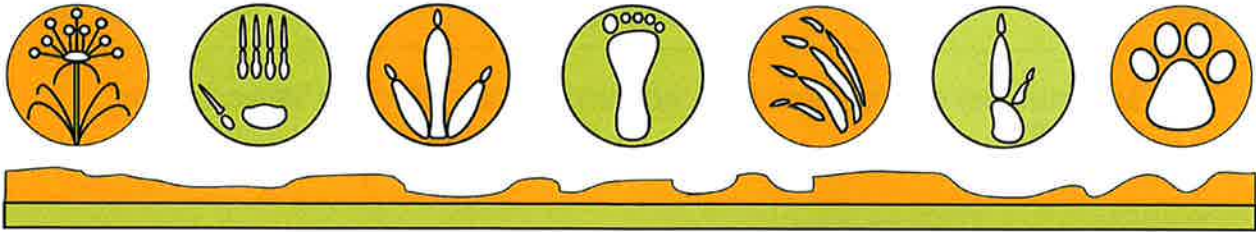


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AGENDA

ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 2018

The Ali Curung Local Authority will be held in the council building on Thursday, 12 April 2018 at 10:00am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

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1	OPENING & ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Authority Members Present	
1.2	Staff and Visitors Present	
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	<i>Nil</i>	
6	CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA	
	<i>Nil</i>	
7	BRC'S REPSONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED	
	<i>Nil</i>	
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	<i>Nil</i>	
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	<i>Nil</i>	
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	<i>Nil</i>	
12	THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN	
	<i>Nil</i>	
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	<i>Nil</i>	

14 BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

15 OTHER BUSINESS

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16 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 242577
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting held on the 8 March 2018

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ali Curung LA - Unconfirmed minutes - 08.03.2018.pdf



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MINUTES

ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2018

The Ali Curung Local Authority was held in Ali Curung on Thursday, 8 March 2018 at 10:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at (Fill in time)am with (Fill in Name) as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Cr Noel Hayes
- Edith Hanlon
- Sammy Ladd
- Jerry Rice
- Peter Corbett
- Andrew Tsavaris
- Derek Walker

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

- Mark Parsons – Director of Operations
- Tim Hema – Area Manager Ali Curung
- Nadia Simpson – Barkly Regional Council
- Katie Walker – Barkly Regional Council
- Ethan Wilson – Barkly Regional Council
- Craigwyn Glenn – Barkly Regional Council
- Joshua Jackson – Government Engagement Coordinator –PMC
- David Curtis – SNR Local Government
- Ian Grieve – Arlpwe Art Center
- Cerise King – Anyingyi Health
- Patricia Braun - Anyingyi Health
- CJ Donaldson – NT Police – Community Engagement
- Joe Cooper – NT Police – Community Engagement
- Alston Nelson – CDEP Ali Curung
- Ben Foran – Alekerenge School]

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Cr Lucy Jackson
- Jonas Johnson – OIC Ali Curung Police
- Steve Moore – CEO Barkly Regional Council
- Cr Steve Edgington – Mayor (Ex-officio)

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting held 7 February 2018 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: LA Member E Hanlon

Seconded: LA Member J Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 7/18

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Area manager advised still awaiting quotes for lights at Softball Oval.

3.1 ACTION LIST FROM 7 FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the action list
- b) Note all actions completed since last meeting

Moved: LA Member C Rose

Seconded: LA Member P Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 8/18

Brief introduction from NT Police Community Engagement officers Joe Cooper and Craig Donaldson. Advised they will be in the local area for the next couple of weeks.

4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

Area manager Tim Hema read out his report.

4.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT FOR ALI CURUNG

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note Ali Curung Area Manager report.

Moved :LA Member A Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member P Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 9/18

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN*Nil***6. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA***Nil***7. BRC'S REPSONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED***Nil***8. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA***Nil***9. LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT***Nil***10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR***Nil***11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS***Nil***12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN***Nil***13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR***Nil***14. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA***Nil***15. OTHER BUSINESS**

1047- LA Member D Walker enters meeting.

Ben Foran – Acting Principle Ali Curung School gave update for his area.

The Chair discussed visit by Centre for Appropriate Technology people who will be visiting 19-23 March to ask people about internet connection and mobile phones.

Election to Anyinginyi Health Board of Directors	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) On behalf of Ali Curung community members hereby nominate Noel Hayes, to be the Ali Curung representative on the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation Board of Directors. The term of the appointment expiring October 2019.	
b) The nominee meets all eligibility requirements as set out in the corporations rule book to be a director of Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation.	
Moved: LA Member E Hanlon	
Seconded: LA Member C Rose	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved ACLA 10/18</i>	

Mark Parsons gave a quick overview of the intended visit from Triston Ray in regards to impact of petrol sniffing in the community. Information and request for visit was also supplied in the agenda.

15.1 AROMATIC FUEL SURVEY VISIT**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

Moved: LA Member C Rose

Seconded: LA Member S Ladd

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 11/18

Katie Young Night patrol Zone manager gave verbal overview of report.

15.2 NIGHT PATROL LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member D Walker

Seconded: LA Member J Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 12/18

Mark Parsons gave verbal report and update on his roles and responsibilities.

15.3 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member D Walker

Seconded: LA Member E Hanlon

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 13/18

Ian grieves – Ali Curung Art Center gave update for his area.

15.4 NEXT MEETING DATE**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Ali Curung Local Authority meeting to be Thursday 5th April 2018 at 10:30am

Moved: LA Member E Hanlon**Seconded: LA Member D Walker****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ACLA 14/18***16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS***Nil***17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC***Nil***18. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting was closed at 11:45am

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 8 March 2018 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

Cr. Noel Hayes
Chair

Tim Hema
Area Manager

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Ali Curung Action Item List
REFERENCE 243355
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Remove all completed items from the list

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ali Curung Action list from 8.03.2018.pdf

	ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST	As of 08 March 2018
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MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
1 22/11/2016	LA requests quotes for putting lights around soft ball pitch	Mark to source quotes	LA	BRC Area Manager	Pending 08.03.18 Still awaiting quotes

AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Ali Curung Area Managers Report
REFERENCE 243243
AUTHOR Tim Hema, Area Manager - Ali Curung

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

General:

- Local Authority meeting was held on Wednesday 08-03-2-18 at the Ali Curung council office.
- Work continues on the Sewage upgrade project. AM maintains regular communications with project site manager Zain, Dan and Ian.
- Housing meeting held in Murray Downs 06-03-2018 in reference to the "Room to Breath" additions and requirement of new houses to be built.
- Roger LLN trainer visit 23 Feb – 02 Mar 2018 next visit 29 Mar – 06 April 2018.
- CSAP Meeting with Police and other Stakeholders held 21-03-2018 at the GEC Complex.
- CEPO Community Engagement Police Officers visit by Joe Cooper and CJ Donaldson 12-16 March 2018.
- DASA Training and First Aid Course.
- Fire Trailer been approved for purchase.
- Eppenarra visit 29-03-2018 with William Curtis.
- Funeral 28 march 2018.

Highlights:

- New Sports and Rec Team Leader Courtney Hagen started.

Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance:

- Backhoe in Tennant still under repair.
- Old Kubota ride-on mower awaiting parts. New Kubota ride-on has been approved for purchase should be delivered in the coming weeks.
- Grader work – works partly completed- requesting use of Alparra Grader to complete works.

Administration:

Karen providing administration support to William in Epenarra from 26th March 2018. Cysila on leave 5 -20 April 2018. Currently seeking a casual relief administration assistant to be trained in Centrelink and post office duties.

Depot:

Lost two staff this month, Bill Sadlier (ESO) and William Curtis (Works Supervisor). Terry James currently acting up as supervisor and is keen to apply for the position. Zephaniah Morton has returned on a short term contract initially with the intent of applying for the ESO position of which he is already qualified. The team is working OK at the moment however we will have vacancies with Terry stepping into the Supervisor role. Ben mechanic (casual) continues to be an asset for the works team. Overall the team are working OK.

CDEP – intent to get a closer working relationship with their supervisor and manager (Brodie) with a view to working alongside each other productively.

Essential Services:

Lost x2 ESO this month (Will and Bill), Current ESO's are Zephaniah, Ben and Chris. AM will also undergo training as a back-up.

Airstrip maintenance work continues with clearing firebreaks around the fence line in preparation of inspection this month (April). Monthly inspections as per normal.

Sports and Rec:

Sport and Rec have been running after school and evening programs for youth and adults in Ali Curung. Timings are 3pm and 5pm where the children are able to participate in recreational activities in the rec hall, this program has seen an average of 20-30 participants each day where the ages range between below 5 to 15. Team leader has identified a range of maintenance and general improvements required for the Rec Hall.

Evening activities have been conducted on the outdoor basketball courts, these activities mostly include basketball and arts and crafts- this program sees a similar number of participants for the youth Adults also join toward the later hours of the program (7:30-8pm) whilst the children are going through rounds of being dropped home.

- Evening activities have been run between 7-8:30pm where some adult games have gone until 9pm
- Plans for April is to start the evening sport at 6pm to finish at 7:30 to ensure children are home before dark

Aged Care:

Tonya Krings left 08/03/2018 resulting in a current vacancy. Care Solutions consultants (Carrie Akhurst) visit to Aged care, discussed issues around use of respite centre, new flooring and combi oven for Aged care. Aged Care Trainer Tony visit 5-8 March facilitating all 3 staff. Continue as normal servicing Ali Curung and Murray Downs clients.

Night Patrol:

Good support from Zone Manager – Katie Young

refer to Night patrol Managers Report.

Safe House:

Casual On-call staff required still required, only x2 staff currently. Need to get more staff for amore effective working roster.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

- *Contractors bursting water mains during sewerage construction work and hitting x2 LV lines. New project Manager Ian living onsite to minimise these occurrences.*
- *Break -in Council Office 15-03-18, Toyota Hilux stolen property damage to front gate and rear fence line. Information received Vehicle in Alice and x3 names have been given to Police. The majority of these break-ins including past incidents are occurring after night patrol operations which finish at midnight. Recommend that Night Patrol look into providing a later coverage especially during busy nights (Thur – Sat)*
- *As a result of last break-ins, quotes been requested for Alarm installation and external lights fitted to Council Office/Workshop areas.*
- *Ali Curung street lighting inspection 19-03-18 resulted in 23 faulty lights identified, quotes been requested for repair by MG electrical. Awaiting for Murray Downs count.*
- *Serious Police incident on night of 25-03-2018.*
- *Insecurity around Church and Mission house.*
- *Break-in recreation centre 27-03-2018.*

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.



LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Ali Curung Finance Report
REFERENCE 242962
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Ali Curung Local Authority Finance report

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 LA_Financials_Ali Curung.pdf

Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405 Ali Curung

VISION: The Barkly is a strong and vibrant Shire that values and respects its cultural diversity

INCOME

Operating Grants Received

INCOME TOTAL

Approved
Minutes

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended

Jul-15 Waterpark
Apr-16 Shade Cloth
Apr-16 Gas Bottles
Apr-16 Mower parts
Apr-16 Sign
May-17 Kubota brush cutter
May-17 Vandal proof BBQ for Murray Downs
May-17 Steel & Concrete for football goal post
May-17 Kubota Tractor
Dec-17 Shade Sail

LA Funding Committed

Feb-18 Animal Management Activities

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures			
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
				Total
\$ 326,608.18	\$ 70,328.18	\$ 86,150.00	\$ 86,150.00	\$ 326,608.18
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\$ 140,000.00	\$ 70,328.18	\$ 69,671.82		\$ 140,000.00
\$ 421.23		\$ 421.23		\$ 421.23
\$ 222.61		\$ 222.61		\$ 222.61
\$ 1,490.00		\$ 1,490.00		\$ 1,490.00
\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
\$ 1,161.60		\$ 1,161.60		\$ 1,161.60
\$ 6,930.00		\$ 6,930.00		\$ 6,930.00
\$ 4,454.00		\$ 4,454.00		\$ 4,454.00
\$ 49,640.00		\$ 49,640.00		\$ 49,640.00
\$ 27,272.73		\$ 27,272.73		\$ 27,272.73
\$ 15,000.00			\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
\$ 248,092.17	\$ 70,328.18	\$ 85,851.26	\$ 76,912.73	\$ 248,092.17
\$ 78,516.01	\$ -	\$ 298.74	\$ 9,237.27	\$ 78,516.01

Expenditure
Date

Jun-16
Oct-15
Nov-15
Jun-16
Jun-16
Jul-17
Aug-17
Oct-17
Sep-17
Dec-17

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE	242998
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

This Month has been all about Local Authority Meetings with me being in attendance at all of them. This has been the first Month that I have been in control of doing all the Local Authority Agendas. This has proved to be a quick learning curve for my Admin Assistant and myself but now we have done it once each month should get easier.

All Communities are still tracking well and the concentration this month is on getting action items completed so we can clean up the action lists.

Whilst travelling to all the Local Authority meetings I am making time to work with the Area Managers over anything that they may be having issues with.

Alparra

Staff meeting are occurring every Monday at 10am, where possible, with Barkly Regional Council and Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation staff. Weekly movements and activities are discussed including WH&S Issues. Working together is the way forward. All other services are tracking well except for the municipal team which we are in the middle of recruiting new staff.

Ampilatwatja

We are working with CDP on a joint project. We are building a shelter for the older woman of the community to use.

We have also been gifted a Tyre changing and wheel balance machine by My Pathways. There will be some training done around the use of this machine which two of our staff will be involved in.

Wutunugurra

Still had some staff shortages early this month due to Ceremony.

We have a new CDP supervisor on Community and he has started some new projects with the participants including a BMX track.

Alpururulam

We have employed two new Municipal staff this last month and we have also started recruiting for a new works supervisor. We have had the whole inside of the service center painted and it has made a bright change to our surroundings. We have had our grader returned from Tennant Creek so we will be upgrading our fire breaks as soon as weather permits.

Elliot

We have a stand in Area Manager for the next month in Elliot. All staff are working well and all our contracts are being fulfilled.

Ali Curung

Mediation training is ongoing in Ali Curung at the moment.

We are recruiting for a new Sport and Rec Officer and a new ESO at the moment.

Local Authority have agreed to a \$15000.00 input into the animal management program.

I am still only new to my position after only three months in the job, but we seem to be getting good outcomes throughout the communities and the Area Managers seem to be getting comfortable in having the extra support that I can offer.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.2
TITLE Ali Curung Correspondence
REFERENCE 243034
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Acting Chief minister to Mayor Edgington 128.02.2018 .pdf
- 2 Michael Gunner MLA - from Mayor.pdf



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Mr Steven Edgington
Mayor
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Via Email: steven.edgington@barkly.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor Steve,

Thank you for your letter of 21 December 2017 outlining the recent achievements of the Barkly Regional Council. I commend your Council on its leadership. Your letter also sought responses to a number of questions related specifically to Tennant Creek and the Barkly district.

Please find a detailed response to your questions at Attachment A. If you seek further clarification to specific responses, please contact Mr Martin Plumb, Regional Director, Department of the Chief Minister on telephone (08) 8962 4434.

Yours sincerely

NICOLE MANISON

28 FEB 2018



**Question 1**

When will the residents of Alpururulam, Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara become part of the national telecommunications network and be able to access mobile phone and fixed broadband services?

The communities Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara were all considered for the NTG/Telstra Co-investment program but unfortunately were unsuccessful in the analysis using the criteria for the Co-investment program. Alpururulam is still under consideration.

Future programs would consider small communities (populations around 100-200 people). These communities are generally very isolated with high cost to deliver services (around \$5 million each).

Imangara has a Centre for Appropriate Technology mobile phone hotspot installed under a grant provided by the NTG; residents can use this hotspot for mobile phone services.

Please contact Kate Lissan from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet directly on telephone (02) 6152 3783 for a response to this question in relation to other possible Federal funding for remote communities.

Question 2

Residents at Alpururulam advise they were promised a new morgue quite some time ago. When will the new morgue be constructed and available for use?

- Design documentation and planning approval for the construction of a new morgue facility at Alpururulam was completed to enable the project documentation to be prepared for tender in July 2017.
- Prior to tender, however, concerns were raised by community members about the proposed location of the facility.
- On 3 August 2017, a community consultation concerning the location of the morgue was held on site at the health clinic in Alpururulam with the community, Department of Housing and Community Development and all relevant stakeholders. Agreement was obtained that the morgue would be relocated to the adjacent lot forming part of the health clinic lease.
- Due to the change in lots, the Project Manager, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, was required to engage the designer to both reconfigure the design and re-enter the planning phase of the development. Consent to construct and Sacred Site Clearance was subsequently obtained from the Central Land Council at the end of October 2017.
- Procurement of the morgue has commenced and a tender is targeted for late February 2018.
- The Alpururulam morgue is currently expected to be delivered in late May 2018.

Question 3

Residents in Alpururulam advise that new houses being built in the community do not have air-conditioning installed. Given the extreme temperatures often experienced combined with families on low incomes, what is your government's policy regarding installation and maintenance of air-conditioning in public housing?

- It has been the Department's practice in arid regions to provide evaporative air-conditioning to new builds, except where there are water quality issues or the community is water stressed.
- Alpururulam has both water resource capacity and water quality issues related to salinity, iodine and fluoride, being at the limit or above the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The community demand has frequently exceeded the available production rate of 5.0 L/s with all current bores operating. On average the production rate is exceeded more than 40% of the time.

- On 3 August 2017, at the Housing Reference Group meeting at Alpururulam, the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics advised members that fans would be installed to new builds and that further advice on air-conditioning would be provided. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics was unable to attend the next Housing Reference Group meeting and it is unclear whether members received the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' update.
- Given the decision not to install evaporative air-conditioning, provision was made during construction for tenants to install refrigerated air-conditioning.
- The Barkly Regional Office has spoken with tenants as they signed up for houses and explained that tenants would be able to install refrigerated air-conditioners to their homes themselves.
- In relation to maintenance of air-conditioning in housing with split system air-conditioners; these are considered to be a tenant "alteration or addition" (where the tenant has installed themselves, they own it not the Department) and these are not supplied nor maintained by the Department.
- For houses with evaporative cooling:
 - it has been the Department's practice to maintain existing evaporative coolers; and
 - if the evaporative cooling is not working, it is replaced/repared as required and then subsequently maintained.

Question 4

What are the land tenure arrangements in both South and North Camps at Elliott?

- Elliott North Camp is located on NT Portion 3720 and 3869 and is Aboriginal freehold land held by the Narwinbi Aboriginal Land Trust.
- Elliott South Camp is located on Lot 62 Town of Elliott and is held under Special Purposes Lease (SPL) 478 which was issued 2 May 1980 (6/8/81) to Wilyugoo Association Incorporated for the purpose of Aboriginal Communal Living.
- In March 2003, Wilyugoo Association Incorporated was dissolved and the lease is now held by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Department of Attorney-General and Justice (AGD), under Section 67 of the Association Act whereby the property of a dissolved incorporated association vests in the Commissioner. The Commissioner has broad powers to deal with the property under s 68 of the Act and accordingly could transfer the SPL to an Aboriginal corporation that was set up by the residents of the Town Camp.

Question 5

Earlier in the year, a house at South Camp was destroyed by fire and has now been demolished. Will your government be replacing this house? If not, why not? If so, when will construction commence?

- In November 2017, House 1 at Elliott South Camp was demolished following extensive damage in a house fire.
- The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Department of Attorney General and Justice (AGD), holds the lease for Elliott South Camp.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development is engaging with AGD regarding options for replacement of House 1.
- The Department has been advised that the former tenant of House 1 has now relocated to Alice Springs.

Question 6

How many dwellings does government have in Elliott, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?

- As at 31 December 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development has 22 government owned dwellings in Elliott. These are all occupied. Three are being utilised for public housing.

Question 7

Has your government had any discussion with the residents of Elliott regarding government taking a long term lease over the Town Camps to enable housing to be brought up to a standard consistent with other remote communities? If so, what has been the outcome of these discussions and what does your government see as the next steps?

- The Northern Territory Government has not held discussions with Elliott residents regarding the transfer of Elliot Town Camp leases.
- Issues relating to town camps are to be addressed in the Northern Territory Town Camps Review, which is currently under consideration by Cabinet.

Question 8

Both the North and South Camps at Elliott are in the process of receiving upgrades and improvements to housing being delivered by Triple P Contracting. What plans does your government have to conduct further improvements to housing and will the Room to Breathe program be delivered in Elliott Town Camps?

The Northern Territory Government made a commitment to invest \$3 million to address housing repairs and maintenance issues in Elliott town camps, a portion of which will be made available to provide additional rooms and/or extensions to address overcrowding in houses at the Elliott Town Camps. Future investment in Town Camps are to be considered as part of the Town Camps Review. The Town Camps in Elliott will continue to receive repairs and maintenance. The Room to Breathe program is targeting the remote communities, not town camps.

Question 9

The Elliott Local Authority advises that it wrote a letter to the Director General of Licensing on 17 May 2017 with the originals posted on 18 May 2017 but to date has not received a reply (Attachment B). Could your government please provide a response to the letter and a copy to my office?

The Director-General is still considering the options and the most appropriate way forward in relation to the community's request.

Question 10

For 2017-2018 your government through the Department of Tourism and Culture provides our council with \$204,000 to deliver services in Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and Elliott. Why is there no funding provided for Wutunugurra and will your government commence funding for this community? If not, why not?

- Funding outcomes are negotiated each year with recipients and under the 2017/18 agreement Barkly Regional Council has allocated its funding to:
 - support the delivery of 6 hours per week of sport and recreation activities in each of the communities mentioned
 - a contribution to the employment of a Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator
 - purchase sporting equipment
 - participation in regional pathway tournaments
 - indirect costs

- Wutunugurra (Epenarra School) received \$10,385 in 2016/17 under the Sport Voucher Scheme, and is eligible as an exempt school under the remote scheme. It has not yet requested funding for 2017/18.

Question 11

How many dwellings does government have in Tennant Creek, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?

- As at 31 December 2017, the Department of Housing and Community Development has 211 government owned dwellings in Tennant Creek, including 157 public housing dwellings, of which 18 are currently unoccupied and are programmed for vacate work, maintenance, upgrades and disposal.

Question 12

Are there any dwellings deemed to be beyond economic repair in Tennant Creek? If so, how many and what is being done to replace them?

- There are seven properties assessed as beyond economical repair and all are scheduled for replacement to go back into stock for allocation to waitlist applicants.

Question 13

How many families and individuals are on the Tennant Creek public housing waitlist and what is the average wait time to obtain public housing?

- There are 164 wait list applicants for the township of Tennant Creek. Waiting times are as follows:
 - 1 bedroom - 4-6 years;
 - 2 bedroom - 2-4 years; and
 - 3 bedroom - 4-6 years.

Question 14

When does government expect to auction the latest residential land release in the Peko Road subdivision?

An options paper is currently being drafted for submission to the Minister on the methodology of release of the lots at Peko Road. It is expected that these lots will be made available for purchase prior to the end of this financial year.

Question 15

Is there a 20 + 20 + 20 year lease in place between the NT Government and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) to manage the Tennant Creek Town Camps? If so, can you advise which government agency is responsible for managing this lease?

There are eight town camps in Tennant Creek, which are all secured by Crown Leases in Perpetuity. The leases are all owned by Julalikari Housing Incorporated. In 2008 agreement was reached to sublease all eight town camps to the statutory body of the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) for an initial period of 20 years with 20+20 year renewals. The subleases are for the purposes of providing public housing.

Question 16

Under the lease arrangement, has JCAC retained responsibility for any portion of the land within the Town Camp boundaries? If so, what area and what is JCAC's responsibility?

Certain areas of land not required for public housing, or related purposes, have been Underleased to Julalikari Council Aboriginal Council. These areas include community buildings and spaces, child care centres and ceremonial and traditional Aboriginal purpose areas.

Question 17

Which agency is responsible for the delivery of Tenancy and Property Management services for public housing in the Tennant Creek Town Camps and, if the services are being delivered under a contract arrangement, who are the contracted providers?

- The Department of Housing and Community Development is responsible for the delivery of Tenancy and Property Management services for public housing in the Tennant Creek community living areas.
- The Department's contracted providers are:
 - Harvey Developments for property management services (repairs and maintenance); and
 - T&J Contracting deliver tenancy management services.

Question 18

Which agency is responsible for maintaining municipal services including roads, drains, footpaths, street lights/power poles, undergrowth control, grass cutting and rubbish removal in the Tennant Creek Town Camps?

T&J Contractors are funded to deliver municipal services, including slashing, fire breaks, non-domestic rubbish collection and grounds maintenance beyond house fences. Barkly Regional Council undertake domestic rubbish collection. Street lights, power poles, roads and drainage issues are the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Question 19

When will your government remove the substantial amount of soil that has washed onto roads and potentially into drains in Kargaru Camp and other Tennant Creek Town Camps?

- Works to remedy this issue have been carried out. On 29 January 2018 an inspection of the works was undertaken by Acting Regional Manager, Barkly DHCD which confirmed the completion status.

Question 20

When will your government have the next 'business count snapshot' data available on the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) website? Can this data be broken down with Barkly specific information?

Business count data is available on an annual basis based on ABS data. It is released in February each year for the year previous. Data is broken down by region per the attached link.

<https://business.nt.gov.au/business/business-and-economic-data/business-count-infographic-data>

Question 21

Recently, your government reduced the number of staff in your DTBI Tennant Creek office by 50% (6 to 3). What are the reasons for your government choosing to do this?

And

Question 22

Has your government reduced the number of staff in any other government agencies based in the Barkly region? If so, Why?

There has been an increase of 8 staff across NT Government agencies based in the Barkly region. Government has recently made a commitment to a further 3 positions based in the Barkly region, bringing the total increase to 11 staff.

A decision was made to amalgamate the Economic Development Officer and Small Business Champion roles in Tennant Creek based on the amalgamation of the functions into the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation from the Department of the Chief Minister. Two workforce training roles were transitioned to other agencies through standard practices. These roles were legacy from the transition of the Training Centres to the Department of Education from the Department of Business in the previous term of government.

Question 23

I understand a tender was released and awarded to conduct a scoping or feasibility study for a Multi Modal Transport Facility in Tennant Creek? What was the outcome of this?

An interim report has been produced, further works are being progressed on the selection and demand analysis.

Question 24

Will your government be providing funding to support governance training for Local Authorities? If not, why not? If so, when will the funding commence?

- The Northern Territory Government is committed to strengthening local decision making in local government through supporting regional councils to empower local authorities.
- Regional councils are the key to strengthening the capacity and capability of local authorities. The Department's Local Government and Community Development Division has a regional network of regional managers and community development officers who provide governance, support and advice to councils and local authorities.
- Over the last few years, the Department's regional staff have worked closely with regional councils to build the capacity of local authority members and regional council staff who engage with local authorities. This work will continue with elected members and local authorities over this new term of council.
- The Department's regional staff will provide governance training to local authorities through 2018. This training will include information on the key functions of local authorities, roles and responsibilities of local authority members including the responsibility to consult locally, good governance, meeting procedures and conflict of interest.



21 December 2017

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister,

I am writing to advise you of some important developments in our region and to seek your feedback in regard to a number of concerns raised by community members throughout the Barkly region.

The new Barkly Regional Council ("Council") was sworn in on Wednesday 13 September 2017 by the Minister for Housing and Community Development.

Since being sworn in, our Council has:

- Changed the principle member's title from President to Mayor;
- Revised Council's Local Authority Establishment Policy to ensure local authorities meet monthly and have a maximum of seven (7) appointed members;
- Approved a new 'Delegations' manual;
- Established Local Authorities in Arlparra, Ampilatwatja, Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Wutunugurra (Epenarra), Elliott and Tennant Creek;
- Rescinded a previous Council resolution so that the new Council can build a strong partnership with the CDP provider, Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation across the region;
- Rescinded a previous Council resolution to transition out of Arlparra - to now work with the Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the CDP Provider (my Pathway), the Australian Government and other stakeholders to deliver on Council's obligations;
- Hosted a 'Business Forum' with local businessman to discuss and seek feedback about our Purchasing and Procurement Policy and issues of concern;
- In partnership with each Local Authority, commenced the development of a 5-year Infrastructure Plan for the region;
- Established the Mt Isa Tennant Creek Cross Border Commission (a partnership between our Council and the Mt Isa City Council) to bring greater focus and attention to the development of Northern Australia in relation to expanded investments in tourism, logistics, education, creative industries, mineral resources, energy, roads, rail, agriculture and water (Attachment A);
- Funded and received a 3-hour training session for all Councillors focused on improving corporate governance, meeting procedures, roles and responsibilities, agendas, minutes and following through on actions;

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- Established a formal partnership between the NO MORE Campaign that will see our Council incorporate a Domestic Violence Action Plan throughout the organisation and erect signs in seven regional communities declaring our intention to eradicate family violence from the region;
- Signed a 10-year lease with the Department of Education so it can utilise 25 per cent (250ha) of Council's Juno property as a training facility. This agreement will help fulfill the required practical training for students to obtain certificates in Vocational Education and Training programs such as Rural and Agriculture, Construction and Hospitality;
- Commenced an investigation into options for improving waste management in Tennant Creek, including kerbside recycling; and
- Commenced a Graffiti Removal Program to improve the appearance of Tennant Creek.

Our Council is committed to delivering honest, open and accountable government. We are focused on improving community safety, building a strong economy and increasing tourism. Council is committed to working closely alongside each Local Authority to achieve goals and projects they have identified as part of a five-year infrastructure plan. Rather than a top-down approach, we aim to encourage community ownership and assist locals to shape and build the places in which they live from the ground up. We recognise that building, supporting and investing in strong Aboriginal governance is necessary to ensure local people drive local solutions and are supported in the management of Local Decision Making.

Council places a high value on the importance of service to the council's constituency and is responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its area. In saying that, our Council thanks your government for the support being provided by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation (DTBI) to the Tennant Creek Mt Isa Cross Border Commission, your government's \$5 million commitment towards the upgrade of Purkiss Reserve and the \$2 million investment towards new entry statements in Tennant Creek. However, we still have more to do to make Tennant Creek and the Barkly region the preferred location to live, work, visit and invest in. To achieve this goal we need to continue working together. It is on this basis that I bring to your attention a number of concerns that have been raised by Local Authorities, various individuals and groups across the region that require clarification from your government.

Can you please consider and provide a response to the following concerns:

1. When will the residents of Alpururulam, Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Imangara become part of the national telecommunications network and be able to access mobile phone and fixed broadband services?
2. Residents at Alpururulam advise they were promised a new morgue quite some time ago. When will the new morgue be constructed and available for use?
3. Residents in Alpururulam advise that new houses being built in the community do not have air-conditioning installed. Given the extreme temperatures often experienced combined with families on low income, what is your government's policy regarding installation and maintenance of air-conditioning in public housing?

4. What are the land tenure arrangements in both South and North Camps at Elliott?
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6. How many dwellings does government have in Elliott, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?
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24. Council notes and supports your government's Local Decision Making policy but questions why your government has chosen not to provide Council with funding to deliver governance training for each of our Local Authorities that will help build capacity and capability to participate and make informed decisions for their communities. Will your government be providing funding to support governance training for Local Authorities? If not, why not? If so, when will the funding commence?

In closing, the Barkly Regional Council would like to thank you for your ongoing support and looks forward to working collaboratively with your government to address and find solutions to these concerns.

Thank-you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Edgington
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council

Attachments

- A. Tennant Creek Mt Isa Cross Border Commission – Terms of Reference
- B. Letter from the Chair of the Elliott Local Authority to the Director General of Licensing with attached Alcohol Management Plan



LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
TITLE Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 243040
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Ali Curung Local Authority meeting as the second Thursday of every month.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS: