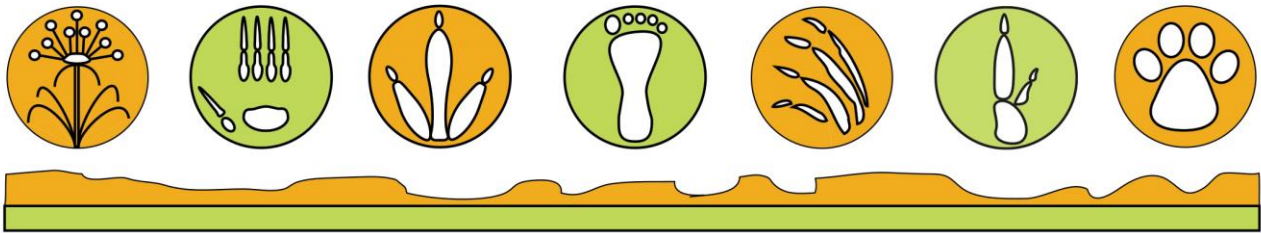


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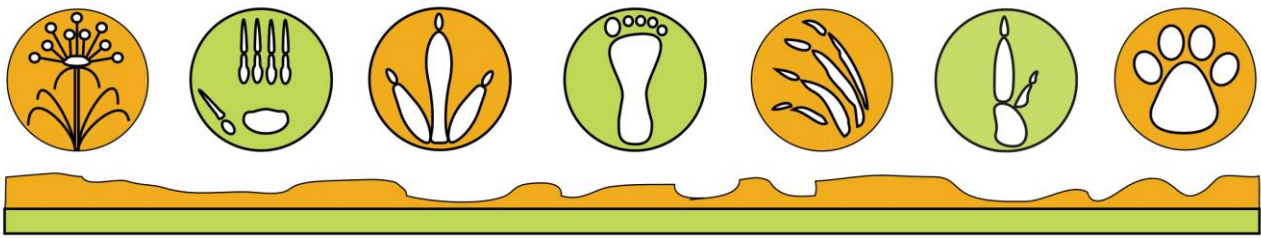
## AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY 2022**

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 27 January 2022 at 8:30am.

**Steven Moore**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## 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 the Barkly Region. 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**

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

**I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners past and present of this land on which we are meeting, the Warumungu people.**

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18.2 Confidential Action List

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18.3 Evacuation Centre- Tennant Creek

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(iv)) (c(iv)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.*

18.4 Local Authority Nominations

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18.6 Local Government 2030

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18.7 Corporate Services

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18.8 CEO Recruitment Update

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18.9 Tennant Creek VET Clinic

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**19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

*Nil*

**20 CLOSE OF MEETING**

## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 336559  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2021 as a true and accurate record.
- b) Confirm the Minutes from the Patta Councillors meeting held on 10 January 2022 as a true and accurate record.

### **SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2021 and the Patta Councillor's meeting held on 10 January 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

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### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

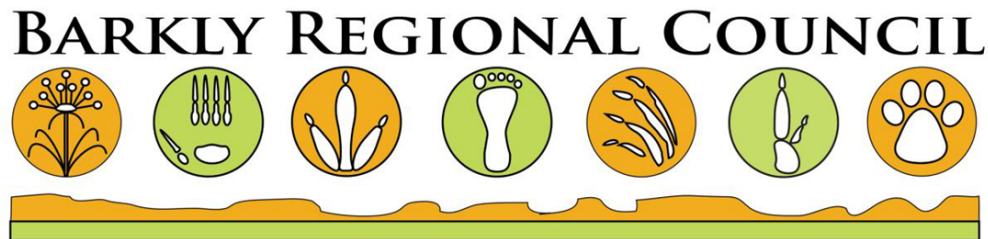
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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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## MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 16 December 2021 at 8.30am.

**Steven Moore**

- 1 -

**Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 8.34 am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE****1.1 Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Hal Ruger (via phone)
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Greg Marlow (via phone)
- Cr. Derek Walker (via phone)
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton (via phone)
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell

**1.2 Staff Members Present**

- Steve Moore
- Sid Vashist
- James Sanders
- Sharen Lake
- Santosh Niraula
- Troy Koch
- Millicent Nhepera
- Vanessa Goodworth

**1.3 Apologies**

- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Heather Wilson

**1.4 Absent Without Apologies****1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the  
Local Government Act 2019**

There were no declarations of interest made at this Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 215/21

## 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 3.1 ACTION ITEMS

#### MOTION

##### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items: 6, 7, 8 and 9

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 216/21

## 4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

### 4.1 SINGLETON STATION PRESENTATION

#### MOTION

##### That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 217/21

Singleton presented on their horticulture project which is in the approval stage and set to run over 12 years.  
3500 ha of high value irrigated horticulture, developed in 4 stages over 9 years  
Crops including: Mandarins, table grapes, dried grapes, rock melons, jujube, fodder, onions, rock melons and other annual crops  
Councillors stressed the importance of communicating with Traditional Owners & leaders in the area in the approval process, to make sure that any potential issues are addressed and ironed out.

**MOTION**

That Council

- a) Move into confidential at 9.24am.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 218/21*

**MOTION**

That council

- a) Resume the meeting at 10.33

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 219/21*

**5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

*Nil*

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MOTION**

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 220/21*

Cr Jack Clubb left the meeting, the time being 10:33 AM

Cr Jack Clubb returned to the meeting, the time being 10:37 AM

**7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL**

**MOTION**

That Council:

a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:

1. Deed of settlement and release of the property used for Elliott Waste Management Facility, between Gurungu Aboriginal Land Trust, Northern Land Council and BRC; and
2. Grant Agreement of Local Community Project Fund by the Barkly Regional Deal to install Solar Power Fit Out for providing ongoing service to the entire Marlinja community and households. Agreed project duration is 2021-2022 financial year.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 221/21*

## 7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

### MOTION

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer**

**Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 222/21*

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 8.1 GRANTS

#### MOTION

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the period to November 30, 2021

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey**

**Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 223/21*

### 8.2 DIRECTOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

#### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report from Corporate Services Directorate

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 224/21*

### 8.3 FINANCE REPORT

#### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 225/21*

### 8.4 2021/2022 BUDGET REVIEW

#### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 226/21*

### 0.0 GRANT ACQUITTAL

#### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report  
b) Acknowledge in accordance with the Local Government Priority Infrastructure grant that the expenditure shown has been actually incurred and the reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 227/21*

## 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

**9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Councillor Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Cr. Hal Ruger

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 228/21*

Councillors pointed out that they would like an update at each meeting on whether the ongoing projects will be finished on time, and deadlines and extension updates to be included in the infrastructure report.

Director stated that some projects have asked for an extensions and the details will be included in the Director of Infrastructure's report going forward.

**ACTION ITEM:** Follow up the potential damage to sacred tree in Ali Curung.

**10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE****10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and Note report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr. Jack Clubb

**Seconded:** Councillor Anita Bailey

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 229/21*

**11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**

*Nil*

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Nil*

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Nil*

**14. RESCISSION MOTIONS**

*Nil*

**15. OPERATIONS****15.1 DECEMBER DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 230/21*

Council wishes to thank Robert Smith for his 8 years of service to Barkly Regional Council.

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 11:39 AM

**16. GENERAL BUSINESS****16.1 BRC ANIMAL WELFARE/CONTROL MANAGEMENT PLAN PETITION****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Commence work to develop a Barkly wide animal management plan
- c) Thank the petition organisers for their hard work and assistance on this matter

**RESOLVED****Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb****Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 231/21***16.2 GENERAL BUSINESS****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Sponsorships for community members to be presented by Councillors when it is awarded.

**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow****Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 232/21*

**ACTION ITEM:** Write to the chemist to request them to put sliding doors at the entrance to help citizens who physically struggle opening the doors (due to disability, for example).

Cr. O'Donnell suggested that councillors present money for sponsorship to the community that is awarded sponsorships.

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 11:51 AM

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:03 PM

**17. CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

Nil

**19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 1204pm**

**MOTION**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019:-

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr. Jack Clubb

**Seconded:** Councillor Anita Bailey

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 233/21*

**20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council move back into open session at 1429.

**18.3 TENNANT CREEK STREETScape PROJECT**

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(i)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Endorse the early works package less the painting of the poles, and the left over money to spend on additional banners for Peko road and carry on project 3, 6.1 and 6.2
- c) Artwork to be the additional project if funds allow, and council to approve the artwork first.
- d) Move into ordinary

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Councillor Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OCCS 234/21*

Council suggested adding the history of Tennant Creek into this project.

**18.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS**

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**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report;  
**Elliott**
- b) Accept the appointment of Kevin Neade to the Elliott Local Authority
- c) Move to ordinary

**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton****Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 235/21***18.6 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

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**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the application from the Barkly Voices 8CCC and Barkly Arts
- c) Approve the application from the Tennant Creek Christmas Tree Committee
- d) Approve the application from the RSL
- e) Approve the application from the Tennant Creek Markets
- f) Approve the application from the WMC
- g) Approve the application from the Tennant Creek Community garden.
- h) Move item into ordinary

**RESOLVED****Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell****Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 236/21***1.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES**

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**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority December Meeting;
- c) Approve the allocation of \$5877.36 of local authority funds for the purchase of a Key Cutting Machine and Blank Keys.
- d) Approve the allocation of \$15,400.00 of local authority funds for the purchase of a BBQ Trailer.
- e) **Move item to ordinary.**

**RESOLVED****Moved:** Councillor Ronald Plummer**Seconded:** Cr. Jack Clubb**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 237/21***18.7 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE UPDATE**

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**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Approve the recruitment of an accountant
- c) Suspend the management accountant position
- d) **Move item into ordinary**

**RESOLVED****Moved:** Councillor Greg Marlow**Seconded:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 238/21***21. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 1429.

This page and the proceeding 10 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16 December 2021 and are unconfirmed .

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Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Council Mayor

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Steve Moore  
Chief Executive Officer

**Date:** 10/01/2021

**Time:** 11:00am

**Councillor Attendance:** Acting Mayor Dianne Stokes, Cr Ronald Plummer, Cr Hal Ruger, Cr Russell O'Donnell and Cr Greg Marlow

**Staff Attendance:** Acting CEO – Santosh Niraula, EA to the Mayor and CEO – Vanessa Goodworth, Director of Corporate Services – Sid Vashist

**Topics of Discussion:**

1. Australia Day Celebrations in regards to the current COVID19 situation in the NT  
Does Council want to continue with the usual proceedings for Australia Day given the current concerns of COVID in the NT and the Barkly?  
All Councillors agreed to continue with the usual proceedings with the following things in place:  
**TRIATHLON AND RUGER RUN**  
To run as usual, with social distancing measures and check in requirements in place.  
**BREAKFAST**  
Limit number of people to ensure we are covid safe.  
Check in app with a person/people to monitor to ensure everyone checks in.  
Only double vaccinated people will be permitted to attend as per the lockout rules (assuming they are still in place).  
Mask to be worn inside if social distancing is not permitted, unless consuming food or drink while seated.  
Council will buy masks, to have at check-in to ensure that everyone who enters has a mask.  
**AFTERNOON FESTIVITIES**  
If the event is at the Dam:  
Check in point where the road grate is with Marquees set up for those who will be monitoring the check in.  
Encourage social distancing.  
Masks to be worn when social distancing is not feasible.  
Only Double Vaccinated people will be allowed to attend as per lockout rules (assuming they are still in place).  
If it is at the pool:  
Check in point at the entrance.  
Encourage social distancing.  
Masks to be worn when social distancing is not feasible.  
Only Double Vaccinated people will be allowed to attend as per the lockout rules ( assuming they are still in place).  
\*It was noted that we may need to contact Rotary or another local entity about the use of a BBQ for the afternoon given our current relationship with Anyinginyi
2. Approve the Nomination for Young Citizen of the Year – Nicholas Ray  
Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell  
Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer  
\*At the previous Council meeting, council allocated the Patta Councillors with the delegation to approve the Young Citizen of the Year
3. Corporate Services Director, Sid Vashist gave the Councillors a brief update about where Council is with the current negotiations with Anyinginyi about the Gym building at Purkiss Reserve

**Meeting Close:** 11:33am

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Action Items
<b>REFERENCE</b>	336579
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Remove the following completed items:

#### **SUMMARY:**

Item 1: Mayor to update  
Item 2: Progressing  
Item 3: Ongoing  
Item 4: Ongoing  
Item 5: Ongoing  
Item 6: Complete  
Item 7: Complete

Item A: Blueprints commenced – Wutunugurra complete copy requested

Item B: Progressing – final steps underway now require a AAPA certificate

Item C: Ongoing – no further update

Item D: Ongoing – looking for funding


### **BACKGROUND**

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1  Ordinary Council Meeting Action List



**BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST**  
**From Meeting – 16 December 2021**

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	<p>CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white</p> <p>CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works</p> <p>Talk to the school about painting murals.</p> <p>CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours.</p> <p>Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways</p>	CEO	10.12.2020 Ongoing
2.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Regional Deal	CEO to express to NTG and Federal Government that they need to release the information for service mapping and reforms.	CEO	19.03.2020 Raised at 25 Feb meeting, will be raised again at next meeting
3.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Rainbow Gateway	CEO to meet with Rainbow Gateway about their progress.	CEO	19.03.2020 Mark to update 19.10.2020 No Update 28.01.2021 No update
4.	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Lake Mary-Anne	CEO to look into putting some sand over the embankment, to create a 45 degree angle, as this is a safety issue.	CEO	
5.	Ordinary Council Meeting 23 September 2021		Sponsorships	Find out if any of the organisations (eg Suncable or Beetaloo) can be approached for sponsorship for youth activities.	CEO	19.10.2021 – Met with Suncable
6.	Ordinary Council Meeting 16 December 2021		Ali Curung	Follow up on the potential damage to sacred tree in Ali Curung	CEO/DO	Community members clarified. CEO to update
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 16 December 2021		TC Chemist	Write a letter to the Chemist to request them to add automatic sliding doors at the entrance to help citizens who are physically unable to open doors	CEO	



**BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST**  
**From Meeting – 16 December 2021**

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
A	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwatja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampilatwatja CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council	CEO	12.12.2019 Ongoing
B	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	12.12.2019 Ongoing
C	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Youth Justice Facility (Regional Deal Project)	Council to be updated on progress with the Youth Justice Facility:		19.03.2020 Ongoing – no update this meeting
D	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Elliott Activities for Youth	CEO to look into activities that can be run in Elliott over the weekend for the youth. CEO to investigate grants to fund the activities. Look into IAS funding.	CEO/Grants	25.03.2021 Investigate grants to that can be used to fund activities. 29.04.2021- move item to long term list.

## ADDRESSING THE MEETING

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Office of Water Security
<b>REFERENCE</b>	334970
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

## RECOMMENDATION

### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the presentation from the Office of Water Security.

### SUMMARY:

Rowan Reilly, Director of PFAS Taskforce for the Office of Water Security contacted BRC, to discuss with Council about the recently released 'NT Strategic Water Plan Directions Paper' and any key water security issues from a Barkly perspective.

They are interested in briefing and discussing this with the Councillors; as this is one of their key strategies for directly engaging with Territorians in regional and remote areas to better understand issues at a local level.

### BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government's Office of Water Security would like to discuss the recently released NT Strategic Water Plan Directions Paper with Council and discuss any key water security issues from a Barkly Regional Council perspective. The Northern Territory Strategic Water Plan will set the agenda on water management through to 2050 and address water security in the Territory. The plan will be based on evidence, good regulatory practice, and community values and aspirations.

The directions paper has been developed to provide Territorians and key stakeholders an opportunity to have their say on the development of the Northern Territory Strategic Water Plan. The directions paper sets out 10 proposed directions for water security in the Territory:

1. Water governance is contemporary and coordinated **(Laws)**
2. Drinking water is safe. **(Good water)**
3. Water use is efficient and productive. **(Water & Money)**
4. Water supports jobs and economic growth. **(Jobs)**
5. Cities, towns and communities use the whole water cycle. **(Community)**
6. Aboriginal connections to water are valued. **(Culture)**
7. Water-dependent environmental values are protected. **(Country)**
8. Water science, knowledge, skills and innovation are enhanced. **(Thinking)**
9. Territorians are engaged in water stewardship. **(Leaders)**
10. Water resources management can adapt to change. **(Climate)**

The deputation in particular, allows the office to discuss with the Local Authority Members who represent their communities in regional and remote areas and obtain their feedback and input.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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**LGANT Motion at November General Meeting in Alice Springs**

“LGANT supports municipal and Regional Councils engaging in the NT Water Strategy Directions Paper consultation process (2021-Feb 2022) and contributing to local community engagement efforts in the development of both local and NT Government Water Policy”

**Request for Barkly Regional Council Support - seeking resolution**

**‘Council to work with the NTG and water consultants to ensure adequate information and support is provided to Local Authorities to enable their engagement in the water consultations and their perspectives are collated for inclusion in a submission to the NT Strategic Water Plan consultation process.’**

The consultation will be facilitated by Jimmy Cocking, Principal Consultant for Northern Possibilities working with the NT Government Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Regional Director John Gaynor

The key questions Local Authority members are being asked are to consider for their Local Authority are:

- **Why is water important to you?**
- **What worries you about water?**
- **What do you need to know about water?**
- **What jobs/business are you interested in?**
- **What does the government need to know?**
- **What needs to happen to make things better?**
- **How can we do this together?**

Further information

*Office of Water Security*

<https://watersecurity.nt.gov.au/northern-territory-strategic-water-plan>

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Mayor's Report  
**REFERENCE** 336594  
**AUTHOR** Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report.

#### SUMMARY:

##### December 2021

The end of the year was very hectic with the COVID outbreak in Tennant Creek and the Barkly. While we were all in lock out/down over the Christmas period, the BRC team did a great job of handling the situation, so well done to our staff.

##### January 2022

It was pretty quiet over the month of January, being Christmas and everybody getting back into the swing of things.

I was on leave so Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes stepped up into the Mayor chair for a few weeks. Thank you Dianne, you did a great job.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of January I met with Emma (our new potential CEO) while I was on holidays in Charters Towers. It was nice to catch up.

The Patta Councillors had an impromptu meeting on 10 January to discuss the Australia Day Event. It was decided that to reduce the risk of COVID impacting the Barkly we would cancel the afternoon event and only have the Citizenship Ceremony and Australia Day Awards where we can monitor the amount of people who attend. It was decided all attendees must be double vaccinated.

### BACKGROUND

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### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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### BUDGET IMPLICATION

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Chief Executive Officer's Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	336922
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**SUMMARY:**

Welcome to the New Year after a successful year 2021 in many aspects.

It was a good opportunity for me to have a new experience as an acting CEO. My tenure started with COVID outbreak in Tennant Creek. It was really a tough time for me in the beginning but regular support from Sid, Troy and Vanessa made it easy to settle down quickly in the COVID hit time. Being a quiet time due to festival season, it was manageable to operate in the new role. It would have been very challenging if it was a period other than this because I would have to handle my own department too in the absence of my project manager (he was also on annual leave during this period).

I had to attend all the SRIMT and LEC meetings throughout the period; in weekends too. Staffs and councillors were regularly updated about the latest info on COVID and CHO directives.

Streetscape project in under progress. The motion passed by council in December meeting has been conveyed to the designer and DIPL. Designer is preparing the drawings for the project selected by the council.

Purkiss Reserve Redevelopment: DIPL has appointed new consultant for looking after this project. Tender has closed. As per the consultant, the tendered prices are way out of the project budget left (approx... \$7.5m). He is consulting with myself and other stakeholders to choose those items which can be done within the budget and have value for money. After consultation, he will present a summary of selected items in the project and ask for approval in the next council meeting in February 2022.

TC landfill in in progress with consultants preparing documents for stage two; i.e DCA approval for the sub-division. Final Design of TC Bike Path including electrical has been received. A few comments have been made by DCA/DIPL. The comments are being addressed by the designer and expected to be completed within two weeks. Once the amendments are made in design documents and submitted to DIPL/DCA, we are good get permission from DIPL to use the land and also to go for tender.

I had a catch up with Chris Bettles from IBA to get an update about opening of IGA. He suggested that there are few hold ups like NBN connection to complete the set-up of the supermarket but could not give any official opening day for the store.

**Notification to councillors:** Councillors have to attend NTG Training next month; February on Council meeting week.

**BACKGROUND**

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**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Corporate Services
<b>REFERENCE</b>	336587
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sid Vashist, Director of Corporate Services

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report from Corporate Services Directorate

### **SUMMARY:**

Happy New Year to all!

We are walking in 2022 with Mask's-on, fully vaccinated workforce and slightly better understanding of COVID environment. As most of you will be aware that COVID is here in the Barkly, and since our last meeting in December, Barkly region has been impacted with Lockdown's and Lockout's, which has meant for an extremely busy Christmas and New Year's period for all our staff.

Henceforth, before I proceed further, it is important to pass on my special thankyou to my executive colleagues and staff that worked during the XMAS/New Year's period under stressful COVID environment and supported the township and the Barkly region, at large.

### **Governance/Records & Compliance**

2022 will be a busy year for BRC, reviewing significant policies and by-laws in line with the NT Local Government Act. In today's Council meeting, our governance officer, Mrs Millicent Rushwaya, will be tabling important policies for your consideration and approval.

### **Public Relations & Events**

BRC PR & Events Officer, Mr. Kym Lenoble, has spent significant time in providing timely public messaging around the changing COVID situation in Tennant Creek and Barkly region.

At the time of writing this report, BRC has been planning on a smooth delivery of some aspects of Australia Day ceremonies' in a COVID safe environment; ensuring the current NT CHO Directions & Mandates been adhered too.

Kym will be providing a detailed update to elected members on how the event went, and feedback received from local residents in the next (February 2022) Council meeting, along with, discussing new proposed events planned for this year!

### **Finance**



**Cost Coding Workshop/Training led by James Sanders**

A/Finance Manager, Mr James Sanders, and his team; were deemed essential and worked during the lockdown period during (XMAS/New Year's). Well done and thank you!

Finance team is almost too 100% operational capacity - with only one Accountant position vacant. We hope to finalise the recruitment process before the next Council meeting.

James will be tabling the Finance and Grants report, separate to my report, for your consideration and approval.

## **ICT**

### **ICT Report for December 2021 – January 2022**

This reporting period was a bit quieter than the previous reporting period; however, ICT team has kept busy to address outstanding jobs.

Following the resignation previous ICT Coordinator, I am pleased to share that recruitment of a new ICT Coordinator has been finalised; the successful candidate is Bikash Karki. He has commenced employment with council, which has provided us consistency and continuity in a time efficient manner for the service delivery of everything ICT.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS**

### **TELSTRA PROJECT –**

There has been ongoing works behind the scenes with Telstra and their contractors around new equipment for our council offices across the region. I am very pleased to advise council that the current optical fibre upgrade project is nearing completion, with completion scheduled for late January 2022 - Early February 2022. At the time of this report, Telstra have completed the connections into the following BRC Offices and have confirmed that services are now activated in:

- Alpururulam
- Tennant Creek
- Elliott

- Millner Datacentre – Managed by CouncilBIZ.

The remaining sites, being Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra and Ali Curung are currently ongoing, per the below table (on next page)

#### Telstra Project Timeline

<b><u>Site</u></b>	<b><u>Installation Date (appox.)</u></b>	<b><u>Commission Date</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
<b>Millner (GDC)</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation
<b>Tennant Creek</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation
<b>Ali Curung</b>	Timeline awaited from wideband team	Will be confirmed once construction work is complete.	Design completed & order moved to construction stage. There was NTU migration scheduled on 07/01 as a part of construction job but it is postponed due to some critical live services on existing NTU. Further due to Covid related restrictions & logistic issues, wideband team is unable to confirm timeline to complete construction work. Hence, there will be further delay in delivering this service with no definite timeline.
<b>Elliott</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation
<b>Ampilatwatja</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	Order is removed from hold and construction is in progress. Construction Target date: 21/01/2022, with install and commissioning on 28/01/2022. Telstra following up with contractors for completion ASAP.
<b>Wutunugurra</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2021	Will be confirmed	As per update from

		once radio link is built.	wideband team, the major radio build project is being delayed due to Christmas & new year restrictions. Though there is no definite timeline for completing radio build job, we are chasing the wideband team to provide delivery timelines for this site. Order is currently on hold as there needs to be radio link build as a part of construction job.
<b>Alpurrurulam</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021	Activation Completed, Service status pending confirmation

#### ELECTRONIC SIGN IN APP

The Electronic Sign in App System has been implemented. All Staff and Visitors will be directed to use this when entering council facilities in Tennant Creek. Visiting Staff from communities outside of Tennant Creek will also be required to use these systems and sign in as a visitor. Sign In Application in 58 Peko Rd and 41 Peko Road are up and running.

All employees and visitors are also asked to check in, using the NT Governments Territory Check-in Application at all BRC Sites, in addition to our Sign-in system.

#### NETWORK ENABLED PRINTERS FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

We have had very good feedback from the Community safety teams at Ali Curung and Wutunugurra. Both of these sites are reporting an increase in productivity and time management skills. The Ampilatwatja and Alpurrurulam sites will be installed in the New Year, when weather permits and the current Covid-19 Situation has eased.

#### NEW PROJECTS

- **CCTV Camera at Swimming Pool:**  
We are planning to upgrade the camera system and install the latest version of CCTV cameras. We currently have five cameras; four active with poor video quality not covering enough pool area. With our new camera system; swimming pool will be monitoring 24/7 covering all areas. CCTV in pool area will ensure the safety of our visitors & staff.

## People & Culture

December-January has been a quiet month for People and Culture. The department operated through the holiday period (excluding the public holidays) to ensure HR support and services were readily available. With the People and Culture Manager on annual leave, the department did not commence any new projects.

As of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Barkly Regional Council Workforce comprised:

<b>Total Employees:</b>	<b>227</b>	
<b>ATSI Employees:</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>(56%)</b>
<b>Non-ATSI Employees:</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>(44%)</b>
<b>Male Employees:</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>(62%)</b>
<b>Female Employees:</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>(38%)</b>
<b>Full-Time Employees:</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>(52%)</b>
<b>Part-Time Employees:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(22%)</b>
<b>Casual Employees:</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>(26%)</b>

## COVID-19 Vaccination Report

Employees <b>Fully</b>	<b>195</b>	Total Percent:	<b>90.70 %</b>
Vaccinated: Employees <b>First</b>	<b>205</b>	Total Percent:	<b>95.35 %</b>
Vaccinated:			

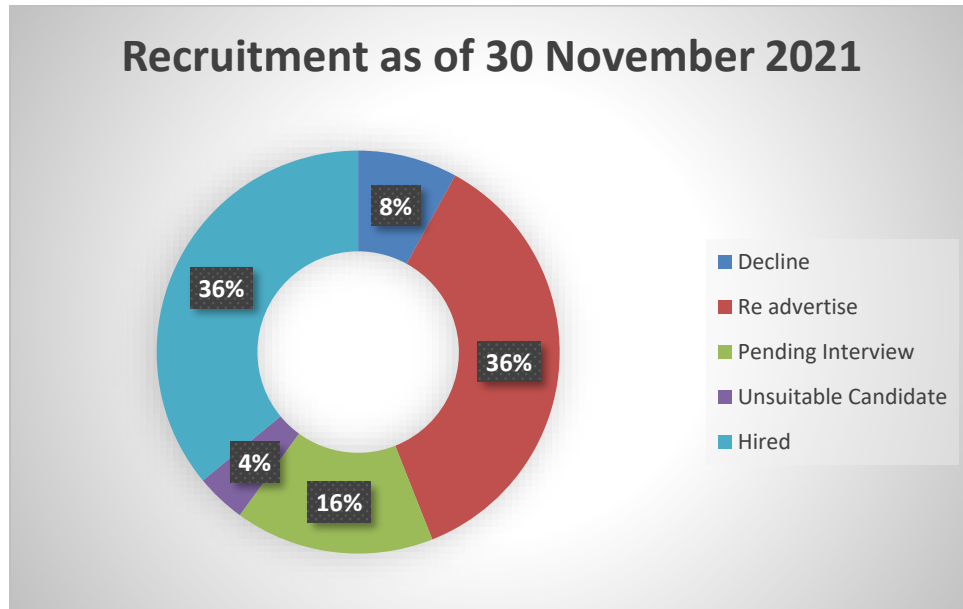
## Recruitment

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

• Municipal Officers X 4 - Ampilatwatja	3 hired, 1 decline
• Sport and Rec Team leader - Elliott	Hired
• Municipal Supervisor – Alpururulam	Pending Interview
• Handyman – Tennant Creek	Decline
• Youth Worker – Tennant Creek	Hired
• Municipal Officer – Ampilatwatja	Pending Interview
• Municipal Officers X 2 – Tennant Creek	Pending Interview
• Community Care/NDIS Coordinator – Tennant Creek	Hired
• Senior Rates Officer – Tennant Creek	Hired
• Community Safety Team Leader – Canteen Creek	Closed (re-advertise)
• Community Safety Team Leader – Alpururulam	Closed (re advertise)
• Community Safety Officers x 2 – Elliott	Closed (re advertise)
• Community Safety Officers – Wutunugurra	Closed (re advertise)
• Community Safety Officers – Ali Curung	Closed (re advertise)
• Community Safety Officers – Ampilatwatja	Hired
• Community Safety Officer – Ampilatwatja	Closed (re advertise)
• Community Safety Team Leader – Imangara	Closed (re advertise)

- Community Safety Officers – Ali Curung
- Community Safety Team Leader – Elliott
- Community Coordinator – Wutunugurra
- Community Care Officer – Ampilatwatja
- Community care Officer – Alpururulam

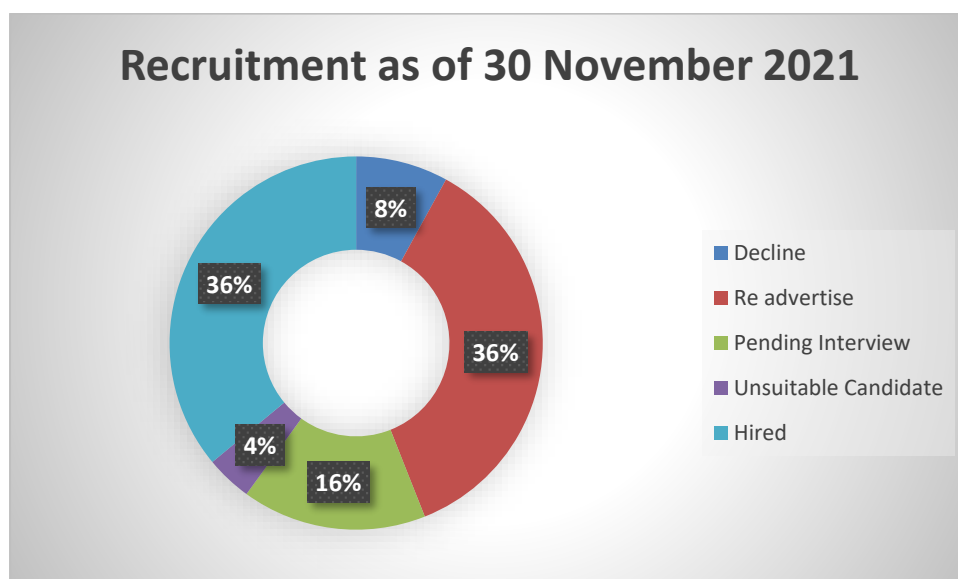
Closed (re advertise)  
 Closed (re advertise)  
 Closed (unsuitable candidate)  
 Pending Interview  
 Hired



For the period 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

- Municipal Service Manager – Tennant Creek
- Finance Officer – Tennant Creek
- IT Coordinator – Tennant Creek
- Area Manager – Ampilatwatja

Pending Interview  
 Hired  
 Hired  
 Pending Interview



### Workplace Health & Safety

Summary of Actives for the period 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2022

- The November Bi-Monthly inspections completed 30 out of a possible 61 inspection reports. Emphasis placed on ensuring public venues within Tennant Creek were inspected.
- January Bi-Monthly inspections started. Three received to date.
- Monthly toolbox talk *Asbestos Awareness* distributed during December 2021.
- Toolbox talks. A number of mandatory tool box task were prepared and distributed as per the table below:

COVID 19 Round 1	Jul-21	52
COVID 19 Round 2	Aug-21	48
Drugs and Alcohol	Sep-21	Not Yet Presented
Remote Driving	Sep-21	31
Dehydration	Oct-21	49
Melioidosis Awareness	Oct-21	59
Skin Protection	Oct-21	Not Yet Presented
Asbestos Awareness	Dec-21	20

- A 12-month planning schedule for monthly mandatory toolbox talks has been approved.
- A half-day workshop on *Hazard identification and risk management* has been prepared and is awaiting review.
- There have been seven WHS Inductions undertaken during the reporting period.
- People and Culture staff are assisting with the review of the contract to maintain airstrips in communities.

## Incident and Hazards Statistics

Running Totals for Year 2021 ongoing and since last report.

	Incident	Hazards	Incident	Hazards
Rating	Running Total Year 2021		Since Last Report	
Risk Rating Low	34	2	3	0
Risk Rating Medium	59	26	7	9
Risk Rating High	12	11	0	3
Risk Rating Extreme	0	0	0	0

Running Totals for Year 2021 by Classification

	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
Classification		
Injury	14	1
Property	50	22
Misc.	36	16
Near Miss	3	0

## Number of Incidents and Hazards by Calendar month

Month of 2021	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
January	21	1
February	4	3
March	6	4
April	8	0
May	7	5
June	4	4
July	11	5
August	8	0
September	7	1
October	11	4
November	8	7
December	5	5
2021 Totals	103	39
January 2020	3	0

## SUMMARY INCIDENT AND HAZARD REPORT REGISTER

Number of Incident Reports to Date 2021	103
Number of Hazard Reports to Date 2021	39
Number of Reports Involving Police 2021	29

Lost Time Injuries	5
Medical Treatment Required	6
First Aid Treatment Required	6
Reportable to NT Worksafe	1
Worker Compensation Claims Processed	6

## Review of all Hazards Identified and Status 2020/ 2021

Location	2021	2020
Tennant Creek	73	173
Elliott	47	66
Ali Curung	71	49
Alpurrurlam	4	62
Ampilatwatja	27	38
Arlparra	12	14
Canteen Creek	7	13
Council Wide Fleet	0	1
Imangara	0	7
Mungkarta	12	0
Murray Downs	10	0
Tara	16	0
Wutunugurra	67	23
Total	346	446

Risk Rating	2021	2020
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<b>Risk Rating Low</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Risk Rating Medium</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Risk Rating High</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Risk Rating Extreme</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>446</b>

<b>Source</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>WHS Inspection</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>Hazard Report</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Incident Report</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Risk Assessments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>446</b>

<b>Status</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Closed</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Under Review</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>330</b>
	<b>346</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>792</b>

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## ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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## BUDGET IMPLICATION

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## ATTACHMENTS:

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## **CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 8.2  
**TITLE** Policy Approval  
**REFERENCE** 336718  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Principle member policy
- c) Approve the housing policy

### **SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to approve two policies this month.

### **BACKGROUND**

The principle member policy:

No significant changes, just clarified a few points:

- Regarding Involvement with external groups, the principle member will have to seek approval from council for not just international travel, but also interstate travel;
- Clarified that the acting principle member will not be issued with a car as a benefit. But a vehicle will be provided to them for official council business, subject to availability.

The housing policy

- Staff is now required to sign a residential tenancy agreement.
- Staff will now be required to pay bond for the property they will be living in.

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1  Principle Member Policy.pdf
- 2  Housing Policy.pdf

## POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b>	PRINCIPLE MEMBER PROTOCOL		
<b>DIVISION:</b>	COUNCIL		
<b>ADOPTED BY:</b>	COUNCIL		
<b>DATE OF ADOPTION:</b>	JANUARY 2022	<b>DATE OF REVIEW:</b>	SEPTEMBER 2025
<b>MOTION NUMBER:</b>			
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>			
<b>LEGISLATIVE REF:</b>	Regulation 6(d)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021		

### PURPOSE:

To establish protocols and provide a framework for the Office of the Principle member in relation to protocols associated with that Office and Council's administrative arrangements.

## 1. DEFINITIONS

Under the Local Government Act (2019)

**Principle member** refers to the Mayor or President of the council.

## 2. PRINCIPLES

Both the Principle member and the CEO have defined responsibilities under the Local Government Act. Whilst the Principle member is the head of the Council, the CEO is in charge of the Council's administrative and operational arm, and is responsible to the Council. To avoid conflict it is important for the Council to set out clear rules or protocols governing this important relationship.

## 3. POLICY

The role of the Principal Member is defined in Section 59 of the Local Government Act. This Policy is designed to provide a framework for the operational aspects associated with the Office of Principle member and its interaction with Council's administration.

### 3.1 Committing the Council or Council Resources

In accordance with the Local Government Act, an elected member, including the Principle member, has no direct authority to commit the Council to a course of action, or to commit Council resources, including staff time before getting Council approval.



The Principle member has the right to request the Chief Executive Officer to list an item on the Agenda at a forthcoming meeting for consideration by Council in order to progress the development of an idea, project or proposal. Council can then determine the appropriate action which may include calling for a report.

### 3.2 Relations with the Media (including social media) and the Public

One of the roles of the Principle member is to speak on behalf of the Council as the Council's principal representative. As the Council's principal spokesperson, the Principle member must ensure that statements made do not commit Council or Council resources to a particular course of action.

In dealing with the public, the Principle member must:

- Portray the Council in a positive light;
- Reflect Council's position;
- Avoid public criticism of individuals in a way that reflects on a person's competence or integrity; and
- Avoid any admission of legal liability

The Principle member may express personal opinions but these must be qualified as such.

### 3.3 Ex Officio Involvement with External Groups

The Principle member may be asked to become involved with community groups, committees and organisations. Involvement may include being patron, a member of a committee, chairman of an organisation or an advocate for a particular cause.

The Council acknowledges that this external community involvement is a legitimate function of the Principle member, however the Council requires that the Principle member seek Council approval should the role involve:

- Interstate or international travel,
- the use of Council resources (including staff time),
- resources not normally allocated to the Principle member or
- resources in excess of the normal support services available to the Principle member or
- a politically sensitive or controversial matter.

In considering any requests for approval, Council will consider the cost implications for the Council, community benefit from the Principle member's involvement and the extent of time needed to satisfy the involvement

### 3.4 Functions



Subject to Council policy, the guest list for Civic Receptions and other official functions will be at the discretion of the Principle member.

The Principle member will determine whether to provide an alternate member to represent the Principle member at functions and meetings arranged by other parties when the Principle member is unable to attend.

### 3.5 Communicating with Staff

All staff are answerable to the CEO who is responsible to the Council. The Principle member's primary channel for communication with the administration will be through the CEO.

At the Chief Executive Officer's discretion the Principle member may deal directly with the Directors.

### 3.6 Acting Principle member

The deputy principal member is to carry out any of the principal member's functions when the principal member is absent from official duties for a period in excess of 24 hours.

The principle member must notify the CEO of their absence, and the delegation of duties to the acting principle member, in order for the CEO to commence all administrative procedures relating to the acting principle member.

### 3.7 Principle member Correspondence & Records

- Part of the CEO's responsibility under the Local Government Act is to maintain a register of correspondence and to ensure the correspondence is preserved. Other legislation requires the preservation of correspondence and its availability for Information purposes.
- Correspondence to the Principle member in the Principle member's capacity as the 'Presiding Member' is a 'record of Council'. As such the correspondence and any response to it are part of Council's records and form part of its property.
- All letters addressed to the Principle member (except those marked private or confidential) will be opened and recorded by the administration.
- All external emails to the Principle member about Council business will be recorded by the Principle member's Executive Assistant. If the Principle member's Executive Assistant does not have direct access to the Principle member's emails then the Principle member will forward those emails requiring registration.

### 3.8 Vehicle – Principle member and Deputy/Alternate

Council will make available to the Principle member a vehicle.

Council extends to the Principle member usage of the vehicle (including all fuel and running costs) Australia wide for official duties, including limited personal use.

Limited private use means that the vehicle is not to be used for interstate travel.



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The Acting principle member will not be issued with a car as a benefit, but a car will be made available for official council business.

#### 3.9 Partner's Travel and Personal Running Costs

The Council acknowledges that there are occasions when it is appropriate for the Principle member's partner to accompany him or her on official Council business. Any additional expenses for partner travel are required to be covered by the Principle member.

### **4. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS AND FORMS**

Local Government Act (2019)

Barkly Regional Council Acting Principle Member remuneration form

### **5. EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

Within six (6) months of a new term of Council.



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## POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b>	STAFF HOUSING POLICY		
<b>DIVISION:</b>	CORPORATE SERVICES- PEOPLE AND CULTURE		
<b>ADOPTED BY:</b>	COUNCIL		
<b>DATE OF ADOPTION:</b>	NOVEMBER 2021	<b>DATE OF REVIEW:</b>	NOVEMBER 2025
<b>MOTION NUMBER:</b>			
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>			
<b>LEGISLATIVE REF:</b>	Section 174(3)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2019		

### PURPOSE:

To set out the provisions and guidelines for the allocation of staff housing by Barkly Regional Council to its eligible staff, recognising the role that housing provision plays in facilitating the attraction and retention of council employees.

## 1. OBJECTIVE

1. To work towards the goal of being the Barkly's employer of choice by providing housing to employees, in order to attract qualified personnel to work for council, and to promote the retention of council employees,
2. To provide a transparent and consistent approach to the occupation and management of residential properties controlled by council,
3. To outline responsibilities of both council and council employees over staff housing provided by Council including types of housing, payment of utilities, rent, inspections, cleanliness and maintenance
4. To provide a **reasonable** standard of housing to staff, while also acknowledging :
  - i. the standard of housing varies depending on the age of the house,
  - ii. the location of housing can have an impact on the standard of housing provided.
  - iii. the limitations of Council's ability to procure new and additional housing and to upgrade existing housing.
5. Barkly Regional Council will endeavour, where possible, to provide accommodation that is suited for the employee's family needs subject to availability

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Barkly Regional Council employees residing or seeking to reside in housing provided by Barkly Regional Council.



## 4. APPLICATION OF POLICY

### a) Provision of Housing and Availability

Accommodation assistance may be provided at the Council's discretion as a result of one of the following:

- Remote incentive
- Attraction incentive to meet operational requirements

If accommodation is provided, it may be included as part of the salary package or offered on a full or partial cost recovery basis.

Employees are not required to accept an offer of accommodation. If an offer is made and accepted, the agreement forms part of the contracted conditions of employment. If an offer is made and rejected, the Council will not reserve other accommodation options in the event an employee subsequently seeks accommodation.

Housing will only be supplied to full time employees who are on active duty or an arrangement approved by the organisation.

Employees recruited into a community-based role who already reside in that community are not eligible for staff housing.

Employees who are eligible for housing, and subsequently acquire (either by purchasing or renting a house) a house in the area in which they work, will cease to be eligible for staff housing.

Housing is not provided for Elected Members.

### b) Residential Tenancy Agreements

All housing rental requires a residential tenancy or sub-tenancy agreement to be signed by both Barkly Regional Council and the employee/tenant.

Except where exempted in the tenancy agreement, a bond amounting to four weeks rent is required to be paid by the tenant.

The bond is four weeks of the market rental price. The bond is to be paid in full or committed to be paid via salary deductions before the employee commences work.

### c) Council Housing

There are four categories of housing within the Council. They are:

1. Council Owned Housing
  - Council owned houses located in Tennant Creek supplied as part of a contract.
2. Council Leased Housing
  - Housing leased by Council to meet its employee pool requirements with full or partial cost recovery sought from employees.



### 3. Council Leased – Share Accommodation Housing

- Housing leased by Council to meet its employee pool requirements with full or partial cost recovery sought from employees who have entered into a shared leasing arrangement with Council.
- Shared accommodation may be offered to employees seeking accommodation without partners/families. Where employees are sharing accommodation on a permanent basis with other employees, costs will be allocated on a proportional basis.

### 4. Community Based Housing

- Council owned housing is normally provided for staff relocating to remote communities where available. This is usually reserved for management and hard to fill positions to ensure consistent delivery of local government services.
- Where there are housing shortages, the following hierarchy of house allocation may be used subject to variation by the Chief Executive Officer:
  - a) Priority 1: Area Managers
  - b) Priority 2: Essential Service Officer
  - c) Priority 3: Municipal Works Supervisor
  - d) Priority 4: Agency Coordinators
  - e) Priority 5: All other eligible staff.

At the Chief Executive Officer's discretion, Council owned community based housing may be leased to another agency where the Chief Executive Officer considers this to be in the best interest of the community.

### **d) Responsibilities**

The Barkly Regional Council Housing Officer responsibilities:

1. Ensuring that houses available for employees are at a liveable and safe standard.
2. Endeavoring to provide the best quality housing available for staff within the resourcing constraints available.
3. Ensuring that any necessary maintenance attributable to normal wear and tear, and not misuse by the occupant, is carried out expeditiously.
4. Ensuring that a Residential Tenancy Agreement or Residential Sub Tenancy Agreement is completed between the Council and employee, detailing:
  - a. the address of the house being let or sub-let,
  - b. the amount of rent to be paid by the employee,
  - c. the amount of bond to be paid by the employee

The employee/tenant responsibilities:

1. Paying the required bond under the Tenancy Agreement.



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2. Using housing for residential purposes only.
3. Employees/tenants renting Council houses cannot sublet.
4. Promptly give written notice of any damages done to the property during the tenancy period.
5. Ensuring that the accommodation and those areas used by the occupant are kept in a clean, safe and tidy state during the period of occupation.
6. Ensuring that the accommodation is left in a clean, safe and tidy state at the end of its use.
7. Undertaking the general maintenance of the grounds, i.e. lawns and gardens, as per normal tenancy arrangements unless otherwise stated and in compliance with any relevant legislation and by-law.
8. Meet utility charges in accordance with this policy.

### e) Utilities

## Electricity

- Unless provided in the tenancy agreement, the employee is responsible for all electricity costs of the property.
- If the property does not have a metered power box requiring the purchase of power cards, the employee is responsible for transferring the electricity into their name.
- Employees residing in Council Leased Shared Accommodation Housing shall be responsible for equal portions of the electricity expense
- Employees under contract at the time of implementation of this policy shall be grandfathered under their current electricity arrangements until such time their contract is renegotiated.

## Telecommunications

- Unless written into the tenancy agreement, all telecommunication, i.e. phone and internet, is the responsibility of the employee.

*Gas*

- ~~• Council shall be responsible for all gas accounts in all categories of housing as identified in this policy. Employees requiring gas replenishment shall advise either the Housing Officer or the Area Manager for their action.~~
- Unless otherwise written in the tenancy agreement, the employee is responsible for all gas replenishments.

Water

- Council shall be responsible for all water accounts in all categories of housing as identified in this policy.



- Unless otherwise provided in the tenancy agreement, the employee is responsible for all water accounts in all categories of housing as identified in this policy.
- Employees residing in either Council Leased or Council Leased Shared Accommodation housing may have restricted annual water usage as prescribed in the tenancy agreement between Council and landlord. Employees exceeding their annual water usage shall be responsible for excess costs.

#### **f) Rent**

Unless otherwise provided in the tenancy agreement, an employee residing in Council Council Leased Housing or Council Leased—Share Accommodation Housing all categories of council housing listed under part (c) will be required to pay rent.

Rent payments shall not exceed the amount of rent Council pays to the owner. Rent payments shall be made as a pre-tax (salary sacrificed) payroll deduction.

Employees residing in Council Leased–Share Accommodation Housing shall pay a proportional rent payment.

Agreed rent payment deductions shall be recorded on the Residential Tenancy Agreement or the Residential Sub-Tenancy Agreement and a Payroll Deduction Form.

#### **g) Inspections**

Upon moving into a Council house, the employee shall be given a housing condition statement and an equipment/inventory list.

The employee must complete this initial inspection and return the signed statement and list to either the Housing Officer or Area Manager within 5 business days of moving in.

A property manager or landlord may require an inspection of Council-leased housing. Upon notification from a property manager or landlord, either the Housing Officer or the Area Manager will advise the employee that a periodic inspection has been scheduled.

The employee is responsible for ensuring that the house is inspection-ready.

The employee may take time off work to attend the housing inspection.

If the employee does not elect to attend the housing inspection, the property manager or landlord may enter the house to complete the periodic inspection.

An inspection of Council-owned housing shall be performed by the Housing Officer or Area Manager with the employee receiving, at a minimum, one week's notice.

Inspections shall not occur if the employee is on leave or away from their community.

No less than 6 months and no more than 12 months shall elapse between periodic inspections.



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If the employee does not desire to attend the periodic inspection, the Housing Officer or Area Manager shall find another employee, preferably a manager, to accompany them on the periodic inspection.

If the Housing Officer or Area Manager notes discrepancies where the house fails an inspection, a follow-up inspection shall be scheduled to occur between 5 and 10 calendar days following the failed inspection, provided the employee will not be on leave or away from their community.

If the house fails the follow-up inspection, appropriate further action may be taken against the employee at the discretion of the employee's manager. This may include:

- A formal warning
- Commencement of eviction process

The Housing Officer, Area Manager, or the employee's manager is required to perform a final housing inspection one work day prior to the house being vacated. If discrepancies are noted on either the condition of the house or missing inventory, the employee shall be allowed to make any corrective actions to resolve the discrepancies and a follow-up inspection will be performed before the employee vacates the house.

Any discrepancies not corrected by the employee shall be costed and recouped out of the employee's bond payment, or if the employee is exempt from paying bond, then funds will be recouped from the employee's final pay.

If through any inspection it is discovered that the house has been damaged by the actions of the employee, Council may serve notice to the employee to repair, clean and make safe and/or tidy the accommodation within a defined period. If the employee elects to not make repairs, Council shall undertake the repairs with all costs, to include labour, being charged to the employee in one of the following ways:

- Payroll deduction.
- Employee's bond payment
- Recoupment out of the employee's final pay.
- Invoiced to the employee, or former employee as applicable, to repay Council for repairs

#### **h) Cleanliness**

All employees residing in Council housing either owned or leased, shall keep the house clean, neat and tidy. At a minimum, this includes the following:

- House free of dust
- Rubbish disposed in collections bins
- Floors swept, vacuumed and mopped



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- Bathrooms, to include toilet, basin and shower/bath clean
- Refrigerators, stoves, ovens and washing machines clean
- Dishes, utensils and cookware clean
- Lawn mowed

#### **i) Maintenance**

For all housing categories with the exception of Council-owned houses, requests for maintenance should go through either the Housing Officer or the Area Manager to coordinate service. The Housing Officer or Area Manager will liaise with property managers and/or service providers to schedule requested works.

For Council-owned houses, maintenance requests go through the local Council Depot/Workshop or Facilities Coordinator for action.

After hours emergency maintenance requirements can be acted upon by the employee making necessary contact with a service provider. If possible, the employee should see if they can be invoiced for the necessary works with the invoice being turned into the Housing Officer or Area Manager for processing. If the employee has to pay out-of-pocket for after hour emergency maintenance, the employee may file for reimbursement.

### **5. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, POLICIES AND FORMS**

Local Government Act NT 2019

Northern Territory Residential Tenancies Act

Barkly Regional Council Payroll Deduction Form

### **6. EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

Every four (4) years, and may be reviewed at the other times at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

### **7. RESPONSIBILITY AND DELEGATION**

The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to implement this policy, and to make decision inconsistent with this policy, if in the CEO's opinion, that decision is appropriate to meet the council's operational requirements.



## **INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Infrastructure Director's Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	336720
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Report

### **SUMMARY:**

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-December 2021 to Mid-January 2022.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

1. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Construction in progress (70%)- Expected completion late March 2022
2. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Construction in progress (60%) – expected completion late March 2022
3. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel: Construction in progress (70%)- Expected completion – late March 2022
4. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Revised drawings and application for DCA approval- waiting for Landowner's authorization from CLC
5. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure – Construction in progress (50%) – expected completion late March 2022
6. Alparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment – Construction in progress (40%) – expected completion – late February 2022
7. Dangerous Good Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool – Expected completion – late March 2022
8. Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill – expected completion late March 2022

### **PROCUREMENT:**

#### **Future Tenders:**

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Final Design and AAPA Certificate received. Contractor to provide final design for lighting. DIPL to provide final approval of the design and access to the land for building the bike path.

### **PLANNING:**

1. Estimate for refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road has been received. Estimated cost of approx. \$1.4M. Preparing documents to apply for BBRF funding.
2. Estimate for refurbishment of CIVIC hall has been received. Estimated cost of approx. \$1.0M to \$2.0M depending on the areas we want to upgrade. Preparing documents to apply for BBRF funding.
3. The estimate from designing street lighting system in Karuru Road has been received. It will cost around \$10,000 for designing without land survey and around \$30,000 including land survey. The total project cost of design and build is estimated to be approx. \$100,000.00. Waiting for approval of the project from LRCI.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

1. Sell and parker to commence removal of scrap metal from Ampilatwatja on early February.

2. Tyre shredder from Alice Springs is given Order to shred the tyres in Tennant Creek.  
The contractor scheduled to do it in late January 2022.

## **BACKGROUND**

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## **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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## **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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## **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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## **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development December 2021 Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	336966
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council Receive and note the Community Development December 2021 Report**

### SUMMARY:

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

The Community Safety Program had a particularly busy month in the later part of December, providing support during the COVID situation in Ali Curung.

The Local Emergency Committee meetings were well attended by our Management Team and some Staff members and Management Staff from Community Development, in particular Aged Care and YSR dialling in to meetings day, night and weekends.

Our Management Team and Staff from Ali Curung had commenced planning around the COVID situation back in November and continued to engage with Police, Council Staff and Service Providers during meetings held in early December which included Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek.

Service delivery across the region through December was consistent with regular service being delivered at Elliott, Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Mungkarta, Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek; Arlparra, Ampilatwatja, Tara and Murray Downs continue to have vacancies, with recruitment having stalled due to the need for potential candidates to be double vaccinated.

By the end of the December cut off for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination, 85% of our operational Staff were fully vaccinated. Unfortunately we did lose 4 Staff who did not get vaccinated, which has had some impact on operations and reduced some Communities to only 1 or 2 Staff.

The major event that occurred during December was the COVID outbreak at Ali Curung and we were able to provide support and assistance through contactless drop offs of PPE with our Staff and Management Teams meeting up to drop off necessary supplies.

This was well coordinated by all involved, with effective communication and liaison with Council and Police in approving the operation and as a result we were able to deliver much need PPE to Elliott, Mungkarta, Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra, Canteen Creek and Kurundi Station store.

Thanks to all our Staff who assisted in this operation, which given the nature of the environment at the time had to go very much according to plan which it did.

This was a great example of the Community Development directorate working as a Team with Sonya planning and obtaining permission from Council, Anna & Karen meeting with Elliott, George and Damien meeting with the Wutunugurra team at Kurundi Station, Adrian and Alfie meeting with Ampilatwatja, and David obtaining necessary permissions from NT Police as well as travelling to Mungkarta, meeting up with Virgil and Lance on the Stuart Highway – it was a huge team effort in the lead up to Christmas when most people were spending their last few working days winding down for the break.

It was a job well done, great effort and thanks to everyone for their assistance.

## YOUTHLINX

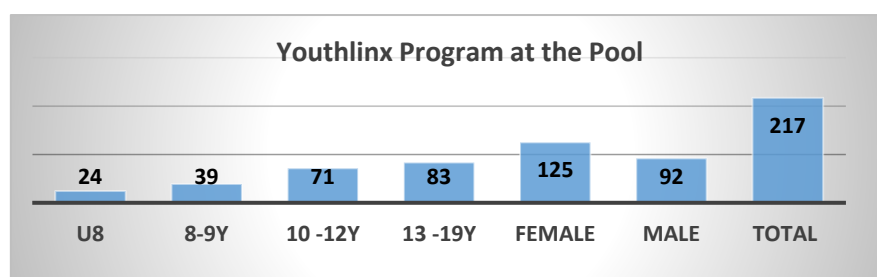
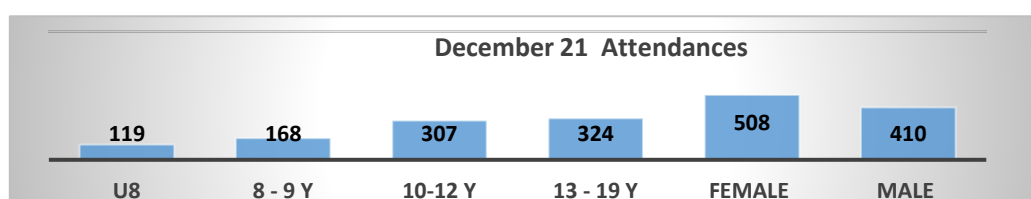
With Tennant Creek entering a mandated lockdown, programs were ceased and recommenced once we entered a lockout which allowed us to move again - 23 December at 5pm until 29 December at 5 pm, masks had to be worn and social distancing applied – this caused our program to go back to the covid management plan we have in place, decreasing program hours, outdoor activities only, cook up and deliver meals to kids who cannot attend our program. Our attendance decreased because covid-19 Pandemic.

Participant numbers for this month were **918**, and Food Delivery **217** Packed, unfortunately due to COVID-19 Lockdown we could not collect complete data for the food delivery. During the mid-period of this month.

After the lockout finish, our program slowly running with covid-19 safe plan, one request by parents that kids need to be pick up and drop off when they attend our programs  
In addition, we must amend upcoming December school holiday due covid-19 restrictions.

### Major Events/Incidents/Statistics

- Friday, 3 Dec 21, Covid-19 Vaccine van from Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation at the Youthlinx Basketball Court to talk to youths and families how important covid-19 vaccine for our community.
- Collaborations with Kids Christmas Tree Tennant Creek, YL staff undertook face painting, Pampers day, and helping with the event through the day.
- 5 days of lockdown and 2 days lockout
- ***During Lockdown Youthlinx Team collaborations with Steve Edgington, community connector, Julalikari Council and Youthlinx staff parents' cooking and delivery food to community kids and Elders on Christmas eve and Christmas day***
- School Holiday Programs commenced 17 December 2021
- Slip & Slide on 31 December 2021
- Amended School Holiday Program



## REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION, OUTSIDE SCHOOL CARE HOURS

**Highlights:**

- Music continued to be a focus in Ali Curung (following the Covid vaccine song they created with Red Dust in November) and the music equipment purchased for the program is now back in community.
- Despite the Covid lockdowns the program across communities adapted quickly and was able to provide some activities and food for the youth.

**Programme Delivery:**

Ampilatwatja is still operating from Rainbow Gateway facility, but have been using a newly purchased Slip & Slide which has been hugely popular with the youth, especially with the high temperatures.

A new TL has been recruited for Alpururulam and is scheduled to commence in the New Year. Our Regional Manager undertook a site visit to meet with staff and undertake a facility and stock audit.

Epenarra spent a week focussing on a painting project, creating a sign for the Sport and Rec area: this brought the community together, with the youth coming back each day to do a little more, and parents coming down to see progress and share a feed.

Ali Curung had a visit from Jeremy Finlayson (Barkly Regional Arts), who brought out the new band equipment and did some training with community member Delton Martin (from Desert Eagles band). The feedback from this has been exceptional: Delton is talented and keen to continue our training with the equipment and be a musical mentor for community. The Desert Eagles put on a concert at the end of the week for community, which we're now looking at doing as a monthly event.

Despite the Tennant Creek and Ali Curung lockdown, the program across the region adapted quickly. We were supported by CAYLUS with donations of activity packs and phone credit for youth, and managed to deliver essential PPE and additional toys/games to occupy youths whilst at home.

There have been more closures than normal this month, mainly due to Covid (although we have adapted what our program does) and staff sickness and leave.

Mask mandate has also provided challenges as our program targets youth: some of which don't need to wear a mask (under 12) and activities are often tricky to social distance with.

Renovations continue in Ali Curung, Arlparra and Ampilatwatja, so programs are continuing with limited space and resources in these communities.

**Attendance:**

\* Missing 7 days entry due to TL resignation. Reality would be approximately 250 more.

\*\* Only have data for 4 days due to no TL.

Community	5 – 14 Year Olds	15 – 24 Year Olds	Total	Previous Month Total
Ali Curung	470	135	605	363
Alpururulam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ampilatwatja	109	7	116	317
Arlparra	81	63	144	341
Elliott	107	13	120	467*
Epenarra	N/A	N/A	N/A	54**

Whilst the program was open, much of the same activities were continued from November: basketball in Elliott is in full swing, the slip and slide in Ampilatwatja, and music in Ali Curung and Arlparra.

The food drop offs and activity packs also brought Christmas cheer to communities, and after the monotony of even a short lockdown the youth were excited for this. Particular mention to Benny from Ali Curung who dressed as Santa for the occasion!



#### LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health)

Impounded – 1 (Surrender)

Rehomed – 0 (also unable to send to Alice Springs as shelter is full due to holidays, 5 scheduled for January)

Euthanized – 1

Current number of dogs in pound – 8

Snake Removals - 0

#### Dog Attack – Brutus

Unfortunately when recent high winds went through town and blew open the dog's gates. Dog attacked neighbouring dog, owners of the dog being attacked had to use shovel to break up fight.

Dog has menaced the community on two separate occasions, owner was aware he was on last notice and cooperated with Local Laws team. Brutus was given back to the owner to bury.

#### EH Complaint – Harboursing Pests

A complaint was received (from Territory Families Children house) which is situated next door to 25 Kittle Street that it is harbouring pests which are dying on their property. The children are picking up dead mice carcasses whilst playing outside and also complaint of ongoing stench.



Upon further inspection there was an offensive odour coming from the property and a large volume of hard waste in which pests could nest.

Environmental Health Officer and Local Laws Manager worked with NTG Environmental Health and other NTG Departments to work with the resident on a clean-up plan. The strategy was to approach Work Camp for manpower and resources, if no progress has been made. Influx of COVID has postponed the job, and to be followed up with EHO.

#### **Centralian Motors – pedestrian risk**

DIPPL had the barricade blocking off the overhanging veranda and asbestos hazard removed before the traffic control plan had expired. Over 2 months have gone by since the regulatory order was issued for the hazards mitigation, and no action has been taken. This high risk area and inaction prompted the council to act. Alan Scott was approached to undertake repairs as he is also licenced to remove asbestos. This was completed during reporting period.



**AGED CARE & NDIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER REPORT****Summary of Consumer Numbers compared with previous month  
(TM = This Month, PM = Previous Month)**

FLEXI Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	4	6	5	5	4	<b>24</b>
Number Previous month (PM)	5	6	5	5	4	<b>25</b>

CHSP Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	6	12	15	3	4	<b>40</b>
Number Previous month (PM)	5	12	11	3	5	<b>36</b>

NDIS Participants	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	1	4	8	10	4	<b>27</b>
Number Previous month (PM)	1	4	8	10	4	<b>27</b>

**Comment on overall FLEXI & CHSP:**

5 new clients in Arlparra – signed up for meals only at request of Centrelink Social Worker due to financial abuse issues and lack of food security.

1 client has passed away at Ampilatwatja.

1 new client at Ali Curung

2 clients are in Tennant Creek and Regional Manager has been assisting them with food provision.

**COVID COMPLIANCE**

Vaccinations numbers at 31 October

27 – staff, all now fully vaccinated.

5 have had booster

**Measures in place at each centre -**

Contact Registers

Daily Staff Health Checks

Verbal Client Questionnaires – to be completed when staff need to enter a client's home and when transport is provided.

Regional Manager receives regular updates from the Department of Health and the Aged Care COVID Response Team.

Zone Manager is working on a COVID Response Plan for Community Care.

Meeting has been held at Elliott with staff and clients, providing information and resources.

Regional Manager and Zone Manager are now attending COVID planning meetings in Ali Curung and Elliott.

Contingency stockpiles of PPE have been delivered to each centre.

Ali Curung – outbreak and lockdown.

- 3 clients transported to Howard Springs as close contacts of known cases.
  - Only 2 staff attended work during this period, Team Leader Nadia Simpson and Community Care Officer Gideon Nzimande.
  - Only Meals service was provide (contactless)
  - Laminated cards with contact number for Team Leader, Zone Manager and Regional Manager were distributed to all clients so that they could contact us for assistance if needed, this proved to be successful.
  - Regional Manager called in to LEC meetings daily and up to 3 times daily.
- Cards have also been distributed to clients in all of our communities and this has been beneficial for clients

to contact our staff.
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## LIBRARY SERVICES

Various Lockdown/Lock outs due to covid 19 caused many disruptions to services, including the cancelling of the Christmas crafts program and Games Club. Staff undertook the opportunity to undertake a resource audit, clean shelving, windows and get carpets cleaned.

Statistics	
Adults:	165
Children:	16
Computer users/Hours used:	7 / 5
Wi-Fi users/Hours used:	1 / 2
Total patronage:	181
Daily Average:	7
Item Circulation:	444
New Items:	28
Total Members:	816

## SAFE HOUSES

Elliott Safe House - December 2021	
Accommodation:	1adult, 2children
Outreach:	8
Visitors:	9
Meetings:	3
Steak-holders:	1
Days in Training:	1
Referrals:	3

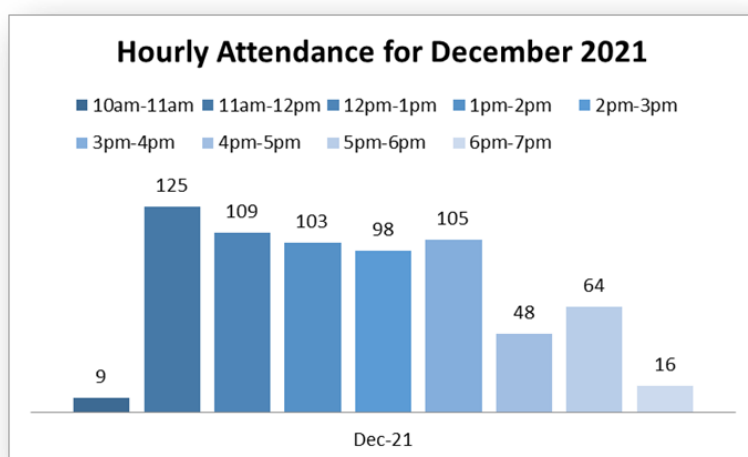
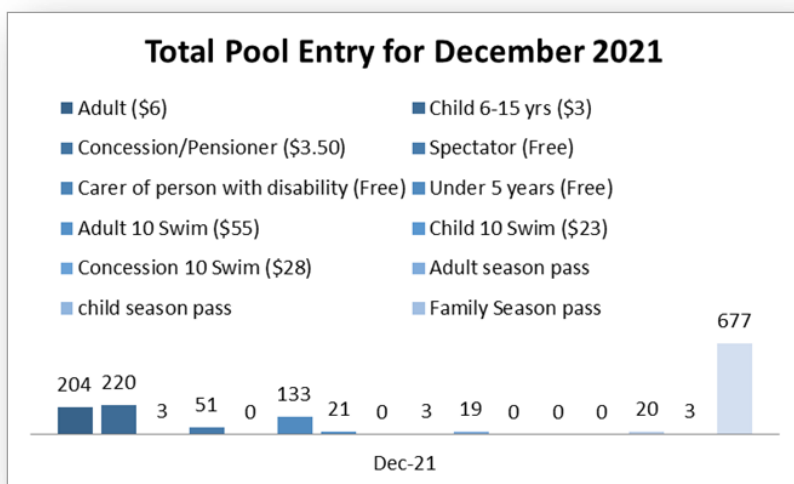
Ali Curung Safe House - December 2021	
Accommodation:	16 adult, 22 children
Outreach:	25
Visitors:	25
Meetings:	2
Steak-holders:	1
Days in Training:	2
Referrals:	3

Elliott Safe House - There were minor service delivery interruptions with COVID-19 Restrictions during the Tennant Creek Lockdown. The Safe House remained safely open to Emergency Accommodation was able to operate safely and successfully during COVID-19 Restrictions - by mask wearing, social distancing and handwashing.

## TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

As we transitioned into our first months of summer for our 2021/22 season, BRC staff were ready for the busy December period, however on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Tennant Creek went into an immediate lockdown. This cancelled many of our plans for the December period, including the Youth Links School Holiday Program & Munungurra's Christmas Party which was booked out for 100+ people. Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak, this affected our financial figures for the month. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of December we re-opened the swimming pool to the public and continued through the Youth Links School Holiday Program. During the Youth Links holiday program we have ran table tennis tournaments, slip and slides, 3v3 Basketball Tournament's & aquatic activities.

During December we held a total of 5 birthday parties and 3 Christmas parties including Anyinginyi Health Clinic who held a Christmas party for both patients and staff of Anyinginyi Health and Aboriginal Corporation from 2pm – 6pm which saw a large number of patrons, and toward the end of November, Royal Life Saving hosted a two week learn to swim program at the swimming pool that continued until the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.



### Regional Sports Program (BRD)

The Golden Nugget darts competition was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> of December at the Memorial Club. This event is held every year and brings participants from across Australia. The 2021 event was supported by our program with 16 new dart boards and surrounds. This event was a great success during the Covid pandemic.

### Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Share a Yarn Program

We received merchandise from AIS that has been broken up into communities and will be disseminate to our YS&R Programs and schools in the region. Planning with community safety and sport and rec to visit communities once all covid restrictions are eased.

### Sport Attendance Data

Sports	1 <sup>st</sup> session	Last session total/month
Soccer	17	72
Tennis	4	28

Touch	10	40
Yoga	6	25

**BACKGROUND**

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**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **OPERATIONS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 15.1  
**TITLE** January Director of Operations Report  
**REFERENCE** 336897  
**AUTHOR** Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpururulam

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1  Director of Operations Report - January 22.pdf

**January 2022 Operations Director Report****Summary:**

Access to our communities has been limited due to the Chief Health Officers Declaration of Exclusion Zones (an Exclusion zone is a Community which has less than 80% vaccination rate, which is all of our communities at present) and weather conditions. Currently I am in contact with all Area Managers and Community Coordinator at least every other day, some daily. Vaccination rates continue to improve slowly within our communities.

We have received several applicants for the Depot Manager and shall hold interviews in the coming weeks, we also interviewed for the Community Coordinator position in Wutunugurra and unfortunately the applicant was unsuitable for this position. We have also interviewed for the Ampilatwatja Area Manager and unfortunately had no successful applicants.

**Local Authority:**

This month we have Local Authorities scheduled with Ali Curung on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, Elliott Local Authority meeting scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, Alpururulam Community held their first Local Authority meeting of the year on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January and had full attendance in what was a marathon 3 hour meeting due to several presentations

Recruitment for Local Authority Members in Wutunugurra, Arlparra and Ampilatwatja communities continues with minimal success and when the Exclusion Zones are lifted Mayor McLaughlin and myself will visit the communities to assist in the recruitment of Local Authority Members.

**The Communities:****Elliott:**

The past month in Elliott has been diverse.

With Covid 19 inching closer we saw several community members taken to Howard Springs as a safety precaution.

Anyinginyi have made several visits to vaccinate community, and provide education to the community about the virus.

Travellers continue to stop, even after the establishment of Elliott as an exclusion zone, which causes some concern for residents.

The staff Christmas Party was well attended and enjoyed by all.

With most municipal staff on leave, and heavy rainfall and damaging winds, those who have worked through have been kept busy on the mowers and chainsaws.

The wet also provided an opportunity to do maintenance on equipment and clean up the depot, as well as stock take consumables.

The Centrelink office operated daily and the rubbish runs have not missed a beat.

Liquor Licensing have approved a number of permits to enable residents to drink in the comfort of their own home, however the distribution of these permits has been stymied by Government travel restrictions, I am hopeful the first batch will be handed out early next month.

**Ali Curung:**

December period saw the community under restrictions due to Covid-19 mandates and going into "Lockdown" on 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December and subsequently going into a NT wide "lockout" in January 2022. Ali Curung remains directed as an "Exclusion Zone" which restricts all visitors to produce a negative RAT test prior to entry. During the lockdown period we saw 339 people tested and 109 Vaccinated, this was a mixture of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccinations. Last Local Authority meeting for 2021 achieved quorum on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Anyinginyi Health conducted x2 vaccination visits to community in December 2021 and again planning more visits in January 2022. New Band equipment for YSR, Red Dust organisation recorded and released a music video using local band "Desert Eagle" and community people to promote Covid-19 Vaccinations. Council has Job vacancies in Community Safety and more recently Municipal.

**Alpurrurulam:**

In Alpurrurulam Heather and the team have been on a recruitment drive to fill positions vacated through resignations prior to Christmas. Two new Municipal Officers have commenced employment on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and they now have only two positions to fill.

They have had visits from Fire Safety, Pest control and Central Desert Training for LLN training across all departments.

Heather has been participating in regular LEC meetings refining and improving the pandemic plans.

Anyinginyi Health vaccination Team continues to visit Alpurrurulam and has started to see an increase in community members getting vaccinated which is great.

**Ampilatwatja:**

Bob and Tracey Smith finish up with the Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. Bob has agreed to come back after a short break until the Area Manager position has been filled.

Recruitment continues to fill positions due to resignations prior to Christmas, a new Municipal worker commences on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

It has been a trying couple of months with Covid and funerals

We have had the Covid Vaccination Team visit Ampilatwatja working closely with the Clinic and community, as it stand at the moment Ampilatwatja is currently sitting at 50% of the community double Vaccinated and 50% single vaccinated though the clinic has seen a decline of community people

Coming to the clinic for their second jab.

We had Sell & Parker Metal recyclers come to the community back in early Dec to crush & remove all the metal and cars at our land fill but they had to leave due to the rain season, they are due to return on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb till 7<sup>th</sup> March to complete this contract.

Harvey Developments have also returned to complete the Ablution and Laundry building and the Basketball upgrade.

80% completed on the ablution block

50% completed on basketball building.

**Wutunugurra:**

In Wutunugurra this month it has been very quiet. The community has been complying with the mask mandate although we are still having a lot of visitors driving in from other communities.

The Health Clinic has reopened on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January and they are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for emergency visits only. All medication is being delivered to community members homes.

Ali Curung Police have visited Wutunugurra to gain all community phone numbers so that they can text any COVID information about lockouts, mask mandates travel etc.

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet have visited Wutunugurra to engage in pre –vaccine effort and to discuss vaccination for the 5 – 11 year old vaccination.

Anyinginyi Health are sending out Vanguard Vaccinators for the planning of first, second and booster vaccinations on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

**TC Depot:**

The Depot Team continues to be very busy since the Council last met with several priority tasks to complete. David Reed, with the assistance of Makhaim Brandon, has been doing a great job covering the Depot Manager position whilst recruitment takes place. Staff shortages are impeding service delivery and this will be an issue to be addressed by the new Manager and myself. We have commenced recruitment to fill two positions at the Depot and hope to fill these fairly quickly as this will assist with service delivery.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.1  
**TITLE** LGANT  
**REFERENCE** 336694  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council**

**a) Receive and note the report**

**b) Appoint a member to nominate for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**

### **SUMMARY:**

Council is asked a member to the animal advisory committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

The functions of the advisory committee include:

- advising the minister about animal welfare legislation and other matters relevant to animal welfare
- investigating and reporting on matters relevant to the animal welfare referred to it by the minister
- participating in the development of codes of practice and the review of adopted codes of practice
- providing advice to bodies, organisations or the general community on programs for the improvement of community awareness about animal welfare
- any other functions prescribed by the regulations.

The advisory committee must hold at least two meetings each year.

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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#### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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#### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

## CORRESPONDENCE

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**ITEM NUMBER** 17.1  
**TITLE** Correspondence  
**REFERENCE** 336907  
**AUTHOR** Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

## RECOMMENDATION

### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence attached.
- b) Nominate the Mayor and 3 councilors to attend the ALGA National Assembly from 19-22 June 2022.
- c) Put forward motions for the ALGA conference.

## SUMMARY:

Correspondence to note that has been received in the last month.

## BACKGROUND

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## ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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## BUDGET IMPLICATION

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## ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  DCA appointmen letter.pdf
- 2  Letter to the Mayor- Local Government Elections.pdf
- 3  Barkly Regional Council itemised costs.pdf
- 4  Letter to Barkly Regional Council Acting Mayor.pdf
- 5  Community Infrastructure project grant.pdf
- 6  ALGA Invite.pdf



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Dear Mr Moore

Pursuant to section 89(1)(a) of the *Planning Act 1999*, I am please to advise that I have appointed Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Councillor Lenny Barton as members, and pursuant to section 89(1)(b) of the *Planning Act 1999*, I have appointed Councillor Hal Ruger as the alternate member of the Tennant Creek Division of the Development Consent Authority in accordance with Barkly Regional Council's nominations.

Their terms of appointment will commence from the date of this letter to 3 December 2023.

Please note, it is the responsibility of Council to notify its unsuccessful nominee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eva Lawler'.

EVA LAWLER





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Mr Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Barkly Regional Council

Via email: [Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au)

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2021, regarding the voter turnout at the August 2021 local government elections.

The Northern Territory Government has a strong focus on promoting electoral enrolment and voter turnout. Prior to the 2021 local government elections, the *Local Government Act 2019* was amended to allow "on the day enrolment", to remove a barrier to unenrolled electors being able to vote.

Currently, the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) is conducting a review of the 2021 local government elections, with input from the Local Government and Regional Development Division of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

NTEC will publish its report in the coming months and may canvass legislative reform and the issue of fines. I look forward to considering the report and what more can be done to improve all aspects of local government elections.

Your Voice Your Community is a program coordinated by CM&C, LGANT and NTEC, with the participation of regional councils, to promote awareness of elections particularly in remote communities, and encourage enrolment and voting. This program has operated ahead of each of the last three elections across the three spheres of government. CM&C is reviewing the outcome of the program's activities in the local government elections, and this review will be circulated to councils for input.



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It is anticipated that well before the 2025 local government elections are held, a joint project team with representation from NTEC, CM&C and local government councils via LGANT will again be formed to implement a strategy to maximise voter turnout in those elections. This strategy will be informed by the findings of NTEC's and CM&C's reviews of past activities, and the input of councils will be central to its success. All local government councils will be invited to be engaged in the development and implementation of the strategy.

Thank you for your interest in electoral matters.

Yours sincerely



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23/12/2021

**BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - ITEMISED COSTS**

<b>Election area</b>		<b>Actual cost</b>
PUBLIC AWARENESS		\$5,855.37
STAFFING		\$33,163.17
OPERATIONAL	COVID-19 cost contribution	\$0.00
	Destruction/rubbish removal	\$21.56
	Information technology (IT)	\$1,784.85
	Postage/freight	\$750.48
	Premises	\$422.37
	Staff travel expenses	\$1,487.65
	Vehicle hire/charter expenses	\$785.26
	Fees/charges and miscellaneous	\$2.49
	Materials:	
	Equipment expenses	
	Document/ballot paper production	
	Consumables	\$3,492.43
	Stationery	
	Training costs and resources	
Sub total		\$47,765.63
10% GST		\$4,776.56
<b>Total actual cost</b>		<b>\$52,542.19</b>

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**Dianne Stokes**  
**Acting Mayor**  
**Barkly Regional Council**

**Dear Acting Mayor,**

I am writing to you on behalf of the parents of the seven boys who participated in the October 2021, School Holiday Program, Stargazing event that were left at the Mary Ann Dam some weeks ago now.

By way of background, the Apurtu Group Aboriginal Corporation's principal objective is to assist in the relief of poverty, destitution, homelessness, distress, suffering and misfortune among Aboriginal people through the process of supporting social and economic development in Tennant Creek and the Barkly region through various means of representation.

Back on 15 October 2021, we previously raised this matter with Barkly Regional Council staff members, Sharen Lake and Ade Rizal, by inviting them to a meeting with the parents as they have questions that they would like answered.

The meeting with Council staff has not gone ahead, the families are still very upset and we want to resolve the issue before this matter gets out of hand.

On the night of the Stargazing event there were 12 girls and 7 boys (aged 10-14) transported out to the Mary Ann Dam from Youthlink at about 7:00pm by Barkly Regional Council staff and the Julalikari Night Patrol.

As staff from the Barkly Regional Council were involved in managing the School Holiday Program including the Stargazing event, we ask that you please set a time and date for the parents of the 7 boys and girls to meet with you and your staff to discuss what consent was obtained from the parents of the girls and boys for them to participate and what transport arrangements were in place to ensure each child was transported to and from Mary Ann Dam in a safe manner.

Thank-you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Yours in the Struggle,**

**John Fitz Jakamarra on behalf of**  
**Apurtu Group Aboriginal Corporation**

**8 January 2022**

**CC: Mr Santosh Niraula, Acting Chief Executive, Barkly Regional Council**

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**"Wumpurrarni lives matter to us"**



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Dear Mr Moore *Steve*

The Northern Territory Government is pleased to announce the Community Infrastructure Project Grants 2021-23. The Grants are for minor infrastructure projects that promote community wellbeing, safety, social inclusion, community capacity building and early childhood development.

I am pleased to confirm that the Barkly Regional Council has been allocated \$300,000 from Territory Families, Housing and Communities for six cyber spots in Tennant Creek for young people to get free Wi-Fi, safe seating and solar lighting.

The Northern Territory Government looks forward to working with the Barkly Regional Council to support the growth and strengthening of the regional and remote communities of the Territory.

Ms Siobhan Okely, Director Community Engagement, will contact you shortly to commence the process for the planning and implementation of this project through a minor capital works grant to the Barkly Regional Council. Ms Okely can be contacted on (08) 8999 2552 or at [Siobhan.Okely@nt.gov.au](mailto:Siobhan.Okely@nt.gov.au).

I look forward to the completion of your Community Infrastructure Project and the positive contribution it has made to the community.

Yours sincerely

*Lauren Moss*  
LAUREN MOSS  
17/12/21





17 December 2021

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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

As the national voice of local government, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) advocates on behalf of Australia's 537 councils for funding and policy outcomes that support local governments to deliver better results for their communities.

Each year we hold a National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra where councils from around our nation discuss current and emerging challenges and opportunities and advocate to the Federal Government on critical issues facing our sector.

The motions passed at our NGA inform ALGA's strategic direction and national advocacy objectives. We listen to what you tell us, and take your message to Ministers, MPs and decision-makers in Canberra and around the country through Ministerial meetings, forums, budget submissions, and advocacy campaigns.

Next year's NGA will be held in Canberra from 19-22 June and will be an opportunity for us to clearly set and articulate our agenda to a new or returning Federal Government.

The theme for this event will be *Partners in Progress*, focusing on how partnerships, particularly between the Australian Government and local governments, can tackle the immediate challenges facing communities and help us confidently prepare for the future.

**We are now calling for motions for next year's NGA, and I would encourage you to consider whether there is a strategic issue of national importance that your council can bring to this event.**

We have prepared the attached discussion paper which covers some of the critical national policy areas that our sector needs to consider now and into the future and will help you prepare your motion.

To assist us, please ensure that your motions meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. Be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;

5. Propose a clear action and outcome; and
6. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

All motions should have a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your council. Motions can be lodged online at [alga.asn.au](http://alga.asn.au) until 11:59pm on Friday 25 March 2022.

**I've also attached a copy of ALGA's 2022 Federal Election Priorities.**

The 17 national priorities outlined in this document have been informed by motions passed at last year's NGA, and unanimously endorsed by ALGA's Board in conjunction with our member state and territory local government associations.

They cover our key priority portfolios of economic recovery, transport, and community infrastructure, building resilience, circular economy and intergovernmental relations, and outline what local government could achieve, if formally recognised and adequately funded.

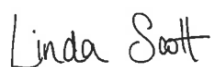
They have been assessed by independent economists, and if implemented by the next Federal Government they would create at least 42,975 new jobs and add \$6.39 billion per annum to Australia's GDP.

In the lead up to next year's election, ALGA and your state and territory local government associations will be calling on all parties and candidates to support these national priorities, empowering local government to play a meaningful role in Australia's recovery.

Your council can support this national campaign by endorsing ALGA's priority asks, identifying local projects and programs that could be delivered with better funding partnerships, writing to local members and candidates, and highlighting the value strong funding partnerships can deliver for your local community.

**Will you join ALGA at the 2022 National General Assembly in Canberra from 19-22 June, and will you work with us to advocate for these key national priorities and help ensure no community is left behind in Australia's COVID-19 recovery?**

Any administrative inquiries can be directed to ALGA by calling 02 6122 9400.



Cr Linda Scott  
ALGA President