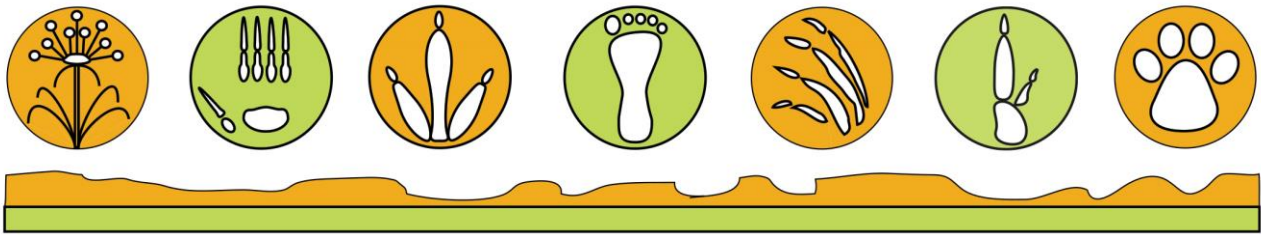


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2023

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 12 January 2023 at 1:00pm.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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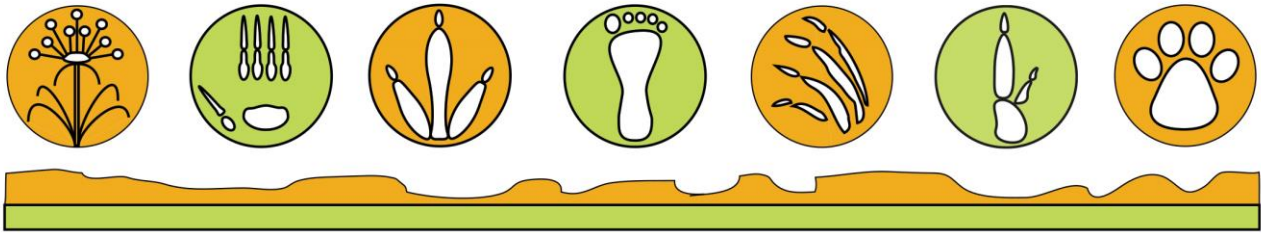
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to
Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process
Based on mutual respect and understanding.

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within the Barkly Region. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen

AGENDA

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

18 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

Next Meeting Date

20 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 379243
AUTHOR Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the minutes of the December 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

SUMMARY:

Nil

BACKGROUND

Nil

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

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MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 8:30am.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 8.52 am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin (Mayor)
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mutsago – Chief Financial Officer
- Rag Upadhyaya – Director Infrastructure
- Gillian Molloy – Acting Director of Community Development
- Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner

1.3 Visitors Present

- Lachlan Wilkins – Dept of Chief Minister & Cabinet
- Steve Edgington MLA – Member for Barkly
- Megan Lawton – Justitia Lawyers & Consultants
- Mark Blackburn – Management Consultant, invited by the Office of the Chief Minister

1.4 Apologies

- Cr. Dianne Stokes
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Troy Koch – Director Operations

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Heather Wilson
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1.6 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019*

The Mayor and CEO noted they will disclose a conflict relating to an item in to be discussed in Confidential business.

1.7 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)

The meeting observed a minute's silence to mark the passing of Davina Cooke.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council receive and note the minutes of the November Ordinary Meeting of Council as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 246/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council Receive and note the Operations Report for the month of October/November.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 247/22

The meeting noted that the Member for Barkly has also written to the Minister in relation to securing a reliable power supply for Ali Curung. Cllr Hayes noted that the Government needs to do the right thing by people in the bush.

3.2 TABLE ACTIONS ARISING

MOTION

That Council move to receive and note the actions arising update at the January Council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 248/22

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT**6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT: DECEMBER 2022****MOTION**

That Council receive and note the Mayor's Report for the month of December 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 249/22

Action: Cllr McLaughlin requested that Council develop an Events Register to identify regular community events for Council's support, and consider how this may support some events to be held in the future in relation to insurance cover and other related costs.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**7.1 MIGRATION FROM TECH1 TO REPLACEMENT FINANCE AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM****MOTION**

That Council receive and note the report on the migration from Tech1 to a replacement finance and business management system.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 250/22

7.2 AUDITORS ANALYSIS OF CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION**MOTION**

That Council receive and note the presentation

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 251/22

The meeting welcomed Colin James from Lowrys Accountants to make a presentation about Council's financial position.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Item 16: General Business be moved forward for earlier discussion.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC .252/22

16 GENERAL BUSINESS
<p>16.1 Clr Hal Ruger tendered his resignation, effective immediately. He will provide a letter of resignation to the CEO tomorrow. Clr O'Donnell and Clr McLaughlin thanked Clr Ruger for his 19 years of service to Council.</p>
<p>16.2 Clr Noel Hayes tendered a letter to the Mayor with his resignation, effective at the conclusion of today's Council meeting. Clr McLaughlin acknowledged Clr Hayes long service to the Barkly and for providing a voice for the bush.</p>
<p>16.3 Clr Derek Walker tendered a letter of resignation to the Mayor, effective at the conclusion of today's Council meeting. Clr McLaughlin thanked Clr Walker for his contribution to Barkly Regional Council.</p>
<p>MOTION That Council receive and note all items of General Business.</p> <p>RESOLVED Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton CARRIED UNAN. <i>Resolved OC 253/22</i></p>
<p>9.53am Clr Ruger left the meeting.</p> <p>9.54am Moved Clr O'Donnell, 2nd Clr Marlow to break for morning tea.</p> <p>10.21am Moved Clr Plummer, 2nd Clr Marlow to resume the Meeting.</p>
<p>8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS <i>Nil</i></p>
<p>9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS</p>
<p>9.1 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP - NOMINATION OF RAG UPADHYAYA FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING COMMISSION</p>
<p>MOTION That Council endorses the nomination of Raghavendra Vasudeva Upadhyaya, Director Infrastructure as BRC representative for Northern Territory Planning Commission.</p> <p>RESOLVED Moved: Deputy Mayor Russell O'Donnell Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer CARRIED UNAN. <i>Resolved OC 254/22</i></p>
<p>The CEO noted Mr Upadhyaya's recent receipt of his PhD, and the meeting congratulated him on this achievement.</p>

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE*Nil***11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS***Nil***12. COMMITTEE REPORTS***Nil***13. NOTICES OF MOTION***Nil***14. RESCISSION MOTIONS***Nil***15. OPERATIONS***Nil***16. GENERAL BUSINESS***Nil***17. CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***18. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS****18.1 OFFER OF SUPPORT FROM MARK BLACKBURN****MOTION**

That Council accept the offer by Mr Mark Blackburn to participate in the Confidential Session of the Meeting to provide independent governance advice, if required.

RESOLVED

Moved: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

For: Crs Barton, Corbett, Hayes, Marlow, McLaughlin, Plummer and Ruger

Against: Cr O'Donnell

CARRIED.

Resolved OC 255/22

The meeting sought to note that accepting the offer was in order to protect Council, the CEO and staff, and to manage public perceptions.

18.2 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**MOTION**

That Council move out of the Ordinary Council Meeting into Closed Session.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 256/22

The meeting moved into Closed session at 10.52am

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1.50 pm.

This page and the proceeding 6 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 15 December 2022 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin

Council Mayor

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Emma Bradbury

Chief Executive Officer

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Update of progress of actions arising from previous meetings
REFERENCE	379240
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the update of progress of actions arising from previous Council meetings.

SUMMARY:

This Agenda item provides the Council with an update on the progress and outcomes of actions identified at previous Council meetings.

BACKGROUND

During each Council meeting it is usual that actions are identified in response to matters under discussion. At future meetings, the progress of implementing these identified actions is reported.

A report will be tabled at the Council meeting with a progress update in relation to both ordinary and confidential actions arising from previous Council meetings.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

The updated Action Tracker will be tabled at the Council meeting.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Presentation from Fortune Agribusiness
REFERENCE	379239
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the presentation from Fortune Agribusiness.

SUMMARY:

Mr Peter Wood from Fortune Agribusiness has requested to make a presentation to Council.

BACKGROUND

Mr Wood will provide a presentation to Council about Fortune Agribusiness. The presentation will include an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of Mr Wood.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Council Meeting dates - 2023
REFERENCE	379241
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree to hold an Ordinary Meeting of Council each month, and confirm the following dates for 2023:

MONTH	MEETING DATE	MONTH	MEETING DATE
JANUARY	Thursday, 12 January	JULY	Thursday, 27 July
FEBRUARY	Thursday, 23 February	AUGUST	Thursday, 31 August
MARCH	Thursday, 30 March	SEPTEMBER	Thursday, 28 September
APRIL	Thursday, 27 April	OCTOBER	Thursday, 26 October
MAY	Thursday, 25 May	NOVEMBER	Thursday, 30 November
JUNE	Thursday, 29 June	DECEMBER	Thursday, 21 December

SUMMARY:

To assist Councillors and Council staff to plan their calendars, it is proposed to confirm the meeting dates for 2023 Council Meetings.

Council has traditionally met on the last Thursday of each month. The schedule of dates proposed for 2023 continues this tradition, with the exception of the January and December meetings.

BACKGROUND

The NT Local Government Act 2019 requires Council to hold a meeting a meeting of its members at least once in each successive period of two months.

Barkly Regional Council usually holds one meeting each calendar month. It is proposed that this continue in 2023.

With the exception of Special Meetings, called for a specific purpose outside the usual schedule of meetings, all Ordinary Council Meetings will be held in conjunction with councillor professional development activities and a meeting briefing on the same day as the Ordinary Meeting.

The meeting dates are being provided to Councillors and staff early to enable dates to be diarised and planned for. It is important that Councillors schedule these meetings into their calendars so that Council meetings achieve a quorum, and the business of Council is able to be effectively conducted.

When the 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting dates have been confirmed, they will be published on Council's website to provide advance notice to the community about when Council meetings will be held.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS: