

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Thursday 23 November 2023

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting will be held in Conference Room on Thursday 23 November 2023 at 1:00 pm.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

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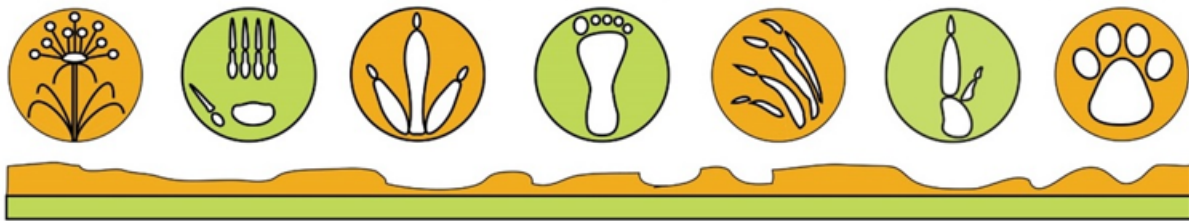
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We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

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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

Ms Laney Tracker
Ms Jennifer (Jenny) Mahoney
Mr David Riley
Mr John (Jackie) Mahoney
Ms Maria Turner
Mr Charlie Larkins
Mr Benjamin (Ben) Olschewsky
Cr Pam Corbett

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

Ms Heather Smith (Area Manager Alpururulam)
Mr Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager BRC)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

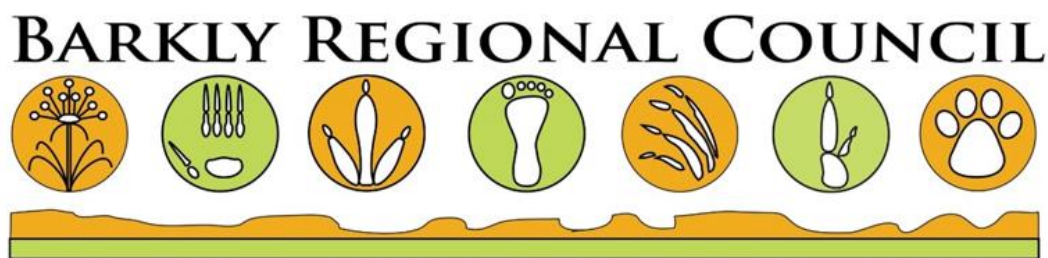
Author Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager BRC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and receive the minutes from the previous meeting 10 October 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Alpururulam Local Authority Meeting-101023 [2.1.1 - 13 pages]



MINUTES

Alpururulam LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Alpururulam LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 1:50 pm.

Romeo Mutsago

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

The meeting commenced at 1:50pm with Jennifer Mahoney as Chair.

- Jennifer Mahoney
- Maria Turner
- Charlie Larkins
- Benjamin Olschewsky

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Heather Smith (Area Manager)
- Barry Nattrass (Acting Director of Operations & Communities BRC) via MSTeams

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Apologies

- Ms. Laney Tracker
- Mr. David Riley
- Mr. John (Jackie) Mahoney
- Cr Pam Corbett

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest





2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of minutes from 25 July 2023 meeting

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority confirms the Minutes from the 25 July 2023 meeting as a true and accurate record.

MOTION

That the Alpururulam LA receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held in Alpururulam on 25 July 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/0

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Actions from 25 July 2023 Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Actions arising from the 25 July 2023 Meeting.

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Actions arising from the 25 July 2023 Meeting.

Item#	Date	Task	Actions	Lead	Status
1	20/10/20	• Interpreter Services	Seeking funding through ABA - Dir Ops to follow up where they are with Head Office to find out where we are at with this item.	- Dir Ops & Commts	Ongoing



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Fencing of Old Basketball Court & Laundromat 	<p>Special Meeting 13-06-2023 Engage Rainbow Gateway to repair/replace fence around old basketball court ALLA 14/23</p>	- Area Manager	Ongoing
2	13/07/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border Control • Entrance Sign 	<p>Mayor and Cr Corbett following up with Chief Minister and Police Minister Wording to be finalised. Use of the word "respect". Compliance needs to be established with DIPL regarding road maintenance. Blind spots around community to be identified and reported to LA for consideration. 1. Airstrip turn off 2. R/bow G/way & Aged Care cnr; other blind spots in process of being identified</p>	<p>Dir Ops & Commts Area Manager Dir Ops & Commts</p>	<p>Ongoing Ongoing</p>
3	16/11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give Way signage • Lighting for Old Basketball Court • Storm water drainage around community 	<p>AM to obtain quotes for supply and installation. Special meeting 13/06/2023: Engage JNR Rural Electrical Quote Q U 0185 (004) to supply and install lights at Old Basketball Court ALLA 12/23</p> <p>To what extent can works team engage in developing and maintaining storm water drainage in and around community? NOTE: hydrological survey has already been done – commissioned by DIPL. Routine annual works should be carried out, including existing storm water drainage. Drone mapping? Fence lines to be cleared. Explore grant options: Disaster Ready Fund through National Emergency Management</p>	<p>- Authority Dir Ops & Commts Area Manager Dir Ops & Commts</p>	<p>Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing</p>



Agency (NEMA). Check with Susan Wright for other grant options. With a forecasted major rain event this wet season the LA agreed that DIPL be approached to consider urgent work to ensure efficient drainage is in place. Projects team to assist.

When are car bodies to be removed from community? Options for car crushing/shredding to be investigated: get truck and tele-handler into community; get quote from contractors to move vehicles with their big forklift. 2 Quotes are in progress for removal only to specific site away from community. More research needs to be done as to total removal options eg crushing and transport costs. Cars inside yards not to be touched. Outside removed if correct disposal permissions are sought.

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| 4 | 18/01/22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of car bodies from around community | <p>Area Manager</p> <p>- Dir Ops & Commts</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
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Consider installation of electronic signage for community information/announcements. Ask CDP about installing permanent seating and installing some enclosure around sides of court. Certification will have to be obtained for siding installation. Get advice from SECA - certifying engineer. LA consider potential further development of the old basketball court to make it a more usable community

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Basketball Court – what can be done - further development requirements | <p>Area Manager</p> <p>- Authority Local Dir Ops & Commts</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
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space. CLC Community Development team are looking at this proposal for redevelopment of the whole site and renovations to change rooms and further extensions. There also may be a need to divide the lot to allow power and sewerage connections.

Request further information from NTG on its recently announced infrastructure plans for Alpururulam, in particular the new police complex. Request that the LA is involved in the consultation process regarding these projects, including process and delivery; is informed on what is planned for the existing police buildings once they are replaced by the new complex. UPDATE: Dir DIPL

- New Police Station and other infrastructure initiatives
- Sally O'Callaghan advised that these infrastructure initiatives are not yet funded and at stage of position/ideas paper only at this stage. Dir advised that should these initiatives progress, the community will be contacted and consulted with. LA resolved to approach politicians and other relevant government departments and stakeholders to assist in pushing for government to fund and build a permanently staffed police station, including cross border police presence, along with relevant staff accommodation in community.
- Local Authority Ongoing



5	21/03/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIPL – airstrip extension & upgrade 	Contact DIPL re possibility of extending and upgrading airstrip to take freight planes during wet season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area Manager Dir Ops & Commts 	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterinary Services 	Acknowledgement received that operational funds were available to cover Animal Management Plan as the Alpururulam LA endorses. Acceptable pet health has been acknowledged by Charles Drury NT Govt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area Manager Dir Ops & Commts 	Complete
6	30/05/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for support for dog feeding 	<p>Reply stating community retains agency over decision making in regard to their dogs. Investigate engaging veterinary services from Mt Isa ALLA 5/23</p> <p>Quote received by AM from Mt Isa Vet Dan Murphy for vet clinic in first full week in November 2023 4 day duration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Authority 	Listed as Other Business
7	25/07/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Community Assets • CLC Community Development Team • Change service delivery centre office opening hours 	<p>LA to discuss the development of all assets within the community to ensure a coordinated and informed approach with all stakeholders.</p> <p>Invite representative/s from CLC to future LA meetings to keep LA informed of community development issues.</p> <p>Agree to the council office closing at 12 noon on Fridays in line with municipal services, as long as the required number of Centrelink hours are still provided as per council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area Manager Local Authority Dir Ops & Commts - Area Manager 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p>

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contract of 30 hours, and further that permanent full time customer service staff start and finish times are changed to still cover a full 38 hours per week.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/1

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 CEO Report for September 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes an update from Acting CEO Russell Anderson.

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes an update from Acting CEO Russell Anderson.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Maria Turner

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/2





5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 LA Finance Report September 2023

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOTION

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

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/3

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Manager's Report for September 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's report for September 2023.

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's report for September 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/4





7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Fire Management

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discuss fire management needs for the Alpururulam area.

MOTION

The Alpururulam Local Authority acknowledges that fire management in the Alpururulam area is an ongoing concern.

Although the major fire front that has recently threatened Wutunugurra and Tennant Creek communities spread eastward, there is still a substantial fuel load west of the Alpururulam community.

There are members of the community with considerable experience in fire management, however Alpururulam lacks someone with expertise and credentials to coordinate a safe fire management strategy.

The LA are reaching out to the Barkly Regional Council, Bushfires NT and the NT Government to assist in acquiring access to the necessary management skills needed to conduct cool burn management of the remaining fire load.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Maria Turner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/5

General Business

7.2 Truck driver licensing training

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses truck driver licensing training.

MOTION

That the Local Authority acknowledge and note, that Martyr Training Services Pty Ltd in Mt Isa, can deliver truck driver license training (all classes, however only up to MR required for Alpururulam) for Alpururulam staff and a number of other interested agency/stakeholder staff, and that this capacity has been raised with the Office of Chief Minister and Cabinet, seeking exemption to deliver this training in the NT. This has not yet received full support in overcoming the cross-border service delivery issues.

Driver training support is also being sought through CDU out of Katherine in 2024.



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RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Maria Turner

Seconded: LA Member Jennifer Mahoney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/6

General Business

7.3 First Circles Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses the First Circles Leadership Program.

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the availability of the First Circles Leadership Program which aims to ensure Aboriginal people from remote areas can confidently speak to, negotiate, and influence the government about matters affecting their lives, their families and communities. Information and membership applications are available from the BRC Service Centre office.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/7

General Business

7.4 Speed bumps

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses the installation of speed bumps in the Alpururulam community area.

MOTION

That the Local Authority seeks clarification from DIPL and BRC head office regarding the installation of speed bumps in the Alpururulam community area which could be an inclusive request on rules and regulations impacting all road maintenance



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- Speed humps
- Roadside signage
- Surface maintenance and repair

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Maria Turner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/8

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority consider managing the repair and maintenance costs of the Laundromat.

MOTION

That the LA put aside a \$10,000 retainer budget for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of the Laundromat and work in with the WARTE Store to coordinate trade service visits.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Maria Turner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ALLA-23/9

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

That the Alpururulam Local Authority, on behalf of the community and BRC team acknowledge and thank Robbie Larkins for maintaining the Aged Care service through a difficult time and with limited resources.

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil



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12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The next meeting date for the Alpururulam Local Authority is 21/11/2023.

Meeting Closed at 4:20 pm

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ALPURRURULAM Local Authority meeting HELD on 10 October 2023 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Nil

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Nil

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Area Managers Reports

6.1 Area Managers Reports for November 2023

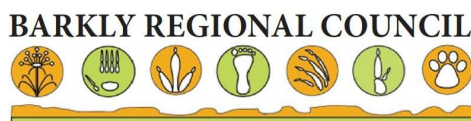
Author Heather Smith (Area Manager Alpururulam)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Area Manager's report for November 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Alpururulam LA Area Manager Report 2023 11 23 [6.1.1 - 2 pages]



AREA MANAGER REPORT – Alpururulam

November 2023

VISITORS TO ALPURRURULAM:

- Allied Health, Clinic Doctor, P&W, Contractors, Police, ABC Transport, Watts Transport, Housing Contractors, Harvey Developments, Steve Edgington, BRC Staff

GENERAL:

- New housing construction/installation continues
- Many locals out of community for funerals and sports carnivals

ISSUES:

- Alcohol in community resulting in fighting and accidents
- Periodic community unrest due to family issues
- Some fires in community – controlled by council and volunteers

ADMINISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One permanent part time • Two casuals • Mail, Centrelink, general administration and accommodation services as usual
DEPOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting supervisor in place. • One permanent full time municipal officer • Four casual positions in place • Overall municipal attendance has been poor • Will be recruiting more casual positions • Firebreaks around and within community • Grass cutting / rubbish removal around community • General community maintenance has been impacted by poor municipal attendance
FLEET MANAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanic from Mt Isa, James Derrick and team, engaged on a contract basis to do repairs & maintenance to plant and vehicles as well as reorganise and restock depot
ESSENTIAL SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airstrip inspections and maintenance as per contract • Bird problem under control with bird scarer machine • NTAS has recommenced landing at airstrip for Friday mail plane and Wednesday passenger service
TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cert II in Local Government training commenced • Truck licence for staff – attempting to get training delivered by QLD trainer – so far unsuccessful due to NT government regulations. Pursuing this matter at higher levels • Looking at other options for truck driver training

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SPORT & REC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent full time team leader in place• One permanent part time and two casual S&R officers in place• New TL will provide verbal report
AGED CARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per verbal report from TL
NIGHT PATROL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As per verbal report
AREA MANAGER TRAVEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mt Isa for Council pickups• Barkly Homestead for council staff changeover
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vet visit – four days – went well – awaiting formal report

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Author Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager BRC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a) Elect a Chair for the LA for the coming 12 months
- b) Elect a Deputy chair for the LA for the coming 12 months

SUMMARY

Alpururulam Local Authority elects its Chair and Deputy Chair for a period of 12 months each year at its November meeting.

General Business

7.2 Consider suitable location for Alpururulam's twice yearly vet clinic

Author Barry Natrass (WHS Manager BRC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority considers funding renovations to the existing Community Centre kitchen area to make it suitable for conducting the vet clinics.

SUMMARY

The vet clinics are currently held in the caged area of the back verandah of the council office. Whilst the area has electricity and running water it is an exposed area and is subject to the weather, dust, etc, and particularly the very hot days. A more suitable area would be enclosed and air-conditioned with easy access for the public.

General Business

7.3 DIPL Housing Maintenance Process

Reference

Author Barry Natrass (WHS Manager BRC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority invites DIPL to address its next meeting (January 2024) to explain the process involved in housing maintenance.

SUMMARY

The current process is not clear in regard to residents reporting maintenance issues and these issues not being attended to in a timely manner.

General Business

7.4 Community Planning

Reference

Author Barry Natrass (WHS Manager BRC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority invites the CLC to address the next LA meeting (January 2024) to provide an update following its discussions on community development with Alpururulam residents.

SUMMARY

The CLC conducts meetings with Alpururulam residents regarding community development. It would help the LA to know the outcomes of these meetings to assist it with its own community planning projects and ensure all are working towards common goals.

General Business

7.5 Community Cleanup

Reference

Author Barry Natrass (WHS Manager BRC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority considers:

- participating in Tidy Towns for 2024
- cleanup of Laundromat

SUMMARY

Alpururulam participated in Tidy Towns in years gone by, winning recognition for community cleanliness. Competitions could be held to encourage each household to clean up their yards with the LA sponsoring prizes. Stakeholders could be invited to participate.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

11 REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

14 CLOSE OF MEETING