

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Wutungurra LA Meeting

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Barkly Regional Council's Wutungurra LA Meeting will be held in Meeting Room on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 10:30 am.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

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The Way We Will Work

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We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

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We are a responsible Council. We will be a responsive Council.

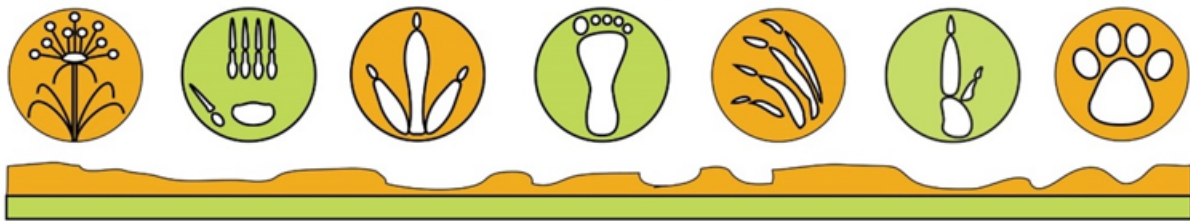
We want to empower local decision making.

We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

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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. 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



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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

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1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

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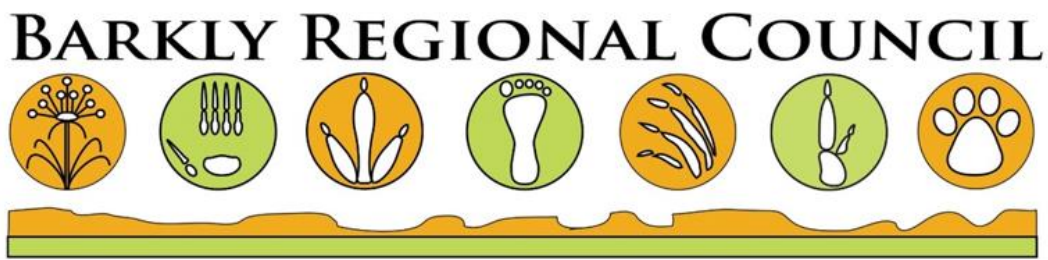
Author Barry Nattrass WHS Manager BRC

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and confirms the minutes from the meeting on 26 September 2023 as a true and accurate record.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. WL A-26092023- Minutes [2.1.1 - 6 pages]



MINUTES

Wutunugurra LA Meeting

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Russell Anderson

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Meeting commenced at 11:00am with (Shirley Beasley) as Chair.

- Shirley Beasley - Chair
- Fiona Peterson
- Kaye Beasley
- Ezra Casson
- Julie Peterson

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Norma Ellis (HCM Health Clinic)
- Sini Kaho (Clinic Coordinator Barkly Region)
- Rosemary Friend (Barkly Remote Doctor)
- Andrew Urquhart (Director of Primary Health Barkly Region)
- Donna Eddie (BRC Staff)
- Kelly White (BRC Area Manger)
- Barry Nattrass (BRC Staff)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Apologies

- Cr Mark Peterson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr Anita Bailey
- Cr Jack Clubb
- Cr Lucy Jackson
- Cr Mark Peterson
- LA Member Annette Nungala
- LA Member Basil Morrison
- LA Member Cedric Price
- LA Member Lenny Beasley
- LA Member Nathaniel Peterson
- LA Member Tracy Peterson
- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil



MINUTES Wutunugurra LA Meeting 26 September 2023



2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of 11 July 2023 LA Minutes

MOTION

That the Wutunugurra Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held in Wutunugurra on 11 July 2023

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/0

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions arising from 12 July 2023 meeting

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the actions from the previous meeting held in Wutunugurra on 11 July 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Ezra Casson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/1

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Nil



5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Monthly Financial Report for Wutunugurra Local Authority

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and note the updated LA Finance Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Kaye Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/2

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Manager's Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Shirley Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/3

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Raised Cattle Grids

MOTION

That the Local Authority approves the Area Manager to seek 3 quotes towards supply and fit of three raised cattle grids for the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ezra Casson

Seconded: LA Member Shirley Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/4





General Business

7.2 Fencing Area between Lot 62 and Community Housing Lots 11-12 & 30

MOTION

That the Local Authority approves the purchase and installation of two personal access gates and one four-metre gate between Lot 62 and community housing lots 11-12 and 30

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Shirley Beasley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/5

General Business

7.3 Shade cloth purchase for tree propagation

MOTION

That the Local Authority approves the purchase of shade cloth to cover the existing gardening area.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Shirley Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Fiona Peterson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/6

General Business

7.4 Fruit and shade trees purchase

MOTION

That the Local Authority approves the purchase of fruit and shade trees for the community

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Fiona Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Ezra Casson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved WLA-23/7



MINUTES Wutunugurra LA Meeting 26 September 2023



8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

A question was put to the meeting by Dr Rosemary Friend as to when the Women's Centre may be built and occupied.

Area Manager Kelly White told the meeting that:

- He had raised the issue many times at weekly internal BRC meetings
- He had raised the issue with Northern Territory Senator and Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians Malarndirri McCarthy
- This would be pursued as it is considered a very needed asset for the community

Dr Friend also raised the issue of the security doors at the Art Centre not functioning correctly because of dirt build up on the tracks and was concerned glass panels were at risk. A request for maintenance was raised.

Dr Friend further raised the issue of community safety when there are incidents of unruly behaviour and when police should be notified.

Andrew Urquhart, Director of Primary Health Barkly Region reinforced the need for a safety plan for the community when it came to unruly behaviour and would not hesitate to recall staff if the situation for them became unsafe or in any way unacceptable.

Community meeting organised by Mark Paterson for Thursday 28 September to be attended by all interested parties.

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting Closed at 12:15pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the Minutes of the Wutunugurra Local Authority meeting at Wutunugurra on 26 September 2023 and are unconfirmed.



3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from Previous Minutes

Author Barry Natrass WHS Manager BRC

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the actions from the previous meeting held in Wutunugurra on 26 September 2023.

SUMMARY

- Purchase and installation of 3 cattle grids to replace community gates
- PA gates x 2 needed
- Fencing material needed
- 3.8 metre access gates
- Purchase of a Kubota RTV-X1140

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Reports

Author Barry Natrass WHS Manager BRC

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receive a Video Link Presentation from the CEO Mr Ian Bodill.

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Nil

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Managers Reports

Reference

Author Kelly White Area Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. report for LA meeting for August [6.1.1 - 3 pages]

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GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 0.0

TITLE Operations Report

REFERENCE

AUTHOR KELLY WHITE; Wutungurra area Manager

Recommendations;

SUMMARY: LOCAL AUTHORITY WUTUNUGURRA

This is the Monthly report for LA on Wutunugurra Municipal operations, Comm-Dev and night Patrol October – November and all other areas that come under my umbrella.

Fleet Management – The current BRC fleet is still being worked on and as I only have 3 machines I live in hope

- Septic truck is down
- Bob cat is down
- The ride on mower works
- The tractor /slasher is down
- One work ute is down and is beyond redemption for its age and that leaves us with one
- The backhoe is almost down (being addressed)

BRC services – All BRC services in the community (Comm-Dev, Municipal) are now being carried out in full swing, I did mention that a balance needs to be found and that is still a work in progress

- YS&R have Caleb Lewis has and is doing a great job and now that he has Magdalene with him it is running smoothly
- we are in need off balls and a pump to pump up balls ,training for the staff again is one of the main concerns and I know that BRC are working on this training and Sagar ([Regional Manager Safe Houses & Youth Recreation Programs](#))it has been great to see you following up on every issue that comes up ,well done for doing the hard yards and working with these young guys on the ground
- Night patrol has filled it's two positions so they can operate , Rebecca Morton and Shirleen Beasley have been appointed
- Municipal are working well but I still have a vacuum at the leadership and that is being addressed and maybe addressed by the time we have the LA meeting
- I understand that people's septic's are not BRC responsibility but when we have unhealthy situations due to failed septic's, I myself as BRC area manager have a moral responsibility to see that this is addressed ,one for community health and two for what is right , I make no apologies for the toes that I step on to get a healthy out come as my job is to better this community into the future and substandard services cannot and will not be tolerated
- BRC services are just keeping their heads above water as we have very limited machinery to carry out the services like road and verges repairs ,even to keep the dump in a tidy and manageable condition without a bobcat is testing
- The effluent disposal evaporative pond has been used and tidy up 100% ,fence repaired and new signage to warn off the dangers ,this was dug in conjunction with Municipal workers and Barkly plumbing
- The new rubbish dump and burn area have both been dug and that should keep this community going for another 6-10 years or more if managed correctly and Bennally (Kurundi station Ben Saint) did the work for the community
- All fire breaks have been extended to a 3 blade width and this work was carried out in conjunction Municipal workers and Bennally(Kurundi station)

Infrastructure – All BRC infrastructure sites are going to be an ongoing maintenance issue

- The effluent area has been cleaned up and the new signage has arrived (should be fitted by the time off our LA meeting)
- We have purchased all the rubble to repair the verges and pot holes (2 road trains) and have positioned them both sides off the community for easy off access
- A grass spray program will kick into gear soon as the rains begin to appear on the horizon and we intend to keep the grass away from fence lines , parks and gardens and extra attention is to be put into play ground areas ,so as to see any snake problem before it becomes a problem
- The men's shed is going to be seeing some attention with a upgrade and the Municipal team will be doing as much as possible so us to get value for the limited dollars that we have
- I know that I keep going on about it but a more concerted effort needs to made to address the women's centre for both community spirit and mental health, Sonia from strong women's strong babies coordinator is driving as much as she can with a program but it is very hard to gain any momentum without having the septic system addressed
- I am pleased to say that I have been given some assurances that the septic is going to be addressed at the women's centre (15/11/2023)
- If it can't be seen let me point out the pattern here, one off the biggest problems, that this community face in the future for health ,mental health and this is all to do with the children is the failing septic substandard systems ,it is a blocker in moving forward so a real concerted effort needs to be made by all levels off government and not just talking about a problem that produces a peace off paper ,(problems Associated with crook septics) it can cause disease if not treated correctly to prevent a risk to public health (mosquitoes, unhealthy surface grey water with human faeces and chemical components are associated with gastroenteritis, giardiasis, viral infections such as hepatitis and infections of the skin and eyes)

BRC personnel – Employment/recruitment of the BRC team continues I have a rule that is fair for the community as we all need work as a team to turn up 5 days per week and if they blow Thursday or Friday due to grog or the inability to inform their employer, that they will not be in to work then they do not start back until the start of the work week, which is the following Wednesday , this is due to the fact that we are relied on to keep things moving within community and the rubbish to be picked up ,grass cut

- As Donna is no longer employed with BRC for a 5 day period (weekly) but she will still be paid for any service that she gives us, it has forced the 2 ladies to step up and Glenys Peterson has done just that, Marilyn is still a work in progress, Donna will not abandon these ladies but she is stepping back and will remain as support for myself as well and that is to be commended.
- I am working on employing a new supervisor but I need to assist the old supervisor in transiting back as a municipal worker (Casual) without losing face but being able to take what he has learnt as a positive and learn for this same role in the future,(I still believe that the supervisor that we have here at the moment is the right man for the job but it's a failure on me if I don't notice his struggle with the position at the moment and helping him step back to learn from another for a year or two will put him in good stead for the future off Wutungurra) and his eventual return as supervisor in time

Local Authority – The Wutungurra Local Authority

- Have their new ride on lawn mower in community and it has been great to have something that works as soon as you hit the key
- The air from the workshop to fence line materials all have been sourced and the airline has been run out to the fence line , the connection have arrived and it is now time for man power and will for the work to be completed .this work is almost completed ,waiting on the fence to community access tyre airline connection

- The Cemetery survey. I have now made contact with Bruce Clough through the lions club in Alice springs and I am waiting for a phone call
- Playground area's is still in the process ,I have spoken with all bar a couple of the men and they say that we should boarder and fill with river sand ,we are waiting for the purchase off some boarder timbers and I am hoping to appoint one Andrew Beasley just to look after all parks and play grounds .
- I would like the LA to consider that they purchase a Kubota 4 seater with a tray for the parks and gardens and other council small works areas
- We spoke last meeting and raised by the LA and that is putting in cattle grids to elevate the gates to keep the cattle out of community and as we need to address the 3 remaining gate that are the problem I have chased up Elders and Bennally for some costings
- We also spoke about fencing off both ends off the area on the western side of lot 62 (council office)for the purpose of planting fruit trees and to be run by our parks and garden officer , this area will have access as a walk-way with PA gates at each end , on the northern end a 3.4 m gate for machinery access

Community visits – we have had: Services Australia, tenancy, Bennally (Kurundi station), Barkly arts, NT pest Control, Lachlan from department of chief minister, Director Brody Moor from BRC, Sonia from strong women's strong babies coordinator

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

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Nil

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