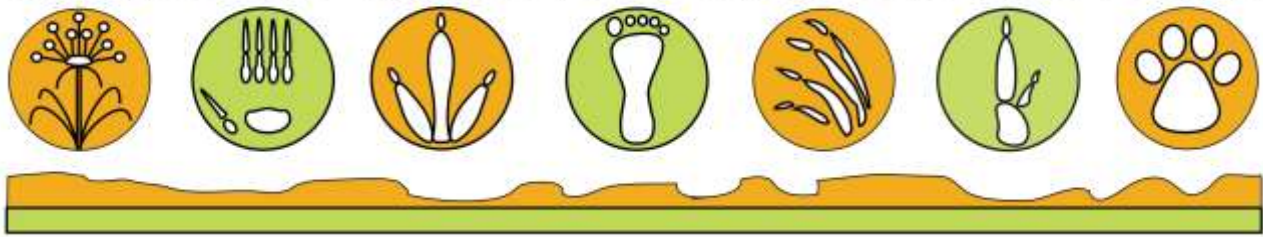


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA **AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja Local Authority will be held in Ampilatwatja Council Office - Conference Room on Wednesday, 14 September 2022 at 10:30am.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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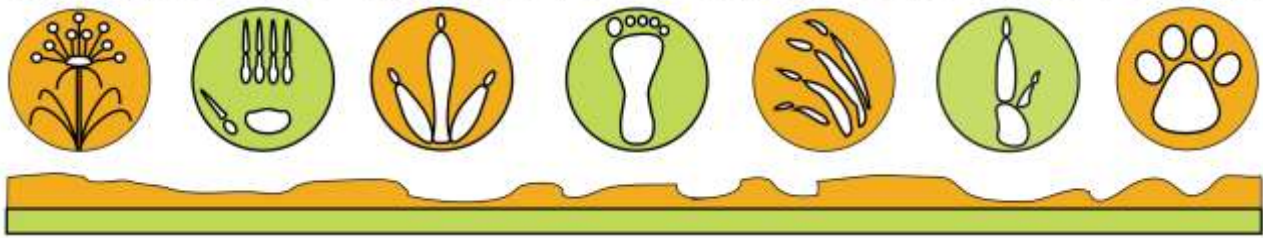
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We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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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	<i>Nil</i>	
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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 376781
AUTHOR Paul Raymond, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2022 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Ampilatwatja - Minutes August.pdf



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MINUTES AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY

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Emma Bradbury

- 1 -

Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:30am with Anita Bailey as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Cr. Anita Bailey
Kenneth Woodman
Terry Morton
Mary-Lou Bailey

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Paul Raymond

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
Darlene Woodman
Ronda Holmes
Steven Morton

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Ampilatwatja Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th August 2022 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Marylou Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 8/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEM FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Add the funding of a BBQ by the LA on the 16th of September;
- c) Ask the Area Manager to look into ideas on getting the donkeys and horses

- relocated out of community as they are currently a problem;
 d) Confirm any completed items and remove them from the action list.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Terry Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 9/22

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for July 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Terry Morton

Seconded: LA Member Kenneth Woodman

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 10/22

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Marylou Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 11/22

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 MONTHLY AREA MANAGER REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kenneth Woodman

Seconded: LA Member Terry Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 12/22

7. GENERAL BUSINESS**7.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Defer the election of a Chair and Deputy Chair due to lack of members

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Marylou Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 13/22

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

11. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

13. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

14. OTHER BUSINESS**14.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the date of the next local authority meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th September 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Terry Morton

Seconded: LA Member Kenneth Woodman

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved AMLA 14/22

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 3 August 2022 AND CONFIRMED .

Chair

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Action Item from Previous Meeting
REFERENCE 376804
AUTHOR Paul Raymond, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm any completed items and remove them from the action list.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Monthly CEO Report
REFERENCE 376810
AUTHOR Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpururulam

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for August 2022

SUMMARY:

This report addresses activities within Operations Directorate for August 2022.

BACKGROUND**July 2022 Operations Director Report**

Operations Directorate		
Direct Reports	Funding Source	Budget
Area Managers		
Municipal Services Manager		
Operations Administration Officer		

Summary:

I have been very busy covering the Depot Manager position as well as fulfilling my own role, We have successfully recruited to the Depot Manager Position and the truck is up and running.

Local Authority:

This month saw Ampilatwatja have their local authority meeting on the 3rd, Elliott on the 11th and Wutunugurra holding their LA meeting this week.

The Communities:**Elliott:**

Elliott has had numerous visitors, including Doctor Maria Marrinner from NT Health who consulted with community regarding the withdrawal of the Stronger Futures legislation. Other visitors included Representatives from Northern Interests, who discussed the roadhouse and hotel project, Sun Cable, University of Queensland researchers working on behalf of the Beetaloo fracking company. NLC opened their office in North Camp which will be shared between themselves and the Kulumindini Aboriginal Organisation. Travellers are still causing issues with the amount of refuse they leave, and the with traffic management.

Municipal Officers have been working hard to keep Elliott both green and clean and will be glad to see the end of the tourist season.

Court will be held at the council office on 17/08

Ali Curung:

First week in July the community celebrated NAIDOC Week which had all stakeholders band together to run various activities and programs. Area Manager spent 2 weeks at Wutunugurra covering Coordinator's position, Vicky McCoy stepped in as acting Area Manager and did a great job. Western Davenport Water Advisory Committee (WDWAC) conducted field trip in and around community over 3 days which included a meeting with Local Authority members and field trips with Traditional owners / Elders and CLC members. LA approved expenditure to purchase 20ft container for the Tyre changer & air compressor to be fitted into, this will be transported installed at Murray Downs community for their use. Jetstream Electrical removal and installation of new Wind Sock for the airstrip. Recruitment of x2 new Municipal Staff – Craigwyn Glenn and Cary Small, they both are working very well and it's good to finally have a full strength team. ESO away on leave 2 weeks which saw relief ESO – Justin Walker step up. Australian Bureau of Statistics community visit conducting Health Survey. NTES meeting held to confirm Ali Curung Local Emergency Plan. Kailas Kerr CDT - LLN Training week for the staff. Anyinginyi Health – Public Health community visit. Catholic Care – Money Services visit.

Alpurrurulam:

Many families have gone to Mt Isa for the Rodeo, leaving the community fairly quiet at present. We have had sorry business following the death of a child in Mt Isa.

Municipal attendance has been up and down, but most weeks we have managed two garbage collections, along with general community maintenance. Pothole patching has commenced.

Alpurrurulam has had its Local Emergency planning meeting to review the LEP for 2022-2023 – it is a much more streamlined plan than in previous years.

Power & Water contractors are continuing with the Apetyarr Street water mains replacement. P&W contractors have also been replacing transformers. As a result of these two major projects, the community has had several significant periods without power and water. Work on new housing installations continue. Contractors for DIPL are shortly to replace the windsock pole and windsock lighting at the airstrip.

We have received visits from Police, various health and allied health personnel, Power and Water, general contractors, market truck, ABC transport.

Council's Community Care bus has been into Mt Isa for repairs and is now back in community. Community Care staff numbers are down, with the team leader working many days on her own – advertising to fill these positions is underway. Night Patrol has been recruiting and so will be increasing numbers on the team. YSR now has an additional casual staff member.

Ampilatwatja:

The new office staff are doing okay with one whose attendance is poor will be addressed through the appraisal process.

Municipal Staffing levels have been low with Mt Isa rodeo.

Works have been coming along there is still a need for the Mechanic to come out for a visit. Machinery wise we are just keeping our head above water so to speak. Pumping out Septic Tanks is taking considerable time and Council resources. We have been cleaning out the workshop to make it more usable for work purposes. There has been ongoing work at the landfill site and sewage pond compound the progress has been slow with the machinery available for use.

Our Staff housing at will need to be put on the list for renovation the current standard is barely passable for staffing which may affect staff retention. I am still engaging with Pederson's regarding lot 95 with a leaking shower and faulty shower door and shall have a positive result shortly.

Break-ins and damage around the community have continued which has resulted in me having to call a town meeting with limited success. I have now engaged directly with the family's that have been involved.

Wutunugurra:

The Elliott Area Manager has been relieving in Wutunugurra, and was able to assemble a new Local Authority who held their first meeting in twelve months late July. With the Mayor in attendance along with Troy Koch (Director of Operations) and Ali Curung Area Manager Tim Hema, the meeting was a great start for the new members. Municipal have continued cleaning up community and have painted all the speed bumps to improve their visibility to drivers. Sport and Rec combined with Municipal and Community Safety officers to hold a NAIDOC BBQ which was a great success. With Donna Eddie leaving her employment with BRC at the end of the month, I would like to thank her for her contribution over the past six years and wish her well in her future endeavours

TC Depot:

The Depot is continuing to run well, David has returned from his well earned break and thanyou to Tim for covering him while David was away. The Prime Mover has the engine in and is moving, we are just soring out minor problems so that it can be registered and put back into service. We have successfully filled the Depot Manager Position and Peter Molloy will start on the 24th of August 2022. This shall allow me to get back to my regular duties.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Operations Directorate has had trouble filling key positions in Tennant Creek and in the communities, which may have an impact on council's service delivery in those areas.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

None for this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

As addressed in risk assessment.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS:



FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Monthly Finance Report
REFERENCE 376805
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [!\[\]\(95b425611cbd2b8716a140cf67c81822_img.jpg\)](#) Monthly Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405
30-Jun-21

INCOME

LA Grants Received

Grants Received

INCOME TOTAL

Ampilatwatja

Approved
Minutes

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended

Oct-14	Toilet rental
Apr-15	Trimmer & Lawn Mower
Apr-16	Football Changingroom
May-17	3 Industrial Washing Machines
Apr-17	Ride-On Mower
Jun-18	Portable Toilets & Trailer
Jun-18	Childrens Playground Shelter
Jun-18	6 Shade Shelters
Oct-19	Purchase 6 Solar Lights
	Two Rover Lawn Mowers
Apr-17	Animal Management Activities
	Waterline - Football Oval Troughs
May-17	Ampliatwaia ablation block
Funding Committed	
May-17	Ampliatwaia Ablution Block
Nov-20	Ablution Block Allocation
Apr-17	Animal Management Activities
	Waterline - Football Oval Troughs

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures				Total
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	
386,603.18	67,210.00	67,210.00	67,210.00	10,263.00	386,603.18
386,603.18	67,210.00	67,210.00	67,210.00	10,263.00	386,603.18
14,420.00					14,420.00
4,303.63					4,303.63
30,297.00					30,297.00
10,134.00					10,134.00
6,199.09	223.14				6,199.09
19,990.00					19,990.00
19,190.00					19,190.00
12,120.00					12,120.00
3,890.45					3,890.45
2,552.73					2,552.73
6,894.70					6,894.70
3,854.85					3,854.85
173,586.01	65,683.14				106,770.01
66,816.00	1,303.72	59,104.70	6,407.58		66,816.00
53,139.27			53,139.27		53,139.27
8,105.30		8,105.30			8,105.30
7,663.15			7,663.15		7,663.15
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56,553.00	-	-	-	10,263.00	10,263.00



AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Monthly Area Manager Report
REFERENCE 376790
AUTHOR Paul Raymond, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) AMP Monthly Report August.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Area Manager Report July to August LA.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) LA Report for Ampilatwatja August 2022.pdf



Aged & Disability Team Leader Monthly Report

This report is to be completed by the Team Leader for the previous month and submitted to both Zone Managers by the 10th of every month.

MONTH		AUGUST 2022					
COMMUNITY		Ampilatwatja		TEAM LEADER		Vicki Sherrah	
Consumer Numbers							
FLEXI	9	CHSP	13 +3 visitor	NDIS	4	Referrals	
Names of those referred							
Service Delivery feedback							
Impacts on service delivery		<p><i>Due to the ongoing sorry business, funeral lots of the clients have been moving from one community to other. As result we have some visitors from other community this month.</i></p> <p><i>The fact that there is only one vehicle available for use can make service provision a bit difficult especially on the days that we have the outstation runs. We have overcome this problem a little by getting Steven to do the outstation run in the afternoon so that the car is available all morning for other purposes.</i></p>					
Staffing levels & concerns		<p><i>Staff levels have been up and down again this month with some staff away for personal/family business.</i></p> <p><i>We now have all positions filled in, however as the staff have been inconstant in turning up to work which has resulted in disruption of some regular services that we provide to our clients .</i></p> <p><i>I acknowledge and appreciate the effort of the team members who have been working at their best to keep up the services. Still we need to make them understand that if they drop some shift then it will affect the services that we provide to the elders in community.</i></p>					
Training delivered Internal				Training delivered by external provider		John from Response Training came out for a week to train our staff who are doing certificate III in aged care along with team leader doing Certificate IV	
Visitors to centre		Response Training					

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Names of visitors	John		
Achievements / Challenges	All paperwork for clients is up to date and loaded in Magiq.		
Other comments or observations			
Visiting Health Professionals Please indicate by X if any of the following visited consumers			
Occupational Therapists	Audiologists	Physiotherapists	Renal Carers
Mental Health Workers	Speech Therapists	Dietitians	Dental Services
Substance abuse drug / alcohol workers	Visiting Medical Specialists	Podiatrists	Environmental Health workers
Exercise physiologists	Counsellors	Traditional healers	Other:
Traditional Events – Please indicate by X if any of the following were attended by consumers			
Sorry Business X	Community gathering / meeting	Food gathering / links with nature	Story, Song, Art or Dance
Performing, participating in Ceremonies	Reconciliation event	Visit to Country	NAIDOC Celebrations
WHS, Infrastructure & Improvements			
Resources & infrastructure maintenance required	<p>All building maintenance that was reported has been completed.</p> <p>The Ranger has a shattered rear window that has been reported it is currently being parked at the main office undercover until we can get it replaced. The window is scheduled to get replaced when the Ute gets to Tennant Creek to be serviced.</p>		
Requests for improvements (include reason)	<p>We are waiting on a replacement First aid kit which was identified by the Regional manager on her last visit when she completed the WHS report.</p> <p>Pest control for the Aged Care has been done.</p>		
Other comments or observations			

Save report as:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Team Leader Monthly Report V2.2 APR 2020

First 3 letters of your community name - monthly report - date

E.g. ALP Monthly Report-18.02.20

Email report and any supporting documents such as incident forms to both Zone Managers

To: Beth.boorer@barkly.nt.gov.au & Sonya.kenny@barkly.nt.gov.au

CC: Dianne.jones@barkly.nt.gov.au

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Team Leader Monthly Report V2.2 APR 2020

Area Manager Report- Ampilatwatja Month-July to August 2022

Visitors to Ampilatwatja:

- Naaja
- NT Education dept
- Territory Families Housing Communities
- ABS
- Catholic care
- Various contractors
- NIAA

General:

- NIAA are in the process of discussions in regards to the sewage and water infrastructure upgrade with power and water NIAA have 10million put aside for the project funding.
- Sports Carnival at Ampilatwatja to be held between 30thSep- 5thOCT 2022
- Issues with housing maintenance not being done and complaints coming through the office every day we have raised these concerns with TFHC but yet to see any real action take place on community concerns.

Municipal- supervisor position vacant, Stanley Club, Justin Age and Desmond Beasley .(Kenneth Woodman transferring to Tennant Creek)

- Rubbish around town both from residents yards and council areas.
- Dumping of rubbish between town and the landfill.
- Works ongoing on football oval for carnival.
- A big push to clear and clean all public council areas is still on for the community.
- We are attempting to remedy the condition of the landfill site based at Ampilatwatja making slow progress for the reason being having the right machinery available.

Administration

- Admin staff Colin Baker, Renea Peterson, Janelle McCormack

- Post office and Centrelink duties as normal
- Continuing to phase out money/ banking related assistance directing them to Catholic care which are funded for these purpose

Night Patrol Report (See attached report)

Age Care report (see attached report)

Proposals for the LA.

Funding needed for the connection of the stage area at the basketball courts in terms of electrical which will enable us to run the sports carnival bands and movie nights for the community.



COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT – August 2022

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT, AMPILATWATJA

Staff Members:

Team Leader:

Vacant

Community Safety Officers:

Belisha Holmes

Sean Peterson

Joanna Potter

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday

5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Operational Brief:

The service has not worked throughout the first Three weeks of August due to workers attending events and sorry business. Community Safety have a vacancy for a Community Safety Team Leader and it will be advertised as soon as possible for this position. Have conducted a number of interviews. However due to road closures and events on Community and also interstate and funerals it has delayed recruitment process of applicants. Also spend time on Community to get to work with the team and children on Community and attending Community Safety Committee meetings to be updated with Community events on Ampilatwatja.

Recruitment:

Currently seeking Team leader positions for Community Safety

Concerns raised/Community issues

Break INS and Vandalism of Basketball and the new laundry and toilets facility on Community And also School Property.

Goals and Objectives:

Recruitment for Community Safety Team Leader and to have all Community Safety Positions to be filled and to all positions, repairs to vehicle and office are complete and get the Community Safety fully operational.

Training

Nil

Major Incidents/Events:

Nil.

Statistical Report:

Nil

Report prepared by

Adrian Chong

Community Safety Manager

Barkly Regional Council Night Patrol

T: (08) 8962 0000 | F: (08) 8962 0056 | D: (08) 8962 0062

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Environment and Sustainability
REFERENCE 376703
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin to elaborate on the standing item going forward to be included in all LA agenda's

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE Australia Bureau of Statistics
REFERENCE 376783
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) LA meeting request Ampilatwaja.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) RITM0197495 Publication - Stakeholder pack for CoATSIS_v4.pdf



Request to make a Presentation to a Local Authority

(Request must be made in writing one week before a Local Authority meeting).

Dear Chair of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ampilatwatja Local Authority on 14 September 22.

Give the Local Authority Information about the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey.

Speaking points that BRC will insert into the Local Authority minutes as a record of your presentation/report

ABS Interviewers will be in community on Monday 12/9/22 to start work on 13/9/22 (this date has been changed from the 11/9/22 in respect to sorry business advised by the AMS)

ABS Aboriginal engagement staff will be in community on the 19/9/22 to support the Interviewers and community for the week

Sonic staff will be in community on 21/9/22 only

We have met with the Council and been given support and now want to meet with the LA to provide information and seek support.

We have been provided with support from the CEO and Clinic Manager of the Health Service. We are in the process of finalising an MOU with Christine to ensure we are covering all costs of the provision of a medical room for Sonic to do the Bio Meds in.

I have included a copy of the Stakeholder toolkit, User and Users guide and a poster in the response email for the council to view.

*Local Authority members welcome contributions from outside agencies. We ask visitors to keep presentations to no longer than 10 minutes including questions. * Presentations are not minuted by BRC staff.*

Name: Melinda Mansell

Organisation: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Contact details: 0429 787 775 – Melinda.mansell@abs.gov.au

Signed: ...MLMansell.....

Date: 09/09/22

Local Authority Chair to complete:

I approve/do not approve the request to make a presentation (cross out what doesn't apply)

Signed:

Date:.....



Our Story.
Our Future.

Stakeholder Toolkit

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Surveys

Your guide to supporting your community's
participation in upcoming surveys





**Our Story.
Our Future.**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is planning two surveys in your community:

The National
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander Health
Survey (NATSIHS)



The National
Aboriginal and
Torres Strait
Islander Health
Measures Survey
(NATSIHMS)

Understanding our health is important to all of us. The Intergenerational Health and Mental Health Study (IHMHS) is the largest health study undertaken in Australian history. It will provide the most complete picture we have ever had of the country's physical and mental health. The NATSIHS and NATSIHMS form part of the IHMHS.

We want to work with you to support your community in taking part in these surveys. A good response supports better data to help our future health by getting the right support for our communities.



The ABS will always comply with COVID-19 restrictions. This includes withdrawing from a community, if necessary.





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National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS)

What is the NATSIHS?

- The NATSIHS is a survey that collects information about the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- It will be in the field from August 2022 to June 2023. First results will be published from early 2024 onwards.

What kind of questions are asked?

There are questions about:

- long-term health conditions (e.g. diabetes, asthma, heart disease) and disability
- risk factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption, diet, food security, physical activity, and unfair treatment
- health-related actions such as visits to doctors, nurses or Aboriginal health workers
- social and emotional wellbeing
- other factors that can be key determinants of health such as housing, education, employment, income, and cultural identification.





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What physical measurements are taken? (voluntary)

- With the permission of participants, the ABS interviewer will take the participant's blood pressure, height, weight and waist measurements.

Who gets selected for the survey?

- About 6,500 households are selected across Australia. Houses are randomly selected in the community and can't be swapped with another.
- Once a house is selected, the ABS will randomly select up to one adult and one child in remote areas and up to two adults and two children in non-remote areas.

Is the NATSIHS compulsory?

- Ultimately, yes. The questions included in this survey are being asked under the authority of the Census and Statistics Act 1905, which has provisions to make surveys compulsory.

How long will it take to do the survey?

- It depends on the individuals and the size of the household, but the average time for a household is 70 minutes in remote areas and 95 minutes in non-remote areas.

Where do people do the survey?

- Trained ABS interviewers will conduct the survey at the participant's home.
- This can be done inside or outside – whichever is the most comfortable for the participant.





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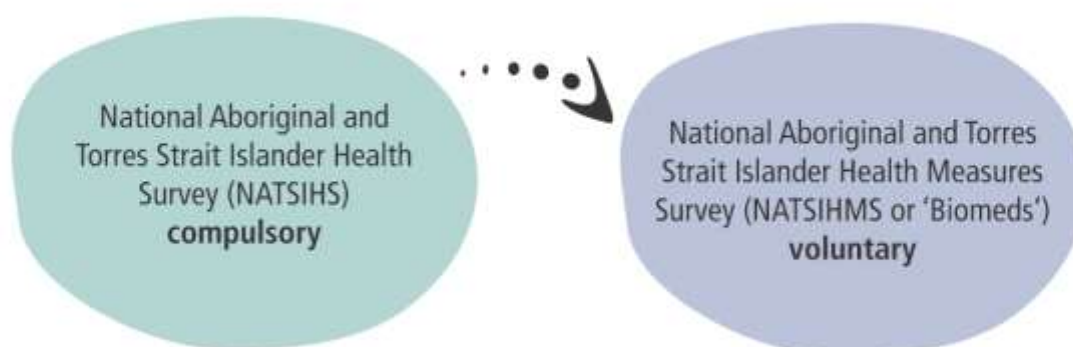
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Measures Survey (NATSIHMS)

What is the NATSIHMS?

- The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Measures Survey (NATSIHMS) will collect blood and urine samples and is **voluntary**.

Who gets selected for the NATSIHMS?

- People who are selected for the NATSIHS (aged 5 years and over) are invited to also participate in the NATSIHMS.



What is collected in the NATSIHMS?

- If a respondent (or parent/guardian) agrees to participate in the NATSIHMS, they will be asked to provide blood and/or urine samples, depending on their age.

Age group	Sample collection
Children aged 5–11 years	Urine only
People aged 12 years and over	Blood and/or urine

- The samples will be used to produce estimates of the number (and percentage) of people with markers of chronic disease (e.g. kidney disease) and certain levels of nutrients.
- All samples will be destroyed after seven days.





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What are we testing for?

A total of 19 tests will be done on blood and urine samples, including testing levels of:

- Glucose, which can indicate diabetes risk.
- Cholesterol, which can indicate risk of heart disease.
- Protein in urine, which indicates kidney health.
- A range of other vitamins and nutrients which act as indicators, such as for blood and bone health.

Where will the samples be collected?

- The ABS has contracted Sonic Pathology Australia (Sonic) to deliver pathology services for the NATSIHMS. Where a Sonic site is available, samples will be collected there.
- Where a Sonic site is not available, samples will generally be taken at a local health service or clinic. Sonic will work with participating clinics to collect the samples.
- Local clinics can enter into an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with the ABS that outlines the resources needed for the collection (see page 12 for further information.)

Has the NATSIHMS been approved by an ethics committee?

- Yes. The ABS will only conduct the NATSIHMS where approval has been received by the appropriate Human Research Ethics Committee.
- For a full list of ethics approvals, please visit www.abs.gov.au/NATSIHMS





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What happens when your community is selected for the NATSIHS and NATSIHMS?

NATSIHS (compulsory for those selected)

- An ABS engagement manager will contact you about your community participating in the NATSIHS. A representative from our Centre of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics (CoATSIS) engagement team will be in contact to see how we can work with you.
- During this conversation, we will work with you to arrange dates, key contacts, and possibly accommodation and transport for interviewers. When the time for the survey comes, ABS interviewers will arrive and make contact. They will seek out the key contact you provide and establish their bearings in the community.
- The ABS will be guided by local communities and, where appropriate, will engage Community Advisors to work with the interviewers. Interviewers will rely on advice as to how they work in the community.
- Interviewers will visit selected houses to conduct the NATSIHS interviews face-to-face, using a laptop computer.
- Interviewers will be in each community for up to two weeks.
- The information collected is then used to produce statistics. People's names and addresses will always remain private.



The 2018–19 NATSIHS collected data on a broad range of health-related topics, including language, cultural identification, education, labour force status, income and unfair treatment. If you are interested in what those results told us you can access the data here:





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NATSIHMS (voluntary for those selected)

- When a participant has finished the NATSIHS, they will be asked if they want to participate in the NATSIHMS.
- **The NATSIHMS is voluntary.** The ABS will seek free and informed consent from participants. Written and video material will be available to inform consent, and participants can withdraw consent at any time (until personal IDs are removed from the data). All materials have been developed with reference to the AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research. The ABS will continue to consult and engage extensively to ensure concerns have been addressed in conducting the NATSIHMS.
- Participants will generally provide blood and urine samples at a local clinic.
- Providing samples should take about 10–20 minutes.
- Participants will receive a gift card (or store credit) to help with the costs of participating.
- All participants will have the option of receiving their test results and can also have their results provided to their nominated health practitioner. Procedures will be in place to manage follow-up of any results of concern.
- The information collected is then used to produce statistics. People's names and addresses will always remain private.



Previous NATSIHMS statistics
(biomedical results) from 2012-13 can
be found here:





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How does it benefit the community?

Why do the NATSIHS or NATSIHMS?

- Participants of the NATSIHMS can find out more about their health by receiving test results.
- Data from the surveys can help improve services and health programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Why do we need to collect the data?

- To measure the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- To compare the information – for example, to look more closely at different populations, like people living in remote and non-remote areas.

Who uses the data?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations (e.g. Lowitja Institute) and service providers (e.g. local health organisations and clinics).
- Federal, State and Territory health authorities (e.g. Department of Health).
- Other government, health industry and professional organisations (e.g. The Heart Foundation, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare).

NATSIHS data in the real world

- The NATSIHS provides good information about smoking.
- Data from the last 20 years of surveys shows that smoking has been going down.
- Governments use this information in deciding whether to fund programs like 'Tackling Indigenous Smoking'.
- Programs like Tackling Indigenous Smoking work with Community Controlled Health Organisations to support programs that reduce smoking.





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How is the data used?

- To provide information that contributes to the assessment and improvement of health programs, services, policies and initiatives.
- To understand the prevalence of health conditions.
- To monitor changes in the health and health-related issues of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population over time.
- To support grant applications by community health services and clinics.

Do people see their NATSIHMS test results?

- Yes. Participants will be able to see their results if they want to. They will be provided within three weeks of sample collection.
- Participants can also have their results provided to their nominated health practitioner. Procedures will be in place to manage the follow-up of any results of concern.

NATSIHMS data in the real world

- The 2012–13 NATSIHMS data led to the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) recommending that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults undergo cardiovascular risk factor screening from 18 years of age – much younger than previously recommended.





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How can you support the surveys?

You can support the surveys in a few ways. You can:

- assist in identifying suitable people who could work as Community Advisors.
- work with the ABS engagement manager to communicate clear messages to the community.
- display posters promoting the NATSIHS and the NATSIHMS.
- answer questions from the community about the surveys (using this toolkit).
- provide support and advice in any community information sessions.

Options for health services and clinics to support the NATSIHMS include:

- Providing a letter of support with no active participation.
- Providing space and services to support Sonic staff to collect, prepare and deliver the samples at the health service/clinic.

Health services that are able to support the NATSIHMS by providing space for Sonic staff can enter into an agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with the ABS and receive some financial compensation.





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Artwork



'Our Story. Our Future.' was created by proud Wiradjuri, Wotjobaluk, Yuin and Gumbaynggirr artist **Luke Penrith** and Maluililgal people, Badu Island artist **Naseli Tamwoy**.

It tells the story of how the ABS works with communities to see, hear and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and experiences in our national story.

The artwork celebrates our stories being seen and heard for the benefit of future generations. It embraces the cultural importance of storytelling and information sharing, entwined with a focus on working together for a strong future for children, family and community.

The use of colours and inclusion of country, land and sea, rivers and desert, reflect the diversity of our peoples and culture across the country.





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We are coming to your community soon

When are we coming to your community?

For further information, your engagement manager is:

More information about these surveys can be found at:



www.abs.gov.au/NATSIHS
or call 1800 007 448 (NATSIHS)



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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.3
TITLE Barkly Back Bone Team Update
REFERENCE 376806
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.



LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 14.1
TITLE Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 376809
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the date of the next local authority meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 October 2022.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS: