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Nil



Local Fare Scheme Application for Eligible Resident

The Local Fare Scheme (**LFS**) is administered by the Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (**TMR**), with the assistance of local councils and the Weipa Town Authority (each a **Local Authority**). This application form must be completed by a local resident who wishes to apply for a Letter of Eligibility.

LFS eligible residents can obtain a subsidy of up to \$200 for each one-way airfare to and from airports in the scheme region or between an eligible airport in the scheme region and Cairns or Mt Isa airports.

The minimum out-of-pocket amount payable by (or for) an eligible resident for a one-way airfare under the scheme (after the subsidy is applied) is \$99 (including GST) plus booking fees, therefore the actual subsidy amount may be less than the maximum subsidy of \$200.

The scheme region is comprised of the areas in Cape York, Gulf of Carpentaria and Torres Strait shown on the maps available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Local-Fare-Scheme-Far-North-Queensland or from your Local Authority.

More details about the LFS, including about:

- eligibility
- the airfares that are within the scope of the LFS
- the scheme conditions,

can be found at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Local-Fare-Scheme-Far-North-Queensland or from your Local Authority.

How do I qualify for the LFS?

Step 1 – Complete this application form and submit it to your Local Authority, together with appropriate identification and eligibility documentation (as per the 'Eligibility' provisions that follow section D of this application form).

Step 2 – Your Local Authority will issue you with a Letter of Eligibility if you successfully demonstrate that you are an eligible resident.

Step 3 – You will need your Letter of Eligibility to make a booking through a ticketing agent for a participating airline. You do not need your Letter of Eligibility for travel, however, you may be required to present photo ID at time of travel.

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign this application form on behalf of the applicant.

Section A – Personal information about applicant

Identification (as it will appear on your Letter of Eligibility and matches your photo ID)

Title

Mr Master Miss Mrs Ms Other Rather not respond

First name	Middle name	Known name	Family name/Surname/Last name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residential address (in full)

<input type="text"/>	Postcode
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Email address

Mobile number

Are you currently living in the scheme region?

Yes No

For current Weipa residents:

Have you lived in the scheme region (not necessarily just in Weipa) for at least the last three years?

Yes No

For other residents in the scheme region:

Have you lived in the scheme region for at least the last 12 months?

Yes No

Section B – Terms of application

By signing this application form, you:

- (i) confirm that:
- you understand that the scheme applies only to airfares for personal travel and that subsidised airfares under the scheme are not available for any form of business-related travel
 - you have read and understood the scheme information, including the scheme conditions, which is available at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Local-Fare-Scheme-Far-North-Queensland or from your Local Authority
 - you are an eligible resident (or, where signing as a parent or guardian for a person under 18 years of age, the applicant is an eligible resident)
 - the information provided on this application form is true and correct
 - you have read and understood the privacy statement at the end of this application form.
- (ii) acknowledge that:
- availability of subsidised fares under the LFS is subject to seat availability and other requirements of airline operators and neither TMR nor your Local Authority gives any assurance that a subsidised fare will be available for any particular date of travel
 - if you miss or do not present for a flight for which a subsidised fare was booked under the scheme, you may be suspended or removed from participation in the scheme
 - TMR has the right to change any aspect of the LFS, including closing/ceasing, extending or changing the amount of the subsidy for airfares under the LFS
 - changes made by TMR to the LFS may impact the availability of subsidised airfares under the LFS or the amount of out-of-pocket cost payable by an eligible resident for airfares under the LFS
 - you will advise the Local Authority that issued your Letter of Eligibility if you are relocating outside the LFS region.
- (iii) consent to the disclosure by a ticketing agent or airline operator of any personal information that may be contained in a Letter of Eligibility or otherwise collected during the booking or travel process to TMR for purposes of TMR administering, monitoring and evaluating the LFS.

Section C – Signature - Adults

To be completed where applicant is 18 years of age or more.

Applicant's name (please print full name)

Applicant's signature

Date

Section D – Signature - Minors

To be completed where applicant is under 18 years of age. If the applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign this application form on behalf of the applicant.

Where this application form is signed by a parent or guardian, the parent or guardian gives the confirmations, acknowledgements and consents described above on behalf of the applicant.

Applicant's name (please print full name)

Date of birth

Parent or guardian's name

Parent or guardian's signature

Date

Privacy statement: The Local Authority is collecting the personal information on this form for the purpose of assessing the applicant's eligibility for a Letter of Eligibility under the LFS. Personal information on this application form may be given by the Local Authority to TMR for the purpose of TMR administering, monitoring and evaluating the LFS. Except as specified in this privacy statement, the applicant's personal details on this form and, where the applicant is under 18 years of age, those of the applicant's parent or guardian signing this form, will not be disclosed to any third party without the consent of the applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian, except as required or authorised by law. Some of the applicant's personal information, including name and address, will appear on a Letter of Eligibility created and issued under the LFS.

Eligibility

The LFS is open to eligible residents. To be an eligible resident, you must have been a resident within a community in the scheme region for a specified period of time, as follows:

- **For current Weipa residents:** You must demonstrate that you currently live in Weipa and have lived in the scheme region (not necessarily just in Weipa) for at least the last three years.
- **For other residents in the scheme region:** You must demonstrate that you currently live in the scheme region and that you have lived in the scheme region for at least the last 12 months.

To obtain a Letter of Eligibility, you will need to provide proof of eligibility to your Local Authority. See below for information about proof of eligibility.

Proof of eligibility requirements

An applicant must produce one of the following documents from each of Categories 1 and 2 (copies of all records to be kept on file by the authority issuing the Letter of Eligibility):

Category 1 (to establish identity):

- applicant's driver licence or other local, state or commonwealth issued photo identification
- applicant's passport
- photo identification from a non-government organisation showing the applicant's full name. For example, community-based organisations such as My Pathway, RISE and Junkuri Laka.

If the applicant does not have photo identification one of below options may be used to establish identity:

- » Statutory Declaration from representative of the Local Authority acknowledging the identity of the applicant together with the applicant's full name to appear on the Letter of Eligibility
- » applicant's Medicare card.

Category 2 (to establish residential address):

- applicant's driver licence that shows the current residential address of the applicant
- rates notice
- bank statement showing the residential address of the applicant
- correspondence from any local, state or commonwealth department addressed to the applicant which confirms the residential address of the applicant

If the applicant does not have any record of their residential address the below option is available:

- » Statutory Declaration from a representative of the Local Authority acknowledging the residential address of the applicant.
(Please note where a Statutory Declaration has been used to satisfy Category 1 also, this information can be incorporated on the same document)

Note: A Statutory Declaration or the applicant's driver licence (if the residential address is current) may be used to fulfill the requirements of both Category 1 and Category 2.

For applicants who are under the age of 18

A parent or legal guardian of the applicant must produce one type of proof from each of Categories 1 and 2

The parent or guardian must be an eligible resident and must establish the relationship to the applicant who is under 18. For example, a Medicare card showing the name of the eligible resident parent or guardian and the under-18 applicant.

- Talbot (Boigu) Isl.
- Yam (Iama) Isl.
- Mabuiag Isl.
- Badu Isl.
- Kubin Isl.
- Horn (Ngurupai) Isl.
- Saibai Isl.
- Darnley (Erub) Isl.
- Yorke (Masig) Isl.
- Murray (Mer) Isl.
- Coconut (Poruma) Isl.
- Sue (Warraber) Isl.

The Local Fare Scheme is changing from 1 July 2022

The refreshed and updated scheme has been extended for six years providing affordable and flexible travel options with long term certainty.

Updated scheme	Previous scheme
<p>One way fares</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can now book one-way fares. You will receive up to \$200 discount for each one-way flight. A minimum fare of \$99 plus booking fee per flight remains. You can use this Scheme for up to 24 flights per financial year. 	<p>Return bookings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You could only make return bookings. You could make up to 12 return trips per year
<p>Travel throughout Local Fare Scheme Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can now travel anywhere in the Local Fare Scheme Region. You will be able to fly to any participating Local Fare Scheme airport shown on the map, even if you need to take more than one flight to get there. 	<p>Home port and return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You could only fly from your home port and back again.
<p>Improved booking options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where your ticketing agency allows, you will be able to make bookings by either phone or online. Face to face bookings will remain for ticketing agents that are unable or not yet ready to facilitate online or phone bookings. 	<p>Face to face booking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All flight bookings had to be made in person.
<p>Reduced eligibility period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible for access to the Local Fare Scheme you only have to be a resident of a Local Fare Scheme Region for 12 months (except Weipa which will remain at three years). 	<p>Three year eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You had to remain in the Local Fare Scheme Region for three years in order to gain eligibility for the Local Fare Scheme.
<p>Transferring location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you move to another community within the Local Fare Scheme Region, you simply take your valid Letter of Eligibility with you and it remains valid for travel. There is no need to provide transfer documentation. 	<p>Transfer process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You needed to complete a transfer application and provide supporting documents.



Flights can be taken to and from Mount Isa and Cairns, however the Scheme does not extend to residents of these locations.

For more detailed terms and conditions: visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/localfarescheme.

The Local Fare Scheme changed from 1 July 2022

Please see over for details



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What has changed from 1 July 2022 in the Local Fare Scheme?

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Following is a summary of the key changes.

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<p>Travel throughout Local Fare Scheme Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can now travel anywhere in the Local Fare Scheme Region. You will be able to fly to any participating Local Fare Scheme airport shown on the map overleaf, even if you need to take more than one flight to get there. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Home port and return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You could only fly from your home port and back again.
<p style="text-align: center;">Improved booking options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where your ticketing agency allows, you will be able to make bookings by either phone or online. Face to face bookings will remain for ticketing agents that are unable or not yet ready to facilitate online or phone bookings. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Face to face booking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All flight bookings had to be made in person.
<p style="text-align: center;">Reduced eligibility period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible for access to the Local Fare Scheme you only have to be a resident of a Local Fare Scheme Region for 12 months (except Weipa which will remain at three years). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Three year eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You had to remain in the Local Fare Scheme Region for three years in order to gain eligibility for the Local Fare Scheme.
<p style="text-align: center;">Transferring location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you move to another community within the Local Fare Scheme Region, you simply take your valid Letter of Eligibility with you and it remains valid for travel. There is no need to provide transfer documentation. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Transfer process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You needed to complete a transfer application and provide supporting documents.

For more detailed terms and conditions: visit www.tmr.qld.gov.au/localfarescheme.

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Local Fare Scheme Overview

Cape York, Gulf of Carpentaria & Torres Strait | effective 1 July 2022

Objectives of Scheme

The Local Fare Scheme (**Scheme**) is administered by the Queensland Government, through the Department of Transport and Main Roads (**Department**).

The objective of the Scheme is to improve social connectivity and access to essential services for eligible residents of remote communities in Far North Queensland, through the provision of subsidised airfares. The areas covered by the Scheme are the Cape York, Gulf of Carpentaria and Torres Strait areas shown on the maps below (**Scheme Region**).

The Scheme has been in place since 2015. In 2022, a decision was made to extend the Scheme for six years until 30 June 2028 and in consultation with key stakeholders, the Scheme was revised to provide additional benefits for its users.

If you are an 'Eligible Resident' (refer to 'Eligibility' further below), you could be eligible for subsidised one-way airfares for travel between:

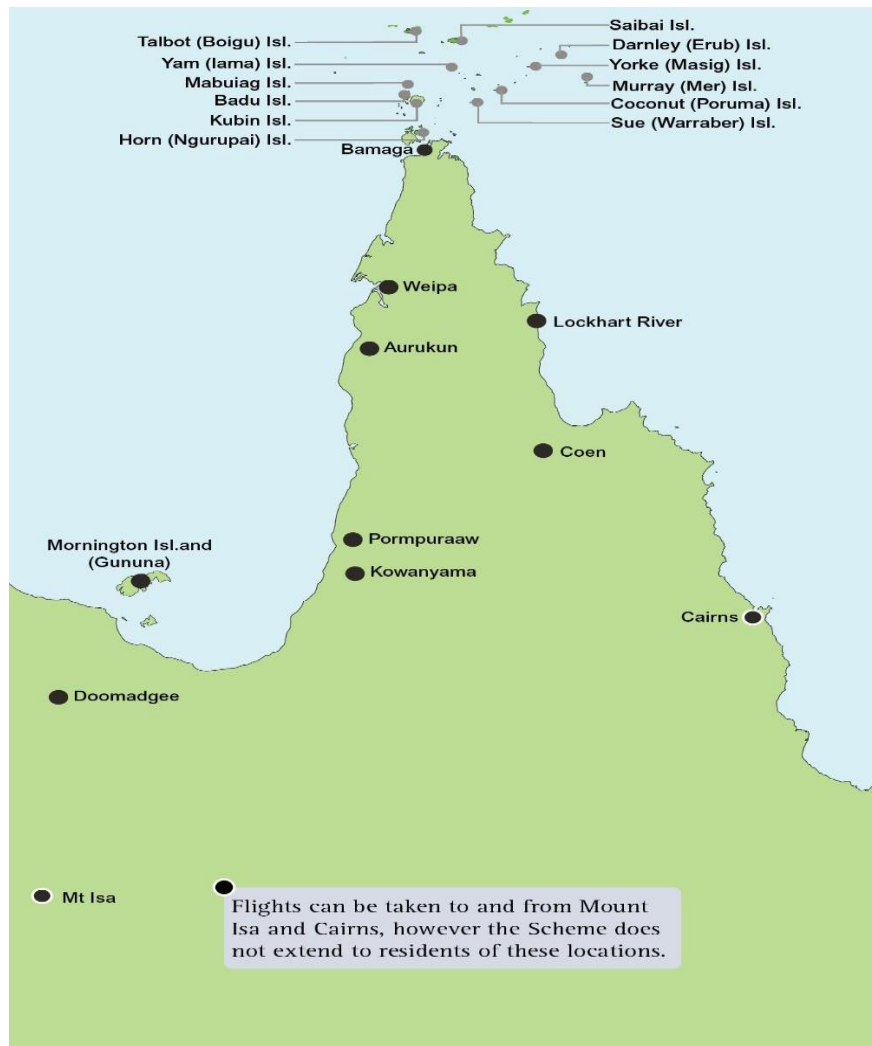
- eligible airports in the Scheme Region (which are shown on the Scheme Region map below); or
- an eligible airport in the Scheme Region and Cairns or Mt Isa airports,

up to a maximum of 24 subsidised one-way airfares per year.

The amount of the subsidy available for each one-way airfare is **up to \$200** (including GST), to be paid by the Department to the participating airline operator, reducing the amount required to be paid for the airfare by the Eligible Resident by a corresponding amount. Please refer to the full Scheme Conditions below.

Scheme Region and eligible airports

See the map below for eligible airports in the Scheme Region.



Scheme Conditions

- Subject to these Scheme Conditions, a subsidy is available for each one-way airfare booked for travel by an Eligible Resident with a participating airline between:
 - eligible airports in the Scheme Region; or
 - an eligible airport in the Scheme Region and Cairns or Mt Isa airports.
- The amount of the subsidy for each one-way airfare is **up to** \$200 (including GST), to be paid by the Department to the relevant airline.
- The minimum out-of-pocket amount payable by (or for) the traveller for a one-way airfare under the Scheme (after the subsidy is applied) is \$99 (including GST) plus booking fees, so the actual amount of the subsidy in any case may be less than the maximum \$200.
- The Scheme applies to all standard airline fares offered by participating airlines except for tactical sale fares.
- The availability of subsidised airfares at various price points will be at the relevant airline's discretion and the Department does not give any assurance about the availability of subsidised airfares for travel on any particular date.

- Subsidised airfares must be for travel that will be completed by the end date of the travel period for the Scheme (currently 30 June 2028, subject to change).
- Residents must be issued with a Letter of Eligibility through their participating local council or, for Weipa, the Weipa Town Authority before being able to book subsidised airfares under the Scheme. If you have been issued with a Letter of Eligibility prior to 1 July 2022, that Letter of Eligibility will remain valid.
- All airfare rules will be in accordance with the fare type booked, as set by the relevant airline.
- The Scheme applies only to airfares for personal travel and subsidised airfares under the Scheme are not available for any form of business-related travel.
- Eligible Residents are eligible for a maximum of 24 subsidised one-way airfares under the Scheme per financial year.
- Subsidised airfares under the Scheme must be for scheduled air services (regular passenger transport) and not for use on charter services.
- The Department can change any aspect of the Scheme at any time, including but not limited to the subsidy amount available, community scope, seat availability and/or eligibility requirements.
- The Scheme may be extended, cancelled or ended early.
- Failure to present for a flight for which a subsidised airfare has been booked under the Scheme may result in suspension or removal from future participation in the Scheme.
- Failure to comply with the Scheme Conditions may result in:
 - A requirement to repay an amount equivalent to the subsidy amount paid by the Department for the relevant airfare; and/or
 - Cessation of eligibility for future participation in the Scheme.

Eligibility

The Scheme applies to Eligible Residents. To be an Eligible Resident, you must have been resident within a community in the Scheme Region for a specified period of time, as follows:

For current Weipa residents: You must currently live in Weipa and must have lived in the Scheme Region (not necessarily just in Weipa) for at least the last 3 years.

For other residents in the Scheme Region: You must currently live in the Scheme Region and must have lived in the Scheme Region for at least the last 12 months.

How to access the Scheme

Step 1— Apply for a Letter of Eligibility

If you are an Eligible Resident, you can apply for a Letter of Eligibility through your participating local council or, for Weipa residents, the Weipa Town Authority by completing and submitting an application form (available through your local council or the Weipa Town Authority). If you already hold a current Letter of Eligibility issued under the Scheme, you do not need to apply for a new Letter of Eligibility and your existing Letter of Eligibility remains valid.

You should expect to receive a response to your application no later than five days from submission.

Take good care of your Letter of Eligibility as it is an important document.

Step 2—Buy your ticket

Contact your ticketing agent to buy your ticket.

To access subsidised airfares through the Scheme you must:

- provide your Letter of Eligibility when making a booking
- book flight/s through your ticketing agent for travel:
 - between eligible airports in the Scheme Region, or between an eligible airport in the Scheme Region and Cairns or Mt Isa Airports; and
 - to be completed by the end date of the Scheme (currently 30 June 2028, subject to change)
- confirm to the ticketing agent that travel is for personal, not business-related, purposes (please refer to the Scheme Conditions).

Step 3—Travel

- Present photo ID

Other information

If you need to change your flight, you will need to contact your ticketing agent as soon as possible.

If you miss a flight for which a subsidised airfare was booked under the Scheme, you may be suspended or removed from participation in the Scheme.

For more information about the Scheme email localfarescheme@translink.com.au.

Scheme pre and post 1 July 2022

Scheme prior to 1 July 2022	Scheme from 1 July 2022	Impact to Council process from 1 July 2022	Solutions or info required
<p>Home port and return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You could only make return bookings. You could only fly from your home port and back again. 	<p>One-way fares/Travel throughout LFS region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can now book one-way fares. You can now travel anywhere in the Local Fare Scheme region. You will be able to fly to any participating Local Fare Scheme airport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents not having their Letter of Eligibility (LOE) to support booking when in another community Possible non-local residents flying to and from your community may not understand your process and key contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure LOE register is up to date Refer resident to the Council who issued the LOE Keep localised record of all LFS participating airline and council contact numbers Discuss with CEO process of reproducing LOE – is there to be a charge to residents for reproducing, etc
<p>3 year eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You had to remain in one Local fare Scheme community for three years in order to gain eligibility for the Local Fare Scheme. 	<p>Reduced eligibility period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be eligible for access to the Local Fare Scheme you only have to be a resident of the Local Fare Scheme Region for 12 months (except Weipa which will remain at three years). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility reduction period queries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process remains the same, with only the qualifying period changing to one year, with the exception of Weipa Town residents
<p>Transfer process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You needed to complete a transfer application and provide supporting documents. 	<p>Transferring location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you move to another community within the Local Fare Scheme region, you simply take your Letter of Eligibility with you and it remains valid for travel. There is no need to provide transfer documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident has relocated from another community and has lost their LOE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer resident to Council/Authority that issued the original LOE Keep localised record of all LFS participating council contact numbers

<p>Annual or Short-term funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding was previously approved for only one or two years at a time	<p>Extended funding period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six years additional funding providing longer term certainty for the scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issuing new LOE's • Expired LOE's	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any Letter of Eligibility issued after 1 July 2022 does not require an expiry date <p>Any Letters of Eligibility with an expiry date of 30 June 2022 or prior, need not be re-issued by Authority/Council - they will be accepted by the airlines unless the individual eligibility has been cancelled.</p>
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TCICA Meeting Communiqué – July 2022

The Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance held its third meeting for 2022 on 12 and 13 July in Cairns, representing one of the largest regional gatherings of Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executives of Indigenous local governments in the country, and nearly 20% of all local governments in Queensland with the welcome addition of Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.

TCICA was joined by several guests throughout the two-day meeting, including Ann Leahy MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, Fiona Simpson MP, Shadow Minister for Finance and Better Regulation and Shadow Minister for Integrity in Government, Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Paul Antonio, and Chief Executive of the Local Government Association of Northern Territory Sean Holden, who was accompanied by Senior Policy Advisor Mary Watson. Key project partners and senior government officials also participated in the meeting, along with representatives of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

Indigenous education options

Toowoomba Mayor Cr Paul Antonio addressed TCICA on education and training opportunities for students from the Cape York, Torres Strait and Gulf region. Home to eight boarding schools and more than 50 primary and secondary schools, Cr Antonio made a case for the Toowoomba region to host students, with scholarships available for Indigenous students under the [Yalari](#) initiative. Toowoomba also offers many post-school education and employment opportunities, including the Qantas Group Pilot Academy at Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport and employment on any one of the numerous massive infrastructure projects underway in the region.

Mayor Antonio also discussed with TCICA opportunities for council staff exchanges. This was acknowledged as a great initiative to build knowledge, skills, experiences and partnerships between councils and as a way to help address short term executive staff shortfalls, particularly in remote local governments.

Ann Leahy MP and Fiona Simpson MP

TCICA had a broad ranging discussion with Ms Leahy and Ms Simpson on issues including the Belcarra local government reforms, financial sustainability, the impact of amalgamations on local governments and their communities, the need for Weipa to be 'normalised' under the *Local Government Act*, and housing. Ms Simpson strongly encouraged Members to keep her informed of advocacy on housing matters as the State Opposition can help address barriers and support advocacy efforts.

Mayors highlighted the challenges of dealing with conflict of interest provisions following the Belcarra reforms and that the one size fits all approach does not work. Mayors also spoke about the significant increase in vexatious and unjustified complaints against

councillors and the Office of the Independent Assessor complaints handling process. Ms Leahy advised TCICA of the parliamentary inquiry into the functions of the Independent Assessor underway, which is due to report soon. Ms Leahy also spoke to Members about the Opposition's interest in looking at depreciation schedules for local government to understand whether there are opportunities to improve outcomes and developing a policy framework for local government amalgamations to help address failures.

National Indigenous Australians Agency

Marnie Wettenhall of the NIAA updated TCICA on the progress of key Commonwealth initiatives following the change of government.

Several communities are working with the department and Pama Futures under the Empowered Communities initiative to establish local decision-making partnerships, in alignment with Local Thriving Communities. Members noted that Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council has a good model which can be replicated in other communities.

Incoming Indigenous Australians Minister Linda Burney MP has flagged her intention to abolish the Community Development Program, although current contracts will remain in place until they expire. A new program to be developed is intended to give communities control over how services are delivered, and who delivers them. Members resolved to write to Minister Burney and her department to ensure TCICA has a seat at the table during the CDP redesign process.

Members noted that Senator Pat Dodson in his role as Special Envoy for Reconciliation and the Implementation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart will soon be in the region to talk to stakeholders about the Voice to Parliament process.

Health system reform project (TORCH)

Matthew Cooke of QAIHC and Marguerite Taylor of Queensland Health updated TCICA on the progress of the Torres and Cape Healthcare Commissioning entity project. The next step is for communities to come together to talk about how they see a commissioning entity working for them to drive better outcomes. Councils will play a key role in advising how consultations with communities should take place, with resources to help with consultations developed by Queensland Health. It was noted that Health Action Teams could play a key role in leading grassroots community conversations.

Mayors noted the role Councils play in addressing public health issues through the provision of services such as water supply, waste management, housing, and environmental health, but that much greater financial support is needed to ensure councils are properly funded to meet their obligations.

Local Government Association of Northern Territory

LGANT Chief Executive Sean Holden spoke to TCICA about LGANT, their work supporting member councils in the Northern Territory, and LGANT's five key strategic priorities to support members through addressing the issues of finance, governance and workforce, profile and reputation, economic development, climate, waste and environment, and Aboriginal outcomes.

Mr Holden introduced TCICA to the CouncilBiz initiative, the background behind its establishment, and how it works to provide a range of shared services across its nine councils members. Services include a common information technology platform (server infrastructure, IT support, application hosting etc), business software support, financial services processing, and procurement. Mayors spoke about the merits of a shared platform and opportunities to also consider the OneGov single transaction platform which is used by the City of Darwin to reduce silos within their operations.

Mr Holden briefed TCICA on the Northern Australia Local Government Summit initiative, which would be intended to be facilitated as a partnership between LGANT, LGAQ and the Western Australia Local Government Association. If supported, TCICA will be invited to provide input into an outcomes-focussed summit agenda, and timing of the summit (for example, to coincide with the Developing Northern Australia Conference to be held in Darwin next year).

TCICA members resolved to support the summit and provide input. With many shared challenges and opportunities across our two organisations, there is strong value in working together to share knowledge, build relationships and learn from each other.

Cape Resilience Project

Alex Ung of UNGANCO updated Members on the rollout of the asset management system project being delivered across eight councils. Visits to Napranum, Weipa, Mapoon, and Aurukun are planned for next week as part of the 'discovery' phase of the project and for the project team to meet with key council representatives and start the process of mapping council assets.

It is expected that opportunities will be available to Councils not involved in this round of funding to participate in a second round, pending the continuation of the Commonwealth's Preparing Australian Communities grant program.

Local Government Association of Queensland

LGAQ's Simon Booth and Allen Cunneen briefed members on the progress of LGAQ's work and Indigenous Leaders Forum outcomes, with reference to LGAQ's briefing document provided to members. Members discussed digital connectivity as a key ongoing issue and the potential to access the submarine cable running through the Torres Strait. Members also discussed housing and home ownership and the need to ensure new homeowners are aware of their obligations as a homeowner such as insurance, home maintenance, and rating charges. Concerns were raised about valuing housing in communities when there is no existing housing market and what role the Valuer General could play.

Members noted the closing date of 10 August for policy motions to be put forward to the LGAQ Annual Conference.

State School Indigenous Education

Mayors Keri Tamwoy and Bradley Creek updated TCICA on their work on the project board co-designing local community education bodies. The pilot project aims to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by empowering local

Aboriginal communities and Torres Strait Islander communities to inform school decision-making. To date, 11 of the 13 pilot schools have established a Local Community Education Body (LCEB) with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to co-design strategies to assist Aboriginal students and/or Torres Strait Islander students to succeed at school. Each LCEB is co-chaired by the principal and a local Indigenous person. Schools in the TCICA region involved in the pilot are Aurukun and Western Cape College. An evaluation of the pilot will be undertaken next year to inform the department's thinking on whether the model will be expanded beyond the 13 pilot schools.

Members spoke of the need to ensure the education curriculum includes a strong cultural curriculum and truth-telling to empower students to learn and understand their cultural history. Aurukun school is a great example of a school which embraces cultural learning, with Wik-Mungkan language, cultural and traditions taught by community Elders.

Members noted that one of the biggest issues for remote schools is the lack of continuity of school principals and other school leaders.

Regional Resilience Strategy

Julie Brook from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority brief TCICA on the final Regional Resilience Strategy and accompanying regional action plan, local action plans, and regional resilience baseline checklist. Ownership of the regional action plan, local action plans, and regional resilience baseline checklist rests with TCICA and individual communities. There is no process of evaluation or oversight by QRA, rather these documents are intended to be used to help councils and TCICA understand local and regional priorities for implementation and to access funding. The resilience baseline checklist is a tool for communities to understand their current situation and to help plan and guide funding applications.

Members agreed to endorse in principle the Regional Resilience Strategy.

Telstra activity

Ms Rachel Cliffe from Telstra briefed Members on current and future Telstra activity in the region. There will be projects underway to upgrade the fibre optic cable up the Cape via the western side and through Normanton to Burketown under their 'Ring of Resilience' initiative. New base stations will be delivered in Seisa and Cooktown, as well as projects on Mornington Island and in Lockhart River, where telecommunications will be upgraded to a 4G network following the next wet season.

Future rounds of funding under the Connecting Northern Australia initiative and Regional Connectivity Program will provide more opportunities to address connectivity issues in the TCICA region.

Financial Sustainability Project – Initiative 6 “Capability”

Anthony Ottaway and Jan Xanthopoulos spoke to Members about the next stage of TCICA's financial sustainability project, which is to address issues of local government capability.

A comprehensive survey has been designed to identify key capability and capacity gaps in councils' asset management, financial management, risk process and governance, identify causation factors, and help inform a range of options to address them. Responses will be collected and analysed by QTC and reported back to TCICA in aggregate. Following the survey, QTC will hold one-on-one sessions with councils to discuss the survey and gain further insights.

Once capability issues have been understood and workshopped with individual councils over the next few months to November, QTC will work with TCICA to identify potential options to address them. The options analysis work is expected to take place from November to December this year. Following the options analysis and assessment, detailed implementation requirements will be developed, with this work taking place during 2023. The four non-member Indigenous local governments of Cherbourg, Woorabinda, Palm Island, and Yarrabah will also be invited to participate.

Other Business

Canberra Advocacy Visit

TCICA members agreed to support a TCICA delegation to Canberra in late November / early December to meet with incoming Government ministers and advocate on matters of key importance. The visit will be planned over the coming months.

First Nations Consultative Committee

Members discussed the make-up of the newly formed eight-member First Nations Consultative Committee to inform the Queensland Government on their input to the national Indigenous Voice process and design of a Queensland Indigenous Voice model.

TCICA members resolved to write to LGAQ asking LGAG to invite the committee to address the next Indigenous Leaders Forum to be held in October in Cairns.

Tourism Impact Management

Members discussed the ever-increasing numbers of tourists travelling to the Cape region and the lack of coordination to address tourism impact management issues such as trespass on land, environmental damage, breach of cultural protocols, and overburdening limited community resources such as water and food supply. There is no one authority taking responsibility for managing these issues, leaving it to communities to deal with the consequences.

TCICA will look to establish a working group to determine a way forward and put in place strategies to ensure tourism delivers only positive economic, social, and environmental benefits. Management plans, restricted access to cultural sites, and increased visitor fees to help support new tourism infrastructure may be considered as ways to address the issues.

2032 Olympic Games

With the 2032 Olympic Games expected to increase tourism to the region and provide opportunities to showcase Indigenous peoples and culture, focussed effort is needed to

ensure the Cape York, Torres Strait and Gulf region is ready to capitalise on the increased attention. TCICA will engage with key decision-makers to consider how best to ensure our region does not miss out and what councils need to do to put forward a strong case for regional involvement.

Census data

Mayor Patricia Yusia raised the issue of the recent release of census population data and ongoing undercounts as a result of poor data collection processes in communities. Members noted the implications for funding as a result, with population counts being a critical metric used in determining funding under programs such as Financial Assistance Grants and for other population-based methodologies. It was noted that community master plans estimated resident population more accurately and that council doorknocking of individual houses has also more accurately reflected true numbers. Advocacy on this matter will continue.

Staff Housing

Members discussed the need for support for council staff housing in communities, and the need for government agencies to provide more housing for their staff to free up housing for local people. The financial position of councils limits their options to finance new housing themselves yet there remains a critical need to provide more housing to attract and appropriately house staff. Advocacy on this matter will continue.

Future Meetings

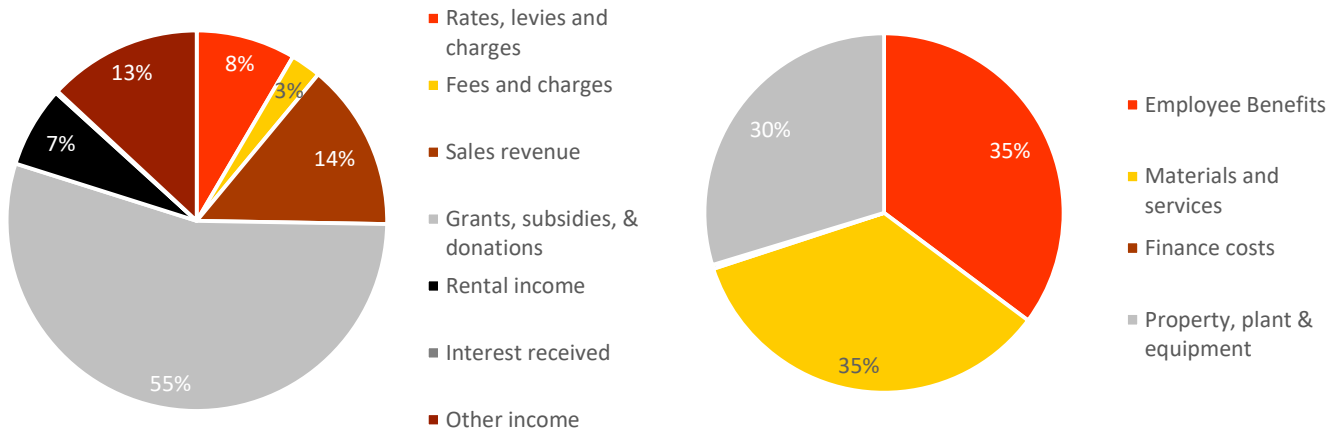
TCICA's next meeting is scheduled for 14 & 15 of September in the Weipa, Napranum and Mapoon region.

TCICA's November meeting will be rescheduled to 15 November to coincide with a planned climate forum to be held by the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.



Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
Summary Financial Statements
30-June-2022

Comprehensive Income	June	May	Variance
Operating Revenue	9,821,094	9,291,397	529,697 ▲ 6%
Capital Revenue	5,980,954	5,980,954	-
	15,802,048	15,272,352	529,697 ▲ 3%
Operating Expenditure	(12,064,106)	(10,875,604)	(1,188,502) ▲ 11%
Capital Expenditure (asset loss/revalue)	-	-	-
	(12,064,106)	(10,875,604)	(1,188,502) ▲ 11%
Total comprehensive income / (loss)	3,737,943	4,396,748	(658,806) ▼ 15%



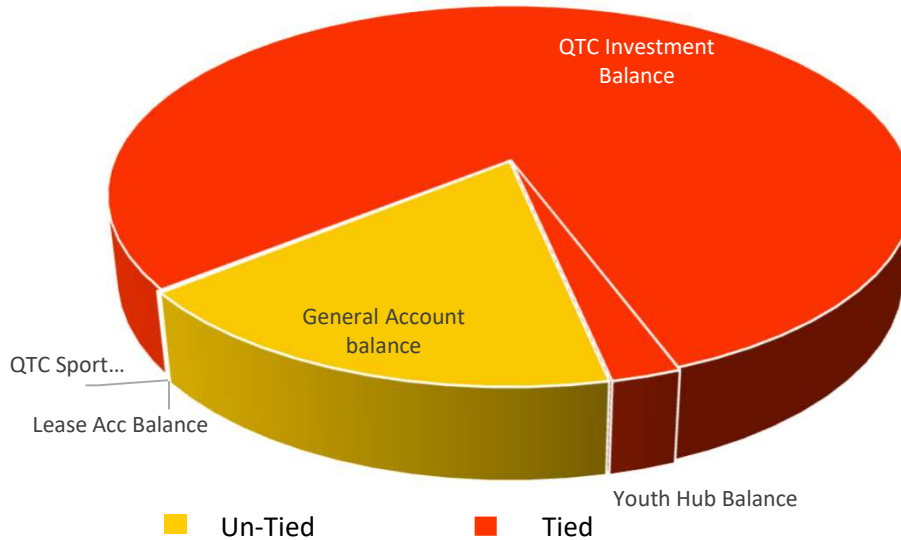
Financial Position	June	May	Variance
Current Assets	6,941,741	7,206,105	264,365 ▼ 4%
Non Current Assets	136,595,617	135,707,659	887,958 ▲ 1%
	143,537,358	142,913,765	623,593 ▲ 0%
Current Liabilities	3,580,375	2,298,931	1,281,444 ▲ 56%
Non Current Liabilities	926,835	926,835	-
	4,507,210	3,225,766	1,281,444 ▲ 40%
Net community assets	139,030,148	139,687,998	657,850 ▼ 0%

Cash Flow	June	May	Variance
Receipts from operations	16,413,361	16,322,945	90,416 ▲ 1%
Payments to suppliers and employees	(8,600,366)	(8,903,793)	303,426 ▼ 3%
	7,812,995	7,419,152	393,843 ▲ 5%
Net cash flow from investing	(4,039,203)	(2,862,597)	1,176,605 ▲ 41%
Net increase (decrease) in cash	3,773,792	4,556,555	782,763 ▼ 17%
Cash equivalent held at 01/07/2021	1,628,598	1,628,598	-
Cash equivalents at the end of the month	5,402,390	6,185,153	782,763 ▼ 13%



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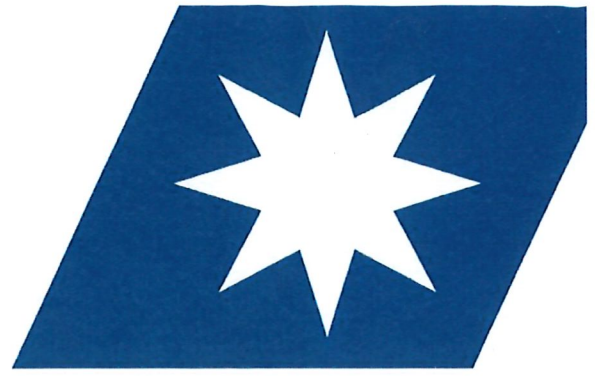
Operational Sustainability	June	May	Variance
Operating surplus ratio	-23%	-25%	2% ▲
Operating cash ratio	14%	23%	-9% ▼



Current Bank Balance's 19/07/2022		Estimated financial longevity	
QTC Investment A/c Balance	379,858	Total un-tied funds available	1,007,748
Youth Hub A/c Balance	-	Estimated monthly expenditure	
QTC Sports A/c Balance	4,141	Salaries	200,000
Lease A/c Balance	20,486	Payroll creditors	60,098
General A/c Balance	1,403,700	Phone/Broadband	6,478
		Electricity	19,605
		IT	12,070
		SES	210
		Rent	2,200
			<u>300,662</u>
		Expected revenue	
		Debtors	616,631
		AVDATA	56,987
		Service Charges	13,509
		FAG Grant to be received	208,000
			<u>895,127</u>
		Monthly financial longevity	
		Total untied/expenses	3.35
		Total plus expected rev/expenses	6.33
QTC Account Balance			
■ QTC Tied			
DHPW	788,885		
W4Q	745,000		
■ QTC Un-Tied			
Net Interest/ Fees & SGFA	2,245,973		
	3,779,858		
General Account Balance			
■ General A/C Tied			
Doomadgee Cemetery Restoration	80,000		
Youth Strategy	100,000		
Weir Amenities	77,500		
Safety & wellbeing Programme	163,080		
■ General A/c Un-Tied			
	983,120		
	<u>1,403,700</u>		
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ROBBIE KATTER

Member for Traeger



MEDIA RELEASE

8 July 2022

KAP RENEWS PUSH FOR TITLE DEED OVERHAUL

Katter's Australian Party Leader and Traeger MP Robbie Katter is recharging a five-point KAP policy which principally calls to address restrictive title deeds and allow Indigenous Queenslanders to build and own their own homes.

It comes as Gkuthaarn and Kukatj people in the Normanton region were granted freehold title over 155 hectares within 16,000 square kilometres of native title land, allowing them independence over housing and economic development.

Under native title, Indigenous people's rights and interests in land held under traditional custom were recognised by law, with little opportunity to control access to land.

"In the KAP, we believe in 'deeds, not words', and will continue calling on the Governments to act with deeds for our First Australians to improve the quality of life, employment and health outcomes for Indigenous communities," Mr Katter said.

He said the Indigenous Queenslanders who were granted freehold ownership were now hopeful of the growth of their communities and proud of what they could potentially achieve.

Mr Katter called on the Queensland Government to address convoluted and restrictive native title and land tenure laws, as well as provide Indigenous communities with adequate access to legal services to help navigate the process.

Addressing title deed issues to allow people to own their own home in communities like Doomadgee was one of the top priorities in the KAP's five-point policy to improve outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders, released in 2020.

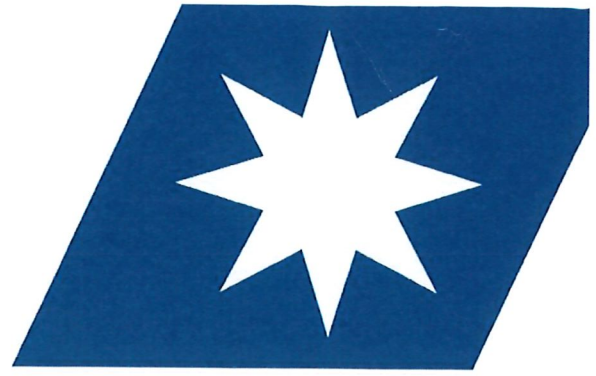
The policy included: acting on youth crime by enacting Relocation Sentencing; improving the restrictive 'Blue Card' system to support more Indigenous Queenslanders into jobs; controlling exorbitant food costs in communities; and addressing the failings of Alcohol Management Plans.

It complemented the KAP's Working with Children (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill (or 'Blue Card Bill'), designed to support Indigenous people in accessing gainful employment and purpose, which was backed by communities and was currently being considered by the Queensland Legal Affairs and Safety Committee.

In May, Mr Katter met with the Napranum, Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Councils, Napranum Local Justice Group and community members to discuss the Blue Card Bill.

ROBBIE KATTER

Member for Traeger



MEDIA RELEASE

“The community leaders I met with were enthusiastic about making changes to empower local people to work, boost their self-determination and make valuable contributions to their communities, and help solidify the family unit, which would go a long way in alleviating youth crime,” he said.

“Simplifying the process of achieving freehold ownership of land would add a powerful element of independence to enable Indigenous communities to prosper.”

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To the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council, the CEO, the Mayor, the Community Justice Group, My Pathway and the Doomadgee Police.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all for your support and contribution during this difficult time.

We appreciate everything you have done for me and my family after the loss of our Wife, Mother, and Grandmother Louise.

You all have made at this sad time in our lives more bearable. We truly appreciate what wonderful, caring organisations we have in our community of Doomadgee.

From Stephen and the McNamee and Brown families.

