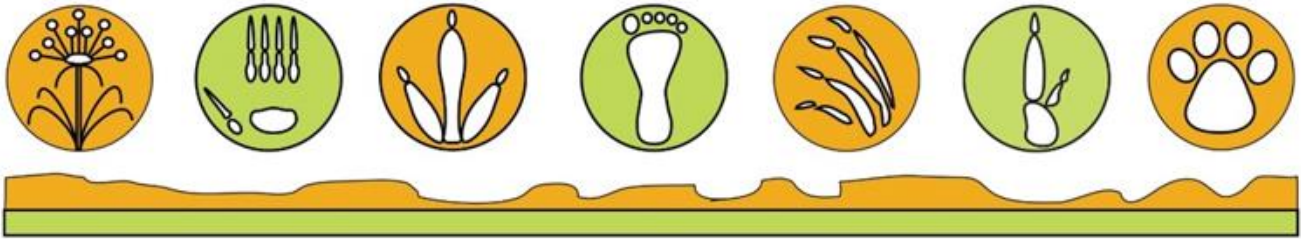


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## AGENDA

### Elliott LA Meeting

Thursday 14 December 2023

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting will be held  
in Conference Room on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 10:30 pm.

**Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

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#### The Way We Will Work

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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.

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## 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

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

**Author** Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receive and note the minutes of the previous LA meeting held 09NOV23

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Elliott Local Authority Meeting Minutes 091123 [2.1.1 - 8 pages]



## MINUTES

### Elliott LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Elliott LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Thursday 9 November 2023 at 10:40 am.

**Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

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## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

- LA Member Bob Bagnall
- LA Member Jason Mullan
- LA Member Jodie Nish
- LA Member Kevin Gaskin
- LA Member Kevin Neade

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Lia Finocchiaro (NT Opposition Leader)
- Steve Edgington (Member for Barkly)
- Darius Plummer (Barkly Electorate Officer)
- Jody Nish (BRC Customer Service Officer Elliott)
- Marlene Bell (Elliott Health Clinic Manager)
- Heather Wilson (BRC Councillor for Kuwarrangu Ward)
- Louise Beilby (Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)
- Sally O'Callaghan (DIPL Regional Director Barkly)
- Phil Harris (Troppo Architects - Norther Interest)
- Barry Natrass (Representing BRC Director of Operations & Communities)

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

#### Apologies

- Gillian Molloy (BRC Director of Community Development)
- Brody Moore (BRC Director of Operations & Communities)
- Chris Neade (Area Manager Elliott)
- Romeo Mutsago (BRC Deputy CEO & CFO)
- Andrew Urquhart (Primary Health Centre Mng'r Barkly)
- Elliott Police

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

*Nil*

### 1.5 Resignations

*Nil*

### 1.6 Disclosure of Interests

*Nil*

### 1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest

*Nil*



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## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.1 Confirmation of previous Minutes

##### MOTION

That The Local Authority receive and note the Minutes of the 07 September Elliott Local Authority Meeting as a true and accurate record on that Meeting.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.2 Confirmation of previous Provisional Minutes

##### MOTION

That The Local Authority receive and note the Minutes of the 12 October Elliott Provisional Local Authority Meeting as a true and accurate record on that Meeting.

##### RESOLVED

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY





### 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### **Actions from previous Minutes**

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##### **3.1 Elliott Local Authority Action item Landfill Management**

###### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Elliott Local Authority restate the concern held regarding the unsustainable state of the land fill site.

###### **MOTION**

That the Barkly Regional Council notes and considers as a matter of urgency, a maintenance plan to put in place to tackle the current landfill situation.

###### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Actions from previous Minutes**

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##### **3.2 Elliott Local Authority Action items and resolutions tracker update**

###### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Elliott Local Authority receive an update on all outstanding action items contained in the action items resolution tracker.

###### **MOTION**

That the Elliott Local Authority receive an update on all outstanding action items contained in the action items resolution tracker.

###### **RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**







## Actions from previous Minutes

### 3.3 Elliott Local Authority Action items and resolutions tracker

#### MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority ask for the following items to be reinstated on the Action Resolution Tracker spread sheet:

- Water Park repairs
- The purchase of the all-terrain vehicle
- Cemetery Upgrade
- Tourist board regarding signage regarding the truck bay opposite Puma Shop
- Peacock re-location
- Road repairs
- Animal Management Program update
- Canteen Equipment Procurement
- Waste Management Plan update needed
- Skip bins
- Accommodation update
- Access to the BRC shared Street Sweeper
- Jim Rennie Reserve and Golf Course update required
- Sobering Up Shelter progress update sought from Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation
- Update on the Jim Rennie Reserve master plan

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

## 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

*Nil*



## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Report

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#### 5.1 Finance Report for September 2023

##### MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the LA Finance Report for September 2023 and query the LA sitting fees and catering cost entries.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

*Nil*

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

### Other Matters for Noting

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#### 9.1 Elliott Allocation under Roads to Recovery Funding

##### MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority call on the Barkly Regional Council to assess internal roads in Elliott for resurfacing and that we advocate for Wilyugu and Gurungu roads to be done at the same time. Roads in both north and south camp in Elliott have not been re-surfaced since 2008.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Nil*





## 11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### Visitors Presentations

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#### 11.1

##### MOTION

That the Elliott Local Authority receives presentations by

- Phil Harris of Troppo Architects in regard to an update on the project know as Northern Interest Elliott Development
- Lia Finocchiaro, Leader of the Opposition, NT parliament
- Steve Edgington, Member for Barkly
- Sally O'Callaghan, Department of Infrastructure Planning & Logistics Regional Director for Barkly
- Marlene Bell, NT Health Clinic Manager Elliott

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jodie Nish

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 12 OTHER BUSINESS

### Other Business

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#### 12.1 Australia Day 2024 Nominations

##### MOTION

That the Elliott LA ask the Elliott Area Manager to call for nominations before the next LA Meeting on December 14 2023, in favor of potential Australians of the Year, to be announced on Australia Day 26 January 2024.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

##### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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## Other Business

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### 12.2 Darwin Plant Wholesalers quote

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority accept the Darwin Plant Wholesalers quote for \$8596.50 for 175 plants and that 1-2 trees are made available to residents' homes and the remainder used to replace dead trees.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Gaskin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 13 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting Closed at 1:15 pm

The Elliott LA next meeting date is 14 December 2023.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ELLIOTT Local Authority meeting HELD on 09 NOVEMBER 2023 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.



### 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### **Actions from previous Minutes**

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##### **3.1 New format Action Tracker to be tabled**

**Author** Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Authority receive and note the Elliott LA action items and resolution tracker & approve the removal of duplicate entries along with updates to the resolution tracker.  
An updated format Resolution Tracker document will be tabled at the meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

### 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

#### **Chief Executive Officers Reports**

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##### **4.1 Chief Executive Officer Report**

**Author** Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

## 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

*Nil*

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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

**Author** Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Authority receive and note the letter sent to the Hon Selena Ubo and the response received by the Member for Barkly the Steve Edginton MLA.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter to Minister Uibo 31.10.23 [**7.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. 23.11.28 - Response from Minister Uibo - Elliott Concerns [**7.1.2** - 2 pages]



31 October 2023

Hon Selena Uibo  
Minister for Remote Housing and Homelands  
GPO Box 3140  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister,

I am writing to you on behalf of residents living in the township of Elliott who are seeking information about the tenure of their land, housing allocations, repairs and maintenance and drainage at the South Camp (Wilyuku) and North Camp (Gurungu).

In your correspondence to my office dated 27 February 2023 and 29 March 2023, you advised that government leases over Gurungu and Marlinja were set to expire on 30 June 2023, a five year grant funding agreement with AUS Projects (NT) Pty Ltd was also set to expire on 30 June 2023, and that works had been scoped for improvements to stormwater drains in Wilyuku and Gurungu.

During discussion with residents, I have been advised that the stormwater drains in Wilyuku and Gurungu remain blocked, there has been a lack of communication regarding who is responsible for the delivery of municipal, essential and housing maintenance services in Elliott, who is responsible for housing allocations, and whether there are any plans to commence the Room to Breathe program in Elliott.

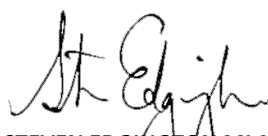
Residents have asked that I write to you to seek answers to a range of questions to clarify the matters raised above. Could you please advise:

1. Who is the current service provider for housing maintenance and municipal and essential services in the Elliott Town Camps and at Marlinja, and when does their current contract with government expire?
2. What amount of funding is your government providing or making available for municipal and essential services, housing maintenance services, and MES special purpose grants in the Elliott Town Camps and at Marlinja for the 2023/2024 financial year?
3. Is there any eligibility criteria for the funding that the residents need to be aware of? If so, what is the criteria?
4. Who is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the stormwater drains in South Camp and in North Camp?
5. Is there any work planned to unblock the stormwater drains in the Elliott Town Camps? If not, why not? If so, when will the work commence?
6. When it comes to repairs and maintenance of houses and municipal services at North Camp (Gurungu), South Camp (Wilyuku) and Marlinja, can you please advise what the process is for a resident to report a matter and who do they report it to?

7. How many dwellings does your government have in the township of Elliott, how many are being used for public housing, how many are being used for Government Employee Housing and what number are currently vacant?
8. What is the status of the land upon which North Camp (Gurungu), South Camp (Wilyuku) and Marlinja is situated, for example, is it a special purpose lease or Aboriginal land, whether government has leases in place and, if so, when do the leases expire?
9. What plans does your government have to conduct further improvements to housing and are there any plans in place to deliver the Room to Breathe program in Elliott Town Camps?
10. In accordance with the proposed public housing rental scheme being introduced, does this apply to Elliott residents living in North Camp (Gurungu), South Camp (Wilyuku) and Marlinja?
11. Who is responsible for the allocation of housing at North Camp (Gurungu), South Camp (Wilyuku) and Marlinja?
12. Is there a Housing Reference Group based in Elliott? If not, why not? If so, can you please provide a list of the names of residents appointed to the Housing Reference Group, how often they meet, and the date of the last meeting?
13. Any other information, to assist residents to better understand your government's funding and service delivery in Elliott and Marlinja?

Thank-you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



**STEVEN EDGINGTON MLA**  
Member for Barkly





## MINISTER FOR REMOTE HOUSING AND HOMELANDS

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Mr Steven Edgington MLA  
Member for Barkly  
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Dear Mr Edgington

Thank you for your letter dated 31 October 2023, regarding the Elliott Township and Town Camps.

In response to the Town Camps Review, and from 2019 to 2023, the Northern Territory Government has invested \$12 million for the upgrading of housing across Elliott and the nearby Marlinja homeland.

The current service provider for the Elliott Town Camps and Marlinja is AUS Projects NT. Details of their funding allocations in 2023-24 for each location can be found on Bushtel (<https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/>).

It should be noted that the funding allocations for each location on Bushtel are for the purpose of providing municipal and essential services only, with housing repairs and maintenance managed through the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' (DIPL) annual repairs and maintenance budget.

In addition and most recently, the DIPL has awarded a tender for the demolition of 4 homes and the construction of 8 new homes in Elliott. This tender was awarded on 20 April 2023 to LA Build Pty Ltd and works will be conducted in consultation with the local Housing Reference Group which is supported by Kulumindini Aboriginal Corporation.

In 2018, the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) took on a lease for Gurungu (Elliott North Camp) and Marlinja homeland. This lease expired on 30 June 2023 and is now in a hold over period. Wilyugu (Elliott South Camp) sits on a special purpose lease held by the Northern Territory Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, due to the former leaseholder defaulting under the *Associations Act 2003* (NT).



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There are 47 public housing dwellings in the Elliott Town Camps (35 in North Camp, and 12 in South Camp). There are 14 houses in the nearby Marlinja homeland, and one Government Employee House (GEH). There are 3 public housing houses, and 26 GEH dwellings in the Elliott Township. Another 3 houses in Elliott are delegated as industry housing and leased by the shire council.

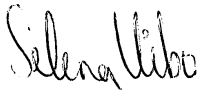
As part of the leasing arrangements, the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (the Department) and the DIPL have been working with residents to address repairs and maintenance issues in the houses in the Elliott Town Camps and establish new tenancy agreements. Residents of the Town Camps have been offered tenancy agreements which include the standardised rental structure established under the remote rent framework.

There are no current plans to extend the Room to Breathe program in the Elliott Town Camps or Marlinja. Consultations are currently ongoing with the Northern Land Council and residents of Elliott in relation to the future leasing and housing arrangements in Elliott.

In relation to the stormwater drains in the Elliott town camps, the Department has approved a grant from the 2023-24 capital grants round for AUS Projects NT to rectify the current drainage issues. This agreement was executed on 14 November 2023, and I understand works have already commenced as of 22 November 2023.

Residents of Elliott are encouraged to contact the Tennant Creek regional housing office on telephone 8962 4497 to seek additional information on the status of projects planned for Elliott. To report repairs and maintenance, residents are encouraged to call 1800 104 076 or the regional housing office.

Yours sincerely



SELENA UIBO

28 NOV 2023

## General Business

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### 7.2 Barkly Animal Management Program

**Author** Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receive and note the verbal address from Director of Community Development on the Barkly Animal Management Program to date and proposed for 2024.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## General Business

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

**Author** Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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.

#### **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.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## General Business

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### 7.4 Australia Day Awards

**Author** Barry Natrass (WHS Manager)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority notes and receives an update from the Elliott Area Manager regarding nominations for 2024 Australia Day Awards.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

*Nil*

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### **Reports from Barkly Regional Council**

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#### **10.1 BRC Manager Report**

##### **Reference**

**Author** Barry Nattrass (WHS Manager)

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

##### **ATTACHMENTS:**

*Nil*

## 11 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

## 12 OTHER BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 13 CLOSE OF MEETING