

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Alpurrurulam LA Meeting

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Alpurrurulam LA Meeting will be held in Microsoft Teams Meeting Room, on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens to and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

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

Respect is shown in everything we do, and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

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

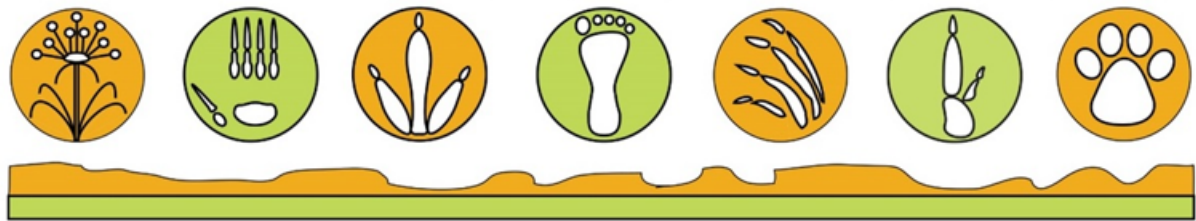
We want to empower local decision making.

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

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

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Mudberra, Jingili, Wakaya, Wambaya, Waanyi, Walpiri, Warlmanpa, Alyawarr, Anmatyerre and Kaytetye Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

May we continue to work together to
Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process
Based on mutual respect and understanding.

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen



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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

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2 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

3.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

Author Ian Bodill (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from the Chief Executive Officer.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CEO report [3.1.1 - 1 page]

Work health and safety

The Barkly Regional Council is committed to providing safe and healthy working conditions to prevent injury or ill health for all workers and visitors on all sites it has responsibility for.

With up to 200 staff members distributed across an area of over a 320,000km², the model of service delivery and compliance with ever changing legislation requires an innovative approach.

The Work Health and Safety Manager, Barry Nattrass joined the BRC team in April 2023 and has visited all the 6 major communities on at least 1 occasion to date.

He will be implementing our WHS Plan to inform and assist all BRC workers to understand their obligations and duties under WHS legislation and fostering a positive workplace culture.

Everyone has a right to a safe and rewarding work experience and all have a part to play in that objective.

Continuous improvement is the aim and consultation, and cooperation are the means by which it can become a reality.

The introduction of psychosocial responsibility under WHS legislation has raised the bar of responsibility for PCBU's but it has also served to underline the need for detailed analysis and consideration of safe systems of work and work environments.

The Barkly Regional Council has the expertise and the will to be an employer of choice in 2024 and every effort will be made to earn this credential.

Regional plan

We commenced planning for the 24/25 Regional Plan this week.

Official Manager and the Executive Staff met to discuss the initial stages of the Regional Plan for 24/25.

Matters discussed included:

- Preparation of the map maps for each community.
- Check outstanding items on the existing Regional Plan.
- What matters need to be considered for the future?
- What outstanding LA funds are available.
- What non-grant funds are available?
- What funding do we need to apply for?
- Community workshops.

What does this mean for your community? It means that you should provide us with your thoughts on future plans for your community, for consideration and if implemented, final adoption by council.

Risk and Audit management

The Audit and Risk function has been moved over to the Chief Financial Officer, from the Manager Governance and Compliance. It is envisaged that this function belongs in that portfolio.

Finalisation of membership will be dealt with in a separate report.

4 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

4.1 Finance Report

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the financial report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report [**4.1.1** - 1 page]

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ALPURRURULAM: LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING		
Income and Expenditure Statement		
Barkly Regional Council		
From 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023		
Program Description		YTD Actual
Income		
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2021-2022	\$ 53,996.00
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2022-2023	\$ 67,700.00
64110	LAPF Grant 2023-2024	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 121,696.00
Expenditure and Committed Funds		
69999	Capital Expenses - Laundromat	\$ 10,000.00
69999	Capital Expenses - Playground Maintenance and Upgrade	\$ -
69999	Capital Expenses - Cemetery Survey	\$ -
Total Expenditure and Committed Funds		\$ 10,000.00
Total Available Funding		\$ 111,696.00

5 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

6.1 Verbal presentation from Official Manager - Peter Holt

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the Official manager.

SUMMARY

Verbal presentation from Official Manager Peter Holt on the progress of reforming the Barkly Regional Council status and the vision for the coming year.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

9 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

9.1 Strategic project priorities

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives the strategic priority plan for 2023 –2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Regional plan 2023 - 2024 Alpururulam [9.1.1 - 1 page]



Alpururulam Project Priorities

AA – Aboriginal Alliance, ABA – Aboriginal Benefits Account, ALA – Alpururulam Local Authority, ALAC – Alpururulam Land Aboriginal Corporation, BB – Barkly Backbone, BRC – Barkly Regional Council, BRD – Barkly Regional Deal, CLC – Central Land Council, DIPL – Dept Infrastructure Planning & Logistics, NIAA – National Indigenous Australians Agency, NTG – NT Government, NTH – Dept Health, PFES – Police Fire Emergency Services, RG – Rainbow Gateway, TFHC – Territory Families Housing & Communities, WAI – We-Al-li			
2023-24 Project Priority	Project Initiator/Coordinator	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding			
Better aged-care for our elderly so they can do cultural activities like fishing and painting	ALA, BRC	BRC	G4
Activities for youth Eg bike track/trails, cultural activities	ALA, BRC	BRC	G4
A shade structure for the cemetery, as well as trees and a water tank so we can spend time there in comfort.	ALA, BRC	ALA, BRC	G4, G5
Install bollards to keep cars to the roads and block off dirt tracks within the community	LA, BRC	LA, BRC	G4, G5
Projects requiring grant funding and/or co-funding			
Advocacy			
Mediation and trauma and healing work to be delivered in the community	WAI, BB	School, Community, Community Leaders	G1, G4
Leadership training and workshops for young people	BB, AA	School, Community, Community Leaders	G1, G4
Changes to CDP so that young people are engaged in meaningful training, work and learning, and the community, including housing, is being maintained and looked after	Elected Member	RG, NIAA	G1, G4
Permanent Police Station	Elected Member	PFES, DIPL	G1, G4
Improved Housing & Housing Management	Elected Member	TFHC, DIPL	G1, G4
Women's and Men's Shelters	Elected Member, BB	TFHC, DIPL	G1, G4
Renew/repair community boundary fence to keep animals out	Elected Member	ALAC	G4
Community control and trusting two-way relationships with government and services - Local Decision Making Agreement for Alpururulam	Elected Member, BB	NTG, AA	G1, G4
Dialysis – Supervised instead of DIY	Elected Member	NTH	G4
A multi-use community bus for travel school, sports events, funerals, men's & women's activities, in and away from the community	Elected Member, BRD Governance Table, BB	TBA	G4
We want our water to come from the Lake Nash station as it is better quality	Elected Member	PW, NTG, CLC, NIAA, ABA, Lake Nash Station	G4

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

9.2 Work Health and Safety Manager report

Author Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the report from WHS Manager.

UPDATE OF THE BRC WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN:

In July 2008, a formal agreement was made between the Commonwealth and all states and territories (with the exception of Western Australia) to implement harmonised work health and safety laws in each jurisdiction.

The current WHS legislation was first adopted in 2011 and declared in force as of 1 February 2020.

As of 1 January 2024, the Work Health, and Safety (WHS) Manager for Barkly Regional Council (BRC) will assume the responsibility of Workers' Compensation claims and Return to Work management under the guidance of the HR Manager and Corporate Services Directorate.

A comprehensive WHS Plan is on track to be completed by April 2024 and implementation is already underway as is the revision of the WHS policy.

Program delivery over the enormous BRC footprint will require an individual community agenda of the primary WHS Plan aim, which is to ensure all BRC workers have demonstrable awareness and understanding of their duties and responsibilities as prescribed under the NT WHS Act 2011 as a first step.

It is the opinion of the BRC WHS manager that positions which can be described as Officers under the act should be the first to receive training and wherever possible, all staff at individual communities are offered suitable instruction if this can be facilitated during the same visit timeframe.

Given the distance involved and the accessibility restrictions in reaching Alpururulam at this time of the year, it is proposed that stage 1 of the WHS Plan rollout be delivered to Alpururulam BRC staff when the WHS manager attends the next Local Authority Meeting on 30 January 2024, road conditions permitting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

10 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

11 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

12 CLOSE OF MEETING