

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Elliott LA Meeting

Thursday 14 March 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting will be held
in Elliott's Council office on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 10:00 am.

Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

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The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

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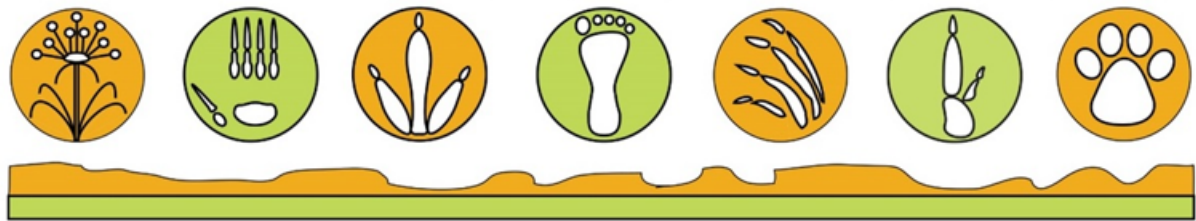
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We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

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May we continue to work together to
Deliver sustainable outcomes through a process
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COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen



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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

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- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Resignations
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- 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and confirms the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11/01/2024 as true and accurate record.

MOTION

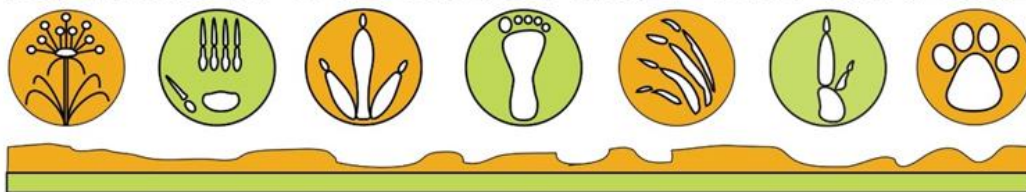
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Seconded:

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Elliott Local Authority Meeting-11- JA N- FINA L- PDF (2) [2.1.1 - 11 pages]

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting

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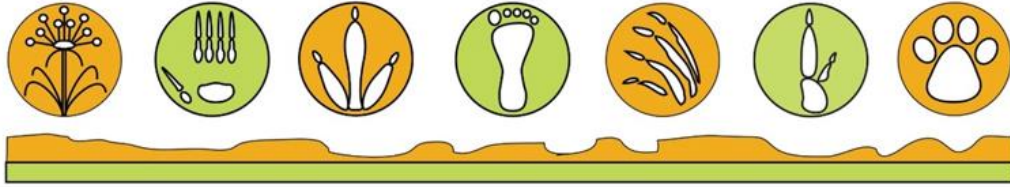
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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

- Bob Bagnall (Chair)
- Laura Jackson (Member)
- Kevin Neade (Member)
- Jason Mullan (Member)
- Lennie Barton (Suspended/ invited member)

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Danny Sandy (NT Police)
- Marlene Bell (Health Clinic)
- Ruth Morley via teams (Investigator)
- Christopher Neade (BRC Area Manager)
- Brody Moore (BRC Director of Operations & Remote Communities)
- Barry Natrass (BRC WHS Manager)
- Paul Hyde Kaduru (BRC LA Coordinator)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- MLA Steve Edgington (Member of Barkly)
- Ian Bodill (BRC CEO)
- Peter Holt (BRC Official Manager)
- Heather Wilson (Suspended / Invited Guest)
- Jody Nish (Deputy Chair)
- Patrick Smith (Elliott OIC NT Police)
- Kevin Gaskin (Member)

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil



2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes as correct record of the previous meeting held in Elliot on 14 Dec 2023

RESOLVED

Moved: Jason Mullan

Seconded: Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/35

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Purchase of ATV with LAP Funds

MOTION

That Elliott Local Authority notes and receives an update on proposed purchase of an ATV utilising LAP funds.

SUMMARY:

The Director of Operations has officially approved the purchase of a new ATV, utilizing council funds.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/36





Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Peafowl relocation

MOTION

That Local Authority notes and receives the update on Peafowl relocation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/37

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

MOTION

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

RESOLVED:

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/38





5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirm the LAP funds finance report as correct record for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/39

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and confirm the Area Manager's verbal report as correct record.

SUMMARY:

The Area Manager provided updates verbally on various aspects, highlighting the disposal of old plant equipment through auction. The waste collection process is functioning smoothly, and the repair of a broken pipe in the library has been successfully addressed. Currently, there is a vacant casual position, and efforts are underway to resolve issues with water parks by obtaining repair quotes. Additionally, manual watering, facilitated by a firefighting trailer, is temporarily in place for trees and the oval.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/40





7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Power issues

MOTION

The Local Authority requests BRC to advocate on the power issues within the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/43

General Business

7.2 Telstra issues

MOTION

The Local Authority requests BRC to investigate Telstra network issues.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Lora Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/44



MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting 11 January 2024



General Business

7.3 Turn at rubbish dump

MOTION

The Local Authority notes and receives a commitment from Peter Holt on the upgrade road at Landfill access turn off from Stuart Highway through the director of DIPL.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Lora Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/45

General Business

7.4 ANZAC day

MOTION

That the Local Authority committed to provide \$1000 to Elliot & Newcastle Waters Sport & Rec Assoc Inc. for the BBQ on ANZAC day

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/46

General Business

7.5 Sewerage leakage at Service station

MOTION

That Local Authority requests BRC to investigate who has the responsibility for repairing and maintaining the Sewerage system at the PUMA service station.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/47





General Business

7.6 Sobering up shelter

MOTION

The Local Authority requests BRC to investigate and advocate through Anyinginyi on the progress of Sobering up shelter in Elliott.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Lora Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/48

General Business

7.7 Community Plan

MOTION

The Local Authority discussed and updated the Elliott Community Plan and once completed that it would be presented to BRC for ratification.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/49

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil



9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Other Matters For Noting

9.1 Other discussion points

SUMMARY

- The Chair submitted and discussed a comprehensive community plan for the current year, which will be forwarded to the council for consideration in the upcoming regional plan.
- The local authority formally requested drone imagery of the community to be obtained before the next meeting.
- Marlene Bell reported the appointment of a new male nurse, achieving full staffing, and confirmed the commencement of doctor visits from the following week, contributing to improved healthcare services.
- Brody provided an update on the ongoing progress in landfill management, highlighting efforts in waste management practices within the community.
- The Local Authority formally requested the installation of a shade and toilet facility at the cemetery, concerns duly noted by the Area Manager for further consideration and action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Director of Operations and Remote Community

MOTION

That the Local Authority notes and receives the report from the Director of Operations and Remote Community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Christopher Neade

Seconded: LA Member Lora Jackson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-24/41

MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting 11 January 2024



11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Elliott LA next meeting date is **07/03/24**.

Meeting Closed at **12:33 PM**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority meeting HELD on 11/01/2024 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.

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3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report - Ian Bodill

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

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

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. COMMUNITY Regional Plan 2 [4.1.1 - 1 page]

COMMUNITY:		
Item	Details	Proposed Funding Source
Roads		
Buildings		
Aged Care		
Youth, Sport, and Rec		
Animal Welfare		
Night Patrol		
Safe Houses		

Emphasise the difference between capital and infrastructure investment and services improvements. i.e. what upgrades do you want to facilities vs what changes do you want to service delivery (e.g. change night patrol hours, youth programs in evenings and weekends, NDIS review services.....etc)

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and confirms the Finance Report.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. LAPF Income and Expenditure Report - Elliott (1) [5.1.1 - 1 page]



ELLIOTT: LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING		
Income and Expenditure Statement		
Barkly Regional Council		
From 01/07/2023 to 29/02/2024		
Program Description		YTD Actual
Income		
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2020-2021	\$ 23,703.00
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2021-2022	\$ 50,900.00
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2022-2023	\$ 50,900.00
64110	LAPF Grant 2023-2024	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 125,503.00
Expenditure and Committed Funds		
69999	Capital Expenses - Plant and Trees	\$ 8,596.50
69999	Other Expenses - ANZAC Day Celebrations	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expenditure and Committed Funds		\$ 9,596.50
Total Available Funding		\$ 115,906.50

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6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Verbal report from the Official Manager - Peter Holt

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the verbal report from the Official Manager.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Other Matters For Noting

9.1 Remuneration Tribunal - Local Authorities

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Remuneration Tribunal - determination of allowances for the members of Local Authorities.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. tabled paper 1076 - northern territory of australia remuneration tribunal r~t on determination no 1 [9.1.1 - 3 pages]

ORIGINAL PAPER



No. 1076
Laid on the Table
14/1/24

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

*Assembly Members and Statutory Officers
(Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*

**DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF
LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

REPORT ON DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

On 6 April 2023, pursuant to section 7E(1) of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* (AMSORE Act), His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, issued a request to the Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to inquire into and determine the allowance or allowances payable to a member of a local authority.

The resulting Report and Determination must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly within six sitting days of receipt by the Minister.

Under section 7E(9) of the AMSORE Act, the allowances determined are effective from either:

- the next financial year if the report is made on or before 1 February; or
- from the financial year after the next financial year if the report is made after 1 February.

Letters were sent to all Local Government Councils in August 2023 advising them of the Inquiry. The Remuneration Tribunal discussed this Inquiry during meetings with Local Government Councils.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

There are Local Authorities within nine Regional Councils and the number of Local Authorities in these Councils range from three to thirteen. The allowance for members to attend meetings was increase in the 2023 Inquiry.

The Tribunal considers that the existing allowances are appropriate.

Mr Michael Martin OAM
Chairperson
Remuneration Tribunal

The Hon Syd Stirling AM
Member
Remuneration Tribunal

Mr Gary Higgins
Member
Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 20 January 2024

1

Report and Determination No. 1 of 2024 – Allowances for Members of Local Government Authorities



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

*Assembly Members and Statutory Officers
(Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*

DETERMINATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2024

Under section 7E of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*, the Tribunal determines as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as established by a Council under section 76.

The Chair of a Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as in section 98.

A Member of a Local Authority is defined in the *Local Government Act 2019* as a member of an audit committee, a council, a council committee of a local authority.

Financial Year is the period from 1 July to the 30 June.

2. ALLOWANCES

The following allowance will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority.

The Chair of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$600

A Member of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$200
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held for more than 4 hours	\$400

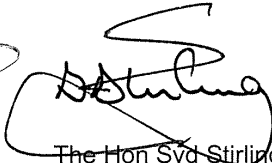
3. GENERAL

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Mr Michael Martin OAM
Chairperson
Remuneration Tribunal



The Hon Syd Stirling AM
Member
Remuneration Tribunal



Mr Gary Higgins
Member
Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 29 January 2024

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Report from the Director of Operations and Remote Communities - Brody Moore

Author Brody Moore (Director of Operations & Remote Communities), Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Director of Operations report on Council delivered services in the Elliott Local Government Area.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

SUMMARY

This report is an update of Council service delivery for the local government area of Elliott;

Municipal Services – Household rubbish collection continues each week on Monday. Businesses provided twice weekly service – Monday and Thursday.

Parks, Gardens and Oval – Town parks and public areas remain in good condition, maintained well by the Municipal Crew. Additional time maintaining due to extensive rains.

Rubbish Tip – Has been inspected, plans are currently being created in order to address the Elliott Landfill to increase lifespan.

Centrelink Agent – Elliot Council staff continue to provide Centrelink Agent Services to the community. There has been no interruption to this service during the reporting period.

Drone / Aerial Photography – Barkly Council employee Surya Godvarthi is currently undertaking training to obtain a drone licence. Requested aerial photographs will be completed by the end of March. Team will consult with community before to seek approval and avoid any cultural / business sites.

Actions – Barkly Council drafted the following correspondence on behalf of the Elliott Local Authority;

1. Telstra – Connectivity and reliability of services in Elliott
2. Anyinginyi Health – Sober-Up Shelter Support
3. DIPL – Turning Lane into Elliott Landfil – Email correspondence sent to Sally O'Callahan – Director – DIPL Tennant Creek

BACKGROUND

Barkly Regional Council is contracted to deliver Municipal Services, Landfill and Centrelink Agent services to the Elliott township.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATION

N/A

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

N/A

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Elliott Area Manager – Christopher Neade

Chief Executive Officer – Ian Bodill

Director – DIPL – Sally O'Callahan

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Anyingyi Letter Elliot LA [**10.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Letter to Telstra Elliot [**10.1.2** - 1 page]



8th March 2024

Dr. Leisa McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer
Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation

Dear Dr. McCarthy,

On behalf of the Elliott Local Authority Committee, I am writing to express our strong advocacy for the establishment of a sober-up shelter in Elliott, Northern Territory. We believe that such a facility is urgently needed to address the complex challenges associated with alcohol misuse in our community and to provide essential support to individuals in need.

As you are aware, Elliott, like many remote communities, grapples with significant socio-economic and health-related issues, including alcohol-related harm. The absence of a dedicated sober-up shelter leaves individuals who are intoxicated without access to safe and supportive environments where they can receive appropriate care and assistance.

A sober-up shelter would fill a critical gap in existing support services by providing a supervised and compassionate environment for individuals to sober up and access necessary support services, including medical assistance, counselling, and referrals to rehabilitation programs. By offering a non-judgmental and supportive response to alcohol-related issues, the shelter can help minimize harm, reduce the burden on emergency services, and improve outcomes for individuals affected by alcohol misuse.

We believe that the establishment of a sober-up shelter aligns with broader harm reduction strategies and represents a proactive step towards addressing the root causes of alcohol-related harm in our community. We encourage Anyinginyi Health to consider the feasibility of establishing a sober-up shelter in Elliott, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, community organisations, and government agencies.

The Elliott Local Authority Committee stands ready to support and collaborate with Anyinginyi in this endeavour. We are committed to working together to ensure the successful implementation and operation of a sober-up shelter that meets the needs of our community and promotes the health and well-being of all residents.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further and explore potential avenues for collaboration. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (08) 8962 0000 or brody.moore@barkly.nt.gov.au to arrange a meeting or discuss this issue in more detail.

Thank you for your consideration to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ian Bodill
Chief Executive Officer

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8th March 2024

First Nations Connect

Telstra

firstnationsconnectcomplaints@team.telstra.com

Dear Telstra,

I am writing to address some significant concerns regarding the connectivity and service issues experienced by the town of Elliott Northern Territory, with Telstra's telecommunications services.

As a vital telecommunications provider, Telstra plays a crucial role in facilitating communication and connectivity within our community. However, recent experiences have highlighted several persistent issues that have adversely impacted both residents and businesses alike.

One of the primary concerns revolves around the reliability of the internet and phone services provided by Telstra. Frequent disruptions, slow connection speeds, and intermittent outages have significantly hindered our ability to conduct business operations smoothly and have inconvenienced residents who rely on these services for everyday communication and tasks.

I respectfully request that Telstra undertake a comprehensive review of the infrastructure and technical systems supporting the town of Elliott to identify and rectify any underlying issues contributing to the service disruptions.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these matters further and explore potential solutions to improve the connectivity and service experience for our community members. Please feel free to contact me on (08) 8962 0000 or brody.moore@barkly.nt.gov.au to arrange a meeting or discuss this matter in more detail.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ian Bodill

Chief Executive Officer

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Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.2 Report from the Director of Community Development - Gillian Molloy

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the report from the Director of Community Development.

MOTION

Moved:

Seconded:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. PEAFOWL REPORT Elliott LA meeting March [10.2.1 - 3 pages]

PEAFOWL REPORT

THE BACKGROUND

Peafowl (**Pavo cristatus**) are an introduced species they come from India and Sri Lanka. The two Asiatic species are the blue or Indian peafowl originally from the Indian subcontinent, and the green peafowl from Southeast Asia. The Congo peafowl, native only to the Congo Basin, is not a true peafowl. Male peafowl are known for their piercing calls and their extravagant plumage. The latter is especially prominent in the Asiatic species, which have an eye-spotted "tail" or "train" of covert feathers, which they display as part of a courtship ritual. Suitable males may gather harems of several females, each of which will lay three to five eggs.

At the local authority Meeting 6 September 2023

It was mentioned about the Elliott Peacock population and what could be done.

That the LA discuss the large population of peacocks in the community of Elliott

- The peacock population located in and around Elliott has grown large and problematic.
- The LA would like to seek assistance from BRC and the animal management team to relocate most of the population to other areas of the Barkly that would accept the birds.

Investigations into interest from recognized campgrounds, caravan parks and truck stops is currently underway to relocate the population.

FERAL ANIMAL.

means a species of animal or an animal of a species of animal that is declared to be a feral animal under section 47.

I have been in touch with Peter Ross Chief Wildlife Ranger Wildlife Operations Parks and Wildlife Commission Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Northern Territory Government and peter referred me to the Section 47(1) of the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976 which says the common peafowl are declared to be a feral animal- refer to the Government Gazette attached.

LEGISLATION

Therefore, once brought under control by a person or corporation they cannot be released back in the Northern Territory. I have quoted the relevant section under the Act below:

67A Offence relating to feral animals.

A person must not release a feral animal in the Territory.

Maximum penalty: In the case of a natural person – 100 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months.

In the case of a body corporate – 500 penalty units.

If the Shire takes ownership through catching or trapping them, it cannot release them into other areas of the Northern Territory and may have to consider lethal & humane destruction if you cannot find new owners.

GENERAL CONVERSTATION

Chris had advised me that there were about 30 last counts but the peafowl have been nesting and have had chicks Chris is not sure of the numbers as they have not been in town much and he doesn't see many around so we cannot give a total count. But believed to be double or triple. I also mentioned to Chris the peafowl are introduced species so are not referred to as a dreaming animal.

Chris has received a bit of interest from interstate and local I have received a few emails and phone from calls interstate and Northern Territory wanting to rehome.

DISEASE

Also note the Attachment peafowl psittacosis is disease that can be transmitted to humans.

Psittacosis (also known as ornithosis) is a disease caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia psittaci*, carried by birds. Humans most commonly catch the disease by inhaling dust containing feathers, secretions, and droppings from infected birds. Older people generally experience more severe illness. This disease can be treated with antibiotics.

How is it spread?

- Infection usually occurs when a person inhales bacteria, usually from dried droppings and mucous and feather dust from infected birds. People can also become infected by mouth-to-beak contact (kissing) with birds or by handling the feathers or tissues of infected birds.
- Case reports suggest transmission may occur from contact with infected aborted material, abnormal equine placentas, or symptomatic foals. Psittacosis can be spread from person to person or from other animals to humans, but this happens very rarely.
- All birds are susceptible to infection, but pet birds, especially parrots (for example: budgies, lorikeets, and cockatiels) are most frequently involved in passing the infection to humans. Human cases associated with commercial poultry flocks are very rare in Australia and usually occur in poultry workers. Contact with wild birds and their droppings can also cause infection. Outbreaks have been linked to breathing in dust stirred up by lawn mowers after being contaminated by wild bird droppings.

Who is at risk?

People most at risk of infection with psittacosis include bird owners and/or breeders, pet shop employees, and persons whose occupation places them at risk for exposure (e.g. employees in poultry slaughtering and processing plants, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, laboratory workers, workers in avian quarantine stations, taxidermists, farmers, wildlife rehabilitators and zoo workers). Lawn mowing and gardening have also been associated with psittacosis during outbreaks.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor can diagnose psittacosis by the symptoms, an examination and by doing some tests. Tests may

include a chest x-ray and taking some blood or respiratory samples to test for the bacteria.

How is it treated?

Psittacosis is treated with antibiotics for a period of up to two weeks.

OPTIONS

- to consider lethal & humane destruction if we cannot find new owners, finding new owners and rehoming in the territory is in breach of the act as we can't rehome in the territory.
- Rehoming in other state's is also not logistical as all the permits required waybills, and state legislation. And with the transport standards and poultry checklist which means the council being the owner by catching them means Council would have to be on site every time the peafowl leave
- rehoming interstate would be a nightmare. If the transport check sheet was not adhered to.
- Bio security Queensland, Victoria doesn't have legislation. But we can't transport.
- Or we could just leave them where they are. Make sure all bin lids are closed and all litter in yards are picked up to try and reduce the impact.

GAZETTE



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- Feral Animals.pdf



peafowl
psittacosis.pdf

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 Presentation from Principal Alcohol Action Officer - Hassan Tariq

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from Hassan Tariq.

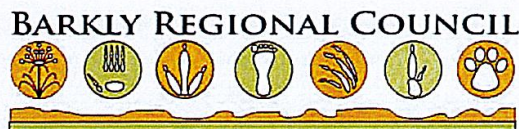
MOTION

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request to make a Presentation to a Local Authority (Elliott) (1) [11.1.1 - 1 page]



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 Barkly Regional Council Local Authority,

I am requesting your permission to make a presentation to the Elliott Local Authority
on: 14/ 3/24

Give the Local Authority Information about

Harm Minimisation Unit are engaging with the communities/homelands about Opt out model and Community Alcohol Plans (CAP)

Requesting to have an Ms Team meeting to introduce my self to the Local Authority members and to organise a time for me to come down to Elliott to complete Community Alcohol Plans (CAP).

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: Hassan Tariq
Organisation: Northern Territory Government
Contact details: 0408 404 185 / 08 8951 5439
Signed: [Signature]
Date: 29/02/2024

Local Authority Chair to complete:

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

Signed:

Date:

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING