

WEST DALY
Regional Council

Yu kanhi thimneme da ngarra putek neki
Welcome to Country

Regional Plan

2026-27



West Daly Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands on which we live and work, paying our respects to Elders past, present and in the future

Our Brand

Our Council's logo was developed from a concept design created by Annunciata Wilson of Peppimenarti. The communities within the West Daly region are represented by the colours of their dance group.

Communication between communities was sent via message sticks to advise of the passing of a loved one or ceremonies. People would walk to where they needed to be and they would count the number of days it would take by marking the message stick.

Peppimenarti is red (Wangga)

Nganmariyanga is yellow (Lirrga)

Wadeye is black (Thanta)



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Warning:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that this document may include the images of people who are deceased.



West Daly region overview

The land in which Elected Members, Local Authority Members and residents reside is known as Tharmarrur, which in local Murinh-Patha language means 'coming together to work as one people'. There are three Wards that make up our Council - Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi, Nganmariyanga and Tyemirri.

Population focus

3,426 Population (as at 30 June 2023, increase of 13 from previous year)	2,637 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	27 median age (as at 30 June 2023, compared to 33 NT wide)	88.7% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island population (compared with 26.3% NT wide)
54% couples with children (compared with 44.7% NT wide)	84% language at home other than English	19.6% unemployed (compared to 5.6% NT wide)	439.5 SEIFA index of disadvantage
10.84% lone person household	78.9% households rent	26% of people in younger age groups 0-14 years (as at 30 June 2023, compared to 20.5% NT wide)	7% people in older age groups 60+ years

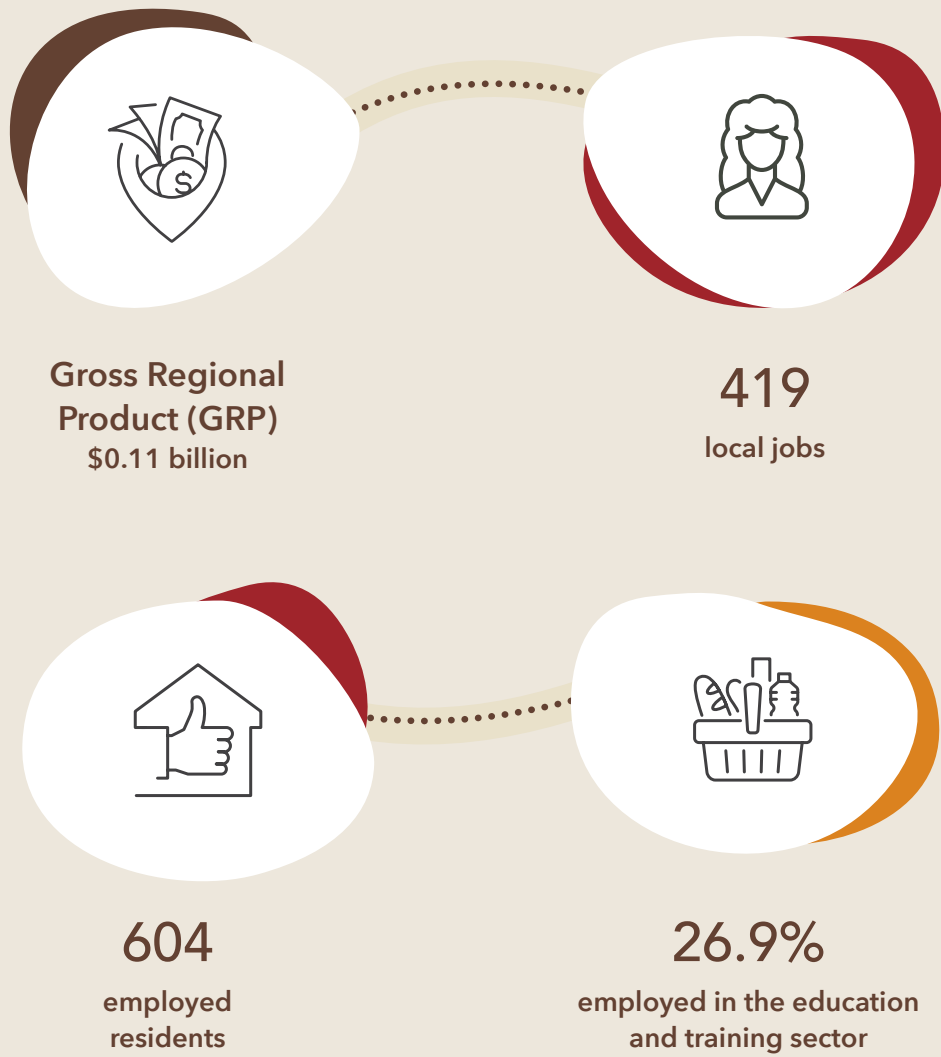
(Figures are from Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2021 unless otherwise stated)

Selected subpopulation categories

West Daly Regional Council LGA - Total people (Usual residence)	2021			2016			Change
	Number	%	RDA Northern Territory %	Number	%	RDA Northern Territory %	2016 to 2021
Males	1,490	50.1	50.5	1,554	49.1	51.8	-64
Females	1,486	49.9	49.5	1,613	50.9	48.2	-127
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	2,631	88.4	26.3	2,875	90.8	25.5	-244
Australian citizens	2,790	93.8	79.8	3,006	94.9	78.6	-216
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	1,804	60.6	58.3	1,810	57.2	56.9	-6
Population over 15	2,148	72.2	79.0	2,117	66.8	78.4	+31
Employed Population	474	81.3	94.4	453	57.5	93.0	+21

Source: RDA Northern Territory economic profile, id., Regional Development Australia NT- Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Census. 2021 data unless stated otherwise.

Economic focus (as at 30 June 2025)



(Figures are from RDA Northern Territory)

Council overview



West Daly Regional Council is aligned with the Northern Territory Government's Top End Regional Economic Growth Plan 2022-2030, which has been developed to enhance social and economic opportunities for people throughout the region.

Council works with the Northern Territory Government on their 4 key priorities to achieve this:

1

Identify and construct key infrastructure to support economic growth

2

Prioritise Aboriginal capability and leadership

3

Grow existing industry and skilled local workforce

4

Identify and activate economic opportunity

Council plays a key part in the economic and social development of the West Daly region and is extending its services to deliver infrastructure in the region on behalf of the Northern Territory and Australian governments.

We work hard to create real opportunities and provide services and facilities for everyone. Our aim is to strengthen Council's position to build capability and capacity in our communities, develop good infrastructure, increase jobs, improve wellbeing and support our people to prosper and grow.

West Daly Regional Council continues to work in partnership with the Northern Territory and Australian governments and community partners, such as Thamarrurr Development Corporation (TDC), to improve how we live in the community.

Council is focused on strengthening its local decision making and capability of its Local Authorities - working together to make a real difference.

Highlight of key projects for 2026–27

The West Daly region is located in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

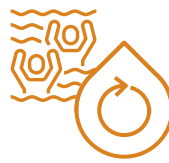
The region is a place of untouched beauty with expansive beaches that meet mangrove and melaleuca forest with savannah reaching out to the floodplains of the fertile Moyle River.

The region has diverse flora and fauna across a spectacular landscape that is the traditional lands of Thamarrurr. There are two main languages other than English spoken in the West Daly Region - Murrinh Patha and Kriol.

West Daly Regional Council covers around 14,000 square kilometres and is located about 300 to 420 kilometres south-west of Darwin. The area is mainly rural, with three Indigenous communities at Peppimenarti, Nganmarriyanga and Wadeye which are managed by Council.



Improve regional waste management by enhancing operational efficiency at the Wadeye landfill site



Create long term sustainability for the Wadeye swimming pool



Coordinate clean up and recovery efforts for Palumpa and the wider region following disastrous weather events



Continue to improve road networks throughout the region, including access to and within Homelands



Strengthen partnerships with organisations to deliver strong services to our community



Advocate for the region's needs and support required to the Northern Territory and Australian governments

Message from the CEO and Mayor



Murrinh nukunu thangu nu CEO and Mayor – (Welcome message from CEO and Mayor)

We are pleased to present the West Daly Regional Council Regional Plan for 2026-27, outlining our priorities and vision for a strong and connected future across the West Daly region.

West Daly Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and all people who live in and contribute to our communities. We recognise the strength of culture, connection to Country and the important role our communities play in shaping the region's future.

Following the local government elections, we welcome our newly elected members Gabriel Martin, Cyril Ninnal and Basil Dumoo, joining our continuing members John Wilson, Terry Sams and Mark Tunmuck-Smith.

We are proud that West Daly Regional Council is the first council to have all elected members complete their mandatory local government training within 3 months of the elections. This milestone reflects their commitment to strong governance, informed decision-making and serving communities across the region with integrity and leadership.

Changing weather has always been a challenge for our region. Over the past 2 years, we have experienced major flooding, requiring the evacuation of community members to emergency shelters and leaving their homes underwater. Telecommunications services were also significantly disrupted due to submerged infrastructure. These floods have caused great distress across our communities.

This year, our primary focus is on coordinating disaster recovery efforts to revitalise affected areas. This includes cleaning up homes, restoring telecommunication services, continuing service delivery and seeking government assistance for emergency funding. These recovery efforts are likely to extend into next year.

We will continue engaging with our partners, as well as the Australian and Northern Territory governments, to achieve these outcomes for our community. We are advocating for support to assist in revitalising affected communities following these floods.

As a growing concern in the West Daly region, we will continue working to reduce the impact of community unrest and social disruption on community wellbeing. We are moving towards an integrated approach that includes proactive community engagement, educational initiatives and crime prevention programs. We will work with local authorities, law enforcement agencies, our communities and both the Northern Territory and Australian governments to develop local solutions to these challenges.

Improving waste management remains another priority. Council is progressing upgrades at the Wadeye landfill site to increase capacity and improve the efficiency and safety of waste services. We are also working toward securing long-term tenure, licences and funding to support the site's future operation and protect both the community and the surrounding environment.

Through this Regional Plan, we reaffirm our commitment to working with our communities and partners to deliver strong governance, essential services and opportunities that support a resilient and thriving West Daly region.

John Thomas
Chief Executive Officer

Terry Sams
Mayor



Our Council

Welcome deyida ngumamnara

Welcome to our region

The West Daly Regional Council covers about 14,000 square kilometres along the western coast of the Top End, bordering the Timor Sea

The land in which our Elected Members live and work is known as Thamarrurr. In local Murrinh Patha language this means 'coming together to work as one people'.

The traditional lands of Thamarrurr have significant natural, cultural and spiritual values for its people.

Council sees its role as working together with local people to build a stronger community.

We embrace our rich history and natural environment while working towards opportunities for economic and social development.

West Daly Regional Council is made up of 3 wards - Thamarrurr/ Pindi Pindi, Nganmariyanga and Tyemirri.

Council's headquarters are located on the main street of Wadeye and is the hub from which we deliver operational and support services to Wadeye, Peppimenarti, Nganmariyanga and the surrounding areas. Our Homelands service centre in Wadeye delivers municipal, essential and housing maintenance services to 11 Homelands across the West Daly region.

Council offices are also located in Nganmariyanga and Peppimenarti, while a small team of administrative, financial and support services is located at the Council's office in Darwin.

Council uses Local Decision Making as a key way to listen and engage with the community. Council works with each of the Local Authorities in our 3 main communities to identify priority projects and services to involve the community and hear what they need and want to improve their lives and their community.

We deliver our services in partnership with government and local non-for-profit organisations.

Our Elected Members represent Council across the West Daly region and are involved in a range of local committees and organisations.



Our community



Our Focus Areas

West Daly Regional Council's Focus Areas are strategic objectives that develop and change with the needs of our community.

Our focus areas for 2026-27 are outlined below.

Focus area

Objective

1. A strong Council

We build strong foundations and continuously improve our governance, planning and systems to create a resilient organisation.

2. Strong, safe and healthy people

We build capability and capacity in our communities, and support all our people by investing in the environment and their safety, growth and wellbeing.

3. Developing Council for community

We aim to provide stable opportunities for our communities through improved infrastructure, increased employment and cultural, sporting and social events.

4. Delivering on our promises

We grow our services by listening and seeking new opportunities, working with others to support our communities today and in the future.

Our Elected Members

**Kardu kanhi ngarra thumampunkungkarat-neme
welcome puyemamka-neme da ngarra putek kahni**

The Elected Members of the West Daly Regional Council welcome you to Country

The West Daly Regional Council is led by a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 4 Councillors, each elected for a 4 year term. There are 3 electoral wards with each ward represented by Elected Members based on their population size, ensuring every community has a voice in local decision making.

- Nganmariyanga Ward - one representative
- Thamarrurr/Pindi Ward - 4 representatives
- Tyemirr Ward - one representative.

Together, the Elected Members work to strengthen community connections, support local development and represent the interests of people across the West Daly region.

Role of members

according to the *Local Government Act 2019*

The role of a member of a council is:

- to represent the interests of all residents and ratepayers of the council area; and
- to provide leadership and guidance; and
- to facilitate communication between the members of the council's constituency and the council; and
- to be properly informed to enable participation in the deliberations of the council and its community activities; and
- to ensure, as far as practicable, that the council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately in carrying out its statutory responsibilities; and
- to ensure that council resources are used prudently and solely in the public interest; and
- to actively monitor the financial affairs of the council.

However, a member of the council has no power to direct or control staff of the council, or to interfere with the management of staff of the council.

A member of the council has a duty to act, at all times, in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the council's constituency.

Our Council wards

Thamurrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward

Wadeye, also known as Port Keats, is one of Australia's largest remote Indigenous communities located approximately 420 kilometres south-west of Darwin.



Tyemirri Ward

'Peppi' as it is known, is located on Tom Turner Creek approximately 320 kilometres by road south-west of Darwin. The community was established in approximately 1974 with the people calling the area Peppimenarti long before European settlement of Australia.

Nganmarriyanga Ward

Palumpa is located 353 kilometres south-west of Darwin on Port Keats Road between the communities of Peppimenarti and Wadeye.

Elected Members



Terry Sams - Mayor
Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward



Mark Tunmuck-Smith - Deputy Mayor
Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward



Cyril Ninnal - Councillor
Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward



Basil Dumoo - Councillor
Thamarrurr/Pindi Pindi Ward



John Wilson - Councillor
Tyemirri Ward



Gabriel Martin - Councillor
Nganmariyanga Ward

Our Governance

The West Daly Regional Council is a local government entity governed by several laws but primarily by the *Local Government Act 2019* and its regulations and guidelines, as well as the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and *Fair Work Act 2009*.

Council uses best practice governance to meet its legal and ethical compliance obligation, demonstrate a strong corporate responsibility and deliver services in a timely manner.

Council makes sure its decisions are made within budget and allocates resources appropriately to provide the greatest benefit to our communities.

Our governance structure is designed to enable Council to implement its vision and values with internal controls in place to fulfill its commitments.

This structure holds the Elected Members of Council and our Chief Executive Officer to account by

defining their responsibilities and Council's policies, processes and practices. This ensures we can meet our strategic direction and the performance standards set by legislation and governance standards.

Councillors meet every 2 months to discuss and debate local issues, projects and services in our region at an Ordinary Council Meeting, which is open to the public unless dealing with confidential business matters.

Additional Council meetings are sometimes held to address priority issues.

In the alternate months, the Finance Committee meets to ensure Council's finances are regularly reviewed in accordance with legislative requirements.

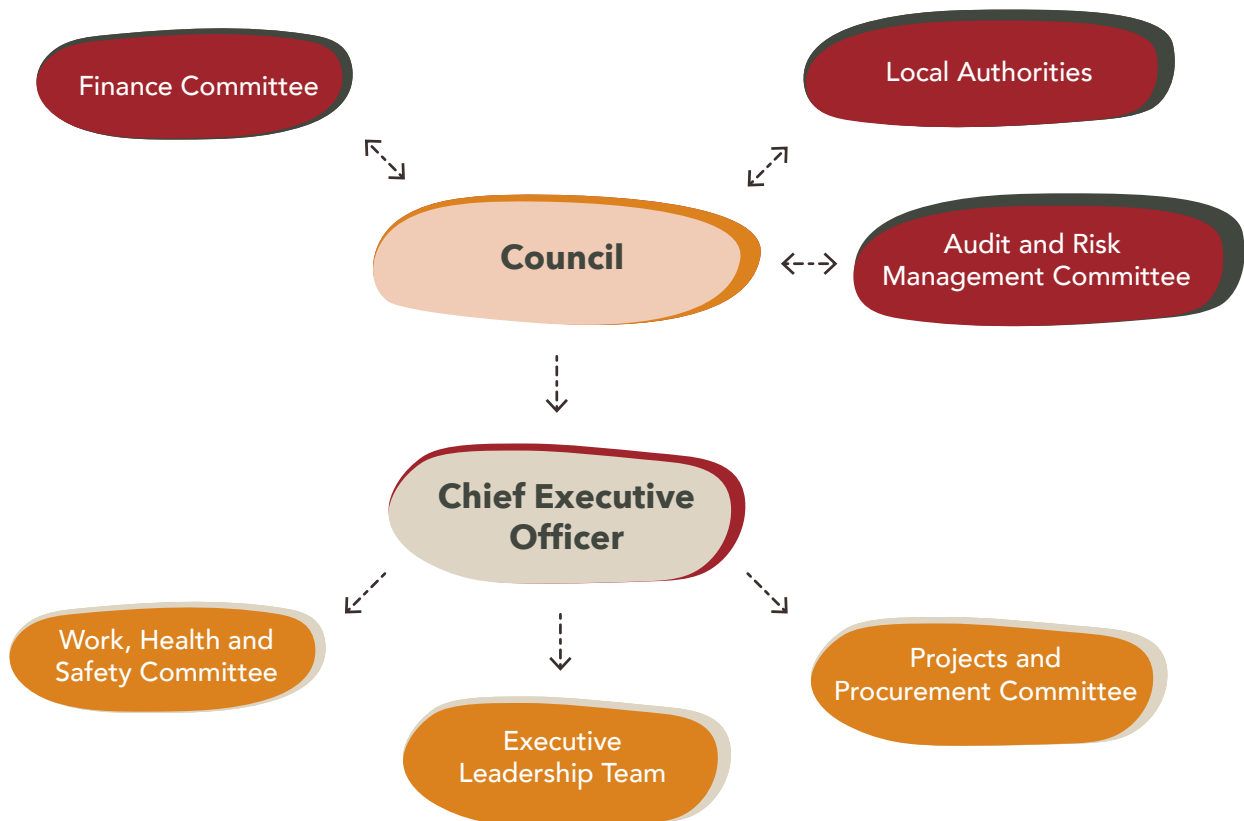
Local Authority meetings are held in the community throughout the year to allow community members to attend and have input into services and opportunities to improve their community.

Council is committed to keeping our people informed by being open and transparent.

Council publishes all meeting agenda papers, relevant policies, plans and minutes, including resolutions, on its website www.westdaly.nt.gov.au



Our governance framework

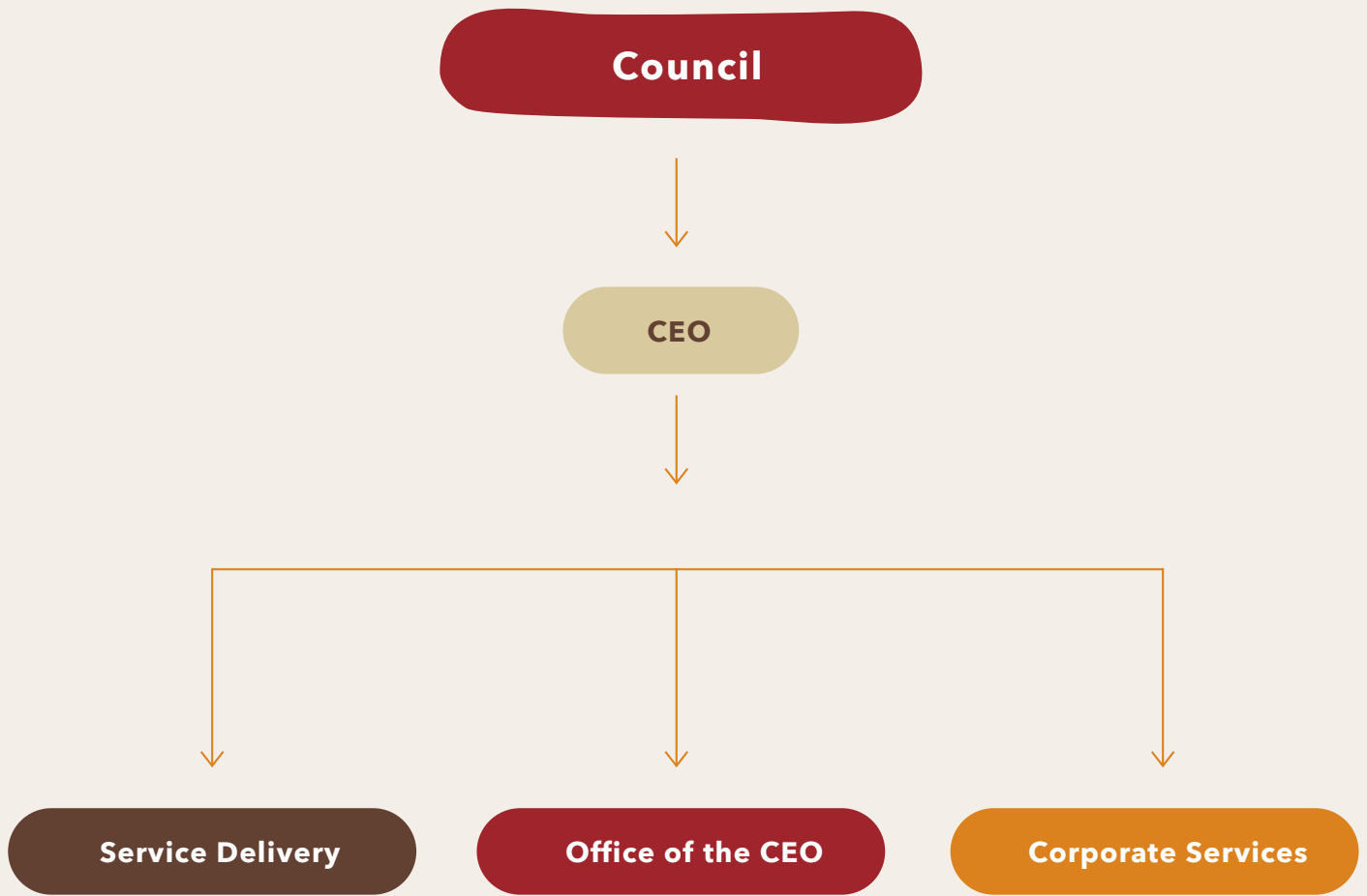


The purpose of the West Daly Regional Council’s governance framework is to provide a clear focus on regulatory outcomes, demonstrate a risk-based approach to regulation, inform organisational improvement and improve engagement with stakeholders.

Potential influences on Council’s administration and regulatory framework include:

- *Local Government Act 2019*
- Council’s policies and procedures
- Council’s Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Council’s Finance Committee.

Our people



Office of the CEO

People and Culture

Executive Support and Governance

Work, Health & Safety

Infrastructure and Civil Works

Service Delivery

Homelands

Municipal Services

Corporate Services

Finance and Rates

Asset Management

Payroll

Grants

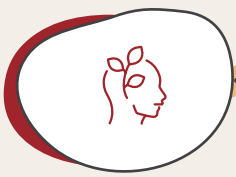
Our Operating Environment

Our risks

Council aims to apply its risk profile to every business, strategic and operational decision it makes into the future.

This risk framework provides us with the architecture to map our Regional Plan and inform reporting on our performance including strategic outcomes, services and project success.

Identified risk areas



Mental health and wellbeing



Assets and infrastructure



Service delivery continuity



Environmental impact



Financial sustainability



Regulatory and statutory requirements

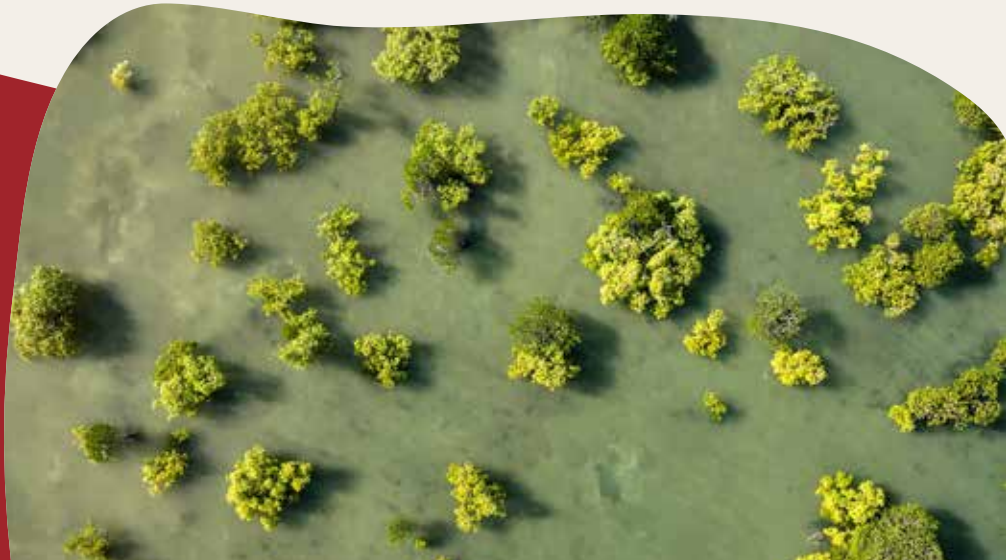


Cybersecurity



Natural disasters and weather events

Weather conditions present an ongoing risk to service delivery in our region, particularly during the wet season, when heavy rainfall and flooding can damage infrastructure, restrict access to remote communities and require significant recovery efforts.



Our opportunities and challenges

West Daly Regional Council experiences unique challenges but also important opportunities to strengthen how we deliver services and programs across our communities.

Social disruption due to community unrest, combined with the challenges of remote service delivery, can impact Council's ability to provide services. In response, Council is continuing to strengthen its focus on building respectful, peaceful and safe communities.

A key part of this work is the Community Safety Patrol team, which plays an important role in supporting community safety and wellbeing. With funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), Council has secured an extension to the program, enabling additional resources to strengthen the team's presence and improve its ability to respond to community needs. Council is also working with the Northern Territory Government to explore further funding opportunities to expand the program and increase its impact across the region.

Council will continue working closely with communities, partners and the Northern Territory and Australian governments to develop local solutions to these complex challenges. By listening to community priorities and securing investment in key areas, Council aims to strengthen the foundations needed to support resilient communities and sustainable growth.

Our people and their passion, resilience and local knowledge, are what make our communities strong. Council remains committed to creating opportunities that support local employment, strengthen skills and grow services across the West Daly region.

Opportunities

- > Improve communication and engagement with community
- > Strengthen Local Authorities
- > Increase local employment
- > Train and develop staff
- > Introduce health and wellbeing strategies
- > Create new partnerships
- > Grow grant funding
- > Diversify funding options
- > Support emerging leaders
- > Promote Elected Members professional development
- > Introduce new technology
- > Improve cybersecurity safety

Challenges

- > Maintaining good mental health and wellbeing
- > Managing the financial cost of delivering services in a remote area
- > Dealing with the impact of community unrest and social disruption on our organisation and people
- > Building financial sustainability
- > Maintaining ageing assets and infrastructure
- > Providing continued service delivery
- > Providing environmental health services and animal management
- > Managing impacts of seasonal accessibility
- > Providing a safe working environment
- > Retaining staff
- > Managing inefficient information technology services

Who we work with

West Daly Regional Council collaborates with a wide range of community, business and government organisations to support our community and help deliver services and investment in our region.

Our partners include:





Local Authority pillars

West Daly Regional Council places great importance on its Local Authorities, which serve as the community's "voice" and contribute to the decision-making process within the region. Local Authorities play a crucial role in representing the community's interests and making recommendations to the Council based on the Regional Plan.

West Daly Region Local Authorities Pillars

Pillar 1

Vital entities as representatives of the community

The Local Authorities in the West Daly region are vital entities that act as representatives of the community. They bring recommendations to Council, aligning them with the Regional Plan, which serves as the community's "wish list" for the region.

Pillar 2

Empowering residents through Local Authority meetings

Residents are encouraged to actively participate in the decision-making process by attending Local Authority meetings. The dates and times of these meetings are made available through community office advertisements, reflecting Council's commitment to openness and community engagement.

Pillar 3

Preserving cultural identity: Nurturing local community heritage

Local Authorities emphasise the importance of retaining cultural identity at the local community level. This indicates a commitment to preserving the unique cultural aspects of the region.

Pillar 4

Effective governance and community engagement: Fostering informed decision-making

The governance structure ensures Council is well-informed about issues affecting community members. This structure likely involves regular communication and collaboration between the Local Authorities and Council.



Pillar 5

Empowering Local Authorities: shaping inclusive decision-making

Council considers the recommendations put forward by the Local Authorities during its meetings. These recommendations play a pivotal role in Council's decision-making process, which in turn influences the actions taken by Council.

Pillar 6

Strategic meetings and collaborative engagement

Meetings are the cornerstone of effective collaboration. Local Authorities typically meet 4 times in a financial year, covering the period from July 1 to June 30. These regular gatherings serve as a vital avenue for decision-making, community engagement, and fostering partnerships.

Pillar 7

Leadership integration: The role of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have the privilege and opportunity to serve as members of each Local Authority. This involvement ensures a direct connection between Council's leadership and the Local Authorities.

Pillar 8

Community empowerment through Local Authorities

Elected Members who are appointed to Local Authorities represent the specific community to which the Local Authority is attached. This indicates a localised approach to decision-making, ensuring that the unique needs and concerns of each community are considered.

Local Authorities

The West Daly Regional Council has 3 Local Authorities to give people a strong local voice in their community.

Local Authorities are created under the *Local Government Act 2019* to represent regional and remote areas in the Northern Territory to help councils listen and work with community residents.

They give community members more control over the services that affect them and involve people in planning projects and services the community need and want.

Local Authorities represent people in Wadeye, Nganmariyanga and Peppimenarti and meet 4 times a year to give feedback on service delivery and identify priority community projects.

For the West Daly Regional Council, the 3 Local Authorities:

- enable local communities to be closely involved in issues related to local government
- ensure local communities have an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government
- act as advocates for the local community by taking their views directly back to Council
- advise Council and contribute to Service Delivery Plans for local communities and region
- contribute to developing Regional Plans
- recommend priorities for expenditure in Council's budget

- advice Council on its specific community and social projects that impact their community or region
- alert Council to new and emerging issues affecting the community.

Each Local Authority has a budgetary allocation to fund priority local projects based on community need and want.

Local Authorities are governed in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Guideline 1, *Local Authorities, Local Government Act 2019*.

Council publishes all Local Authority meeting agendas, papers, relevant policies, plans and minutes, including recommendations, on its website.

Local Authority members

WADEYE

Mayor Terry Sams
Deputy Mayor Mark Tunmuck-Smith
Councillor Cyril Ninnal
Councillor Basil Dumoo
Chairperson Steven Pultchen
Ken James
Mark Ninnal
Timothy Dumoo
Basil Parmbuk
Margaret Perdjert
Anne Marie Nudjulu
Gregory Munar
Damien Tunmuck

PEPPIMENARTI

Mayor Terry Sams
Deputy Mayor Mark Tunmuck-Smith
Councillor John Wilson
Chairperson Karl Lukonavic
Henry Wilson
Leaya Smith
Nathan Wilson
Anastasia Wilson
Paula Parry
Annunciata Wilson
Eric Burrows
Brendon Lemon

NGANMARRIYANGA

Mayor Terry Sams
Deputy Mayor Mark Tunmuck-Smith
Councillor Gabriel Martin
Chairperson Amy Narburup
Jack Wodidj
Lorraine Keringbo
Jimmy John Murielle
Moses Wodidj
Jeff Wodidj
Roger Wodidj
John Paul Wodidj
Warren Wodidj
Alex Jacky
Sandra Jacky
Mary Wodidj

Local Authority 2026-27 project priorities

Wadeye	Peppimenarti	Nganmariyanga
Community safety	Community safety	Community safety
Improved solar lighting	Improved solar lighting	Improved solar lighting
Speed humps and bollards	Speed humps and bollards	Footpaths
Footpaths	Footpaths	Fencing
Fencing	Fencing	Community enhancements
Community enhancements	Community enhancements	Community seating and shade
Community seating and shade	Shade structure at the basketball court	Drainage
Drainage	Fruit trees/beautification at the cemetery	Animal management
Animal management	Windbreaks at the cemetery	Water tank at the cemetery
Planting of mature trees/beautification	Drainage	Strategic projects
Strategic projects	Animal management	Sporting hub
Wadeye swimming pool community programs	Water tank at the cemetery	Community activity centre (youth, mens shed, cultural centre)
Community events	Strategic projects	
Strategic projects	Explore financials for re-vitalising pool area	
Sports and recreation programs		
Manthathpe walkway		



Our Homelands

Homelands are where small populations of people live, whose rightful homes are located on ancestral lands that have cultural and spiritual significance.

The West Daly Regional Council is committed to improving outcomes for all Aboriginal people and recognise Homelands as being intimately connected to social, cultural and emotional wellbeing.

Also sometimes referred to as outstations, Homelands are the traditional country of groups of Aboriginal people, often families or closely related people that vary in population and size.

There are more than 30 Homelands in the West Daly region, 11 of which the West Daly Regional Council is funded to deliver a range

of municipal, essential and housing maintenance services under 4 different grant programs.

These include:

- Municipal and Essential Services (MES) - repairs and maintenance, minor works and general operational costs for delivering municipal and essential services to Homelands
- Housing Maintenance Services (HMS) - conducting urgent, general and routine repairs and maintenance to extend the life of houses and minimise deterioration so Homelands

residents can live in a safe and healthy environment

- Homelands Jobs - employ local Aboriginal people in Homelands to help deliver Homelands programs to increase economic participation by offering employment and training opportunities to residents
- Homelands Capital Grants (HCG) - to buy and build capital infrastructure that supports the delivery of municipal and essential services to Homelands not covered by Northern Territory Government leases.

Homelands services by West Daly Regional Council:

Kuy

Old Mission

Redcliffe

Uminyuluk

Fossil Head

Merrepen

Nama

Wudapuli

Kudantiga

Mulingi

Nemarluk



Our service delivery

West Daly Regional Council delivers a range of municipal and essential services across 3 communities, Peppimenarti, Nganmariyanga and Wadeye, and surrounding Homelands.

These services create many local employment opportunities and support developing and maintaining community infrastructure, assets and programs to meet our communities' needs.

	DARWIN	WADEYE	NGANMARIYANGA	PEPPIMENARTI	HOMELANDS
Municipal services					
Cemetery maintenance		☑	☑	☑	☑
Road infrastructure and maintenance		☑	☑	☑	☑
Sporting facilities		☑	☑	☑	
Homelands municipal services					☑
Parks and gardens		☑	☑	☑	
Waste management		☑	☑	☑	☑
Council infrastructure		☑	☑	☑	
Animal management		☑*	☑*	☑*	☑*
Council engagement					
Local Authorities		☑	☑	☑	
Council engagement					
Community night patrol		☑	☑	☑	
Bus services		☑			
Library services		☑		☑	
Swimming pool		☑		☑	
Airstrip maintenance services		☑	☑	☑	
Centrelink services			☑	☑	
Post office agency			☑	☑	
Street lights		☑	☑	☑	
Support services					
Administration support	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Asset procurement	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Governance and compliance	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Financial services	☑				
People and wellbeing	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Health, safety and risk	☑	☑	☑	☑	
Information technology	☑*				
Records management	☑				
Grant management	☑				

* in collaboration



Internal and Homeland access road network

Council maintains an extensive network of internal roads across the West Daly region and coordinates the maintenance and upgrade of a large network of formed and gravel Homelands access roads.

A major budget consideration for Council is the ageing internal road network within communities and the ongoing need to improve rural road standards. Limited funding, extreme environmental impacts during the wet season, and the need to source materials and specialist road crews from major urban centres all contribute to the challenges, cost and complexity of this work. Despite these challenges, Council will continue to prioritise improvements to these road networks to support reliable access and keep communities connected.

Waste management

Council provides a range of waste management services for residents, businesses and community-based organisations. These include:

- regular waste collection services
- kerbside garbage collection
- litter patrol
- regular hard waste removal
- community and pre-cyclone clean-up days
- waste and facilities management
- planning and developing operational policy and strategy
- community education and engagement.

Waste management is critically important across the West Daly region. Our community recognises the link between effective waste management, environmental sustainability, our country and our people's health.

Council's waste management practices and policies are guided by the *Waste Management Strategy for the Northern Territory 2015-2022*, the *National Waste Policy Action Plan 2019*, and the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 2007*.

This is supported by a national shift in thinking about waste as a resource and applying the principles of a circular economy, including:

- avoid waste
- improve resource recovery, increase use of recycled materials and build demand and markets for recycled products
- better manage material flows to benefit human health, the environment and the economy
- improve information to support innovation, guide investment and enable informed consumer decisions.

Achieving this desired approach presents a significant and ongoing challenge to our Council. Our remote and isolated region with vast distances of unsealed roads, high transport costs and limited waste infrastructure create barriers to efficiently separate and transport

recyclables and hazardous wastes. The historical practices of waste burial and incineration continue across some parts of our region where limited alternative options are available. Failure to demonstrate the economic incentives and positive environmental impacts surrounding resource recovery will continue to undermine any incentive for the community to engage in more sustainable practices.

Cemetery management

Council maintains responsibility for managing and maintaining cemeteries within our region. This is coordinated under the *Burial and Cremation Act 2022* and *Burial and Cremation Regulations 2022*, with strong support from Local Authorities and Traditional Owners.

Several cemeteries and burial sites are located within the 3 communities and throughout the Homelands.

Parks and open spaces

Parks and open spaces are vital places for communities within the West Daly region to connect, socialise and play. Coming from often crowded living conditions, community parks and open spaces are seen as a refuge and communal meeting places to share stories and enable culture to exist and flourish in a contemporary setting. Council's civil crews take great pride in ensuring these places are well maintained with regular mowing, spraying, irrigation and general maintenance and upgrade activities subject to available funding.

Sports Grounds

Sport continues to play an essential part in the lives of community members within our region. This passion is reflected in Council's commitment to maintaining and improving our sporting grounds and facilities.

The main sports within the region remain Australian Rules Football and softball. Council maintains both sporting ovals in each community. Civil crews regularly undertake lighting, irrigation and mowing maintenance programs to ensure the grounds remain playable.

Council has also secured sport and recreation program funding from the Northern Territory Government and will focus on implementing and activating this to deliver additional sport and recreation opportunities across the region.

The 'supporting healthy communities through sports and recreation programs' report shows there are many benefits to Aboriginal communities participating in sport and recreation programs. These include improving school retention and attitudes to learning, social and cognitive skills, physical and mental health and wellbeing, increased social inclusion and cohesion, increased validation of and connection to culture, and crime reduction.



Animal management

Dogs and other animals are very important to the people within our region, and dogs occupy a vital place in the culture of our communities. Living conditions in our remote communities impact animal and human health. There are clear links between the health of the local dog populations and their human companions.

Large unmanaged dog and cat populations can cause problems for our communities, including overpopulation, Zoonosis (transfer of disease from animal to human, i.e. scabies and hookworm), noise, litter, dangerous and threatening behaviour, and loss of food and livestock.

Principally, animal management refers to companion animals such as dogs and cats but may include larger animals such as horses.

Weed control and fire hazard reduction

Weeds severely impact the Northern Territory's environmental, economic, social and cultural values. Under the *Weeds Management Act 2001*, Council works closely with Weed Management Branch of the Northern Territory Department of Lands, Planning and Environment and the Thamarrurr Development Corporation (TDC) Ranger Program to prevent, monitor, notify and dispose of declared weeds within our region.

Bushfires are also part of the Northern Territory landscape. The fire season within the West Daly region runs from April to November. Council undertakes pre-season maintenance mowing, spraying, clearing fire breaks, and pruning to reduce the fire risk and effectively manage weed control.

There are 5 management zones across the Northern Territory under the *Bushfires Management Act 2016* and within Bushfires NT jurisdiction, with the West Daly region under the Vernon Arafura Bushfire Management Zone. The Vernon Arafura Regional Bushfire Management Plan supports community-wide fire management within our region and guides our response to and management of fire prevention activities.

Commercial services

Council provides commercial services to several Australian Government agencies and private businesses to deliver contracts in remote communities in the West Daly region.

Australia Post

Council delivers postal services to Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti on behalf of Australia Post. In Wadeye, Council operates the licensed Post Office from within Council's office.

Council staff collect, sort, and distribute mail at each location. Council staff also redirect uncollected mail. All mail is secured in Council's office until collected.

Centrelink

Services Australia contracts Council to provide the Agents and Access Program in Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti. As an Agent, Council is committed to providing and improving the quality of Services Australia services available to customers in the region.

All service access equipment is housed inside Council offices and accessible to customers during Council hours of operation. Services accessed by clients include Centrelink, Medicare, accessing MyGov and general assistance by Council Agents to access self-service equipment and referral to the Services Australia call centre.

Aerodrome management

Council conducts inspections and facilitates maintenance work and reporting for the 3 aerodromes in Nganmarriyanga, Peppimenarti and Wadeye on behalf of the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.

Council employs Aerodrome Reporting Officers (ARO) for each aerodrome to respond to after-hours calls and ensure the safety of the airstrip before landing. Works Safety Officers (WSO) complete regular inspections and maintenance activities

Remote tenancy management

Council provides Tenancy Management Support Services for Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti (including the Homelands of Nama and Wudapuli).

Council Community Housing Officers deliver education to tenants around the living strong program, provide assistance with administrative support, and report repairs and maintenance requests to contractors

Focus 1: A strong Council

Objective: We build strong foundations and continuously improve our governance, planning and systems to create a resilient organisation.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Ensure Council has the operational capacity it needs	Maintain a fill rate of 80% of positions against the current organisational chart.
2. Continuous review of policies and procedures	Review 25% of Council's suite of policies and procedures and update as required by 30 June 2027.
3. Efficiently manage grants as a key source of income	Ensure 100% of grants are acquitted against the total number of grants awarded from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

Focus 2: Strong, healthy and safe people

Objective: We build capability and capacity in our communities and support all people by investing in the environment and their safety, growth and wellbeing.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Improve regional waste management by enhancing operational efficiency at the Wadeye landfill site	<p>Improve regional waste management practices through the Wadeye landfill site by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > obtaining appropriate regulatory approvals and licencing > recruiting a waste team leader > creating revenue generation streams such as charging commercial customers and scrap metal collection with a profit margin of at least 10% > advocating for funding for the abandoned vehicles program > recruiting landfill officers under the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program.
2. Create long term sustainability for the Wadeye swimming pool	<p>Ensure the pool is maintained as an intergenerational community asset by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > achieving 800 patron visits per month > achieving 100 open hours per month > holding 5 Council run community events at the pool between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027 > expanding existing programs such as learn to swim > ensuring local people are trained in roles such as lifesavers and swimming instructors.
3. Lead by example as a high-quality employer in the region and a leader in governance	<p>Lead by example as an employer and in governance by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > achieving a minimum of 5 training days per employee (equivalent to 38 hours per employee) for Council staff between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027 > maintaining 100% completion of mandatory training for Elected Members.

Focus 3: Developing Council for community

Objective: We aim to provide stable opportunities for our communities through improved infrastructure, increased employment and cultural, sporting and social events.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Implement funding from the Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Fund	Maintain a fill rate of 80% of RJED identified positions.
2. Maintain a calendar of community events	Publish 5 community events on Council's website and hold events in Council facilities such as the library or pool.
3. Advocate for the region's needs to government	Advocate and be a voice for the region's needs by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">> senior leadership engagement to advocate to NIAA and Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development> 100% of submissions on the <i>Local Government Act</i> amended when requested.

Focus 4: Delivering on our promises



Objective: We grow our services by listening and seeking new opportunities, working with others to support our communities today and in the future.

Action	Key Performance Indicators
1. Develop sustainable partnerships to deliver community services and meet community needs and priorities	Develop sustainable partnerships with community service providers and government agencies across 2026-27, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > strengthen Council's relationship with TDC, Murin and AMRRIC > build closer ties with and advocate to NIAA.
2. Implement reliable connectivity in all communities	Advocate to service providers such as Telstra and conduct technology upgrades in all communities across 2026-27.





FEATURE STORIES

Opening of new library in Wadeye

Focus Area 4: Delivering on our promises

West Daly Regional Council opened the Wadeye Community Library on 13 March 2026, delivering an upgraded and accessible space for the community. Relocated from its previous site, the new library provides a welcoming environment for children and families, with new books and resources supported by the Northern Territory Government and enhanced through Council investment. The library is already supporting greater access to learning and creativity within the community.

In 2026-27, Council plans to expand the library's role as a community hub through a range of activities and community programs to support education, literacy and connection. Council will explore opportunities to further enhance the library services, including a library assistant role supported through the RJED program.

This project reflects Council's ongoing commitment to community-based services that create local opportunities and support long-term wellbeing across our region.



FEATURE STORIES

Flood recovery in Palumpa and Peppimenarti

Focus Area 2: Strong, healthy and safe people

Following the flooding events in early 2026, West Daly Regional Council is continuing to support recovery efforts in its affected communities, with a strong focus on restoring community safety, access and essential services throughout 2026-27.

Council teams worked to deliver clean up activities such as clearing properties, managing waste and supporting the safe return of residents to homes. These efforts remain a priority and are expected to continue into the coming year. In 2026-27, Council will begin developing a long-term recovery plan to guide ongoing efforts for current and future severe weather events.

The impacts of severe weather have highlighted the need for improved infrastructure and greater resilience across the region. Council is working with the Northern Territory and Australian governments to secure funding to strengthen access to Homelands, improve housing and explore flood mitigation opportunities and community cyclone shelter infrastructure.

Through these efforts, Council remains committed to supporting its communities through recovery while planning for a safer and more resilient future.







FEATURE STORIES

Providing ongoing animal management in our communities

Focus Area 4: Delivering on our promises

Dogs and other companion animals play an important role in the lives of people across the West Daly region. Council remains committed to delivering ongoing animal management programs to support improved health, wellbeing and safety outcomes for both animals and community members.

Managing animal populations continues to be a priority, as large unmanaged numbers can impact community safety, environmental health and the spread of disease. Council works in partnership with Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) to deliver veterinary services, animal care education and population management

programs across Wadeye, Palumpa, Peppimenarti and surrounding Homelands.

In 2026-27, Council will build on this work through an expanded program informed by recent census outcomes completed by AMRRIC in Wadeye. An initial surgical program is scheduled for June 2026 across the 3 main communities, followed by additional visits that will extend services to Homelands.

Council is also focused on creating training opportunities for local community members, supporting skills development in animal care and administering anti-parasitic treatments.

FEATURE STORIES

Strengthening waste management in Wadeye

Focus Area 3: Developing Council for community

Improving waste management at the Wadeye landfill site remains a key priority for Council, with a renewed focus on operational improvements and compliance.

Council will be taking important steps in 2026-27 to bring the landfill site into alignment with regulatory requirements and has been preparing an Environmental Management Plan and Health and Safety Plan. Council will also work toward securing licensing with the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority to support safer and more effective waste management practices across the region.

Recognising the current capacity pressures and impacts of seasonal weather, Council is focused on restoring and improving landfill operations. Looking ahead, Council will explore opportunities to generate revenue through commercial waste services, while maintaining essential waste collection for residents. As operations improve, the Wadeye landfill site will create local employment opportunities for our community.



FEATURE STORIES

Strengthening communication through Council newsletters

Focus Area 1: A strong Council

West Daly Regional Council has introduced a regular newsletter to improve communication and keep communities informed about Council activities, services and achievements.

The newsletter provides updates on key projects, community initiatives and important service information, while also recognising staff contributions and local success stories. This approach supports greater transparency and ensures communities have access to clear and consistent information.

The newsletter plays an important role in improving how Council connects with residents and stakeholders as part of its commitment to strengthening governance and organisational capability.

Council will continue to build on this initiative throughout 2026-27, using communication tools to support informed communities and a more responsive and connected organisation.





Financial Statements

Our Financial Plan

2026–27

Budget overview

West Daly Regional Council has prepared its budget for the 2026–27 financial year in line with the *Local Government Act 2019*. This plan outlines how we aim to manage our funding, services and community priorities over the next year.

The following information is provided in accordance with Part 10.4 (Long-term Financial Plan), section 200, and Part 10.5 (Annual Budgets), section 201(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, as applicable. The tables are presented in the format recommended by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Each legislative requirement is addressed below.

Our goals

In 2026–27, Council will continue prioritising the delivery of dependable and sustainable services across the region. Our central aim is to sustain essential community services, especially civil services, by meeting minimum service requirements and maintaining consistent delivery standards.

How we'll do it

- > **Investing in people and services:** We are committed to strengthening our workforce's capacity to effectively meet the needs of our communities.
- > **Managing costs and assets:** We will continue to manage operating expenses carefully, maintain our fleet and equipment, and replace assets at the end of their useful life. Where appropriate, costs will be adjusted in line with inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- > **Growing our own revenue:** Council is broadening local service offerings such as building works, mechanical repairs, accommodation and Post Office services, to reduce dependence on government funding and build a more sustainable income stream over time.
- > **Living within our means:** The current budget is based on no anticipated funding increase. Council will revise the budget during the year as funding is confirmed and as ongoing projects from the previous year progress.
- > **Replacing ageing assets:** Much of our fleet and equipment was transferred to Council in 2014 and is now requiring increased maintenance. Their replacement will depend on securing grant funding from the Australian and Northern Territory governments.

No major capital projects planned

Council will continue to maintain existing services; however, there is currently no funding allocated for major new infrastructure projects over the next 4 years.

Program administration

To support the administration of funded programs and projects, Council applies a 15% administrative fee, which remains unchanged from the previous year.

Measuring success

Council will track performance using clear key performance indicators (KPIs), which are outlined in our 2026–27 Regional Plan.

Budget summary

The full budget for 2026–27, including expected income and expenses, is included in the Regional Plan and meets all legal requirements.

Annual Budget 2026–27

Budget 2026-27 - *Income and Expenditure*

Operating Income	Rates	\$2,099,376
	Charges	\$1,387,955
	Fees and Charges	\$185,560
	Operating Grants and Subsidies	\$8,660,510
	Interest / Investment Income	\$105,000
	Commercial and Other Income	\$1,559,720
	Total Operating Income	\$13,998,121
Operating Expenditure	Employee Expenses	\$6,532,361
	Materials and Contracts	\$3,412,805
	Elected Member Allowances	\$236,080
	Elected Member Expenses	\$45,000
	Council Committee & LA Allowances	\$72,600
	Council Committee & LA Expenses	\$10,000
	Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	\$2,449,900
	Interest Expenses	\$240,000
	Other Expenses	\$2,816,820
	Total Operating Expenditure	\$15,815,566
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT		(\$1,817,445)

Budget 2026-27 - Annual Budget Operating Position

BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT		(\$1,817,445)
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS		
Less Non-Cash Income		-
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses		\$2,449,900
	TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	\$2,449,900
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS		
Capital Expenditure		\$1,580,000
Borrowing Repayments (Principle Only)		-
Transfers to Reserves		-
Other Outflows		-
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(\$1,580,000)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS		
Capital Grants Income		\$1,000,000
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding		-
Other Inflow of Funds		-
Transfers from Reserves		-
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	\$1,000,000
	NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	\$52,455

Budget 2026-27

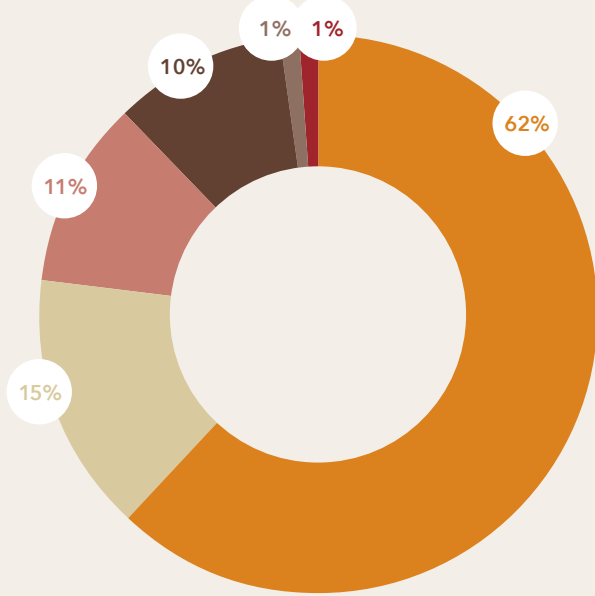
Local Authority Budgets	Darwin/Regional	Nganmarrinyanga	Peppimenarti	Wadeye	Total
Operating Income					
Rates	-	\$146,956	\$167,950	\$1,784,470	\$2,099,376
Charges	-	\$97,157	\$111,036	\$1,179,762	\$1,387,955
Fees and Charges	-	\$14,845	\$12,989	\$157,726	\$185,560
Operating Grants and Subsidies	-	\$1,991,917	\$1,905,312	\$4,763,281	\$8,660,510
Interest / Investment Income	\$105,000	-	-	-	\$105,000
Commercial and Other Income	-	\$62,389	\$31,194	\$1,466,137	\$1,559,720
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$105,000	\$2,313,264	\$2,228,482	\$9,351,375	\$13,998,121
Operating Expenditure					
Employee Expenses	\$1,763,737	\$522,589	\$979,854	\$3,266,181	\$6,532,361
Materials and Contracts	\$341,281	\$511,921	\$511,921	\$2,047,683	\$3,412,805
Elected Member Allowances	-	\$110,280	\$21,960	\$103,840	\$236,080
Elected Member Expenses	-	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$27,000	\$45,000
Council Committee and LA Allowances	\$6,000	\$23,200	\$19,400	\$24,000	\$72,600
Council Committee and LA Expenses	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$10,000
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	\$1,028,958	\$244,990	\$244,990	\$930,962	\$2,449,900
Interest Expenses	\$240,000	-	-	-	\$240,000
Other Expenses	\$845,046	\$281,682	\$281,682	\$1,408,410	\$2,816,820
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$4,226,022	\$1,706,662	\$2,070,807	\$7,812,076	\$15,815,566
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(\$4,121,022)	\$606,602	\$157,675	\$1,539,299	(\$1,817,445)

* Unallocated budget would likely include council headquarter costs and other balances not directly related to the LA areas.

** Total annual budget line item amounts are to equal the Table 1.1 amounts under the equivalent headings.

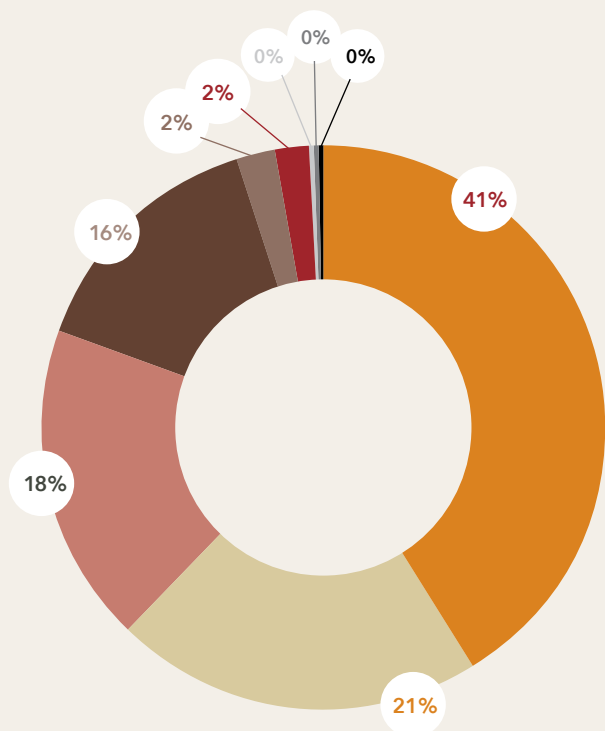
2026-27 Budget

Income - Operational and Capital



- Operating Grants and Subsidies
\$8,660,510
- Rates
\$2,099,376
- Commercial and Other Income
\$1,559,720
- Charges.....
\$1,387,955
- Fees and charges.....
\$185,560
- Interest/Investment Income.....
\$105,000

Expenditure - Operational and Capital



- Employment Expenses.....
\$6,532,361
- Materials and Contracts
\$3,382,805
- Other Expenses.....
\$2,796,820
- Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairments.....
\$2,449,900
- Interest Expenses.....
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\$72,600
- Elected Member Expenses.....
\$45,000
- Council Committee and LA Expenses.....
\$10,000

Proposed allowances for 2026–27

Allowances	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	Councillor
Base Councillor Allowance	\$21,960	\$21,960	\$21,960
Principal Member Allowance	\$85,280	\$16,000	-
Total Allowance	\$110,280	\$37,960	\$21,960
Other Allowances			
Professional Development	\$ 7,500	\$7,500	\$5,000
Extra Meeting Allowance **	-	\$12,000	\$10,000
Vehicle Allowance if no vehicle is provided	\$40,000	-	-
Capped Total Allowance	\$47,500	\$ 19,500	\$15,000

** Extra meeting allowance is to be paid to eligible members (not including Principle Member) for attendance at extra meetings or activities is the accumulated hours on any one day and are:

- Up to 2 hours \$200
- Between 2 and 4 hours \$300
- More than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable any one day)

A capped vehicle allowance at \$12,000 will be available in certain circumstances, including:

Travel to and from statutory and official Council meetings, approved functions representing the Principle member, Local Authority Meetings within the Councillors own ward, and meetings where an extra meeting has been approved.

Further information is available in the Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal, Determination of allowances for members of Local Councils, Determination No.1 of 2026.

Allowances - Local Authority	Chair	Member
If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300	\$200
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450	\$300
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600	\$400

Schedule of fees and charges

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2026-27
ADMINISTRATION		
Rate & Property Services		
Change of Ownership Advices - Rates	Advice	\$58
Rates Search	Property	\$58
Copies of Rates Notices	Notice	\$46
Late Payment Fees		
Late fees on Invoice Payment (>30 days)	Month	\$52.50
Documentation Assistance		
Completing forms, application, etc.	Hour	\$69
Printing A4	Page double side B&W	\$2.30
	Page B&W	\$1.40
	Page double side colour	\$4
	Page colour	\$2.3
Photocopying A4	Page double side B&W	\$2.3
	Page B&W	\$1.4
	Page double side colour	\$4
	Page colour	\$2.3
Printing & Photocopying A3	Page B&W	\$3.2
	Page colour	\$6.3
Scanning	Page double side	\$2.3
	Page	\$1.4
Laminating		
A4	Page	\$6
A3	Page	\$12
Internet Access Library - Wadeye Only		
Computer hire		Free
ACCOMMODATION - Visitor's Quarters (VOQ)*		
Nganmarriyanga		
VOQ	Night	\$286
Peppimenarti		
VOQ - 2 Bedroom	Night	\$417
VOQ - 1 Bedroom	Night	\$286
Wadeye		
VOQ Unit	Night	\$417
VOQ single person Accommodation	Night	\$286

Long term accommodation bookings (subject to availability) will be discounted as follows;

Booking more than 2 weeks less than 4 weeks - 15%

Booking more than 4 weeks less than 6 weeks - 20%

Booking more than 6 weeks - 25%

*VOQ rate is per person, per night

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2026-27
CONFERENCE ROOM HIRE		
Winnellie	Full Day	\$956
	Half Day	\$478
Wadeye	Full Day	\$536
	Half Day	\$299
Nganmarriyanga	Full Day	\$536
	Half Day	\$299
Peppimenarti	Full Day	\$238
	Half Day	\$149
PLANNING		
Temporary Road Closure		
	Occasion	\$357
ECONOMIC SERVICES		
Lawn Mowing (minimum charges)		
Domestic		
Lawn	Hour	\$131
Whipper Snipper	Hour	\$131
Commercial		
Lawn	Hour	\$203
Whipper Snipper	Hour	\$203
Equipment Hire		
LED Screen on Trailer	Hour	\$89
	Day	\$595
BBQ Trailer	Day	\$121
Mobilisation/Set-up/Return	Occasion	\$89
SPORTS & RECREATION		
SWIMMING POOL		
Out of Hours	Hour	\$115.50
OVAL		
Community	3 hours	Free
Commercial	Occasion max 8 hours	\$157.50
Oval Lights	Hour	\$26

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2026-27
WASTE MANAGEMENT		
Municipal Solid Waste (non-commercial)	Unit	Fee (GST Inc)
Clean Fill	m ³	No charge
General Waste	m ³	No Charge
Green Waste	m ³	No Charge
Bins (non-commercial)	Unit	Fee (GST Inc)
Replacement 240 litre Wheelie Bin	Each	\$173
Commercial and Industrial	Unit	Fee (GST Inc)
Unsorted Waste will be charged at m ³ rate	m ³	\$428
Animal Carcasses	Each	\$58
Oil-Cooking	Per ltr	\$2.60
Batteries	Each	\$23
Car/vehicle bodies dumping only	Each	\$52.50
Car/vehicle bodies removal and dumping	Each	\$451.50
Concrete/rubble	m ³	\$238
General waste	m ³	\$66
Green Waste	m ³	\$66
Metal uncontaminated	m ³	\$66
Mixed Fill (soil, rock, rubbish)	m ³	\$66
Solar Hot Water Systems	Each	\$81
Timber (untreated)	m ³	\$63.50
Timber (treated) includes pallets	m ³	\$63.50
Tyre - Vehicle	Each	\$26
Tyre - Light Truck 16"	Each	\$47
Tyre - Truck Heavy Vehicle	Each	\$94.50
Tyre - Tractor/Grader/Loader	Each	\$232
White Goods	Each	\$52.50

Schedule of fees and charges	Each/per	Fees/charges 2026-27
TRADE CHARGES		
Labour (within Community)*		
Unskilled/Semi Skilled Labour	Hour	\$96
Skilled Labour	Hour	\$143
Civil Labourer	Hour	\$130
Supervisor	Hour	\$262.50
Administration Services	Hour	\$121
Cleaner	Hour	\$96
Trades*		
Mechanic	Hour	\$203
Carpenter	Hour	\$191
Electrician	Hour	\$215
Plumber	Hour	\$215
Builder	Hour	\$215
Trades Assistant	Hour	\$143
Trades Coordinator	Hour	\$262.50
Travel	KM	\$4
<i>*Minimum charge is 1 hour; 50% rate increase after 4:30PM and 100% rate increase for weekends.</i>		
Others		
Workshop Materials	Per	Cost + 30%
Mobilisation/Demobilisation charges	Occasion	Actual cost + 15% admin fee
Workshop Consumables	Per	\$42
Key Cutting	Key	\$26
Vehicle Inspection - not exceeding 4.5 tonnes	Per	\$73.50
Trailer - not exceeding 4.5 tonnes (Aggregate trailer mass)	Per	\$73.50
Vehicle Inspection - exceeding 4.5 tonnes	Per	\$168
AIRPORT CHARGES (subject to Avdata charge rates. Refer www.avdata.com.au)		
<9,000kg	Landing per tonne	\$26.50
≥9,000kg	Landing per tonne	\$36
Heli <2,500 kg	Landing per tonne	\$26.50
Heli ≥2,500 kg	Landing per tonne	\$36
Minimum	Landing per tonne	\$26.50
Airport Transfer	Trip	\$115.50

Schedule of fees and charges	Fees/charges 2026-27	
	PLANT HIRE*	
	Rate per Hour	Rate per Day (7 hours)
Grader	\$367.5	\$2625
Loader	\$367.5	\$2625
Volvo Flat Top Truck (tilt tray)**	\$262.5	\$1890
Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader	\$231	\$1785
John Deere Tractor 5093E inc slasher	\$262.5	\$1785
Hino Tip Truck	\$262.5	\$1680
Roller	\$262.5	\$1680
Backhoe	\$315	\$1840
Bobcat	\$262.5	\$1680
Excavator 2.5 Tonne	\$262.5	\$1890
Trailer Tandem Wheels	NA	\$160
8FT Slasher	\$73.5	NA
6FT Slasher	\$52.5	NA
Forklift	\$231	NA
Ride on Mower	\$210	NA

* All on a wet hire basis - must include WDRC employee as Driver, with operator and fuel; A mobilisation/set-up/return fee of **\$89** per occasion is charged if plant hire is required outside the Community.

** Volvo Flat top truck (tilt tray) can also be hired per kilometre basis at **\$4/KM**. Minimum charge **\$650** for out-of-community collection.

Day rate is from the operating hours of 8am to 4pm (7 hours maximum).

Terms, Payments & Recourse

- All fees are inclusive of GST.
- All accounts for the purchase of goods or services, provided by the West Daly Regional Council (WDRC) are to be settled in full within 30 days from date of Invoice.
- Should the Customer default in the payment of any monies due under this Agreement, then all monies due to WDRC shall immediately become due and payable, and will be paid by the Customer within fourteen (14) days of the date of written demand from WDRC.
- In the event an account is not settled, WDRC reserves the right to withhold any further supply of goods and services and shall be entitled to charge interest on all amounts not paid by the due date for payment and the Customer undertakes to pay any interest so charged. Such interest will be calculated on a daily basis from the due date for payment until the date that WDRC receives payment with **18.0%** per annum. Late payment processing fees of \$52.50 will be charged on top of interest.
- Any expenses, costs or disbursements whatsoever incurred by WDRC in recovering any outstanding monies, including debt collection agency fees and legal costs, shall be added to the original monies owed and will be paid by the Customer on an indemnity basis and all such costs shall be recoverable as a liquidated debt.
- For Fees & Charges not mention in above list, Council authorised the CEO to determine reasonable Fees & Charges and inform council with any updates to the table.
- These fees & Charges are for short-term (daily / weekly) purpose. For long term and commercial activities, separate fees & charges will be negotiated.
- Debit card and Credit card (MasterCard / Visa) attracts 1.0% Surcharge.

West Daly Regional Council



Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026–27

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act), that the following rates and charges were declared by the West Daly Regional Council (“Council”) at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act, in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

For the purpose of this declaration:

“allotment”	has the meaning set out in section 225 of the Act.
“Commercial purposes”	means rateable land used for commercial, industrial, community or other business purposes and irrespective of any intention to profit from such use.
“Council area”	means the area of Council as defined in the Act.
“garbage collection service”	<p>the “garbage collection service” comprises a kerbside collection service of one garbage collection visit per week with a maximum of one 240 litre mobile bin per garbage collection visit. The total garbage collection service charge for an allotment is as follows:</p> <p>Total Garbage Collection Service Charge = garbage collection service charge x #bins assigned x #assigned minimum garbage collection services.</p> <p>The number of assigned collection services are dependent upon the community.</p>
“Mining tenement”	has the meaning set out in section 7 of the Act.
“Pastoral lease”	has the meaning set out in section 3 of the <i>Pastoral Land Act</i> .
“Rateable land”	as defined at section 218 of the Act.
“Residential dwelling”	means a dwelling, house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building on residential land (whether or not it is exempt from rates) and includes a unit within the meaning of the <i>Unit Titles Act</i> and the <i>Unit Titles Schemes Act</i> ;
“Residential land”	means land used or capable of being used for residential purposes (but does not include land on which there is no residential dwelling);
“Residential purposes”	means rateable land used or capable of being used for residential purposes.
“the Act”	means the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> (NT) as in force.

Rates

The Council made the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act:

1. Pursuant to section 227 of the Act, the Council adopts, as the basis of determining the assessed value of all allotments in the Council area, the unimproved capital value as it appears on the valuation roll prepared by the Valuer-General under the *Valuation of Land Act 1963* (NT).
2. However, consistent with section 227(3) of the Act:
 - (a) the unimproved value of a mining tenement is its assessed value; and
 - (b) the unimproved value is taken to be 20 times the annual rental payable under the tenement.

3. The Council, pursuant to section 237 of the Act, declared that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$2,099,376 which will be raised in accordance with section 226 of the Act. The basis of rates are the valuation-based amounts calculated as a proportion of the assessed value of each allotment with which are subject to minimum amounts and/or fixed amounts.
4. The Council declared the following differential rates with minimum amounts being payable in application of each of those differential rates:
 - (a) With respect to every allotment classed as Residential land in the council assessment record, a differential rate of 6.479621% of the assessed value of such land will apply with a minimum amount being payable in the application of this rate being \$2,194.51 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act); or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
 - (b) With respect to every allotment classed as Commercial land in the council assessment record, (excluding Pastoral leases and mining tenements), a differential rate of 20.3202636% of the assessed value of such land will apply with a minimum amount being payable in the application of this rate being \$2,438.73 multiplied by:
 - (i) the number of separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act); or
 - (ii) the number 1,whichever is the greater.
 - (c) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is classed as Vacant land, a differential rate of 6.479621% of the assessed value with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,194.51 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (d) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is classed as Other land [not listed elsewhere in this declaration] a differential rate of 6.479621% of the assessed value with a minimum amount being payable in the application of that charge being \$2,194.51 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (e) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Residential purposes, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,194.51 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (f) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is used or occupied for Commercial purposes (excluding Pastoral leases and mining tenements), where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,438.73 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (g) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is Vacant Land, where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,194.51 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (h) With respect to every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is Other Land [not listed elsewhere in this declaration], where there is no Unimproved Capital Value assessed for the allotment, a fixed charge of \$2,194.51 will apply (as set out in section 226 of the Act).
 - (i) With respect to every allotment of land within the Council area, which is subject to Mining Tenements, the rate will be the assessed value (being 20 times the annual rental payable under the tenement) multiplied by 0.009238, with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$2,368.42 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).

- (j) Note:
- (i) contiguous tenements or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person are to be rated as if they were a single tenement;
 - (ii) if the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of the land underlying the mining tenement and is liable for the rates for the underlying land tenure, the only rates payable are either the rates for the mining tenement or the rates for the underlying land tenure, whichever is greater.
- (k) With respect to every allotment of land within the Council area over which there is a Pastoral Lease, the rate will be the assessed value multiplied by 0.000813, with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being \$1,000.70 (as set out in section 226 of the Act).

Charges

Garbage Collection charges

5. Pursuant to Section 239 of Act, the Council declared the following charges for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of garbage collection services and the waste disposal services it provides for the benefit of eligible ratepayers within the Council area (except such land as Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined it is impractical to provide such services) and the occupiers of such land. The Council intends to raise \$1,299,509 by way of these charges.
6. The following charges were declared by the Council:
- (a) Residential Garbage Collection Charge:
 - (i) a charge of \$1,671.44 per annum per allotment of Residential dwelling will apply.
 - (ii) the purpose for which this charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of Residential land in the Council area;
 - (iii) where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a residential dwelling referred to in paragraph 7. (a)(ii), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins. An additional service fee of \$1,671.44 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, and the additional service fee shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 7.(a)(i).
 - (b) Commercial Garbage Collection Charge:
 - (i) a charge of \$3,029.14 per annum per allotment of Commercial purposes land will apply;
 - (ii) the purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of Commercial purposes land in the Council area;
 - (iii) where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of a Commercial Purposes land referred to in paragraph 7.(b)(ii), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins, an additional charge of \$3,029.14 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, which charge shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 7. (b)(i).

(c) All Other Garbage Collection Charge:

- (i) a charge of \$1,671.44 per annum per all other allotment will apply;
- (ii) the purpose for which this Charge is to be imposed is to assist Council in meeting the cost of the garbage collection service it provides to, or which Council is willing and able to provide to each allotment of all other land not applicable to paragraphs 6(a) and 6(b) in the Council area;
- (iii) where, in response to a written request from a person liable to pay a charge in respect of another allotment referred to in paragraph 7. (a)(ii), Council approves the request and provides an additional service in the form of a weekly collection of waste contained in additional garbage bins. An additional service fee of \$1,671.44 per annum in relation to the collection of waste from each additional garbage bin collected through the use by rateable properties of more than one (1) council specified garbage bin. The additional service shall be the provision and collection of waste contained in the number of additional garbage bins approved by Council in response to such written request, and the additional service fee shall be levied and paid in conjunction with the charge for the weekly collection service referred to in paragraph 7.(a)(i).

Waste Disposal and Management Charge

7. Pursuant to section 239 of the Act, the Council declared the following charges in respect of Waste Disposal and Management Charge services it provides for the benefit of all land within the Council area (except such land as Council from time to time determines to be exempt or excluded from the provision of such services or for which the Council has determined it is impractical to provide such services). The Council intends to raise \$15,050 by way of these charges.
8. A charge of every allotment for which the Council is not able to, or not willing to provide a garbage collection service. This charge provides access to landfill facilities within the Council boundaries and is as follows:
 - (a) Waste Disposal and Management charge = \$443.61 for residential allotments.
 - (b) Waste Disposal and Management charge = \$1,157.68 for commercial allotments.

Animal Management Charge

9. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, every allotment of Rateable land within the Council area that is used for Residential purposes in the Council assessment record, and for which the rural classification is not applicable, the Council declared a special charge to be imposed on Rateable land generally for the purpose of "Animal Management" and to assist the implementation of Animal Management in the Council area. The Council intends to raise the amount of \$23,300 by way of this special charge. This rate will be levied on all "Residential land" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$50.00 per allotment.

Environmental Charge

10. Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, the Council declared a special charge to be imposed on Rateable land generally "Environmental Charge" for the purpose of assisting with the implementation of waste facility management in the area. The Council intends to raise the amount of \$50,096 by way of this special charge and is as follows:
 - (a) This rate will be levied on all "Residential purposes" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$97.94 per allotment; and
 - (b) This rate will be levied on all "Commercial purposes" allotments by application of a fixed charge of \$122.43 per allotment.

Relevant interest rate


11. The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with section 245 of the Act at the rate of 18% per annum and is calculated daily.

Payment dates

12. The Council determined that rates and charges for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 inclusive shall be due and payable by the 30th of September 2026.
13. Payments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.
 - (a) details of due dates and specified amounts will be listed on the relevant rates notice in accordance with section 242 of the Act ("the Rates Notice").
 - (b) variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.
14. A concession will be provided to eligible residents who qualify under the NT Concession and Seniors Recognition Scheme.
15. A ratepayer and or charge payer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates, charges and interest (if applicable) plus any expenses, costs or disbursements whatsoever incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates, charges and interest, including but not limited to, debt collection agency fees and legal costs.

Rates Assessment Record Certification

I certify to the Council that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the rates assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the West Daly Region.


John Thomas
Chief Executive Officer
West Daly Regional Council

ASSESSMENT OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE RATING POLICY

West Daly Regional Council's rates and charges are set each year with consideration to a variety of criteria, such as rising service delivery costs, planned capital projects, rising service levels, and other Council initiatives. The Council also considers statistical measures such as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and potential increases in wage costs because of the Council's enterprise agreement.

To minimise the impacts on ratepayers, Council consciously aims to minimise rates increases while generating enough income to meet its goals and maintain appropriate service levels.

The council's revenue from general rates represents 25% of total budgeted operating revenue. This is a small portion of the Council's total revenue in comparison to many Councils in larger and urban areas. To sustain the provision of existing levels of service provided by the Council, the rates have been increased by 8% for this 2026-27 financial year. This increase is a result of the necessity to make up for decreased revenue from other sources as well as the above mentioned considerations. The Council's does not hold sufficient reserves to be able to support major capital programs and is reliant upon prudent Grant and Project Funding applications having reference to the Regional Plan to be able to provide major capital and project spending in the coming year.

Ratepayers within the West Daly regional will continue to pay rates which are comparable with other local government jurisdictions. Therefore, the Council's assessment of the social and economic effects of the Council's rating policy is deemed to have no substantial social or economic impact on the Council's ratepayers.

Long Term Financial Plan

Council's 2026-27 budget has been developed to support its long-term financial sustainability and strategic planning objectives. It is designed to ensure the continued delivery of essential services to the community in the years ahead. However, certain elements of the budget remain subject to uncertainty, particularly in relation to funding arrangements for specific programs and contractual agreements.

Council revenue is derived from a combination of commercial operations, user fees and contracts with external organisations, with Government grants representing the primary source of funding. These revenues support the delivery of core services, including administration, human resources and the maintenance of infrastructure such as roads and buildings, as well as enabling investment in community infrastructure upgrades.

Maintaining long-term financial stability is contingent upon consistent funding from both the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government. Any variation in these funding streams, or current key contracts, may impact Council's capacity to deliver services to the community.

Main points of the long-term plan:

- Council will continue to deliver all existing essential services to the community.
- Services that rely on external grants such as certain community programs, are only included where ongoing funding is reasonably expected. As funding levels for the next 4 years are not yet confirmed, projections have been based on historical funding patterns and anticipated cost increases.
- The plan assumes no significant changes in government policy that would materially affect Council operations.
- Inflation (CPI) is forecast to increase by approximately 3% per annum over the next 3 years, in line with current economic data.
- No new major projects are proposed beyond those already identified in the Regional Plan, unless additional funding becomes available.
- Ongoing maintenance and renewal of Council infrastructure will continue at current service levels, with future costs indexed to inflation.

Overall, the long-term financial plan aims to ensure the continued delivery of priority services while maintaining responsible financial management and supporting long-term community needs.

Long Term Financial Plan

		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Operating Income	Rates	\$2,099,376	\$2,183,351	\$2,270,685	\$2,361,512
	Charges	\$1,387,955	\$1,443,473	\$1,501,212	\$1,561,261
	Fees and Charges	\$185,560	\$194,840	\$204,580	\$214,810
	Operating Grants and Subsidies	\$8,660,510	\$8,920,325	\$9,187,935	\$9,463,573
	Interest / Investment Income	\$105,000	\$108,150	\$111,395	\$114,735
	Commercial and Other Income	\$1,559,720	\$1,606,512	\$1,654,707	\$1,704,348
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$13,998,121	\$14,456,651	\$14,930,514	\$15,420,240
Operating Expenditure	Employee Expenses	\$6,532,361	\$6,728,332	\$6,930,182	\$7,138,087
	Materials and Contracts	\$3,412,805	\$3,495,189	\$3,600,045	\$3,708,046
	Elected Member Allowances	\$236,080	\$243,162	\$250,457	\$257,971
	Elected Member Expenses	\$45,000	\$46,350	\$47,741	\$49,173
	Council Committee & LA Allowances	\$72,600	\$74,778	\$77,021	\$79,332
	Council Committee & LA Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,609	\$10,927
	Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	\$2,449,900	\$2,498,898	\$2,548,876	\$2,599,853
	Interest Expenses	\$240,000	\$247,200	\$254,616	\$262,254
	Other Expenses	\$2,816,820	\$2,886,325	\$2,972,914	\$3,062,102
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$15,815,566	\$16,230,534	\$16,692,461	\$17,167,746
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	(\$1,817,445)	(\$1,773,883)	(\$1,761,947)	(\$1,747,506)	
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS					
<i>Less Non-Cash Income</i>					
<i>Add Back Non-Cash Expenses</i>	\$2,449,900	\$2,498,898	\$2,548,876	\$2,599,853	
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	\$2,449,900	\$2,498,898	\$2,548,876	\$2,599,853	

Long Term Financial Plan (continued)...

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS				
Capital Expenditure	1,580,000	2,146,098	1,845,837	1,600,163
Borrowing Repayments (Principle Only)	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Reserves	-	-	-	-
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(\$1,580,000)	(\$2,146,098)	(\$1,845,837)	(\$1,700,163)
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS				
Capital Grants Income	\$1,000,000	\$1,448,898	\$1,088,777	\$900,000
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	\$1,000,000	\$1,448,898	\$1,088,777	\$900,000
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	\$52,455	\$27,815	\$29,869	\$52,184



Capital Expenditure and Funding

By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

		Current Financial Year (Annual) Budget	Outer Financial Year 2026-27 Budget	OFY 2027-28 Budget	OFY 2028-29 Budget	OFY 2029-30 Budget
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE **						
Infrastructure (including roads, footpath, park furniture)	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,448,898	\$1,088,777	\$900,000	
Waste and Management Resource	-	-	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$62,250	
Vehicles	\$220,000	\$100,000	\$187,200	\$196,560	\$206,388	
Plant and Equipment	-	\$280,000	\$250,000	\$280,000	\$200,000	
Furniture and Fittings	-	\$50,000	\$52,500	\$55,125	\$57,881	
Building and Site Improvements	-	\$150,000	\$157,500	\$165,375	\$173,644	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE*	\$220,000	\$1,580,000	\$2,146,098	\$1,845,837	\$1,600,163	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY: **						
Roads to Recovery	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,448,898	\$1,088,777	-	
Operating Fund	-	\$580,000	\$697,200	\$757,060	\$1,600,163	
DOH Disability Bus	\$220,000	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	\$220,000	\$1,580,000	\$2,146,098	\$1,845,837	\$1,600,163	

Planned Major Capital Works

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project*	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals(A)	Current Financial Year Budget (B)	Outer Financial 2026-27 Budget (C)
Road infrastructure	Infrastructure (including roads, footpath, park furniture)	\$1,575,488	-	\$1,000,000
Waste Facility	Waste and Management Resource	\$20,459	-	-
Vehicles	Vehicles	\$438,699	\$220,000	\$100,000
Plant and Equipment	Plant and Equipment	\$95,682	-	\$280,000
Furniture and Fittings	Furniture and Fittings	-	-	\$50,000
Building and site improvements	Building and site improvements	\$66,129	-	\$150,000
TOTAL		\$2,196,457	\$220,000	\$1,580,000

* A council must, by resolution, adopt a minimum threshold as the basis for including budgeted major capital works projects in Table 3.1. (For example, Council resolved major capital works projects are projects that are expected to cost more than \$150,000 in total.) Nothing precludes a council from including capital works projects lower than the threshold value in Table 3.1 (for example, where a capital project is of significant public interest).

Planned Major Capital Works (continued)...

OFY 2027-28 Budget (D)	OFY 2028-29 Budget (E)	> OFY 2028-29 Budget (F)	Total Planned Budget	Expected Project Completion Date
\$1,448,898	\$1,088,777	\$900,000	\$4,437,675	Ongoing
\$50,000	\$60,000	\$62,250	\$172,250	Ongoing
\$187,200	\$196,560	\$206,388	\$690,148	Ongoing
\$250,000	\$280,000	\$200,000	\$1,010,000	Ongoing
\$52,500	\$55,125	\$57,881	\$215,506	Ongoing
\$157,500	\$165,375	\$173,644	\$646,519	Ongoing
\$2,146,098	\$1,845,837	\$1,600,163	\$7,172,098	



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