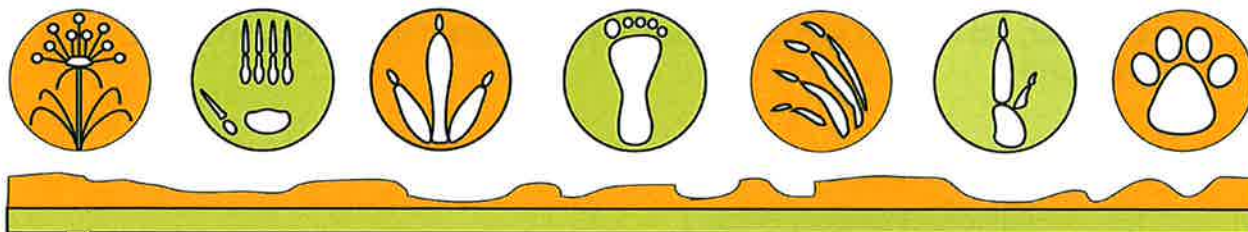


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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AGENDA AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL 2018

The Ampilatwatja Local Authority will be held in Ampilatwatja on Wednesday, 11 April 2018 at 10.30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

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MEETING TO COMMENCE WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

1 OPENING & ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Authority Members Present
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present
- 1.3 Apologies to be accepted
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Nil

7 CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

8 BRC'S REPSONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

9 SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

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

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Nil

18 CLOSE OF MEETING



CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 242579
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting held on the 7 March 2018

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ampilatwatja LA - Minutes Unconfirmed - 07.03.2018.pdf



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MINUTES

AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2018

The Ampilatwatja Local Authority was held in Ampilatwatja on Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 2:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:51am with Donald Simpson as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 - Donald Simpson (Chair)
 - Teresa McKeeman
 - Ada Beasley
 - Anita Bailey
 - Peter Morton
 - Jeannie Beasley
 - Leslie Morton
 - Cr. Noel Hayes
 - Mayor Steven Edgington
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 - Robert Smith (Area Manager)
 - Mark Parsons (Director of Operations – Minute Taker)
 - David Curtis (NTG)
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 - Cr. Ricky Holmes
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and not the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting held on 7 December 2017

Moved: LA Member P Morton

Seconded: LA Member J Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 1/18

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 ACTION LIST FROM 8 FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the action list
- b) Add to Action List ride on for Atnwengerrpe

Moved: LA Member D Simpson**Seconded: LA Member T McKeeman CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 2/18***3.2 NEW ACTION****MOTION**

- a) Attach letter that Robert Area Manager wrote for the next meeting

Moved: LA Member T McKeeman**Seconded: LA Member P Morton CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 3/18***3.3 NEW ACTION -****MOTION**

- a) Invite Housing rep to attend next meeting

Moved: LA Member A Beasley**Seconded: LA Member T McKeeman CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 4/18***4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****4.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT FOR AMPILATWATJA****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note Ampilatwatja Area Manager's Verbal report.

Moved: LA Member A Bailey

Seconded: LA Member T McKeeman CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 5/18

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

6. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

7. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

8. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

9. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

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

15.1 AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member P Morton

Seconded: LA Member D Simpson CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 6/18

15.2 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: LA Member T McKeeman

Seconded: LA Member D Simpson CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 7/18

15.3 NEXT MEETING DATE**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm 4th of April 2018 for the next Ampilatwatja Local Authority meeting at 10:30am

Moved: LA Member A Bailey

Seconded: LA Member D Simpson CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 8/18

15.4 COMMUNITY BLUE PRINT - Councillor Anita Bailey**MOTION**

- a) The Local Authority recommends that Council commence discussion with the Department of Prime minister and cabinet and Department of the Chief Minister to develop a Community Blueprint in partnership with the Community.

Moved: LA Member A Bailey

Seconded: LA Member D Simpson CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 9/18

16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 7 March 2018 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

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Donald Simpson
Chair

Robert Smith
Area Manager

UNCONFIRMED

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Action Items from Previous Meeting
REFERENCE 243439
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm and remove any completed items from the action list

SUMMARY:


BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Ampilatwatja Action List 11.04.2018.pdf

<div>  BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST </div> <div>Updated 22 January 2018</div>					
MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
16/11/17	Horse trough in Atnwengerrpe	A/M has spoken to Amaroo station About cattle in Atnwengerrpe for a solution.		area Manager	No response as yet A/M will follow up again may have something before next meeting.
22/11/17	Second quote for steel doors for basketball court	A/M has asked Scott builders to do a second quote to replace doors with steel doors for security.		area manager	Awaiting second quote.
07/03/2018	Ride on Mower for Antwengerrpe	A/M to source and purchase a Ride on Mower for Antwengerrpe		Area Manager	Ongoing



AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Ampilatwatja Area Managers Report
REFERENCE 243258
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

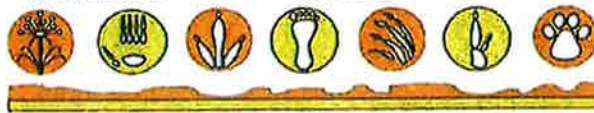
ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Area Managers Report.pdf

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AREA MANAGER REPORT –Ampilatwatja

Month – March 2018

GENERAL:

- All essential services completed for the month.
- Had a bit of rain this month restricted Municipal crew from doing a lot of work in homelands due to road closures.
- Julie Jasper from Mental Health Team visited Ampilatwatja talking to community about bullying and drug and alcohol abuse.
- A lot of staff taking time off due to Funerals this month.
- Had a few attempted break-ins this month Aged Care was targeted minimal damage done. Pederson Builders Truck was taken found in Alice Springs next day slight damage done. Area Manager car targeted at home Alarm went off no damage.

HIGHLIGHTS:

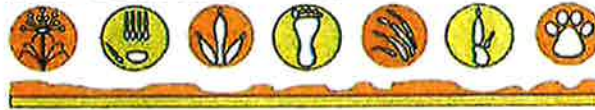
- New Sport & Rec Coordinator due to start 6th April. We welcome Jacinta to the community.
- Free WIFI has been installed at the basketball court for all to enjoy NBN modem has been installed waiting on final communication network to be completed.
- The Municipal team and My-Pathway have started putting together the shelter for the Elderly ladies should be finished soon just waiting for roof to be done by My-Pathway activity workers to complete before Municipal team put up the fence.
- My Pathway has generously gifted a new Tyre Changing Machine and a Wheel Balancer to the Municipal Depot to make life a bit easier for the Municipal team to change tyres will be getting training for the workers from Paul at Tyre-Power Alice Spring for free.

ISSUES:

- Depot backhoe has gone for repair to Tennant Creek no brakes and replacement of windows should be back end of the month have not been able to compact rubbish tip.
- Still awaiting for new tray truck to be delivered to Ampilatwatja

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



CORE BUSINESS and PROGRAMS (n/a if Program not run in community) As much detail as is necessary for the Directors – this section does not go to Council unless the Director decides something should

ADMINISTRATION	90 hours/month. I have spent more time in the office this month making sure that all the reports were covered. I have also been working with IT on remote communication as I have quite a few issues with our computers.
DEPOT	20 hours/month Municipal team working well, but still need daily guidance about what we are doing and how it is expected to be carried out. I am still training my Municipal Supervisor up. They have carried out their usual duties this month and they have also helped My Pathway at erecting a shed for the elderly ladies.
ESSENTIAL SERVICES	ESO duties being fulfilled. I have had to cover 1 weekend on call in the last month while staff were away.
SPORT & REC	Our Sport and Rec coordinator contract was not renewed so there has not been too much in sport and rec activities happening. New S/R Coordinator due to start 6 April 2018
AGED CARE	5 hours/month Aged care has been running well and has only needed minimal help over the last month. I have only stepped in when any problems have occurred.
NIGHT PATROL	2 hours/ month Night patrol have not been working due to shortage of staff Zone Manager visiting Ampilatwatja this month to recruit.
SNP	School Nutrition taken over by My Pathway working in aged care side by side with aged care looks like running well.
HOMELANDS	10 hours/ month I have been to Irrultja and Atnwengerpe on a regular basis to keep in touch with our homeland Municipal Workers.



OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Ampilatwatja Finance Report
REFERENCE 242979
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 LA Financials Ampilatwatja updated.pdf

Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405

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

Ampilatwatja

INCOME

Operating

Grants Received

INCOME TOTAL

**Approved
Minutes**

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended

Oct-14 Toilet rental

Apr-15 Trimmer & Lawn Mower

Apr-16 Football Changeroom

May-17 3 Industrial Washing Machines

LA Funding Committed

May-17 3 Industrial Washing Machines

May-17 Ampilatwatja ablution block

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures				Total
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	
241,920.18	51,646.18	61,532.00	61,532.00	67,210.00	241,920.18
241,920.18	51,646.18	61,532.00	61,532.00	67,210.00	241,920.18
14,420.00	14,420.00				14,420.00
4,303.63	4,303.63				4,303.63
30,297.00	30,297.00				30,297.00
20,000.00		10,134.00			10,134.00
**		9,866.00			9,866.00
105,000.00	2,625.55	41,532.00	60,842.45		105,000.00
174,020.63	51,646.18	61,532.00	60,842.45	0.00	174,020.63
67,899.55	0.00	0.00	689.55	67,210.00	\$67,899.55

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.2
TITLE Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE 243001
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. Their 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 15.3
TITLE Ampilatwatja Correspondence
REFERENCE 243032
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
PO Box 821
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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 Lassan 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/repairs 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.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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 Urupuntja 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?
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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?

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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 15.4
TITLE Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 243028
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Ampilatwatja Local Authority meeting as the first Wednesday of every month

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

VISITOR PRESENTATIONS



ITEM NUMBER 16.1
TITLE Ampilatwatja Visitor Presentation
REFERENCE 243349
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

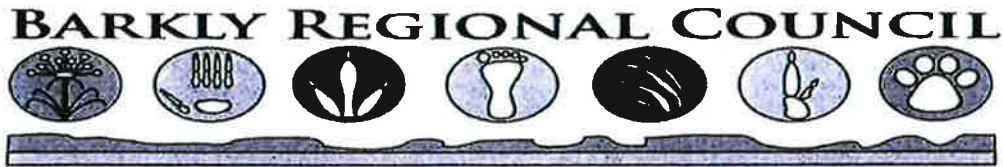
BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Housing Maintenance.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 Ampilatwatja Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Ampilatwatja Local Authority on

Date: WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 2018.

Give the Local Authority Information about

HOUSING MAINTENANCE HOW IT WORKS.

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

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: LEN GRIFFITHS

Organisation: NT HOUSING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Contact details: LEN.GRIFFITHS@NT.GOV.AU

Signed:

Date:

Local Authority Chair to complete:

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

Signed:

Date:

VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER 16.2
TITLE Ampilatwatja Visitor Presentation
REFERENCE 243352
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Report is about NT housing in regards to who is responsible for what.

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 NT Housing Request.pdf



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Date: WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 2018

Give the Local Authority Information about
NT HOUSING REPAIRS + WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

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

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Name: DIANNE JONES

Organisation: T&J CONTRACTORS FOR N.T HOUSING

Contact details: 89623013

Signed:

Date:

Local Authority Chair to complete:

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Date: