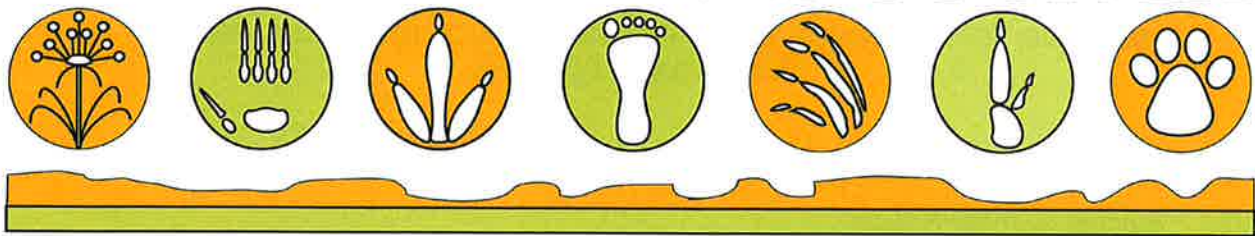


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AGENDA ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL 2018

The Arlparra Local Authority will be held in Arlparra on Wednesday, 11 April 2018 at 1.30pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

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- 1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence
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3 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

17 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 242601
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority meeting on the 8 November 2017

SUMMARY:

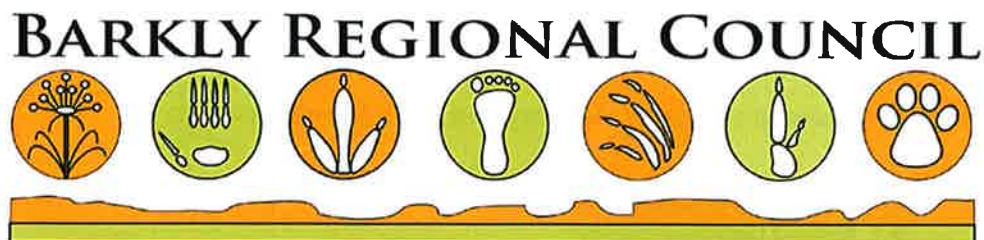
BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Arlparra Local Authority 2017-11-08 (2).pdf



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MINUTES

ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2017

The Arlparra Local Authority was held in Arlparra on Wednesday, 8 November 2017 at 11:00am.

**Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 11:23 am with Mayor Steven Edgington as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Steven Edgington
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Joyce Jones
- Ruby Morton
- Lucy Kunoith
- Esau Nelson
- Denis Kunoith

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Ashoor Khan – Governance
- Michael Gravener – Area Manager (CEO Urupuntja Aboriginal Corporation)
- Jill Kleiner – Department of Housing and Community Development
- David Curtis – Department of Housing and Community Development

1.3 Apologies

- Susan Chalmers
- Leonard Kunoith
- Steve Moore – CEO
- Harold Nelson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

Michael Gravener noted that he was attending the meeting in his capacity as the Area Manager of BRC at Arlparra. He also disclosed the fact that he is the also the CEO of Urupuntja Aboriginal Corporation.

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

Mark Shields was also present as a Community Observer.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES - 4 MAY 2017

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting on the 4 May 2017

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: No Seconded

Note: No other Local Authority member was present at the earlier meeting. Michael Gravener was present in his capacity as CEO of Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation and noted that the minutes presented were an accurate record.

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**3.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR****MOTION****That the Authority**

Nominated and appointed Joyce Jones to the Chairperson position for the Arlparra Local Authority for a period of twelve months.

Moved: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth

Seconded: Local Authority Member Esau Nelson **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved 1/17

MOTION

Nominated and appointed Esau Nelson to the Deputy Chairperson position for the Arlparra Local Authority for a period of twelve months.

Moved: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth

Seconded: Local Authority Member Ruby Morton **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved 2/17

3.2 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND THERE STATUS**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note actions from previous Local Authority Meeting.
- b) Remove actions that have been completed from the action list including housing item completed by Local Authority and referred to Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation.

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lucy Kunoth **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved 3/17

MOTION**That The Authority**

Remove the action item relating to the school sports voucher scheme as it has already been completed and will assist softball.

Moved: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth

Seconded: Local Authority Member Ruby Morton CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 4/17

MOTION**That the Authority**

Recommend to CEO and write to NT Police regarding Emergency Services and develop an Emergency plan for Utopian homelands.

Moved: Local Authority Member Ruby Morton

Seconded: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 5/17

Cr. Jack Clubb left the meeting at 12:45pm

Cr. Jack Clubb returned to the meeting at 12:46pm

MOTION**That the Authority**

Recommend to the CEO that the Arlparra LA cancel the purchase of Brush Cutters for homeland.

Moved: Local Authority Member Ruby Morton

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Esau Nelson CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 6/17

Chair adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:58PM

Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:32PM

3.3 PROPOSED MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Defer recommendation to Council with respect nomination of three to five major projects until next meeting.

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Esau Nelson

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lucy Kunoth CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 7/17

4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

4.1 CEO UPDATE**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note update from CEO.

Moved: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoith

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lucy Kunoith

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 8/17

4.2 AREA MANAGER UPDATE**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note report from area manager in particular the items noted below for discussion

Moved: Local Authority Member Ruby Morton

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 9/17

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****15.1 UPDATE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING ALLOCATION****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Recommend that CEO investigate ablution block expenditure and report to next meeting.

Moved: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth**Seconded: Local Authority Member Ruby Morton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 10/17*

Action items: Michael Gravener (CEO UAC) to investigate quotes for carport and other projects suggested by Local Authority members. To be added to the Area Manager's action list.

Joyce Jones left the meeting AT 2:16PM

Joyce Jones returned to the meeting at 2:18PM

Ruby Morton and Lucy Kunoth left the meeting at 2:18PM

Ruby Morton returned to the meeting at 2:20 PM

Lucy Kunoth returned to the meeting at 2:21PM

15.2 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Defer the decision to allocate funds to Animal Management until the next meeting.

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb**Seconded: Local Authority Member Morton CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 11/17*

15.3 MEETING SCHEDULE**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Meet at 11:00AM on the first Tuesday of every month.

Moved :Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Esau Nelson CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 12/17

15.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY ESTABLISHMENT POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Establishment Policy
- b) Receive and note the Code of Conduct

Moved: Local Authority Member Denis Kunoth

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lucy Kunoth CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 13/17

16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was terminated at 2:43PM
PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Arlaparra Local
Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 8 November 2017 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday,
5 December 2017.

Joyce Jones
Chairperson

Michael Gravener
Area Manager

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Action List From 8 November Meeting 2017
REFERENCE 242605
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

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

SUMMARY:

Action list updated after the 8 November Local Authority meeting held in Arlparra

- 1. Quotes for cost of installing lights at the oval – Completed by another Gov Dept.
- 2. Night patrol office next to basketball court - Pending
- 3. Fencing for occupied housing at the homelands - Pending
- 4. Male and Female toilets to be installed at the oval – In Progress
- 5. Tyre changing shed and equipment – Pending
- 6. Sport & Rec for use during wet and cultural events – In Progress
- 7. Emergency Services – Recommendation made by LA
- 8. LA funding allocation - Pending

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Arlparra action item list.pdf



ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST

Updated as of 8 Nov 2017
meeting

MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
16/6/2015	Research costs for installing Lighting at the oval	Get quotes Comments were made at the 8/11/17 meeting that portable lights were used during the recent football carnival.	LA	BRC infrastructure	Project will cost more than the LA budget and is not sustainable as no funds to pay for electricity costs. Chief Minister Giles has undertaken to provide Lights COMPLETED BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENT DEPT. Area Manager to liaise with CEO about possible options.
18/11/14	Night Patrol office	Request support from LA members for BRC to write to CLC and ask permission to put a Night Patrol office on land next to Basketball court. (Lot 18) If permission is given, BRC can search for funding.		Mr Graham Gust, DoI	Dept of Infrastructure will investigate land clearance on Lot 18 an report back to the Local Authority. PENDING Area Manager to contact Merriidie and investigate. Will report back to the next meeting.
April 2016	Fencing of occupied housing at the Homelands	Investigate feasibility and scope of fencing of occupied housing at the Homelands. BRC will liaise with Dept Local Govt and Communities regarding work on Homelands.	Unknown	Dir. Infrastructure	Feasibility assessment will be added to scope of investigations being undertaken in Arlparra by BRC staff. PENDING – need clearances from CLC
April 2017	Male/female toilets at oval for sports weekends and community events - \$82,490.00	Awaiting Council approval. Comments were made at the 8/11/17 meeting that toilets were a big issue during the recent football carnival.			In progress Area Manager to report back at the next meeting in December



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST

Updated as of 8 Nov 2017
meeting

April 2017	Tyre changing shed and equipment - \$2,000.00	Awaiting Council approval To be set up at shop			Pending CEO/Area Manager to report back at the next meeting in December
April 2017	Sport & Rec for use of facility during wet and cultural events - \$1,000.00	Awaiting Council approval			In progress Area Manager will talk to Andy to find out more
November 2017	Emergency Services	Emergency Management Plan for Utopian Homelands			Recommendation from LA that CEO write to NT Police regarding an Emergency Management Plan for Utopian Homelands.
November 2017	Local Authority Funding Allocation	Quotes for carport outside UAC offices and other projects			Area Manager to investigate quotes and report back on progress at the next meeting in March. - Pending

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair
REFERENCE	242626
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION**That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the appointment of Joyce Jones to the position of Chair of the Arlparra Local Authority for a period of twelve months; and
- b) Defer the appointment of Deputy Chair of the Arlparra Local Authority until membership issues have been finalised.

SUMMARY:

Due to issues relating to membership and composition of the Arlparra Local Authority raised after the Provisional meeting held on 8th November 2017, it may be in the best interests of members to confirm the appointment of the Chair nominated at the last meeting and defer the nomination of a Deputy Chair until further notice.

BACKGROUND

Section 64(1)(a) of the *NT Local Government Act* states that the Chair of a meeting of a Local Authority is a member appointed by the Local Authority.

Section 64(1)(c) of the *NT Local Government Act* provides for members present at a meeting to appoint an alternate Chair in the event that the Chair is not present or no one currently holds the position.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**CONSULTATION & TIMING****ATTACHMENTS:**

**ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

ITEM NUMBER	3.3
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	242627
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

In light of recent circumstances, there may be changes to the composition of the Arlparra Local Authority.

BACKGROUND

Due to email connectivity problems and other complexities in communities, there were administrative issues around the nomination process and subsequent ratification of some Arlparra Local Authority Members that were appointed by Council. Following advice from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Local Authority Meeting held on 8 November 2017 was declared a provisional meeting.

Leonard Kunoth, as opposed to Leonard Clubb, should have been recorded as the correct name for appointment to the Arlparra Local Authority;

On Wednesday 15 November 2017, Council received the resignation of Harold Nelson in writing, dated 14 November 2017. Furthermore, recent advice from the Department of Housing and Community Development indicates that nominations received from both Esau Nelson and Lucy Kunoth for the Arlparra Local Authority were invalid. These circumstances have complicated the membership of the Arlparra Local Authority. Council has been in contact with representatives of the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure these administrative issues can be rectified in accordance with the NT Local Government Act and Ministerial Guideline 8.

Nominations have been called for the two remaining positions on the Arlparra Local Authority for a minimum period of 28 days. These nominations will need to be forwarded to the Area Manager in Arlparra. Once all nominations have been received, the selection panel will make recommendations to Council. The appointments will need to be approved by Council.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES


NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Resignation letter from Harold Nelson.pdf

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<p>URAPIINTJA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ICN : 127 ABN: 90789369670</p>	

14th November 2017

Michael.Gravener@barkly.nt.gov.au

Dear Barkly Regional Council

I Harold Nelson, of the Arparra Homeland, wish to resign from the Arparra Local Authority immediately.

Yours Sincerely

H. NELSON

Harold Nelson

AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Arlparra Area Managers Report March 2018
REFERENCE	243339
AUTHOR	Michael Gravener, Area Manager - Arlparra

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority accepts this Local Authority Report dated the 29th March 2018.

SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of BRC business and activities within the Homeland of Arlparra and its surrounding Homelands of Utopia.

BACKGROUND**Administration**

Staff continues to meet on each Monday where possible. This is a joint staff meeting with BRC and Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation (UAC) staff. Weekly movements, activities and issues are discussed including training in WH&S principles to ensure a safe and healthy work and operating environment.

Recruitment for new municipal team is continuing. Advertising for positions has been completed and an interview process will begin after the Easter period. There has been interest from approximately 10 people for 5 positions, including a Works Supervisor.

Aged Care

Coordinator has worked tirelessly in ensuring that our Aged Care community throughout the Homelands is ensured a good hearty meal and that their blankets and bedding is cleaned.

- Food and personal cleaning services are delivered throughout the Homelands for National Disability Insurance Services (NDIS) residents.
- Services are anticipating new Aged Care vehicle to ensure travel reliability throughout the region.
- Staff attendance is generally good however there have been some times when the Coordinator has had limited assistance. We are watching this carefully to ensure we have a backup plan in ensuring that the service is consistent on a daily basis.
- Hampers are provided for weekend purposes. This Easter a hamper was prepared to cater for a 4 day break from services.

Essential Services

- Power Station has undergone some interior upgrade with painting and maintenance to the building.
- Power source has been consistent throughout the region all the way to Ampilatwaltja
- Commercial Lawn Mower was recently purchased and delivered to BRC to ensure the compound is well maintained.
- Airstrip consistently maintained and in good order.
- Service equipment in good order.

Municipal Services

- Recruitment for new BRC Municipal workers is underway.
- Essential Services Officer (ESO) is assisting in ensuring a rubbish run in Arlparra is completed once a week at a minimum.
- Thanks to Central Desert Regional Council (CDRC) Homelands crew who assisted in this task from time to time while the BRC crew is recreated.
- Cleaning up around the sport and rec Centre, depot and office block has been more than welcome.

Night Patrol

- Four people have expressed interest in three night patrol positions. It is hoped that recruitment for positions will take place in the near future.
- The service has not been operating for several months due to lack of staff.

Sport and Recreation

- This service is well used and appreciated by the young people of the Homelands.
- A variety of activities occurs throughout the week and on weekends when staffing is available. A good game of pool is the latest craze. 10 years olds are becoming highly skilled and experts in the game!! .
- A highly successful Basketball Program operated for 2 weeks including a final tournament with great participation and skills developemtn. Thanks to Basketball NT and the services of the gentle giant Manuel for giving so much joy to all participants. We look forward to him coming back later in the year.
- The program shut down for several days while Sorry Business was held.
- The Sport and Rec. team are preparing, with Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation (UAC) for a Youth Week event coming up in April.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

1. BRC need clarity as to who in Arlparra and the Homelands is responsibly for water servicing and quality control. Confusion exists as to bore and water quality monitoring and servicing responsibilities.
2. Lease meeting for the depot and aged care properties was cancelled due to Sorry Business within the Homelands last week.
3. We are concerned with the dumping practices of contractors within the Homelands, including Arlparra. We will monitor this closely and find ways to control this behavior.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA



ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE 242628
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note verbal presentation from Director of Operations.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.1
TITLE Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 242606
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Arlparra Local Authority meeting be held on the first Wednesday of every month

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:



LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.2
TITLE Arlparra Local Authority Finance Report
REFERENCE 242629
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Arlparra Finance Report.pdf

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

Local Authority Allocation

Project: 405 Arlparra

INCOME

Operating

Grants Received

INCOME TOTAL

Approved
Minutes

Expenditure Date

EXPENDITURE

LA Funding Expended

Aug-15 Toilet Rental

Apr-16 Grandstand and Park

Sep-15

EXPENDITURE TOTAL

Balance of funds to be committed

Budget	Income and Expenditures					Total
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		
233,481.00	77,827.00	77,827.00	77,827.00			233,481.00
233,481.00	77,827.00	77,827.00	77,827.00	0.00		233,481.00
14,420.00	14,420.00					14,420.00
20,784.45	20,784.45					20,784.45
35,204.45	35,204.45					35,204.45
198,276.55	42,622.55	77,827.00	77,827.00	0.00		\$198,276.55

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.3
TITLE Latest Financial Quarterly Report
REFERENCE 242630
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the Local Authority receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Below is a summary of Local Authority funding to be committed

BACKGROUND

Prior to the end of the financial year the Local Authority committed \$111,487 to projects that were not able to be endorsed by council, as the items requested were outside of the Local Authority guidelines.

To ensure the money was spent for community benefit, Council chose to commit \$111,487 to the construction of an ablution block on the condition that this item was returned to the Local Authority for consideration.

The Local Authority can do one of the following things:

1. Agree to spend the money on an ablution block for Arparra, or
2. Recommend to Council to spend the money on other projects.

Members should consider that money can only be allocated to items for Community benefit and not for the benefit of individuals.

We have attached a copy of the current financial position for members' information.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Subject to recommendations from the Local Authority

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Local Authority members to consult with relevant community members

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Arparra Financial Report.pdf

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

Local Authority Allocation

Project: 405

				Budget			
				Actual Received/Spent	Committed Funds	Total	
INCOME							
Arpa							
Operating							
2014/15	NT Grant		77,827	77,827	-		77,827
2015/16	NT Grant		77,827	77,827	-		77,827
2016/17	NT Grant		77,827	77,827	-		77,827
2017/18	NT Grant		77,827	-	-		-
INCOME TOTAL				311,308	233,481	-	233,481
EXPENDITURE							
Operating							
Services							
	Toilet Rental		14,420	14,420	-		14,420
	Grand Stand and Park		20,784	20,784	-		20,784
	Abution Block		111,487	-	111,487		111,487
EXPENDITURE TOTAL				146,691	35,204	111,487	146,691
TOTAL BALANCE VARIANCE				164,617	198,277	- 111,487	86,790

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	15.4
TITLE	Consultation and Feedback - Ministerial Guideline 8 Regional Councils and Local Authorities
REFERENCE	242655
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Provide comments and feedback to the CEO prior to the Local Authority Meeting to be held in April 2018.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development ("the Department") is conducting a review of Ministerial Guideline 8 and seeks feedback from interested stakeholders.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 53B of the NT *Local Government Act*, the Minister has the power to establish Local Authorities. Part 5.1A makes references to Ministerial Guidelines with respect to the membership and functions of Local Authorities. The most recent version of Guideline 8 – Regional Councils and Local Authorities has been effective since 29 January 2016 and is currently being reviewed by the Department.

The initial deadline for feedback was 6 December 2017. Council staff contacted the Department about the possibility of an extension to allow comment from Councillors and Local Authority Members in early December 2017. Council staff received written confirmation from the Department that they will accept comments and feedback up until 31 January 2018 at the latest. This will allow Councillors, Local Authority Members and staff to collate valuable input with respect to the revised document (see attached).

Council staff hope to have a draft response prepared for the Council meeting to be held in January 2018. The CEO has set an internal deadline of Thursday 25 January 2018. Councillors and Local Authority members are advised to provide their final comments and feedback prior to this date.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

As per information provided in Background section.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Subject to final version of Guideline 8, with respect to Local Authority Member and Councillor Allowances.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

As per information provided in Background section.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Final comments and feedback must be sent or emailed to the CEO by Thursday 25 January 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 DRAFT - NEW GUIDELINE 8 (November 2017).docx

GUIDELINE 8:

Regional Councils and Local Authorities

These guidelines are made by the Minister under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the *Local Government Act*.

1. Title

- 1.1. These Guidelines are called "*Guideline 8: Regional Councils and Local Authorities*".

2. Commencement

- 2.1. These guidelines commence on the date they are signed by the Minister.

3. Revocation of previous guidelines

- 3.1. The version of Guideline 8 that applies on any date is the latest version made at the time.
3.2. This version is current from the date the Minister signs it. Previous versions do not apply from the date the Minister signs this version.

4. Definitions

In these guidelines:

appointed member means a member appointed by the council. It does not include elected members who are on the local authority.

non-appointed member means a member of the council who represents a ward that covers the local authority's area and the mayor / president.

provisional meeting means, at the time and place set for a local authority meeting when a quorum has not been established, a majority of appointed members.

Note: A provisional meeting is able to make recommendations to council pursuant to clause 11.

5. Where local authorities are to be established and maintained

- 5.1. A council must have a local authority at places listed at the end of these guidelines.
5.2. A council must determine the area for each local authority. For example, a council may determine that the area for a local authority includes a neighbouring community.

6. Publicly available information

- 6.1. A council must have an up-to-date list of its local authorities, the names of the members, meeting dates, agendas and minutes available on the council's website.

7. Number of members

- 7.1. A council must make a resolution about the number of appointed members that a local authority has. There must be at least 6 appointed members and a maximum of 14 members (including all non-appointed members), unless the Minister has approved a different maximum number of members for a particular local authority.

Note: Different Local Authorities may have different numbers of members.

8. Resignation and Nomination

- 8.1. Resignation by a local authority member must be in writing.
- 8.2. When a position becomes vacant in a local authority, the CEO must call for nominations.

9. Local authority policy

A council must have a policy regarding:

- 9.1. Calling for nominations as soon as practicable after a vacancy arises and allowing at least 14 days for nominations to be received.
- 9.2. How the call for nominations is to be advertised and promoted so that residents of the area know about it, know who to give a nomination to and when nominations close.
- 9.3. Consideration of the nominations received, which must be an agenda item at the first ordinary council meeting after nominations have closed.
- 9.4. How, and in what circumstances, appointment of a local authority member may be revoked.

Note: The policy could require, for example, that the council must give consideration to revoking an appointment where a member is absent, without permission of the local authority, from two consecutive meetings of the local authority.

10. No proxies

- 10.1. A member of a local authority is not allowed to have a proxy (substitute) during a meeting.

11. Provisional meeting where quorum not present

- 11.1. In the event that a quorum is not attained for a local authority meeting, but the majority of appointed members are present, the members that are in attendance may hold a provisional meeting.
- 11.2. During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed and minutes must be kept.
- 11.3. Members at the provisional meeting may, by majority vote, make recommendations to the regional council, including local authority projects, provided any such recommendation is specifically qualified as being a recommendation of a provisional meeting, rather than a local authority.
- 11.4. A provisional meeting can approve the minutes of a provisional meeting but may not approve the minutes of a local authority meeting. A local authority may approve minutes of a provisional meeting or a local authority meeting.
- 11.5. A provisional meeting does not have the powers or functions that a council may have delegated to a local authority.

12. Local authority meetings

- 12.1. The CEO must ensure a minimum of four meetings for each local authority are held in each financial year.

Note: Either a local authority meeting or a provisional meeting can be counted in reaching the minimum total of four. For example, three provisional meetings and one local authority meeting would make up the required minimum number of four.

- 12.2. The agenda must be prepared in consultation with the Chair of the local authority and include, at least:
 - items requested by members;
 - reports on other service delivery issues in the local authority area;
 - any responses by the council to matters raised at a previous local authority meeting; and
 - a written report from the council CEO, after the council meeting that considered local authority projects, informing what project(s) has been included in the final council budget or the reason why a project(s) has not been included.
- 12.3. Each financial year a local authority agenda must include a review of:
 - the council's annual report for the previous financial year;
 - the council's proposed regional plan for the next financial year;
 - the council's budget for proposed projects for the local authority area for the next financial year;

- any relevant community plan of the council or local authority.

13. Council consideration of minutes

- 13.1. A council must consider any action items raised by each local authority meeting or provisional meeting and recorded in the meeting's minutes at the next ordinary council meeting after the local authority meeting or provisional meeting. The minutes from local authority meetings or provisional meetings (these will normally be unconfirmed minutes) must form part of the agenda papers for the next ordinary council meeting.
- 13.2. The council's response to any matters raised at a local authority meeting must be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

14. Local authority member allowances

- 14.1. Elected members and council staff must not receive an allowance for attending local authority meetings or provisional meetings.
- 14.2. Appointed members are entitled to an allowance for each local authority meeting or provisional meeting they attend:
 - Chair, if eligible, 143 revenue units
 - other eligible members, 107 revenue units

Note: The value of a revenue unit is on the website of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

15. Council budgets and financial reports

- 15.1. A council must give serious consideration to projects identified by local authorities when developing the council budget.
- 15.2. The budget of a council must include a separate budget for each local authority area.
- 15.3. At each local authority meeting, the council is to submit a current financial report of actual results against the latest approved budget for the local authority area.

16. Council annual report

- 16.1. The annual report of a council must include information which assesses performance in relation to service delivery and planned projects in each of its local authority areas.

SCHEDULE:

Where local authorities are to be established and maintained.

Barkly Regional Council:

Ali Curung
Aluprrurulam
Ampilatwatja
Arparra
Elliott
Tennant Creek
Wutunugurra (Epenarra)

Central Desert Regional Council:

Anmatjere (Nturiya, Pmara Jutunta, Wilora, Ti Tree)
Atitjere
Engawala
Lajamanu
Laramba
Nyirripi
Willowra
Yuelamu
Yuendumu

East Arnhem Regional Council:

Angurugu
Galiwin'ku
Gapuwiyak
Gunyangara
Milingimbi
Milyakburra
Ramingining
Umbakumba
Yirrkala

MacDonnell Regional Council:

Amoonguna
Areyonga
Finke (Apatula)
Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji)
Hermannsburg (Ntaria)
Imanpa
Kaltukatjara (Docker River)
Kintore (Walungurru)
Mt Liebig (Amundurrngu)
Papunya
Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte)
Titjikala
Wallace Rockhole

Roper Gulf Regional Council:

Barunga
Beswick (Wugularr)
Borrooloola
Bulman
Jilkminggan
Manyallaluk (Eva Valley)
Mataranka
Minyerri (Hodgson Downs)
Ngukurr
Numbulwar

Tiwi Islands Regional Council:

Milikapiti
Pirlangimpi
Wurrumiyanga (Nguui)

Victoria Daly Regional Council:

Amanbidji
Bulla
Nauiyu (Daly River)
Kalkaringi/Dagaragu
Pine Creek
Timber Creek
Pigeon Hole/Yarralin

West Arnhem Regional Council:

Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)
Maningrida
Minjilang
Waruwi

West Daly Regional Council:

Palumpa (Nganmarriyanga)
Peppimenarti
Wadeye

MINISTERIAL APPROVAL

I, Gerald Francis McCarthy, Minister for Housing and Community Development, hereby make these guidelines under Parts 5.1A and 19.10 of the Local Government Act.

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Date:

**LA OTHER BUSINESS**

ITEM NUMBER	15.5
TITLE	Revised Local Authorities Establishment Policy
REFERENCE	242656
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority**

- a) Receive and note the revised Local Authority Establishment Policy.

SUMMARY:

The most recent version of the Barkly Regional Council Local Authorities Establishment Policy has been updated by Council. The main points to note are:

- "Each Local Authority will have a maximum of seven (7) appointed members"
- "Council will give consideration to revoking the appointment of an appointed member where an appointed member is absent from **two** consecutive meetings of that Authority."

BACKGROUND

The Local Authorities Establishment Policy ("the Policy") provides strategic direction and support for Council with respect to the effective establishment of Local Authorities in the Barkly Region. Following input from both the Mayor and Councillors, some changes to the Policy have been requested with regards to the Number of Appointed Members and Vacancies.

The earlier version of the Policy was adopted on 14 September 2017. It currently states "That as a general principle each Local Authority will have a maximum of seven (7) appointed members with the Selection Panel empowered to recommend increasing this number to fourteen (14) if considered necessary to provide effective representation." The policy also stated that "Council will give consideration to revoking the appointment of an 'ordinary' member where a member is absent from three consecutive meetings of that Authority.

The following changes to the Policy were made at the most recent Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2017. The relevant sections will read as follows:

Number of Appointed Members

- That as a general principle each Local Authority will have a maximum seven (7) appointed members.

Vacancies

- An appointed membership position becomes vacant when an appointed member resigns in writing or the appointment is revoked by the Council. Council will give consideration to revoking the appointment of an appointed member where an appointed member is absent from **two** consecutive meetings of that Authority.

The table in the Risk Management section was also removed.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Department of Housing and Community Development is undertaking consultations with respect to the drafting of Ministerial Guideline 8. Please note that further changes to the Policy may be required, subject to the outcome and content of any new policy issued by the Minister and the Department.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Local Authorities Establishment Policy - Adopted 23 November 2017.pdf

POLICY



TITLE:	Local Authorities Establishment Policy		
DIVISION:	Corporate		
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	23 November 2017	DATE OF REVIEW:	September 2021
MOTION NUMBER:	OC 187/17		
POLICY NUMBER:	CP000019		
AUTHORISED:	Barkly Regional Council		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All employees of the Barkly Regional Council and its Elected Members.

SUMMARY

The aim of all policy is for Councillors to provide strategic input into the effective operational framework of the organisation under S.11 of the Local Government Act. This Policy sets out arrangements for the establishment of Local Authorities. The policy includes definition of the area of each Authority, the nomination and appointment of Members, their term of office and the selection process.

OBJECTIVES

To facilitate the establishment of Local Authorities

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act and relevant Ministerial Guidelines require the Council to establish and maintain local authorities with effect from 1 July 2014. To achieve this the Council needs to have in place a policy which sets out how local authorities are to be established.

POLICY***Establishing the Area of Each Local Authority***

That the area for each local authority be defined as the community/township in which the local authority is based and other areas occupied by those Council residents who identify with that community/township for accessing services or for cultural reasons.

Number of Appointed Members

That as a general principle each Local Authority will have a maximum of seven (7) appointed members.

For the appointment of appointed members of the initial Authorities, subsequent Authorities and casual vacancies the following procedures will apply:

- The CEO will call for nominations which must be advertised and promoted by appropriate means to ensure that residents of the relevant area are aware of it.

POLICY



- A period of twenty-eight (28) days' notice must be given for nominations to be received.
- Persons ordinarily resident in the Local Authority area who are over the age of eighteen are eligible to be nominated.
- Nominations are to be made on a form approved by the CEO.
- Nominations are to be made by two people over the age of eighteen (18) who are ordinarily resident in the area of that Local Authority.
- The nomination form must include a signed statement by the person being nominated indicating that he or she consents to the nomination and is eligible to be appointed.
- Nominations are to be returnable to an Officer of the Council nominated by the CEO who is working in the area of the Local Authority (the Receiving Officer).
- On receipt of a valid nomination the Receiving Officer shall immediately transmit an electronic copy to the CEO.
- A person who has been nominated may withdraw his or her nomination at any time by notice in writing to the Receiving Officer who will then advise the CEO.
- As soon as practicable after the close of nominations, the CEO shall call a meeting of the Selection Panel for the purpose of considering the nominations received and making recommendations to Council for consideration at the first ordinary Council meeting after the close of nominations.

The Selection Process

A Selection Panel will be appointed for each Local Authority comprising: The CEO as Chairperson; Two Councillors from the Ward in which the authority is located; The Mayor or Mayor's nominee; and, a nominee of the CEO.

The Selection Panel will consider nominations and make recommendations to the first ordinary meeting of the Council to be held after the close of nominations.

Selection Panels need not physically meet – business can be conducted using electronic or other means at the Chair's discretion.

Term of Appointment

Appointments to the Local Authorities are for a term of two (2) years

Vacancies

An appointed membership position becomes vacant when an appointed member resigns in writing or the appointment is revoked by the Council. Council will give consideration to revoking the appointment of an appointed member where an appointed member is absent from two consecutive meetings of that Authority.

Appointments of the selection panels

- That (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Ali Curung Local Authority
- That (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Arlparra Local Authority
- That the Ward Councillor and a nominee of the Ward Councillor (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Alpurrurulam Local Authority
- That (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Ampilatwatja Local Authority

POLICY



- That (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Elliott Local Authority
- That (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Tennant Creek Local Authority
- That (maximum of two positions) be appointed to the Selection Panel for the Wutunugurra Local Authority

RISK MANAGEMENT

In the implementation of the Barkly Regional Council policy development, all Elected Members, employees, Local Authority Members, Council Committee Members, communities and stakeholders are encouraged to communicate any risks they perceive to the Chief Executive Officer.

REFERENCES

Local Authorities Operations Policy

LEGISLATION & STANDARDS

Local Government Act (NT) – Section 48 – 53F
Guidelines 8

LINKS

https://legislation.nt.gov.au/LegislationPortal/Acts/By-Title#header_act_acc_L

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

CEO

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

Policy reviewed prior to each periodic election. Review date 30 June 2021

**LA OTHER BUSINESS**

ITEM NUMBER 15.6
TITLE Graffiti Policy
REFERENCE 242657
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

This report addresses the requirement to create and adopt a Graffiti Removal Management Plan in conjunction with the Graffiti Policy.

BACKGROUND

Several significant graffiti hotspots have been identified in the Barkly Region.

Council recently purchased a Graffiti removing chemical (*Strip Ease*) that is under trial in our Infrastructure department. Early indications are very positive with most graffiti being removed. Council has also received expert advice on special hardware using steam that will complement the removal process – this plant will be purchased before the end of November.

Council staff will conduct a graffiti removal schedule which will eventually be integrated into a Graffiti Removal Management Plan. This document will identify the hotspots, the extent of the graffiti and a schedule for removal.

Graffiti spotting can be initiated and reported by staff members working on a street sweeper and garbage truck. Members of the community will be encouraged (on Council's website) to spot and report the presence of graffiti in the community.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The risks identified are minimal and relative to the chemical composition of *Strip Ease*. It is compulsory that crew wear appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment) of gloves and face mask, when working with *Strip Ease*. Safety instructions for the use of this chemical are found in the MSDS (material safety data sheet) for *Strip Ease*.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Cost to hardware estimated at \$7,000; cost of chemicals \$12.50 per litre; cost of labour – plan to use Work Camp/CDEP under Council supervision.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1 graffiti removal.pdf

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Services

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GRAFFITI REMOVAL AND PREVENTION

Graffiti on Council Property

Council has a standard practice to remove graffiti off council-owned property within 24 hours of being reported. This includes council buildings, parks, playgrounds, fences, signs, roads and footpaths.



Council also removes graffiti from fences that face council-owned property such as parks, reserves and laneways. Private fences facing on to footpaths are the responsibility of the resident/business.

Council regularly checks its property and structures for general maintenance and to remove any graffiti. A more rapid removal response reduces the likelihood of its recurrence.

Instances of graffiti on council-owned property can be reported to the Council on [8962 0000](tel:89620000) or by emailing reception@barkly.nt.gov.au.

Graffiti on Private Property

Graffiti removal on private property is the responsibility of the property owner and should be reported to them directly. If uncertain, please contact the council.

Council may be able to assist in providing advice on graffiti removal and prevention to residents/businesses.

Tips to removing graffiti:

- Removing graffiti is usually not a difficult task, particularly if the damage has been done recently. Act early and you can achieve good results.

- Remove graffiti with a brush or scourer and soapy water or try rubbing with Turps or Meths.
- Paint over graffiti, it's quick, cheap and simple. Keep a supply of the matching paint to quickly reapply if graffiti reappears.
- If the above do not work, chemical measures may be necessary.

Graffiti prevention

The following strategies can help to prevent graffiti:

- **Vegetation:** Shrubs and bushy plants near buildings help restrict access to walls or views into buildings.
- **Lighting:** A well-lit area may deter vandalism.
- **Paints and coatings:** Always keep extra paint of the same colour as your walls, fences and other painted surfaces.
- **Graffiti resistant surfaces:** Try to avoid plain, smooth surfaces or fences.
- **Securing your property:** Secure items such as benches, barbecues and wheelie bins so they can't be used to gain access to walls or rooftops.

The best way to manage graffiti vandalism in our community is for residents and business owners to remove graffiti immediately after it appears on their property.

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LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 15.7
TITLE Animal Management
REFERENCE 242658
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Recommend to Council that \$15,000 of funds allocated to the Arlparra Local Authority be used for Animal Management activities as described below.

OR

- b) Decline the request to allocate Arlparra Local Authority funds toward Animal Management.

SUMMARY:

Animal Management seeks \$15,000 to primarily assist with BRC and Canberra Mob who have been active in Utopia for the past 5 years.

BACKGROUND

An active de-sexing program reduces animal numbers and generally leads to animal health improvements and reduces the number of dogs roaming the streets.

Currently there are limited sources of funding available and Council is actively seeking alternate and ongoing funding sources to assist in the animal management programs.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Lack of funding will impact on animal numbers and general health of the community.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

LA OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	15.8
TITLE	Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE	243002
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 Urupuntja 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 15.9
TITLE Arlparra Correspondence
REFERENCE 243035
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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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/repared as required and then subsequently maintained.

Question 4

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

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

Question 5

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

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

Question 6

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

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

Question 7

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

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

Question 8

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

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

Question 9

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

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

Question 10

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

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

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

Question 11

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

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

Question 12

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

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

Question 13

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

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

Question 14

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

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

Question 15

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

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

Question 16

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

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

Question 17

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

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

Question 18

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

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

Question 19

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

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

Question 20

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

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

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

Question 21

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

And

Question 22

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

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

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

Question 23

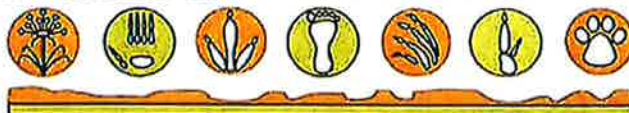
I understand a tender was released and awarded to conduct a scoping or feasibility study for a Multi Modal Transport Facility in Tennant Creek? What was the outcome of this?

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

Question 24

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

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

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 Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the CDP Provider (my Pathway), the Australian Government and other stakeholders to deliver on Council's obligations;
- Hosted a 'Business Forum' with local businessman to discuss and seek feedback about our Purchasing and Procurement Policy and issues of concern;
- In partnership with each Local Authority, commenced the development of a 5-year Infrastructure Plan for the region;
- Established the Mt Isa Tennant Creek Cross Border Commission (a partnership between our Council and the Mt Isa City Council) to bring greater focus and attention to the development of Northern Australia in relation to expanded investments in tourism, logistics, education, creative industries, mineral resources, energy, roads, rail, agriculture and water (Attachment A);
- Funded and received a 3-hour training session for all Councillors focused on improving corporate governance, meeting procedures, roles and responsibilities, agendas, minutes and following through on actions;

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

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

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

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

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

4. What are the land tenure arrangements in both South and North Camps at Elliott?
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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 15.10
TITLE Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 242659
AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Arlparra Local Authority meeting be held on the second Wednesday of every month

SUMMARY:

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

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