,026

Grants received reflect the government funding of capital projects. These grants have been included as revenue in advance and will be amortised over the life of the capital asset.

SES Grant was received for the construction of an Administration Facility (for uses including Weipa Local Disaster Coordination Centre and the Rural Fire Services Headquarters in Weipa). This grant has been included as revenue in advance and will be amortised over the life of the capital asset.

8 Reserves

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Parks & gardens capital reserve	9,794	9,794
Roadworks capital reserve	287,000	287,000
Water capital reserve	287,000	287,000
Sewerage capital reserve	287,000	287,000
	870,794	870,794

These are provisions for reserves which are reviewed each year, to provide for future expenditure on allocated infrastructure and equipment around the town.

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9 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	769,085	5,891
Cash flows excluded from (deficit)/surplus attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in (deficit)/surplus		
Depreciation and amortisation	837,414	784,797
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	906,675	(1,546,436)
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	14,728	(604,067)
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	(167,583)	2,103,775
	<u>2,360,319</u>	<u>743,961</u>

10 Contractual Commitments

Contractual commitments at end of financial year but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Wholly settled within 12 months	2,567,258	1,800,795
Between 1 and 3 years	1,752,512	1,719,953

11 Events after the Reporting Period

There has not been any event that occurred after the end of the reporting period that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the current or future financial results of the Authority.

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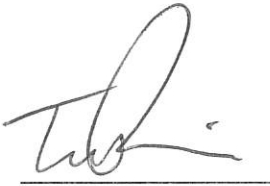
Committee Members' Declaration

The committee members have determined that the authority is not a reporting entity. The committee members have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

The committee members of the authority declare that:

1. The financial statements, comprising the statement of profit or, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity, and accompanying notes, give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial statements; and
2. In the committee members' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the authority will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee members by:



Tobias Rissman
Superintendent



Jaime Gane
Township Chairperson

Dated this 6th January 2026

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY MARGARET DEWHURST TO THE MEMBERS OF WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit of Weipa Town Authority for the year ended 30 June 2025.



Margaret Dewhurst

Director



BDO Audit (NTH QLD) Pty Ltd

Cairns, 14 January 2026

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Weipa Town Authority

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

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Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter - Basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Entity to meet the requirements of the Committee. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Committee and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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BDO Audit (NTH QLD) Pty Ltd



Margeret Dewhurst

Director

Cairns, 14 January 2026

WEIPA TOWN AUTHORITY

Annual audit completion report

Year ended 30 June 2025



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Dear Committee Members

We are pleased to present this report to the Members of Weipa Town Authority in relation to the 30 June 2025 annual audit.

As at the date of this report, we have substantially completed our audit and subject to the satisfactory resolution of the matters outlined in the Executive Summary, we expect to issue an unmodified audit report.

We have set out in this document the significant matters arising from our audit. This summary covers those matters we believe to be material in the context of our work.

Should you require clarification on any matter in this report before this date, please do not hesitate to contact me +61 7 4046 0051.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to management for their assistance and cooperation throughout the course of our audit.

Yours faithfully



Margaret Dewhurst
Engagement Partner

7 January 2026

Executive summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to communicate significant matters arising from our audit to the Members. This report has been discussed with management.

Scope

Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Status of the audit

Our audit of the financial report is substantially complete. We expect to issue an unmodified audit report, subject to satisfactory completion of the following:

- Review of latest financial information and meeting minutes for subsequent events that may need to be disclosed
- Receipt of signed financial statements
- Receipt of signed management representation letter.

A draft of the proposed audit report is included at Appendix 1.

Summary of misstatements

We have identified misstatements during our audit. The list of corrected and uncorrected misstatements is included in the respective [section](#) of this report.

We have not identified any uncorrected misstatements that, in our judgement, either individually or in aggregate, could have a material effect on the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Areas of audit focus

In performing our audit, we have identified those matters that, in the auditor's judgement, were of the most significance in the audit of the financial report. Our audit procedures also focused on areas that were considered to represent significant and elevated risks of material misstatement. These areas of focus are outlined below:

- Management override of controls
- Grant revenue recognition.

Refer to the relevant section for details on the key audit matters, significant risk areas and other areas focused on during the audit.

Areas of audit focus

In assessing the risks of material misstatement at the planning phase, we used a spectrum of risk based on the likelihood of a misstatement occurring and the magnitude of the misstatement in the context of our materiality. Our audit procedures focused on areas that were considered to represent risks of material misstatement.

MANAGEMENT OVERRIDE OF CONTROLS

Description	Audit work performed	Summary of findings
Management override is a presumed risk of fraud in all engagements, as management are in a position to override controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.	<p>We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed manual journal entries posted throughout the year and at year-end.• Reviewed accounting estimates for potential management bias.• Ensured that all amounts in the financial statements agree to the underlying trial balance and no inappropriate adjustments have been made at the financial statement level.	We did not identify any material misstatement or significant control deficiencies.

GRANT REVENUE RECOGNITION

Description	Audit work performed	Summary of findings
There is a risk that grant revenue is not recognised in accordance with the disclosed accounting policies (i.e. recorded over the useful life of its associated asset). This is increased by the complexities when applying this accounting policy, and the uniqueness of every capital related grant and its associated work-in-progress.	<p>We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed any new funding agreements to ensure appropriate initial recognition of the associated revenue as income in advance.• Reviewed existing income in advance calculations to ensure that adjustments to recognise revenue have been appropriately recognised.	We did not identify any material misstatements or significant control deficiencies.

Summary of misstatements

Uncorrected misstatements

We detail below the uncorrected misstatements which we have identified during the audit, and that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in aggregate to the financial report taken as a whole.

Misstatements have not been included if they are considered to be clearly trivial which we have set at \$ 14,000. Matters which are clearly trivial are regarded as clearly inconsequential when taken individually or in aggregate.

We will seek representation from management to acknowledge that:

- Uncorrected misstatements have been brought to their attention by us; and
- They have considered the effect of any uncorrected misstatements, aggregated during and pertaining to the latest period, on the financial report and consider the misstatements are immaterial individually and in aggregate to the financial report taken as a whole.

DESCRIPTION	ASSETS	(LIABILITIES)	RESERVES	(PROFIT)/LOSS
Amend impact of GST correction posted to WASP revenue related to PY BAS errors	-	-	63,415	(63,415)
Account for understated accrued expenditure following subsequent payments review	-	(45,058)	-	45,058
Net effect of uncorrected misstatements	-	(45,058)	63,415	(18,357)

Summary of misstatements *continued*

Corrected misstatements

We identified the following misstatements during the course of our audit which have been corrected:

DESCRIPTION	ASSETS	(LIABILITIES)	RESERVES	(PROFIT)/LOSS
Reverse impact of invoice raised not yet entitled to	(400,000)	400,000	-	-
Correct treatment of operating grant revenue	-	50,000	-	(50,000)
Net effect of corrected misstatements	(400,000)	450,000	-	(50,000)

Internal control

Current year

In accordance with ASA 265 *Communicating Deficiencies in Internal Control to Those Charged with Governance and Management*, we are required to communicate in writing, significant deficiencies in internal control identified during our audit to those charged with governance on a timely basis.

The standard defines a deficiency in internal control as:

1. A control is designed, implemented or operated in such a way that it is unable to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements in the financial report on a timely basis; or
2. A control necessary to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements in the financial report on a timely basis is missing.

Significant deficiency in internal control means a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control that, in the auditor's professional judgement, is of sufficient importance to merit the attention of the Members.

Our audit procedures did not identify any significant deficiencies that in our professional judgment are of sufficient importance to merit the attention of the Members.

Other reporting requirements

Independence and ethics

In conducting our audit, we are required to comply with the independence requirements of Part 4A of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including *Independence Standards*).

We have obtained independence declarations from all staff engaged in the audit.

We also have policies and procedures in place to identify any threats to our independence, and to appropriately deal with and if relevant mitigate those risks.

We have not become aware of any issue that would cause any member of the engagement team, BDO or any BDO network firm to contravene any ethical requirement or any regulatory requirement that applies to the audit engagement.

BDO has not provided any other services during the audit to Weipa Town Authority.

We are in a position to make this declaration, a draft of which has been included at Appendix 2.

Non-compliance with laws and regulations

We have made enquiries in relation to any non-compliance with laws and regulations during the course of our audit. We have not identified any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations as a result of our enquiries.

Fraud

Management have confirmed that there were no matters of fraud identified for the period under audit, or subsequently. It should be noted that our audit is not designed to detect fraud; however, should instances of fraud come to our attention we will report them to you.

We have not identified any instances of fraud during the course of our audit.

Appendix 1 Proposed audit report (extract)

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Appendix 2 Auditor independence declaration

Positive declaration

We set out below our draft Auditor independence declaration.

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I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit of Weipa Town Authority for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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We have prepared this report solely for the use of Weipa Town Authority. As you know, this report forms part of a continuing dialogue between the company and us and, therefore, it is not intended to include every matter, whether large or small, that has come to our attention. For this reason, we believe that it would be inappropriate for this report to be made available to third parties and, if such a third party were to obtain a copy of this report without prior consent, we would not accept any responsibility for any reliance they may place on it.

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Weipa Walking Network Plan

Appendix 5

Members information session

28 Jan 2026 | Jerryn Zwart

Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, to those who have passed before us, and to the members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

We want to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, work and meet today, and recognise that sovereignty was never ceded.

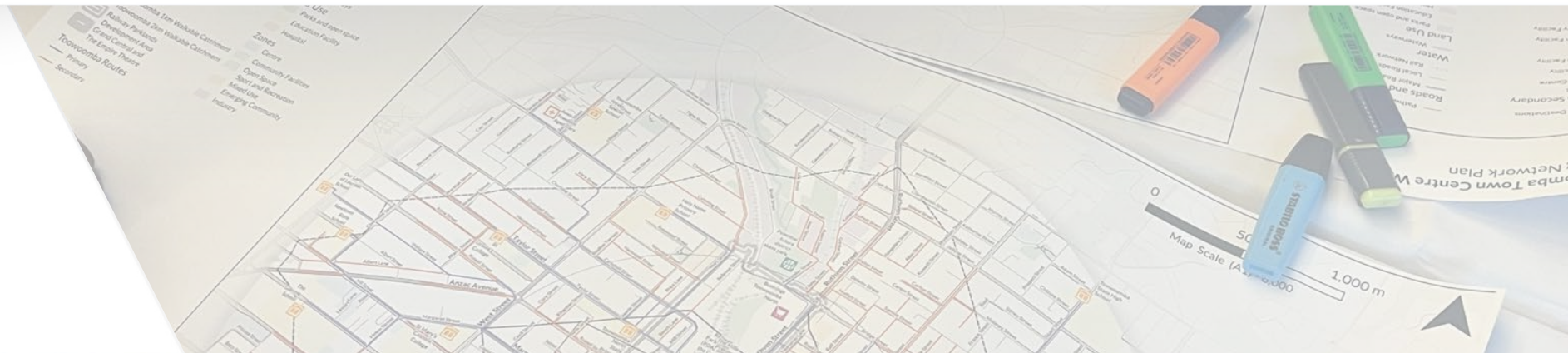


Agenda

- Recap of WNP scope
- Project outcomes
- Next steps
- Questions

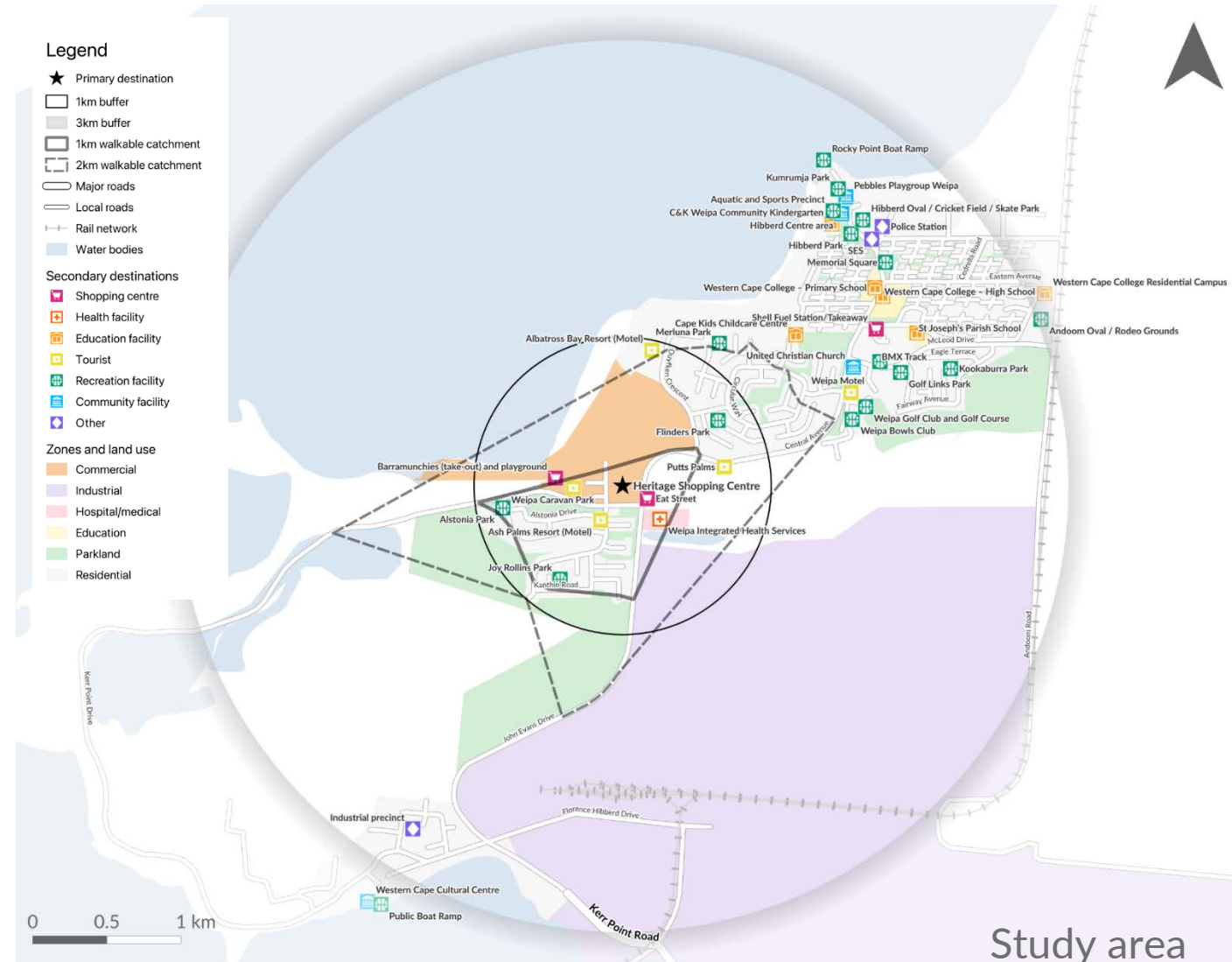
Briefing purpose:

- Summarise project outcomes to enable endorsement of Walking Network Plan and Action program



What is a Walking Network Plan?

- Jointly funded by TMR and WTA
- Walking network plan includes the area retained within a 3 km radius of the primary destination, adopted as the Heritage Shopping Centre.
- Supported by an action program



Why walking

Defining walking

- Walking includes jogging, running and moving with the help of mobility device (such as a wheelchair, mobility cane or walking frame).

Role of walking

- Everyone walks
- Every trip includes walking
- Walking is ideal for short trips
- Suitable for all ages and abilities

Queensland Walking Strategy vision

- An easy choice for everyone, every day



WTA Plans and Strategies

Corporate Plan 2020-2025 Vision

- A diverse, connected and sustainable community; the hub of the Cape's unique lifestyle

Walking and Cycling Strategy Vision

- The Weipa Town Authority will provide appropriate infrastructure, amenities and education to encourage walking and cycling as a viable option for recreation and transport



Benefits of walking



40% of adults
59% of children
are not getting
enough physical
activity.³



Walking is easy to
adopt and suitable
for people of all
ages – walking 30
minutes each day
is a great way to
improve your
health.⁴

Walking is the
most popular
form of physical
recreation in
Queensland.⁵



Walking is free and
saves you money!
Switching a 2.5km
commute from
driving to walking
saves \$1,900 per
year in health
expenses.⁶



Walking creates vibrant communities and
supports local businesses – people who walk
and shop locally visit more often.⁷



Walking is the most sustainable
form of transport, more people
walking reduces Queensland's
carbon footprint.⁸

75% of parents want their kids to be
more active. Walking to school can help
achieve this and reduce congestion, too.⁹



Walking is by far
the most favoured
physical activity
of those who
want to start
exercising.¹⁰



Walking improves
mental health by
reducing anxiety,
depression,
negative moods
and improving
self-esteem.¹¹



Project methodology



Workshop engagement summary

Walking Vision Themes

Feel safe

- Safe journeys
- Speed reduction

Weather proof/appropriate paths and facilities

- Places to rest with water, shade, shelter, toilets and cycle-lockups
- Avoid wet/mouldy/slippery path surfaces

Safe crossings and road interfaces

- Clear, accessible, safe crossings, particularly at schools

Well lit

- To enable early morning/evening runs and improve safety at night (including Park Run)

Connected and direct

- Pathways connect all areas of town and lifestyle locations

Accessible & inclusive

- Pathways that are user-friendly and accessible for all community members and mobility levels

Exploration

- Paths enable exploration, travel with friends and provide diversity in path types (e.g. tracks and trails)

Signage

- Signage, maps and routes showing curated walking routes, and important sites, i.e. names, cultural heritage
- Wayfinding allows people to travel the network with confidence

Priorities

- Improving crossings and slowing on school frontages, including near service station (8 votes)
- Lighting, including on park run (5 votes)
- Connecting current paths that are not connected (4 votes)
- Pathways to Andoom Oval (3 votes)
- Raised crossings instead of zebra crossings (3 votes)

Weipa Walking Network Plan

14 stakeholder
workshop attendees

Weipa Town Authority
Parkrun
WRF
WTA elected member
Rio Tinto
Weipa Community Care
WTA member – Traditional
Owner Representative



8 Oct 2025

Weipa Council Chambers

School survey results

- 116 survey results– 68 parents, 42 high school students
 - Western Cape College
 - St Joseph's Parish School
 - Cape Kids Childcare Centre
 - C&K Kindergarten
- Road safety is a greater concern for users than stranger danger
- 58% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed being hit by a car was the main reason for not letting children walk or ride to school.
- Raised zebra crossing voted as most safe crossing treatment. Untreated crossing voted as most risky.





Walking vision

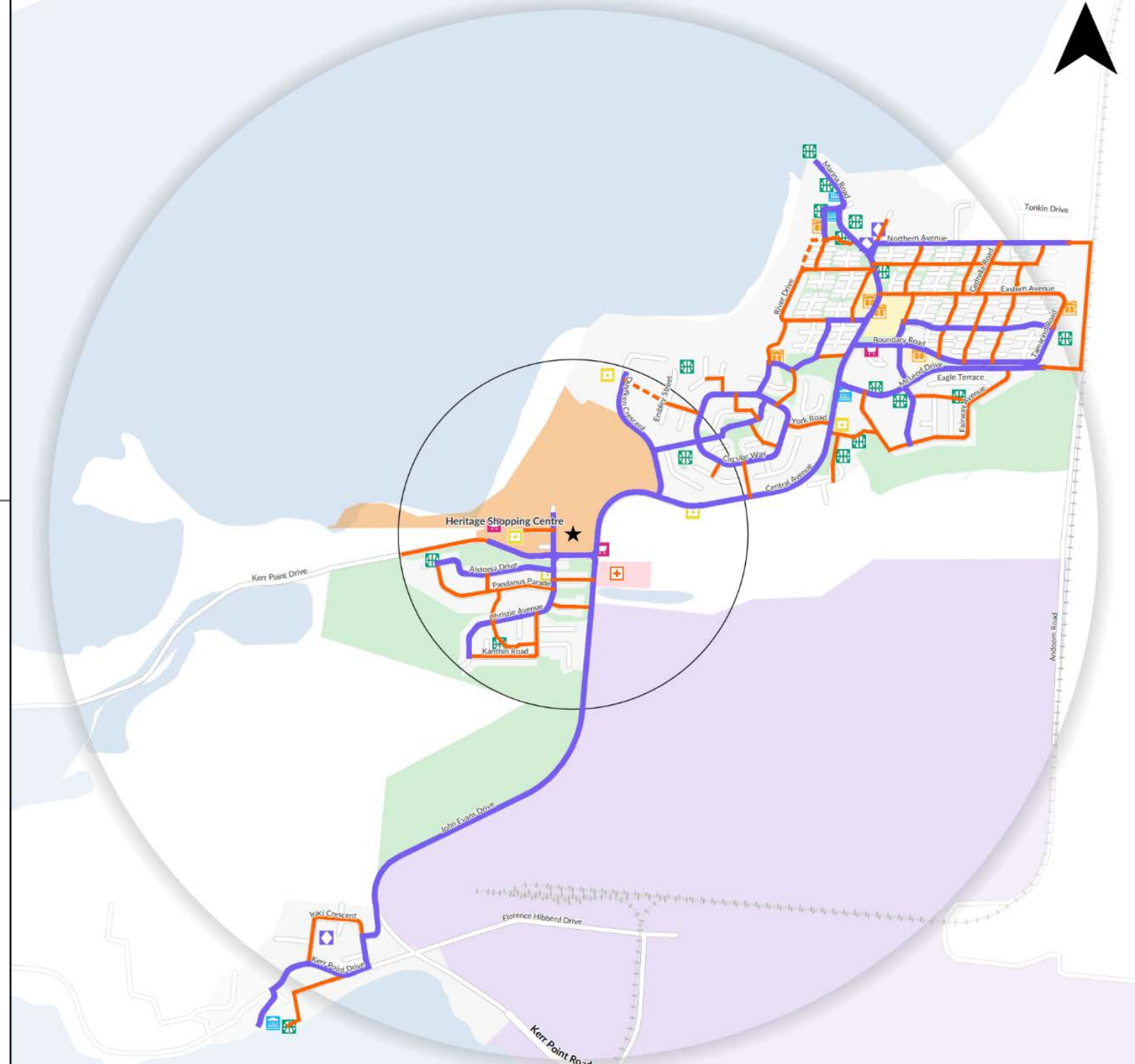
Walking in Weipa is safe, connected, and accessible, supporting people of **all ages and abilities to move and explore with friends**. The network is well-lit, weather-appropriate and provides safe crossings that make walking a **comfortable and reliable choice at any time of day**.

Walking Network Plan

For endorsement

Legend

- ★ Primary destination
- 1km buffer
- 3km buffer
- Major roads
- Local roads
- Rail network
- Water bodies
- Walking network plan**
- Primary
- Secondary
- - - Future secondary
- Zones and land use**
- Water
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Hospital/medical
- Education
- Parkland
- Residential



Actions program (WNAP) summary

41
projects

17
short term projects



Footpath, shared path
and separated cycling
provision and
improvements

14.63 km



Crossing provision
and improvements

12



Investigations

8



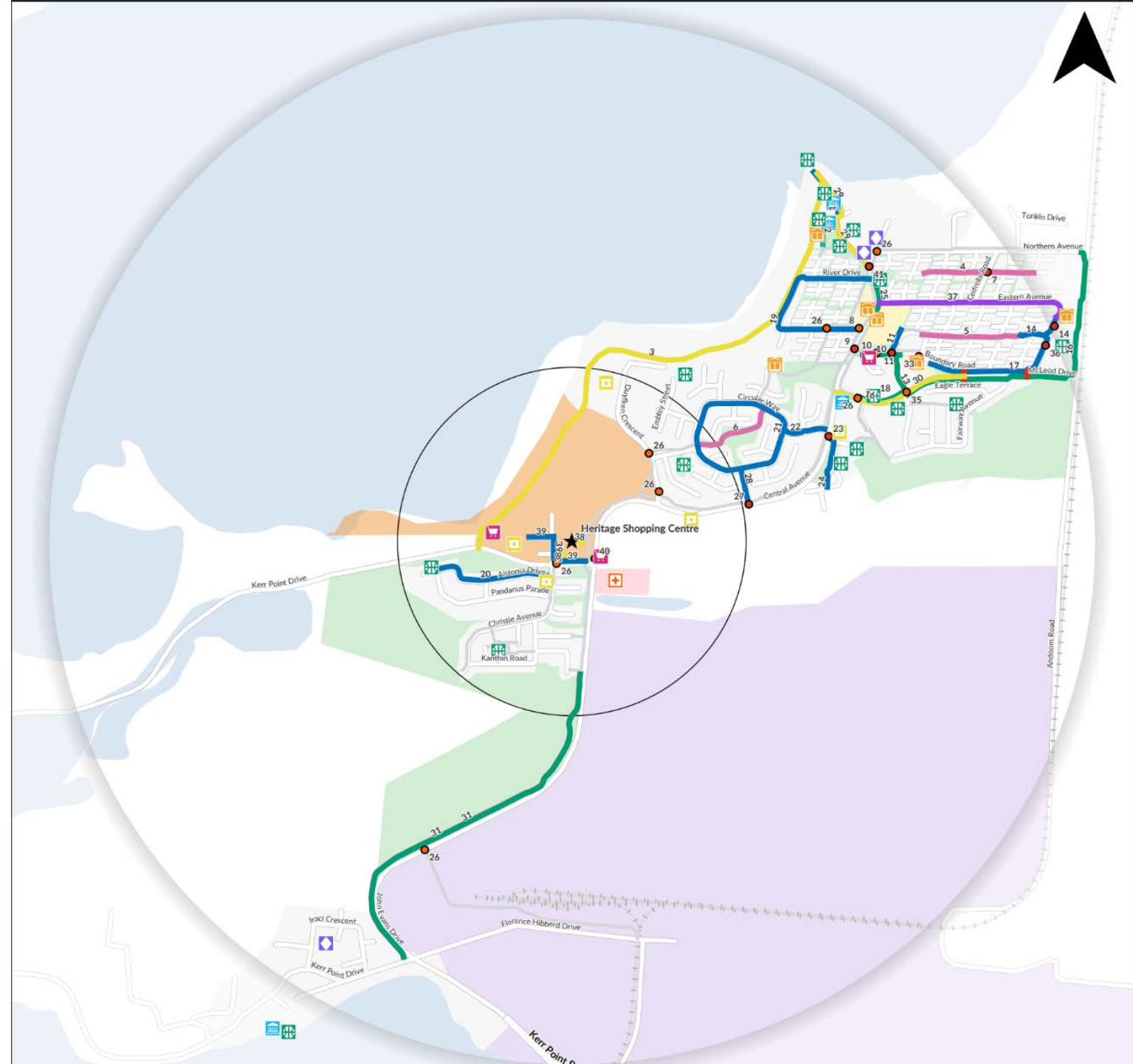
Supporting
facilities

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Infrastructure actions by type

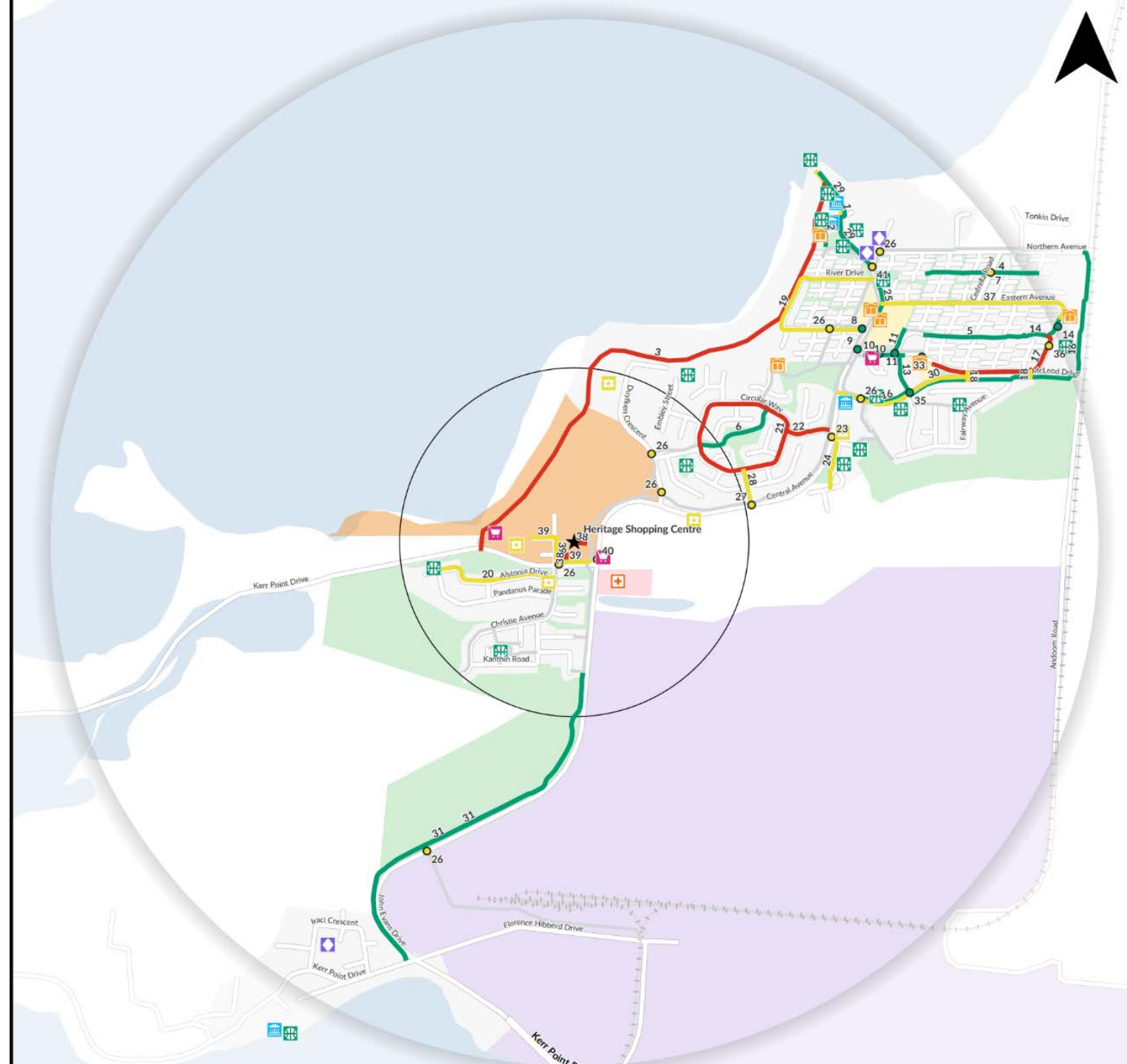
Action type

- Crossing provision
- Crossing improvement
- Footpath provision
- Shared path provision
- Shared space
- Supporting facilities
- Investigation
- Crossing provision
- LQC alternative



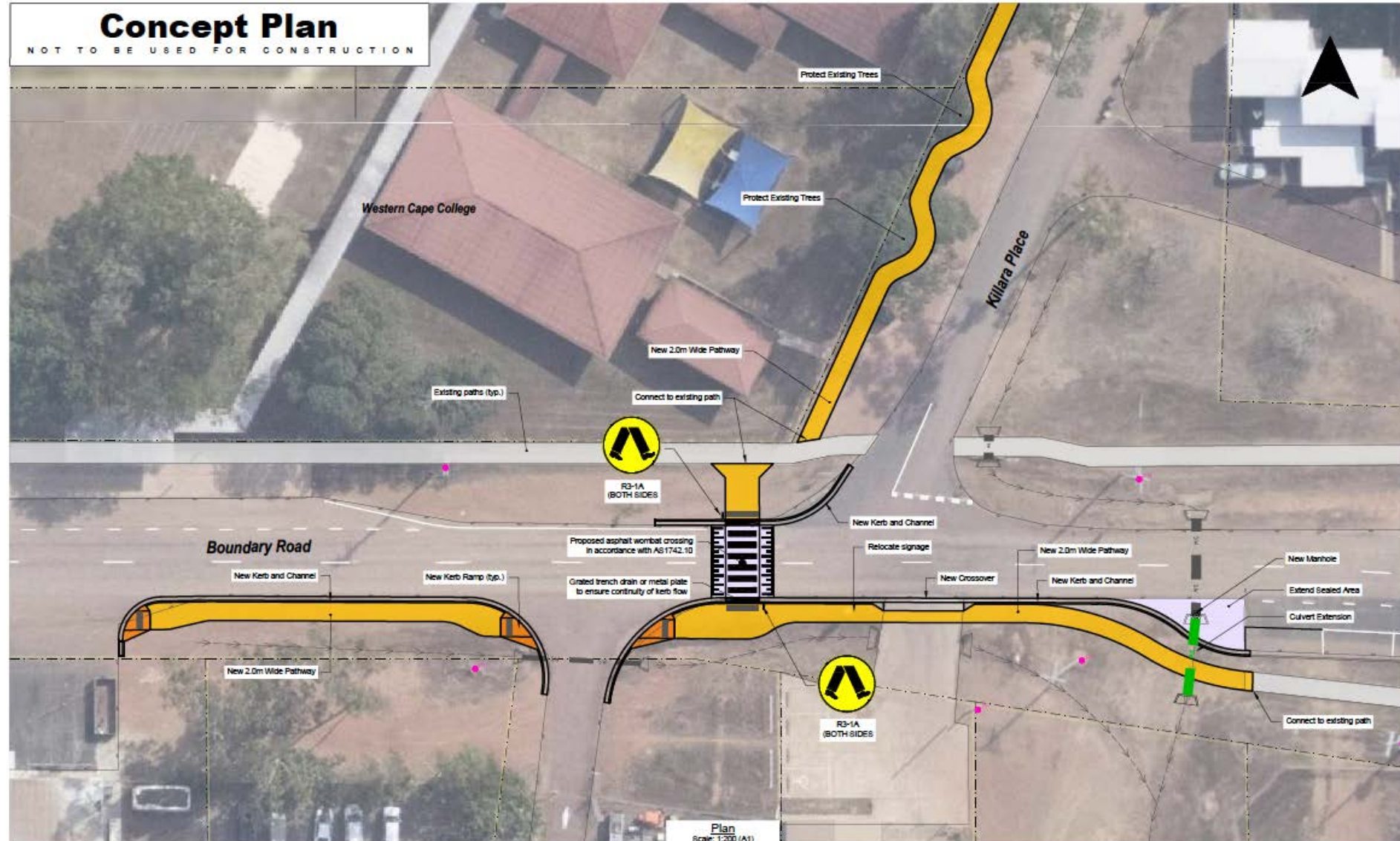
Infrastructure actions by timing

- Action timing
- Short Term
 - Medium Term
 - Short Term
 - Medium Term
 - Long Term



Concept design

- > Existing concept design of crossing from Shell to WCC reviewed
- > Connecting concept design prepared for missing link on Boundary Road and Killara Place.



Walking Grant opportunities

TMR Active Transport Grants Program
applications closing 27 February

Local govt



- Transport infrastructure
- Sport and recreation programs
- Development assessment conditions
- Infrastructure Plans
- As part of adjacent road projects

Qld Govt



- **Active Transport Grants Program (previously Walking or Cycling Local Government Grants)**
- School Transport Infrastructure Program (STIP)
- Building our Regions
- Works for Queensland Program

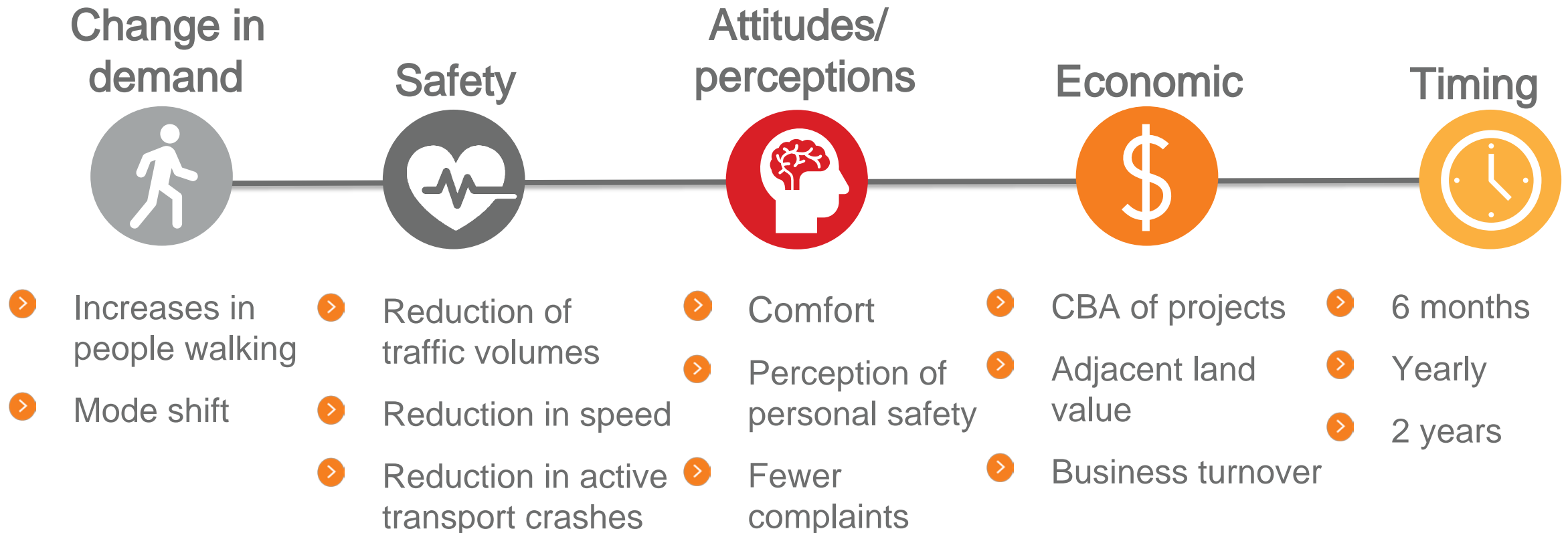
Aus Govt



- Black Spot Program
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
- Active Transport Fund

Monitoring and evaluation

Considerations in development of a monitoring and evaluation plan



Next steps

- Use the Walking Network Plan action program as the basis for further concept and program development to inform future Capital Works Programs and Operational Works Programs, for example:
 - Incorporate priority projects into current works programs
 - Integrate with other works and planning as opportunities arise
 - Integrate with Corporate Plan
 - Consider opportunities to apply for grant funding of infrastructure projects



Thank you.

For enquires, more information or to discuss how we can help you, email or phone Jerry Zwart:

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