

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA

Elliott LA Meeting

Thursday 11 January 2024

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting will be held
in Conference Room on Thursday 11 January 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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We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

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

COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen



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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

Author Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

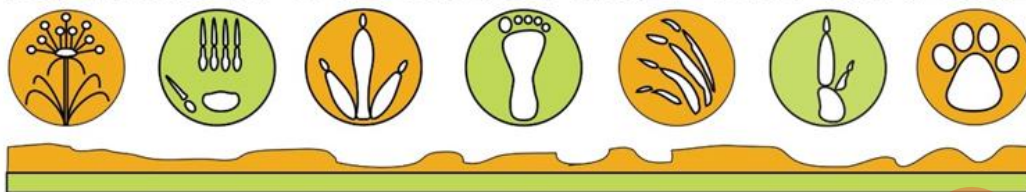
RECOMMENDATION

That the Elliott Local Authority receives and confirms the minutes of previous LA meeting held on 14 December 2023 as true and accurate.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Local Authority Meeting-141223- Final 1 [2.1.1 - 10 pages]

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 10:36 am.

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1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Authority Members Present

Meeting commenced at 10.36am with Bob Bagnall as Chair.

Jody Nish
Jason Mullan
Kevin Gaskin
Kevin Neade

1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

Cr Lennie Barton (Suspended / Invited guest)

Cr Heather Wilson (Suspended / Invited Guest)

Peter Holt (BRC Official Manager)
Ian Bodill (BRC CEO)
Gillian Molloy (BRC Director Community Development)
Brody Moore (BRC Director Operations & Communities)
Emmanuelle Okumu (BRC Governance Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (BRC Local Authority Coordinator)
Barry Nattrass (BRC WHS Manager)
John King (BRC Consultant)
Melissa King (BRC Consultant)
Louise Bielby (Office Chief Minister in Cabinet)
Ruth Morley (Via Teams Video Link)
Patrick Smith (Elliott OIC NT Police)

1.3 Apologies to Be Accepted

Apologies

Christopher Neade (Elliott Area Manager)
Lora Jackson (Appointed Member)
MLA Steve Edgington (Member for Barkly)
Darius Plummer (Electorate Officer)
Sally O'Callaghan (DIPL Regional Director Barkly)

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Resignations

Nil

1.6 Disclosure of Interests

Nil

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

Nil



2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Confirmation of previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority receives and confirms the minutes of the previous meeting held in Elliott on 09 November 2023 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/25

3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 New format Action Tracker to be tabled

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Elliott LA action items and resolution tracker and approve the removal of duplicate entries along with updates to the resolution tracker. An updated format Resolution Tracker document was tabled at the meeting by chair Bob Bagnall.

BACKGROUND

The chair Bob Bagnall expressed frustration at the perceived inaction by BRC staff and the Barkly Regional Council councillors in progressing the resolutions passed by the Elliott Local Authority.

1. BRC House at 8 Lewis St Elliott
 - 1.1. First raised as an issue in 2017. Building demolished and future action included in a 5-year action plan.
 - 1.2. No updates received for 12 to 18 months.
2. Jim Rennie Reserve Master Plan
 - 2.1. First raised as an issue in 2018.
 - 2.2. The Master Plan included:
 - 2.2.1. Golf Course
 - 2.2.2. Football Oval
 - 2.2.3. Mini Putt Putt
 - 2.2.4. Tennis Court
 - 2.2.5. Mini Cricket Pitch
 - 2.2.6. BMX Track



The Local Authority believes this item sits with the BRC infrastructure directorate and expressed their support to help advance the project, as much of the costing has already been obtained.

3. Elliott Sobering Up Shelter

3.1. Proposal first raised in 2018

3.2. The Elliott Local Authority received a presentation by Leisca McCarthy CEO of Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation on 10 August 2023, but no further developments have been forthcoming.

4. Curb and Guttering for Brown and Koorunga Streets and road maintenance of Drover's Drive, Newcastle Waters.

4.1. Advice received from DIPL that internal roads in Elliott and Newcastle Waters are the responsibility of Local Council Authority/BRC as they are not NTG managed roads.

5. Nature Strip/Service Rd

5.1. Sally O'Callaghan (DIPL Regional Director Barkly) attended the Elliott LA Meeting on 09 November 2023. She gave a verbal presentation and took questions from the authority members as to plans DIPL had for Elliott in the near future.

6. Tree Planting

6.1. In 2017 BRC had stated that funding was available for tree replacement in the Barkly Region due to drought conditions. No funds were made available to Elliott, so the Local Authority went ahead and identified the need for tree planting in Elliott in the local plan. More than 90 trees have been planted to date with 60 more ready to be go in. More funds have been committed by the Local Authority to purchase 175 more trees to be planted throughout Elliott and to be given to residents to plant in their home yards.

7. Polaris ATV

7.1. It is minuted that in the Elliott Local Authority meeting held on 06 April 2023 the BRC Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin had stated that the Barkly Regional Council would purchase this vehicle for Elliott due to constraints imposed on LAPF approved items for purchase. Quotes were obtained in September 2023, but no further developments have been forthcoming.

8. Proposed Re-Development of Lots 1, 2, 19 & 20 Stuart Highway Elliott

8.1. Authorisation given to Development Assessment Services DIPL for a Development Application to be lodged by Troppo Architects on behalf of Northern Interests Pty Ltd by BRC CEO Russell Anderson on 13 July 2023.

8.2. Transfer did not proceed, and legal advice is being sought as to arrangements going forward.



MINUTES Elliott LA Meeting 14 December 2023



9. Street Sweeper

9.1. Elliott street sweeper was taken to Tennant Creek with a commitment from the then Barkly Shire Council that it would be made available 4 times / year. The street sweeper has only been to Elliott once in the last 2 years.

10. Elliott Water Park

10.1. Contractor to attend and repair in the next few days.

11. Playground Equipment

11.1. \$50,000 committed by Local Authority. Barkly Backbone Team indicated more funds may be available and has provided the necessary application documentation to be completed.

12. Tourism Notice Board

12.1. BRC Manager Peter Holt met recently with Danial Rochford CEO of Tourism Central Australia. Once dimensions are provided for the signage, up to \$12,000 can be allocated.

13. Peacocks

13.1. BRC Director of Community Development Gillian Molloy is to arrange for Peacock population to be relocated.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/26

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal presentation from BRC CEO Mr Ian Bodill.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/27





5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives the finance report for DEC 2023.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/28

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business

7.1 Letter to Minister for Remote Housing and Homelands from Member for Barkly

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority receives and notes the letter sent to the Hon Selena Uibo and the response received by the Member for Barkly the Steve Edgington MLA.

General Business

7.2 Barkly Animal Management Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal address from Director of Community Development Gillian Molloy on the Barkly Animal Management Program to date and proposed for 2024.





General Business

7.3 The Church of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons Church)

MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the request from the Church of Latter-Day Saints to hold regular church services at the Elliott Sports & Rec Centre and confirm approval.

SUMMARY

The Church of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons Church) have asked to hold regular church services at the Elliott Sports & Rec Centre. They would prefer to hold these inside than have it outside. They may be willing to pay for use of building and have asked for this matter to be put to the Local Authority for discussion.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/29

General Business

7.4 Australia Day Awards

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives an update from the Elliott Area Manager regarding nominations for 2024 Australia Day Awards and cast their vote as to who should receive the awards on Australia Day 2024.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil



10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 BRC Manager Report

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the verbal presentation from BRC Manager Mr Peter Holt.

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Visitor Presentations

11.1 BRC Manager Peter Holt

Mr Holt introduced himself and explained his role as Manager in the place of the Barkly Regional Councillors, suspended pending an investigation into the councils' processes and procedures since January 2022.

The investigation, to be undertaken by Alice Springs based lawyer Ruth Morley is expected to conclude on 12 March 2024 after which the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice; Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty; Minister for Local Government; Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, will deliver his findings following 3 weeks consideration based on the outcome of the investigation and responses received by councillors regarding the report.

Mr Holt emphasised that he would like the suspended councillors to remain engaged during the 3-month investigation to assist with budget planning and priorities for 2024.

He expressed concern that recommendations were being put to the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) by the Barkly Local Authorities (LA), however there did not appear to be an action list being followed based on those recommendations.

Approximately \$800,000 of LAPF money was at risk of being returned, unspent, dating back to 2016-17.

Another observation relayed to the LA was that council minutes were referring to CEO and Director reports with no documented detail as to what was said in those reports.

There needed to be a two-way exchange of information, not one-way from LA to Council with no feedback.

Once the investigation is concluded there may be a by-election or the councillors may be reinstated.





Visitor Presentations

11.2 BRC Investigator Ruth Morley

Ms Morley is an Alice Springs based lawyer appointed by the Northern Territory Government to investigate the actions of the BRC from January 2022 up until October 2023.

Ms Morley joined the meeting via an MS Teams video link and apologised for not being present in person but thanked the LA members for allowing her to join and present at the meeting remotely. The investigation had concluded so far, that the BRC meeting minutes over the above-mentioned period do not demonstrate that the councillors had discussed or considered proposals or ideas put to them from the Barkly LA meetings.

Consideration will be given to the weight of input from the Barkly LAs into the Barkly Regional Council 2023 – 2024 Annual Regional Plan.

Ms Morley explained that this investigation would not be looking at employees or code of conduct matters.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business

12.1 Alterations to Sporting Change Rooms

MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority approve proposed alterations to the sporting change rooms at the oval to better cater for privacy and cultural sensitivities of users.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/30



Other Business

12.2 Purchase of Tree Guards

MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority approve the purchase of guards for newly planted trees in the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolved ELLA-23/31

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Elliott Local Authority next meeting date is Tuesday 23 January 2024.

Meeting Closed at 1:20 pm

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.



3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions from previous Minutes

3.1 Purchase of ATV with LAP Funds

Author Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

As per Local Authority Project Funding guidelines;

What can LAPF be used for?

Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.

BACKGROUND

The Members for the Elliot Local Authority raised the need for an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and proposed to purchase utilising LAP Funds.

Conflicting information had been provided that LAP Funds could not be used for the purchase.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment to be provided, staff to be trained and licenced.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Priority – Allocation of historical unspent LAPF before potential return.

Secure ATV model utilised in Wutunugurra community in order to reduce servicing and parts expenses.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

N/A

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Elliott Local Authority Members

Ian Bodill – Chief Executive Officer BRC

Kelly White – Wutunugurra Area Manager BRC

Peter Molloy – Fleet Manager BRC

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023 24 local authority funding guidelines [3.1.1 - 5 pages]

Local Authority Project Funding

Funding Guidelines - 2023-24 onwards

Purpose

Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) is funding provided to regional councils to support priority projects in individual communities recommended by a local authority through a community consultation process.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support the timely delivery of priority projects recommended by a community through their local authority.
- Assist in building improved communities by providing funding assistance for community priority projects that facilitates community activity.
- Promote community engagement and involvement in and representation to regional councils through local authorities.
- Promote the development of local authority capacity to represent, govern and engage with their communities and positively influence the business of council.

Funding Pool

LAPF funding is allocated by the Department for each local authority based on a pre-set formula. Funding is allocated only to those local authorities published in the guidelines made by the Minister for Local Government under Part 5.1 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The level of LAPF offered annually for each local authority will be fixed for the term of the council.

Local Authority Project Recommendations and Approvals

As part of the budget development process, regional councils must work with individual local authorities to develop a list of projects that are identified and prioritised through a community engagement process.

The list of recommended projects should ensure projects can be delivered within the time frame allowed to retain and fully expend LAPF funds. Projects must be completed within two years, or in the case of approved major projects, four years.

Details of projects to be delivered with the LAPF are to be published in the council's annual budget with each local authority's budget.

Tip: While prioritising projects councils should consider timelines and potential delays, such as availability of trades and materials or negotiation of leases with the relevant land council, and prioritise projects accordingly. For example, if a project will take more than a year to deliver because of the need to obtain permits and leases, work should commence on securing those permits and leases but another project that can be delivered within a shorter timeline should be prioritised for completion with available funding.

The local authority must pass a resolution for each project the LAPF will be used for. If the priority of projects changes during the financial year, the local authority must also pass a resolution at a local authority meeting. A copy of the minutes must then be formally considered by the regional council at its next council meeting for consideration and ratification.

The council should ensure projects are considered and approved as expeditiously as possible. Feedback should be provided to the local authority and the community as soon as projects are approved.

If a local authority project is not approved, the local authority is to be advised of the reasons for this decision by council.

Tip: Council may consider holding a special meeting if there is a long delay before the next ordinary council meeting and there are a number of local authority projects to consider.

Delegation of LAPF decision making to local authorities

A regional council may delegate powers to individual local authorities including the authority to allocate and approve projects the LAPF funding is to be used for. The minutes of the local authority meeting is to form part of the council's meeting agenda papers for noting and implementation. The council CEO must action the local authority's decision as soon as practical.

Major Projects

A major project is where a regional council intends to deliver a project combining more than two years' LAPF funding into a single project. The major project must be completed within four years of receipt of the original year's LAPF funding.

The council must submit a project plan on the required template to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet for approval of all local authority projects that seek to combine funding in this way.

NOTE: Regardless of whether a council has delegated decision making to its local authority, all major project plans must only be submitted by the regional council (not the local authority) for approval. If a project is not commenced by the planned date or there are delays caused by the council then the full value of funds may be required to be repaid.

Specific details of the project must be published in the regional council's annual budget for the relevant local authority. The major project's progress is to be submitted as part of the annual grant acquittal process.

Joint projects/pooled funds

LAPF funds can be pooled with funds from Council or another entity for a particular project. The LAPF can either be used as a payment contribution to an external agency or entity; or an external agency or entity may provide funds to the regional council to pool with the LAPF.

In these cases, the council should document an agreement which clearly details the financial contributions, roles and responsibilities of each of the parties to ensure the successful delivery of the project. Factors such as risk considerations before, during and after completion of the project must be taken into consideration if funds are to be pooled with other entities (see also Risk Management below).

Where funds are provided by an external agency to the regional council to pool with the LAPF, the management of all funds must comply with all legislative requirements applicable to the council including the *Local Government Act 2019* and related *Local Government General Regulations 2021*.

Pre-conditions

If the proposed project relies on pre-conditions (such as the acquisition of a section 19 lease under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*), then the project should make provision for consultations or pre-conditions in the planning stage and as far as possible factor these requirements into the timelines to ensure LAPF funds are fully spent within the allowable time limit.

Risk Management

Where funds are to be used for a purpose outside the council's sole control, or on an asset or land that is not owned or controlled by council, the council must consider the liability and insurance requirements associated with that project.

For example:

- Where an asset or land is not owned or controlled by council then agreement of the owner should be secured if possible. If this is not secured then Council should weigh up the risks against consequences for other council or LA work or outcomes in the community if the project is not advanced.

Where funding is pooled and a project is to be delivered in partnership with another organisation, a risk management plan should be in place to mitigate risks and clarify responsibilities including:

- Project Lead or Coordination Committee and Project Manager
- Appropriate insurance and any underwriting arrangements
- Who will maintain records, verify invoices, make payments
- Compliance with regulatory requirements
- Certification, acquittal and reporting
- Evaluation.

All risks associated with the project are to be managed by the council. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will not be held responsible for any liability or ongoing costs arising out of the use of these funds.

What can LAPF be used for?

Without limiting the scope of projects the LAPF can be used for, provided below are examples of acceptable use of the funding. The list below is not exhaustive and if clarification is required then advice should be sought from the Local Government Unit of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities. For example sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

What LAPF shouldn't be used for?

- Purchase of motor vehicles, with the exception of graders, and fuel expenses
- Payment of recurrent staff salaries or entitlements; or recurrent operating costs of council
- Cash prizes or sponsorships
- Meeting costs and associated payments to local authority members
- Travel costs or any form of allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by an NT or federal government agency.
- Administration and/or project management fees are not to be levied on this grant funding.

Council employee costs

Council employee costs directly related to the delivery of a specific approved LAPF project, such as constructing a playground, or producing flyers and organising a community event, are permitted to be expensed against the LAPF. However ongoing employee costs or employees costs not directly related to the delivery of a specific LAPF project are not permitted to be costed to the LAPF.

Process for Grant Payment

At the beginning of each financial year regional councils will receive a letter of offer and acceptance documentation from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet detailing the LAPF allocation being offered to each individual local authority.

LAPF will only be paid following an assessment of the grant acquittal and confirmation that funds have been used as per the terms and conditions of the grant, and the LAPF grant acceptance form is signed and returned to the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Where a grant acquittal does not appear to meet the terms and conditions of the grant, then payment of that particular local authority's funding may be withheld until all queries have been resolved.

Reports to the Local Authority

At each local authority meeting, a report is to be submitted by the council detailing the total amount of funding available and spent on each local authority project under this program in that financial year.

Funds Management

- The LAPF must be fully expended within two years, or in the case of major projects within four years, of receipt of funding.
- All approved projects are required to be procured in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* and, as far as practical under the NT Government's Buy Local Plan.
- A funding acquittal for the year ended 30 June for each local authority must be submitted in the required format on or before 31 August in each year. Failure to provide the financial reports by 31 August will result in delays in paying further funds.
- Failure to expend the grant within the time limit, major delays, or lack of significant progress may result in the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet withholding a LAPF payment for a local authority or seeking repayment of funds.
- Requests to carry-over unspent funds after the allowed time limit are to be submitted via email to: lg.grants@nt.gov.au. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis and approval is not automatic.
- The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet reserves the right to withhold future LAPF funds if the regional council has not completed the project within the agreed time limit; or may request all unspent funds to be repaid if there is little or no progress on the major project.
- The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet reserves the right to request the full value of the grant to be returned if the council disposes of an asset acquired with this funding within four years of the payment of the grant.

For further information please contact lg.grants@nt.gov.au

Actions from previous Minutes

3.2 Peafowl relocation

Author Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That LA notes and receives the update on Peafowl relocation.

SUMMARY

Local Laws Manager – Dean Pollock provided the following update regarding Peafowl relocation;
3 Males and 3 Females will be relocated to Lake Maryanne in Tennant Creek.
3 Males and 3 Females will be relocated to Daly Waters.
2 Males and 2 Females will be relocated to Dunmarra Roadhouse.
Barkly Homestead, Threeways Roadhouse, local hobby farms and caravan parks have all declined.

BACKGROUND

The community and LA Members who represent Elliot, requested assistance from BRC Animal Management to address the growing population of unwanted Peafowl, with the goal of relocation.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Mandated transport guidelines for poultry in the Northern Territory

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Remaining Peafowl for relocation to suitable locations.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Elliot Community
Elliot LA Members
Local Laws Manager
Animal Management
Director of Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Executive Officers Reports

4.1 Chief Executive Officers Report

Author Paul Hyde Kaduru (LA Coordinator)

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CEO report [4.1.1 - 1 page]

Work health and safety

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regional plan

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

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

Matters discussed included:

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

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

Risk and Audit management

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

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

5 FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports

5.1 Finance Report

Author Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and receives the LAP funds finance report for 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

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ELLIOTT: LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING		
Income and Expenditure Statement		
Barkly Regional Council		
From 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023		
Program Description		YTD Actual
Income		
60000	Other Income/Carried Forward Balance from 2021-2022	\$ 74,603.00
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 - Plants and Trees	\$ 8,596.50
69999	Capital Expenses - Playground Maintenance and Upgrade	\$ -
69999	Capital Expenses - Cemetery Survey	\$ -
Total Expenditure and Committed Funds		\$ 8,596.50
Total Available Funding		\$ 116,906.50

6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Reports from Barkly Regional Council

10.1 Director of Operations and Remote Community

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY

The provision of an update for Elliot Local Authority members, regarding Council service delivery and stakeholder communications relating to action items or responses for information.

Water Quality – Rest Stops
Street Sweeper
Irrigation Bore
Water Park

BACKGROUND

1. Elliott Local Authority requested information regarding the quality of water provided at Rest Stops, along the Stuart Highway.
Email response from Sally O'Callahan – Regional Director, DIPL;
"The water on the rest stops are not recommended for drinking and are not potable water"
2. BRC Street Sweeper – Currently out of service and being repaired. Once repaired, the Sweeper will be tasked to assist Elliot community.
3. Irrigation Bore – Extensive works and repairs are due to commence, resulting in more reliable water for irrigation.
4. Water Park – On-going issues with manual water treatment and repairs. Additional Contractor assisting in the repair, maintenance and water treatment to ensure a more reliable service for Elliot.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Increased expenditure on repairs and maintenance in Elliot, in order to address historical neglect.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Potential lengthy wait times for the repair and allocation of the BRC Street Sweeper, due to poor maintenance history and large amounts of glass damaging internal mechanics.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Barry Natrass – WHS Manager

Paul Hyde Kaduru – Local Authority Coordinator

Peter Molloy – Fleet Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

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Wards & Communities

Kuwarrangu Project Priorities

BRC - Barkly Regional Council, LA - Local Authority, NTG - Northern Territory Government, PAWA - Power and Water Association

2023-24 Project Priority	Responsibility/ Stakeholders	Strategic Plan
Achievable with Local Authority Project Funding		
Identify options for establishing a sobering-up shelter for men and women in the Elliott community	Director Community Development	1.11
Purchase, plant and maintain trees and shrubs to replace dead street trees	BRC Area Manager Local Authority	4.8
Review the infrastructure plans and cost estimates for Jim Rennie Reserve masterplan	Director Infrastructure BRC Area Manager Local Authority	1.1
Projects requiring grant funding and/or co-funding		
Prepare and implement a cemetery upgrade plan to deliver a chapel, shelter, a tap and a toilet.	Project Manager BRC Area Manager	1.12 2.9
Confirm requirements for the basketball court and explore funding options to pursue an upgrade and shade cover with seating at Gurungu	BRC and LA to determine infrastructure priority and funding source Barkly Regional Deal AUS Projects NT	1.9
Investigate options for providing a bus for multi-use in the community	Director Community Development	
Work with Council to upgrade equipment to support enhanced community amenity	Director Operations Depot Manager, BRC Area Manager	1.10
Negotiate with Council a kerb and gutter upgrade to Kooringa and Brown Streets	Director Infrastructure	2.3
Advocacy		
Help to promote local cultural tours and community enterprises to support local employment and economic development	BRC Media & Communications Officer Northern Land Council Tourism NT	
Continue to facilitate Deadly Hair Dude visits and invite community nominations for participation in training program	BRC Area Manager	
Advocate for the dedicated renal room at the Clinic to be adequately staffed so that it is available for local people	Local Authority Chair Dept of Health Power & Water Corporation	
Advocate for establishment of and determine location for a Men's Shed in Elliot accessible to all men in the community	LA Chair, Director Operations BRC Area Manager	
Advocate for a peppercorn lease arrangement for Staging Camp area to secure Memorial Area land tenure	Director Corporate DIPL	
Advocate for completion of new staff housing (at 8 Lewis Street) in line with Council's Infrastructure Plan	Director Infrastructure	
Advocate for a sewerage system to be planned and constructed for Elliott	Local Authority Chair BRC Director Infrastructure Power & Water Corporation Northern Land Council	
Advocate to Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics for Service Road signage to prevent bottlenecks during tourist season.	Local Authority Chair BRC Area Manager, DIPL	

11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

13 CLOSE OF MEETING