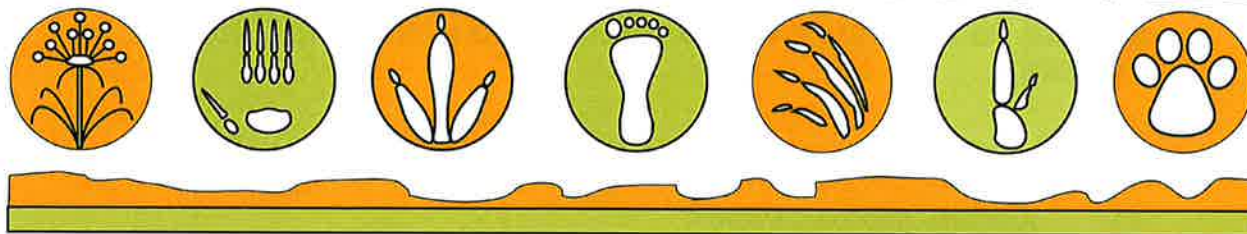


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AGENDA

ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2018

The Ali Curung Local Authority will be held in Ali Curung on Wednesday, 10 May 2018 at 10:00am.

**Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer**

AGENDA

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 244810
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 as a true and accurate record.

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
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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.

Resolved ACLA 10/18

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 244811
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Note and 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 for Month April 2018
REFERENCE 245039
AUTHOR Tim Hema, Area Manager - Ali Curung

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority accept this Area Managers Report dated 30th April 2018.

SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of BRC business and activities within Ali Curung and Murray Downs communities during month of April 2018

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

- *Break-in Murray Downs Womens center 20-04-18.*
- *Telstra phone lines down 8 days at Council Office.*

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Ali Curung Monthly Finance Report
REFERENCE 244935
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ali Curung Finance Report.pdf

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

Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405 **Ali Curung**

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
Date**

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

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	\$ 83,980.00	\$ 326,608.18
\$ 326,608.18	\$ 70,328.18	\$ 86,150.00	\$ 86,150.00	\$ 83,980.00	\$ 326,608.18
\$ 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	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 248,092.17
\$ 78,516.01	\$ -	\$ 298.74	\$ 9,237.27	\$ 68,980.00	\$ 78,516.01

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Ali Curung Correspondence
REFERENCE 244812
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
Barkly Regional Council
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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 Lassen 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 Barkley 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?
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?
6. How many dwellings does government have in Elliott, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?
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?
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?
9. The Elliott Local Authority advises that it wrote a letter to the Director General of Licencing 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?
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, Alpurrurulam, 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?
11. How many dwellings does government have in Tennant Creek, how many are being used for public housing and what number are currently vacant?
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?
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?
14. When does government expect to auction the latest residential land release in the Peko Road subdivision?
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?
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?
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?
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?
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?

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?
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?
22. Has your government reduced the number of staff in any other government agencies based in the Barkly region? If so, why?
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?
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	15.2
TITLE	Director of Operations report
REFERENCE	244939
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

- During this months Community visits, it has been pleasing to see that most of the Communities are looking nice and tidy and well serviced. Elliott, Ali Curung and Alpururulam would have to be the stand outs at the moment.
- We have finalised the Local Authority Meeting dates, so it both suits our travel schedule and the Local Authority members availability, these are now updated on the website.
- All Local Authorities are tracking well and we are starting to clean up the action lists at most locations.
- With all the new Local Authority money allocations coming through for 2017/2018 we are starting to look at new expenditure throughout the communities.
- All the Local Authorities except for Alparra have identified there projects for the five year infrastructure plans and we have started to priorities these so we can start looking for the appropriate funding.
- I am working in closely with the Director of Infrastructure to organise the tender for the Elliot Football field. I have attended Elliot this month and organised a BBQ to facilitate a Community forum about the location of the proposed oval. Community feedback was very positive and everyone is excited about the local footy team being able to play home games in Elliot. Please note the funding agreement has still not been received from NTG.
- Works are due to start this month on the shiny shed at Alpururulam and the Community is glad to see some upgrades being done to some of the Councils facilities.
- William Curtis has started as the Community Coordinator for Wutunugurra and has already started organising a Community clean up and I will be working closely with him over the coming months to support his transition into this role.
- Elliot Area Manager Shellie McDonald is back from her extended leave and I will be working with her over the next month to make sure all contracts in Elliot are being fulfilled.
- This month I have been travelling with the Finance Manager and the PR Manager to give them some time to work on budgets and regional plan information with the Area Managers.
- I am pleased to say that I am starting to see some positive outcomes in the

Communities and with time I think we will see even more positive changes.

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ATTACHMENTS:



LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
TITLE Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 244936
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 first Thursday of every month.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER 16.1
TITLE Desert Knowledge Australia Presentation
REFERENCE 244933
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the presentation

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Desert knowledge australia presentation.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 Ali Curung Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ali Curung Local Authority on 10/5/18

Give the Local Authority Information about
Codes for Life workshop that I wish to run in the community focusing on Mens Behaviour.

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

My workshop involves just Aboriginal men who have been through business and link the behaviours to the football oval and the ceremony ground and the understanding rules of the western world.

My workshop is presented in Alyawarre/English and I use a number of visual aids in the workshop.

My main focus is to involve the elders, the police, lawyers from NAAJA.

I look forward to presenting at your workshop on the 10th of May if approved.

*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:Michael Liddle.....

Organisation: ...Desert Knowledge Australia.....

Contact details: 0456529769

Signed:Michael Liddle.....

Date: ...17/4/18.....

Local Authority Chair to complete:

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

Signed: *Edith Hanlon*
Date: *24/4/18*

VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER 16.2
TITLE Power and Water Presentation
REFERENCE 244934
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the presentation

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Power and water visitor presentation.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 Ali Curung Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ali Curung Local Authority on Thursday 10th May 2018.

Give the Local Authority Information about

Update on the sewerage reticulation project at Ali Curung

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

Update on the project and time for any questions from the Local Authority and community members.

*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: *IAN SKEGWEILL - Project Manager*

Organisation: Power and Water Corporation

Contact details:

Signed: *I. Skegweill*

Date: 26/04/2018

Local Authority Chair to complete:

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

Signed: *DEPUTY CHAIR: Edith Hanlon*

Date: *26-4-2018*

