

# WUJAL WUJAL ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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## Special Council Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Present:** Mayor Bradley Creek, Councillors Regan Kulka, Robert Bloomfield, Vincent Tayley and Vanessa Tayley, CEO Kiley Hanslow, Interim Operations Manager John Kelly and Manager Corporate and Commercial Joanne Gowans

**Apologies:** None

**Meeting started: 9.10am**

- Manager Corporate and Commercial, Joanne Gowans, lead the meeting to ensure that a strategic approach was given for the direction of the forthcoming budget (2023/24). This was guided by key questions and guiding powerpoints as per below.

## Vision Casting Morning (Strategic Planning)

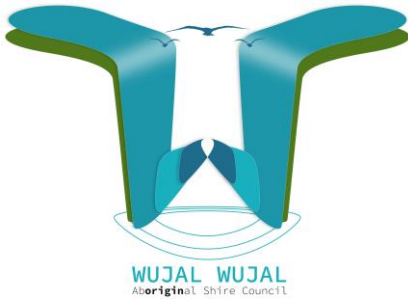
WWASC Operations overview

Planning Activity – Santa or Grinch?

Vision Casting Workshop

Prioritisation



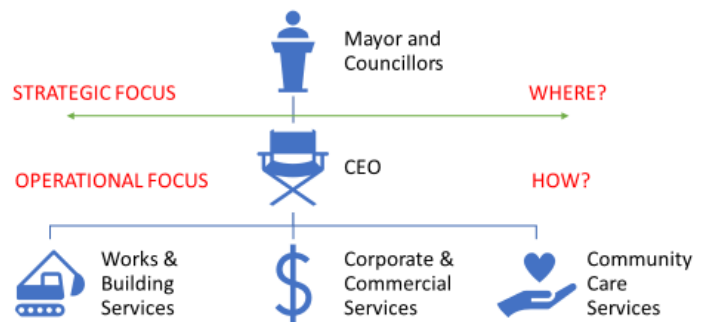


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## Structure of Council is Important for Function

- Mayor and Councillors have the responsibility to set the Strategy (Vision) for Wujal Wujal. They answer the "Where are We Going?"
- CEO is entrusted with this and answers the "How are we going to deliver this?"
- It is critical that the Mayor and Councillors are focused on the way forward. If distracted by the day to day, we can lose our path forward.



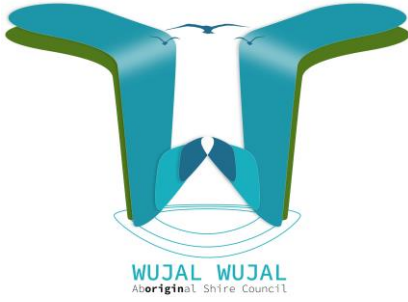
## Activity - Santa

Write down Three Items that you'd wish for.

Rules:

There are none – go for it!





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## Activity - Grinch

Write down  
Three Items that  
you'd wish for.

Rules:  
You're using  
your own money

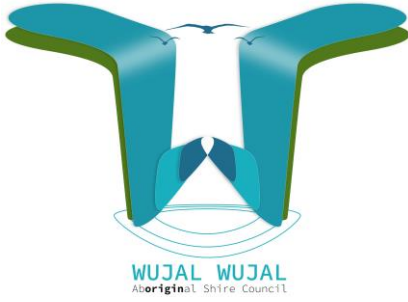


Knowing that we have limited funds, where are we going?

Key areas of focus in our Corporate Plan previously set (Review)

Are there any additional we need to consider in the short term (1-3 years)?

What is needed longer term (4+ years)?



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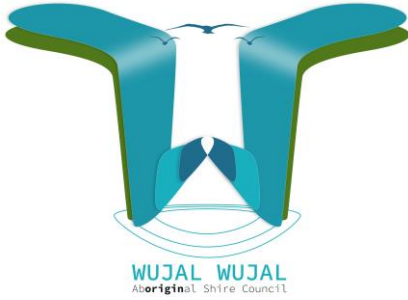
## Key Areas Previously Identified

- Improve Management of Council and its Finances
- Improve Community Housing
- Look after Community Infrastructure
- Create Jobs for locals
- Provide Local Government Services

### What is needed Longer term?

- These items will be put on the Longer term list. They are not of high priority, but what the Mayor and Councillors want considered if funding becomes available.





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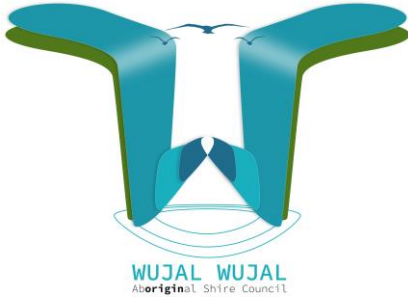
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## Prioritisation

- Of the Longer term items, work to **Prioritise** these into suggested outer years



- This strategic planning meeting resulted in the following being identified as short term prioritised projects:
  1. Memorial Playground – new playground to be installed to keep kids playing safely in community
  2. Opportunity for Café – finalise either an external supplier or council to run
  3. Community Hearst Car and upgrade of cemetery
  4. Community Shop - improve existing store, with more fresh products to be available at affordable prices
  5. Walking Path Lighting
  6. Fix up Community Hall and Gym
  7. Curving Road Channels – extend network to minimise flooding issues
- The following long term prioritised projects were identified:
  1. Housing – continued work with the Department of Housing to have shovel ready sites ready for further housing investment in the area
  2. Service Station upgrade
  3. Boundary extension – extend to the Douglas Shire side of community. Would not include an extension of the AMP.
  4. Aged Care facility upgrade – review location and upgrade/build



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5. Club house – to be built on Douglas Shire Council side (or newly extended boundary area) outside of AMP, to allow for a central place for gathering and responsible drinking.
  6. Day care – start a day care centre to allow parents the opportunity to work whilst having their kids taken care of
  7. Community Business Hub – central location for all needs for community related to doing business in town
  8. Boom Gate to Waterfalls – have this across the road to Waterfall and then run tours from Art Gallery precinct up to the Waterfall. This will encourage tourism and create jobs locally
  9. Extend Eco Tents – review and extend operations as Eco Tents come online for tourists
  10. Council Assets – maintain and extend the assets that council has, to ensure Wujal Wujal is well presented and maintained.
- The team was reminded that this provides guidance to the CEO for what is desired by the Mayor and Councillors and it would be a strategic guide for upcoming budgets. The operational team will deliver as funds are available.

**Meeting closed: 12pm**