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# AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

## THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 16 December 2021 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 approach to the issues to be discussed today.

**Amen** 

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

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

## **AGENDA**

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## 18.1 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes

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#### 18.2 Confidential Action List

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#### 18.3 Tennant Creek Streetscape Project

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## 18.4 Parklane Developments

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## 18.5 Local Authority Nominations

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18.6 Barkly Regional Council Community Benefit Fund

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## 18.7 Organisational Structure Update

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## 18.8 Elliott Accomodation Update

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## 18.9 Chief Execultive offier Confidential update

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## 19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

## 20 CLOSE OF MEETING

## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**



**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1

**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes

REFERENCE 334499

AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council**

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

#### SUMMARY:

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 November 2021.

## **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:**

1 November unconfirmed minutes



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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, 25 November 2021 at 8:30am.

**Steven Moore** 

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## **Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 8.36am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

## 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- · Cr. Greg Marlow
- · Cr. Derek Walker
- · Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- · Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell

#### 1.2 Staff Members Present

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

#### 1.3 Apologies

- 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.

- Cr. Hayes noted a conflict of interest with Anyinginyi

## 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 28 October 2021 as a true and accurate record.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 206/21

To add deputy mayor's correct title.

#### 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: 7

## **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Councillor Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 207/21

The CEO noted that the Councillors have been asked to be advocates for the vaccine due to low vaccine rate in the Barkly- which the councillors present agreed to.

CEO to contact health department with that feedback.

ACTION ITEM: Mayor to write a letter to minister outlining the frustrations around obtaining land for the Tennant Creek landfill.

## 4. MAYOR'S REPORT

## 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

#### **MOTION**

## **That Council:**

a) Receive and note the report.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded:Councillor Anita Bailey

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 208/21

Cr.s pointed out concerns about how to report people who have been in Covid hotspots and are in the community.

The CEO stated that these should all be referred to the Hospital or Anyinginyi, or as per the NTG requirements.

#### 5. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

## 4.2 ELLIOTT MCADAM PRESENTATION

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 209/21

Animal care group representatives presented to Council regarding animal management in Tennant Creek

They suggested that they would like a sanctuary for animals and birds, so that they can be protected until they are released to breed again.

Mr McAdam raised that the animal management issue is not politicised, but wants the community to work together to get good outcomes for everyone. He raised the following matters:

- 1. Develop a new animal management by bringing in experts to do so and the BRC to ratify that in a formal motion.
- 2. Animals roaming in town, and the need to sit down and collaborate on how to solve this issue.
- 3. Resumption of animal care for people residing in town camps, and asked council to ratify that in the form of a motion.
- 4.Funding: 2011-2012 there was a levy charged to ratepayers for animal management in the region- and \$61000 was raised- the group posed a question regarding what happened to this money

Council took these questions on notice, to respond to Mr McAdam in due course.

#### 4.1 AUSTRALIA DAY UPDATE

## MOTION

## That Council:

a) Receive and note the verbal Australia Day Update from Kym Lenoble.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 210/21

Cr.s asked to provide assistance with spreading awareness of Australia day awards, so that we can get more nominations for each category.

Forms for the awardscan be downloaded from the Council website.

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All other preparations for Australia Day are going well.

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Break for morning tea at 1007.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

Resolved OC 211/21

CARRIED UNAN.

#### **MOTION**

That council

a) Resume the meeting at 1032

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded:Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 212/21

## 6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

## 7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

## 7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

#### MOTION

#### **That Council:**

- a) Ratify the execution of the following document under the Council's Common Seal:
  - Residential Tenancy Agreement of Lot 82 Foster Street Ali Curung, between BRC and Catholic Care till 08 October 2023;
  - Regional Youth Service Grant Program for the Youthlinx 2021-2022 School Holiday Program, between Territory Families Housing and Communities and BRC from 21 September 2021 to 31 July 2022;
  - 3. Deed of Variation in relation to Aged Care Services Activity Work Plan, between Department of Health and BRC till 30 June 2022; and
  - 4. Section 19 ALRA Lease Agreement for the Elliott Waste Management Facility,

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between Gurungu Aboriginal Land Trust, Northern Land Council and BRC for 20 Years.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

**Seconded:Councillor Ronald Plummer** 

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 213/21

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 10:33 AM

Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 10:38 AM

## 7.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION NON VOTER INFORMATION

#### **MOTION**

## That Council

a) Receive and note the report

b) Agree to issue fines to those who failed to vote in the 2021 LG Election.

For: Crs Bailey, Barton, Corbett, Corbett, Hayes, Marlow, McLaughlin, Plummer,

Ruger, Stokes and Walker

Against: Crs Clubb and O'Donnell

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes CARRIED.

Resolved OC 214/21

Cr.s had a discussion regarding whether the \$25 fine, if issued, would send the intended message, that people should vote) of getting people to vote.

ACTION ITEM: Write a later to Chancy Paech regarding why the fine was reduced down to \$25, and what to do to increase voter turnout in the region.

## 7.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

## **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 215/21

#### 7.4 ANNUAL REPORT

## **MOTION**

## **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report

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b) Approve the 2020-2021 Annual Report incorporating the financial statements

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded:Councillor Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 216/21

The acknowledgement at the beginning of the annual report to have Warramungu come first, then leave all the rest of the language groups as they are.

Correct Community Services to Community Development.

Council noted is appreciative of the hard work that has been put in by staff in the development of the Annual Report.

## 8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

## 8.1 GRANTS

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) receive and note the Grants Report for the period to 30 October 2021.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Pam Corbett

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 217/21

## 8.3 FINANCE REPORT

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 218/21

## 8.2 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

## **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded:Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 219/21

## 9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

## 9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 220/21

Youth Centre construction is still proceeding. Currently work is being completed inside the building, including electrical, plumbing and hydraulics.

Cr.s pointed out that surveying has to be completed before the design of the building so that matters that may come up are already provided for and will not cause further delay.

ACTION ITEM: Write a letter to the responsible minister on the lack of progress on Purkiss Reserve.

#### **MOTION**

## **That Council**

a) Break for lunch at 1201pm

## **RESOLVED**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

**Seconded:Councillor Ronald Plummer** 

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 221/21

## **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Resume the meeting at 1239pm

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded:Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 222/21

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 12:39 PM

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:39 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 12:57 PM

## 10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

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## 10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OCTOBER REPORT

#### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

a) Receive and note this report.

## **RESOLVED**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 223/21

Councillors made suggestions that there should be a requirement to hire local staff for projects in communities.

Mayor raised an issue with sports weekends being done over two weekends.

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 01:02 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 01:08 PM

## 11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

## 11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

## **MOTION**

## That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority November Meeting;
- **c)** Approve the allocation of \$8719 of local authority funds for the purchase of a tyre changer and wheel balancing machine.

## **RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

**Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes** 

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 224/21

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

## 13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

## 15. OPERATIONS

## 15.1 OCTOBER DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

## **MOTION**

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Councillor Ronald Plummer Seconded:Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 225/21

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 01:16 PM

## 16. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 1.1 LGANT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

#### **MOTION**

**That Council** 

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Do not select a nominee for the NT Heritage Council

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 226/21

#### 17. CORRESPONDENCE

## 17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

## **MOTION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the correspondence attached.
- b) Donate \$2000 for the Tennant Creek High School Barkly Regional Council Award.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OC 227/21

## 18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

## 19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 1324

## **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 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

CARRIED UNAN.

**RESOLVED** 

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded:Councillor Lennie Barton

Resolved OC 228/21

#### 20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council move back into open session at 2.49pm time>>

#### **General Business**

- Cr O'Donnell noted that the back lanes of the Telstra pit collapsed. CEO to report to Telstra.
- Brown St pits also need to be checked
- Staff to go around and identify hazards especially on properties with long grass which is a fire risk

#### **18.3 DONATION REQUEST**

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (b) (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer; AND information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

#### **MOTION**

## **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the request for donation of \$250 Pikka Pikkakari playgroup and \$250 to Elders Yarn Up Group Christmas party.
- c) Move to ordinary

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow

**CARRIED UNAN.** 

Resolved OCCS 229/21

## 18.6 AUTHORISATION OF PUBLIC OFFICER FOR ATO

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#### **MOTION**

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## That Council:

- a) Approves the appointment of the following people as a public officer representatives for Barkly Regional Council for the purposes of the Australian Taxation Office, Australian Business Register and Relationship Authorisation Manager access:
  - Steve Moore Chief Executive Officer
  - Sid Vashist Director
  - > Sharen Lake Director
  - James Sanders Manager
  - Sonya Kenny Manager
  - b) Move item into ordinary.

#### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett

Resolved OCCS 230/21

#### 18.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

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#### **MOTION**

#### **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report;

#### **Elliott**

- i) Accept the appointment of Bob Bagnall to the Elliott Local Authority
- ii) Accept the appointment of Christopher Neade to the Elliott Local Authority
- iii) Accept the appointment of Jason Mullan to the Elliott Local Authority
- iv) Accept the appointment of Kevin Gaskin to the Elliott Local Authority
- v) Accept the appointment of Jody Nish to the Elliott Local Authority
- vi) Accept the appointment of Kevin Neade to the Elliott Local Authority
- vii) Move Elliott nominations to ordinary,

## **RESOLVED**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 231/21

## 21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2.58pm.

This page and the proceeding 12 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 25 November 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin	Steve Moore
Council Mayor	Chief Executive Officer



## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1

TITLE Action Items

REFERENCE 334504

AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

16 December 2021

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

#### 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: In Agenda
- Item 7: Complete- attached to this report
- Item 8: Complete- attached to this report
- Item 9: Complete- attached to this report
- 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 Ordninary Council Meeting Action List.pdf
- 2021.11.26 Letter to Minister Paech RE Failed Voters.pdf
- 3 2021.11.30 Letter to Minister Lawler RE Lack of DIPL Progress.pdf



# ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST From Meeting – 25 November 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white  CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works  Talk to the school about painting murals.  CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours.  Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways	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			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			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 23 September 2021		Council meeting times	Review the Council meeting starting times at the December meeting.	CEO	
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 November 2021			Mayor to write a letter to minister outlining the frustrations around obtaining land for the Tennant Creek landfill	Mayor	
8.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 November 2021			Write a letter to the responsible minister on the lack of progress on Purkiss Reserve.	CEO	
9.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 November 2021			Write a later to Chancy Paech regarding why the fine was reduced down to \$25, and what to do to increase voter turnout in the region	CEO	

Ordninary Council Meeting Action List



# ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST From Meeting – 25 November 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
А	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwalja 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
В	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	12.12.2019 Ongoing
С	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.		25.03.2021 Investigate grants to that can be used to fund activities. 29.04.2021- move item to long term list.





26 November 2021

Hon Chansey Paech The Minister for Local Government GPO Box 3146 Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister Paech,

At the Council meeting on 25 November 2021, Council passed a motion to issue fines to those enrolled voters who failed to vole in this year's Local Government Election. Council also asked that I write to you in regards to the poor voter turnout at the Local Government Election in August 2021.

The Barkly Region had 2,198 people who failed vote in the election, this is a significant portion of our voter base. The current fine for an individual who failed to vote is \$25. We have been advised by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) that only approximately 10% of those who fail to vote, pay the fines when they are issued to them.

This means that Barkly Regional Council would only receive approximately \$5,495 in income from the fines. The NTEC has advised that the cost of pursuing action against the non-voters is \$10,362.99, leaving Council out of pocket about \$5,000.

Council would like to see a higher penalty imposed on those who do not vote. The current fine of \$25 does not appear to be much of a penalty to those that fail to vote and is not assisting to increase voter turnout. Council believes this penalty should be increased to encourage people to vote.

We would like to work with you, the department for Local Government and the electoral commission to develop a strategy to increase voter turnout.

We look forward to hearing from you in regards to this matter and if you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey McLaughlin

Mayor

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30 November 2021

Hon. Eva Lawler Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics GPO Box 3146 Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister Lawler,

At the council meeting on 25 November 2021, Council asked that I write to you about our concerns with the lack of progress on several DIPL projects being completed in conjunction with Council.

There are a number of projects that appear to be stalled, these include:

- 1. Purkiss Reserve Upgrade 3 years since the project started, no significant progress to date.
- 2. Tennant Creek Landfill land acquisition is still not finalized after almost 3 years and over \$600,000 spent by Council to meet the requirements of DIPL and the EPA.
- 3. Streetscape designs are finally being done after 3 years.
- 4. \$5.5m Turbo charging Tourism initiative, the only completed project is a \$300,000 playground at Lake Mary Anne, this was built by Council.

Council is grateful of your Government's generous financial support to fund the Purkiss and Street scape projects, however the projects have not progressed for several years. Council is frustrated that there appears to be no end date in site for these projects.

While each project has its own frustrations, the Purkiss Reserve upgrade is of particular concern to Council. Demolition works were carried out approximately 12 months ago but no further work has taken place. Half of the Reserve is closed off and unusable due to the demolition works, leaving council short of recreational space for residents.

The Purkiss Reserve redevelopment has also seen Council defer works on other public parks due to the new facilities being installed on Purkiss. That means at present the only usable play ground in Tennant Creek is at Lake Mary Anne. Our residents are going without because this work has not been completed as scheduled.

Similar delays look place with the new Hilda Street Park, the works on Hilda Street were finally completed when Council took the works over and finished the project on DIPL's

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behalf. Council believes you should consider the same course of action for the Purkiss Project and hand the works and the budget over to Council to complete the project.

Between the complexities of getting land access for our landfill expansion and the new bike path along the main drain, the stalled Purkiss Project, only design work done on the street scape and finally only one project delivered from the \$5.5m Turbocharging Tourism funding, Council has no confidence in DIPL delivering anything for Council.

Traditional Owners of the land for the landfill extension are also frustrated that the crown lease has not been finalized. They are eager to start receiving some income from the ILUA agreed to earlier this year.

Our local DIPL office is working hard with limited resources and staff shortages. Our issues seem to be caused by people outside the Barkly making decisions effecting the Barkly. It appears that the Barkly is not seen as a priority so nothing progresses with any urgency unless it's an NTG project.

Council is eager to work with you to find a solution, the current situation must change and these projects need to get moving. I am eager to discuss each project in more detail with you as a convenient time.

Sincerely,

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## **ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1

TITLE Singleton Station presentation

REFERENCE 334616

AUTHOR Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

## **RECOMMENDATION**

## **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report

## **SUMMARY:**

Fran Kilgriff will present to Council on the current developments at Singleton Station.

## **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.



## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1

TITLE Mayor's Report

REFERENCE 334746

AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

## **That Council:**

a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report.

## **SUMMARY:**

DECEMBER 2021					
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Went to the Markets and sold tickets for the Christmas Tree raffle				
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Went to Ali Curung, met with some musicians about music				
	programs				
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Met with Arid Lands				
	Brendon from Jemena visited TC				
Wednesday 1st	Barkly Tourism Action Group Meeting				
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Played Tennis in the afternoon with the Sports Hub				
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff Xmas Party at Goldfields				
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Welcomed the Tennant Creek Girl Guides to the Barkly Regional Council Chambers for their end of year Awards ceremony.				
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight				
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Met with Minister Lauren Moss and Steve Edgington Went to the TC High School End of Year Art Exhibition				
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	LGANT Executive Meeting Met with Ross Williams Spent the day doing errands for the Christmas Tree Committee and handing out Australia Day nomination forms				
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>					
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	CEO Interviews TC High School Presentation				
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Travelled to Arlparra with Sharen Lake to meet with UAC Board Christmas tree event set up				
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas tree event				
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ali Curung LA				

## **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.

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1

TITLE Ratification of Common Seal

REFERENCE 333973

AUTHOR Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

### **That Council:**

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

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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.

## **SUMMARY:**

The *Local Government Act* (NT) provides that Council must authorise or ratify the execution of documents under Council's Seal.

## **BACKGROUND**

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

**BUDGET IMPLICATION** 

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

**CONSULTATION & TIMING** 

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER** 7.2

TITLE Chief Executive Officer Update

REFERENCE 334892

**AUTHOR** Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report

#### **SUMMARY:**

We have come to the end of another busy year, and what a year it has been.

COVID has continued to disrupt our lives and the way we conduct business, throughout the year significant time has gone into participating in emergency management meetings and COVID briefings. We have been lucky not to have had an outbreak in the Barkly and good planning is part of the reason why.

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The other big event of the year was the 2021 LG Election. Council staff were heavily involved in conducting the polling which saw Council save over \$50,000 on election costs. As a result of the election we welcomed eight new elected members to Council.

After many years of planning construction commenced on 15 building projects, the most notable being the two new youth centres and our flash new chapel at the cemetery. The new change rooms at Elliott were also completed along with the art centre at Wutunugurra.

Four projects continue to be held up by bureaucracy, these are the TC Bike Path, TC landfill extension, Purkiss Reserve upgrade and the street scape projects. Let's hope the New Year sees progress on these important Council projects.

As we enter the Christmas period many staff head off on holidays. Council only closes for the public holidays and operates as usual for the rest of the period. There are no garbage collections and the pool is closed on Christmas day, with services delivery as usual for the remainder of the period.

As my term as CEO comes to an end, it's interesting to reflect on my time with Council. During my time here we had had 2 council elections, the \$78.4m Regional Deal was approved at Councils urging, we have improved councils service delivery and controlled costs. We leased the Juno facility to Education, developed strategic and infrastructure plans, improved LA meeting attendance and gained millions in additional funding for Council.

For me the personal highlight of my time here was meeting former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull during his visit to Tennant Creek. It was an honour to meet him and spend time with him over his two day visit in 2018. I was also very pleased to see three former elected members run for higher office, it's great to see people chasing their dreams.

While I am technically still with council until the handover to the new CEO is completed, this week will effectible be my last as council CEO. Santosh will be acting CEO until either the new CEO starts or I return from leave. Santosh will be away for three days over Christmas when Troy will be acting CEO. I will be at the January council meeting (and Australia Day) as agreed with Council.

I would like to thank all returning members for the support over the years and the more recent support of the new members. I am sure this council will be successful and I will be watching the progress of Council from afar. I'll be particularly keen to see the new youth centres open in the new year!.

It has been a privilege to live and work in the Barkly, it's a unique and beautiful part of the world that most people never get to see. I will never forget my time here!

Finally I would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year. Let's hope 2022 sees the end of the COVID challenges and life gets back to normal.

## **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.

## CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Grants
REFERENCE 334415

**AUTHOR** Susan Wright, Grants Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council**

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

### **SUMMARY:**

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Council receives many and varied grants. The attached information will be presented to the Council at every meeting to allow the Council the opportunity to better understand and monitor grants income and the grant funded activities of Council.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The Grants Manager receives notice of open grant rounds by email, direct contact and invitation. It receives requests from the Directorates with regard to funding needs and also has a running request on hand to advise on.

Open funding rounds are referred back to the Directorate to which project funding rounds may apply and a brief for projects are then referred back to the Grants Manager who completes the application as requested and required.

Reporting dates are noted by the Grants Manager and referred to the appropriate Directorate for Performance Reporting and to Finance for financial acquittal and audit.

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## **Applications In Progress**

Grant	Department	Due Date	Need
NTG Community	NTG		Discussion on
Benefit Fund			community project
			infrastructure
Preparing Australia	Commonwealth	Jan 6. 2021	Can apply for flood and bush fire mitigation
NIAA	PMC	Closes 2023 or when funds run out	Discussions on Community Led grants

ABA	PMC	Closes June 30,	Discussion on
		2023	infrastructure
			projects

## <u>Successful Applications – No Notice this month</u>

DATE	Funder /PROJECT	Project	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY
6/12/21	NADC	Australia Day	\$33,000	TC and Elliott

## **Applications Submitted**

GRANT	DEPARTMENT	DUE DATE	NEED
Australia Day	NADC	19/11/21	Australia Day Activities
Strong and Resilient Communities	DSS	15/11/21	Youth Centre Youth workers staff wages
Immediate Priority Grant	NTG	14/11/21	2 applications Priority 1 – fit out of youth centre Priority 2 – Animal Management
AWAITING OUTCOME			
Homelands Capital Grant	NTG	October 22, 2021	CLA clean up and speed humps
International Women's Day	NTG	November 2, 2021	March and brunch

## **Unsuccessful Applications-No notice this month**

DATE	PROJECT/PROGRAM	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY

## **GRANTS UNIT**

In summary a brief listing of the Grants Units current activities is detailed below for Council's attention:

This month has been focused on completing reporting for the Financial Year End and collecting information and briefs for open grants rounds. Open rounds include: Community Benefit Fund Preparing Australia

Please also note that the BRC Community Benefit Fund opened on November 1, 2021 and close November 30, 2021 so submissions can sit before this meeting.

## ATTACHMENTS;

Barkly Regional Council Community Benefit Fund Report Applications to the BRC CBF and supporting material

## **ATTACHMENTS**:

There are no attachments for this report.

## CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 8.2

TITLE Director for Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 334803

**AUTHOR** Sid Vashist, Director of Corporate Services

#### RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report from Corporate Services Directorate

#### SUMMARY:

Corporate Services has gone through significant changes in 2021, especially when it comes to the staffing within the directorate (Which includes my role, Director for Corporate Services).

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## **Finance Team**

Our Finance team led by the Acting Finance Manager has been in a rebuilding phase and I am pleased to see that, we now have two more positions to be recruited which will provide us with a fully operational finance team leading into the New Year.

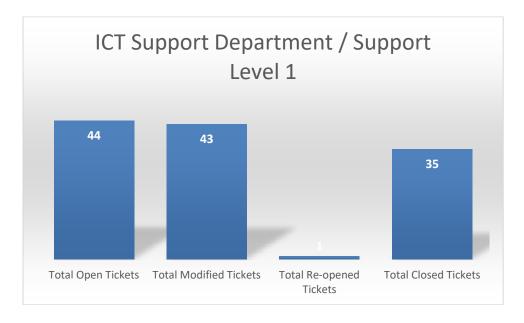
#### **ICT Team**

The duo of ICT Coordinator and ICT Officer have been working well together in assisting the Council. Although, it is unfortunate, that our ICT Coordinator who has been very efficient is leaving later this month. ICT Coordinator position has already been advertised and we hope to have a new ICT Coordinator in the New Year.

## Information and Communication Report (dates are reflective of monthly reporting period)

This month has been busy with our perusal ICT helpdesk ticketing demands, updating and setting up training laptops, so it can be used if in case staff is required to work from home in case of Covid -19 outbreak.

ICT team were able to close 80% of tickets successfully.



## **Ongoing Projects:**

## **Electronic Sign in App**

IT team with the assistance of People & Culture team has now printed cards for employees at 58 Peko Road (Administrative building). Sign in App portal has been configured and set up according to our needs. We will be implementing the electronic sign-in for all staff (@58 Peko) from Mid-December.

## **New Projects:**

This month we continued our search for effective & efficient Waste Management systems and Fleet Management systems. I am hopeful to have this finalized by March 2022.

## **Future Projects**

## Office 365 Migration (O365)

Councilbiz is currently working through O365 migration and currently testing at their site. In future we hope to be migrating to O365 which will enable to us to have access to latest Microsoft office suite in addition to features like Microsoft Teams.

The benefits of O365 Migration

- Flexibility, scalability, and accessibility
- Access to multiple tools and apps
- More focus on core business areas
- Easy integration with other platforms
- · Safely and security of data

## People & Culture Team

2021 has been productive year for the People & Culture department team. Team welcomed our newest member Dumesh Don after the departure of Craig Smith who was with Council for over six years. Dumesh has a background in I.T. and is new into the Human Resources industry. Council has enrolled him into a Certificate IV in Human Resources, and have provided the mentoring to assist him in his People & Culture Advisor role.

The introduction of the Covid-19 vaccine mandate impacted on Council with seven employee resignations and the compliance requirements of ensuring that the organization has a current Employee Vaccination Register. The People & Culture department created the required register and issued the relevant notification to our employees. At present we have just under 92% of our employees having the first vaccination and 72% of employee receiving both vaccinations.

The People & Culture Manager is currently creating 'how to' workshop for our employees. These workshops will assist staff in the understanding of Human Resources functions that will be part of their employment with Council. Some of the topics include, "how to cash in annual leave entitlements" and an introduction to "performance management processes".

Justin our WHS Officer has implemented regular WHS Site inspections throughout all locations within the organization. These inspections provide Council with the insight of the hazards the have been identified within our buildings and provide opportunities to rectify them and conduct any other maintenance requests.

The People & Culture Manager has worked closely with the WHS Officer to create the toolbox talk calendar for 2022. This calendar will provide a schedule for managers to deliver the minimum number of toolbox talks required for the year. The managers will also have access to all of the relevant documents for the delivery of the identified toolbox talks.

The WHS Officer is currently in the process of creating safety workshops for our employees. These workshops will assist in the promotion of Council's commitment to safety in 2022. Council's commitment to the development of our employees increased over the 12 month period, with 231 Council employees successfully completing 15 scheduled courses.

The Learning and Development Coordinator liaised with new (RTO) Registered Training Organizations who were offering new training and qualifications, which expanded our 'learning circle' and provided newer opportunities to our Directorates, programs and employees.



Alana KHOORY (R) with her manager Sonya KENNY after successful completion of Certificate IV in Business through Dovaston Training.

Below is a breakdown of the courses that was offered in 2021 and the completion rate of each course:

COURSE	SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS
4WD	39
Aerodrome Serviceability	1
Aggressive Behavior Management	19
Business (Certificate 4)	1
Employee Wellbeing	50
First Aid and CPR	28
Forklift	7
Heavy Machinery tickets	30
Local Government (Diploma)	2
Mental Health First Aid	11
Pool Lifeguard	9
Snake Handling	2
Traffic Management	6
Weeds Management	24
White Card	2

### **Community Care training**

Training in Certificate III in Individual Support for Community Care staff is scheduled to commence in early 2022. Response Employment Training (RET) has been awarded the contract to deliver the training to community-based staff for an initial period of 12 months, with the possibility of further extensions.

The selection process comprised a call for Expressions of Interest, followed by Requests for Quotations. The course is funded through the Commonwealth's Indigenous Employment Initiative. Planning and scoping meetings between BRC and RET begin this month, with the roll-out of the training in 2022.

The Core Skills program has been continuing over the year, with delivery at full capacity (70 weeks per annum) since Oct 2021, with funding support from the Aboriginal Workforce Grant (NTG DIIT).

This program develops core skill requirements of Council staff through mentoring and Literacy and Numeracy support. It also provides our employees the 'life skills' that is required as part of their role,

for example completing timesheets and leave forms, filling out Vehicle inspection forms.

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Ali Curung Municipal Officer – Adian Morgan carrying out a vehicle check

The LLN program has been conducted by Council since 2014, and is one of our vital programs for our indigenous employee's wellbeing and retention.

The program is delivered to our employees over a range of departments including Administration, Community Care, Community Safety, Sport & Recreation and the municipal team.



Ali Curung Customer Service Officer – Shereen Casson working on Excel spreadsheets with trainer Amy Davidson from Desert Training



Resources have been customized and developed to address the LLN requirements around the core skills for employees in Administration, Community Services, Municipal and Community Safety Patrol.

Wutunugurra Community Safety Team Leader – Josiah Nuggett and Community Safety Officer – Cedric Price working on IT modules of the Core Skills Program

The program has been particularly valuable over the past two years in meeting gaps in accredited training, which have been a result of the non-availability of courses, funding delays and Covid over the past 2 years.



Wutunugurra MunicipalOfficer – Jim Austin checks his vehicle inspection of a Fire Truck.

The AWG funding for the Core Skills program delivered by Central Desert Training is until mid-2023.

(Pictures from the Core Skills program courtesy of Central Desert Training.)

Lastly, I will like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and the Corporate Services directorate is looking forward to working with you all, as well as, delivering our current/new projects in the new year.

### **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.

### CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.3

TITLE Finance Report

REFERENCE 335009

AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report.

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

Council cash reserves continue to be strong due to the influx of rates payments and grant funding. Our current cash at bank is \$15.7M.

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Work in Progress to date remains busy, 2020\_21 programs have contributed an additional 3.2M to the current 15M balance.

A number of projects have now reached practical completion and will be transferred to the balance sheet asset accounts in the December period. This will see an increase in the depreciation expenses currently represented as under budget and should bring these back into line.

Year to date expenditure on projects can be viewed separately in the report.

Employee costs have swung below budget as a result of 4 & 5 week cycles evening out and a number of key positions remained unfilled in the first few months. Variations should decrease in the coming periods as most positions are now filled or in the process of being finalised.

Operating surplus for the month (YTD) is currently \$6.4M, a modest increase in the October result, this should start to decrease moving forward as grant revenues are put to use.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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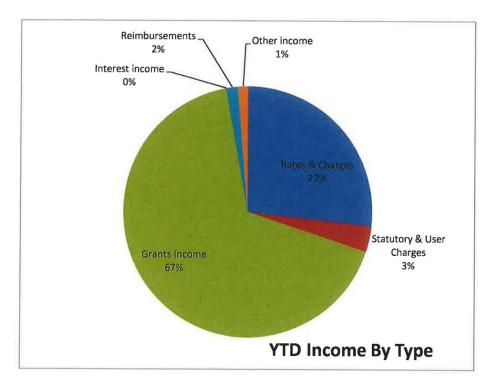
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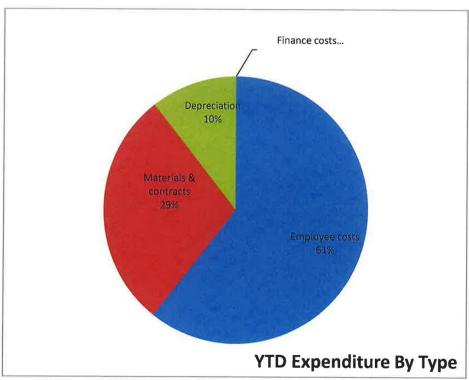
# Barkly Regional Council Statement of Comprehensive Income for the month ended November 30

		Act YTD	Bud YTD	YTD Var	Bud 2022
	Notes	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
INCOME	_				
Rates	2	3,883	3,903	(20)	3,941
Statutory charges	2	3	5	(1)	12
User charges	2	482	520	(37)	887
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	9,726 -	8,758	968	18,951
Investment income	2	4	16	(12)	38
Reimbursements	2	219	246	(26)	1,384
Other income	2	192	196	(3)	9
Total Income	1	14,510	13,642	868	25,222
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	3	6,554	7,139	(585)	16,499
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	3,102	3,855	(753)	8,949
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	1,147	1,213	(67)	2,922
Finance costs	3	3	13	(10)	18
Total Expenses	-	10,806	12,220	(1,414)	28,388
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	=	3,704	1,422	2,282	(3,166)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	216		216	
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	2,446	100	2,346	6,306
Physical resources received free of charge	2	2	-	(a)	9 9
Operating result from discontinued operations	20	-		(*)	
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)	_	6,366	1,522	4,844	- 3,140
Other Comprehensive Income	_				
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9		<u> </u>		
Total Other Comprehensive Income	-				
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	=	6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)					
Council		6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140
Minority Interest		0,000	,,022	1,017	0,140
<b>,</b>	_	6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140
Share of Other Comprehensive Income	-				-
Council		(#)		2	12
Minority Interest	-	<u>%•</u> %			=
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

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### Barkly Regional Council Statement of Financial Position for the month ended November 30

		Act YTD	Bud YTD	YTD Var	Bud 2022
ASSETS	Notes	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Current Assets			¥ 555 5	4 000 0	Ψ 000 0
Cash and cash equivalents	5	11,916	6,505	5,411	3,734
Trade & other receivables	5	3,822	1,421	2,401	670
Other financial assets	5		-	241	2
Inventories	5	5	25	(20)	25
	-	15,743	7,951	7,792	4,429
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	2	20	-	
Total Current Assets	-	15,743	7,951	7,792	4,429
Non-current Assets					
Financial assets	6				
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	2	-		2
Investment property	7	9			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	25,165	27,762	(2,597)	21,733
Other non-current assets	6	15,000	27,702	15,000	29,363
Total Non-current Assets	-	40,165	27,762	12,403	51,096
Total Assets	**	55,908	35,713	20,195	55,525
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LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities	_				
Trade & other payables	8	872	1,003	(131)	1,038
Borrowings	8	959			(*)
Provisions	8	1,465	1,361	104	1,371
Other current liabilities	8 _				
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	2,337	2,364	(27)	2,409
Total Current Liabilities		2,337	2,364	(27)	2,409
Non-current Liabilities					
Trade & Other Payables	8	S <del>=</del> 2	*		
Borrowings	8	12	2	2	020
Provisions	8	417	389	28	401
Liability - Equity accounted Council businesses	6	2.€7	-	×	5%3
Other Non-current Liabilities	8 _				
Total Non-current Liabilities		417	389	28	401
Total Liabilities	_	2,754	2,753	1	2,810
NET ASSETS	-	53,154	32,960	20,194	52,715
Barkly Regional Co	ıncil				
Statement of Financial Posit	ion con	ı't			
for the month ended Nover	nber 30	)			
		Act YTD	Bud YTD	Var YTD	Bud 2022
EQUITY	Notes	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Accumulated Surplus		26,677	16,399	10,278	24,705
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	23,054	22,320	734	23,789
Other Reserves	9 _	3,423	7,423	(4,000)	4,221
Total Council Equity		53,154	46,142	7,012	52,715
Minority Interest TOTAL EQUITY	8=	53,154	46,142	7,012	52,715
	_			7,012	52,710

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# Barkly Regional Council Statement of Changes in Equity for the month ended November 30

TOTAL EQUITY	\$,000 \$	46,788	1 86 788	6,366		100		æ	æ	8∎8	•	r	53,154
Minority Interest Equity	\$,000 <b>\$</b>	•	9	•									
Total Council Equity	\$ 000,s	46,788	46 788	6,366		¥	i	ìò		3■01	٠		53,154
Other Reserves	\$ 000 \$	3,423	3 403	î								.10	3,423
Asset Rev'n Reserve	\$,000 \$	23,054	23.054										23,054
Acc'd Surplus	\$ 000,s	20,311	20.311	6,366				3			•	•	26,677
	Notes		l	l,									6
	Act YTD	Balance at end of previous reporting period Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards	Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies  Restated opening balance	Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	Other Comprehensive Income	Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	Transfer to accumulated surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	Net assets transferred - Council restructure	Share of other comprehensive income - equity accounted Council businesses	Other equity adjustments - equity accounted Council businesses	Transfers between reserves	Balance at end of period

### BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

# FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL for the month ended November 30

### STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Asset	Cost	Location	Program	Funding Source
Barkly Youth Centre	859,272.45	Tennant Creek	BBRF	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Tennant Creek Chapel Claim 3/4/5	240,522.77	Tennant Creek	Capital Projects	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Elliott Football Changeroom Claim 6/7/8	296,156.58	Elliott	Drought Relief	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ali Curung Youth Centre Claim 4/5	111,972.24	Ali Currung	BBRF	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ampilatwatja Ablution Block Claims 3/4/5/6	192,583,23	Ampilatwatja	Local Authority	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Wutungurra Women Art Centre Claim 1/2/3	251,622,14	Wutungurra	Regional Deal CBF	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Basketball Court Alpur Claim 1/2/3	233,636.00	Alpurrurulam	Regional Deal CBF	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Lake Mary-Anne Playground	8,711.75	Tennant Creek	Chief Executive Officer	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Lake Mary-Anne Picknic Shelters 1/2/3	101,859.71	Tennant Creek	Local Authority	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ampilatwatja Sport & Rec Building Claim 3	311,210,27	Ampilatwatja	Local Authority	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Wutungurra BMX Track	20,772.00	Wutungurra	Drought Relief	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Alpurrurlam Pool Fencing	85,367.36	Alpurrurlam	Local Authority	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ford Ranger Wildtrak 3.2	59,413.62	Tennant Creek	Capital Projects	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
4.5 Tonne Crew Cab Tipper	77,821.79	Tennant Creek	Capital Projects	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Kubota F3690-AU out front Mower	32,950.00	Tennant Creek	Capital Projects	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Tennant Creek Road Surfacing	460,702.61	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	NTG/CWTH Spoecific Purpose
Tennant Creek Bike Path	18,622.73	Tennant Creek	BBRF	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Telstra Hardware 31/10/2021	85,267.69	Tennant Creek		
1124 MT LEAF TIPPER4	95,637,29	Efliott	Municipal Services	
Skate Park Alpurrurulam	110,100.00	Alpurrurulam	BBRF	
Bunded Tank	4,163.64			

3,217,708.14

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### **BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

# FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL for the month ended November 30

### STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

RATES - GENERAL 8	& OTHER	3,524,713	nstal One / Two	Current Year Instal Three	Instal Four	Overdue
	Nov 2021	1,726	54	750	750	172 9.97%
	Oct 2021	2,135	54	750	750	581 27.21%
TRADE & OTHER R	RECEIVABLES	357,268	Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due
TRADE & OTHER R	RECEIVABLES Nov 2021	357,268 223	Current 53 23.77%		7	-

### SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number	000,s	Comment
00002	4	Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Corp
00314	3	Dog Infringements
00020	3	Dump Charges

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### CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.4

TITLE 2021/2022 Budget Review

REFERENCE 335104

AUTHOR Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

**SUMMARY:** 

### **BACKGROUND**

The current budget review is a high level assessment on our current performance against our expected performance as reported in the 2020\_21 budget report.

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It is has been conducted using the November YTD actual figures as the basis for variance analysis and is used to forecast the remaining seven months on a pro rata basis where appropriate.

Adjustments for known changes in service delivery affecting budget numbers are also considered.

Total Income: On budget no adjustment necessary analysis shows a 1% variance.

Additional grant funds of 550K have been identified and represented within the budget review figures, 450K Local Roads and Community Infrastructure and a further 100K Priority Infrastructure.

There are a number of new grants which are in the application process at the moment that will be quantified and included in Februarys review when realisation is confirmed. Items under-budget are service related and likely to be achieved over the remaining seven months.

Operating Expenses 8% variance no adjustment required

Employee costs 5% Shortfall expected to be narrowed as key positions are being filled no adjustment required review bottom up for Feb review.

Municipal and Aged Care Services 17% below budget expectations, recent increases in client numbers with Aged Care will reduce this number, and a review of the municipal budget against contract to determine if variance is service, rate and/or timing driven, cost for Feb.

Variations were identified in a number of areas which were deemed to be immaterial or self-correcting through the remainder of the financial year.

Total Comprehensive Income shows a positive variation of 3.2M, which is a reflection of the 8% variation in operating expenses, with 7 months remaining it is assumed that 8% variance will be eliminated as program delivery activities get underway.

A comprehensive analysis is to be conducted for the February Budget Review where variations highlighted as part of this exercise will be investigated and assessed on a more comprehensive basis.

Recommendation at this stage is to maintain current budget numbers.

### 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 Budget Review Dec 2021 V2 Income Statement.pdf

### Barkly Regional Council Budget Review Nov 2021

	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022	Bud Fcst	Fost Var	%age Var	
INCOME	\$ 000 \$	\$ 000's	\$ 000 \$	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	
Rates	3,883	3,903	(20)	3,941	3883	(58)	-1%	
Statutory charges	3	5	(1)	12	8	(4)	-33%	review budget to identify drivers, \$val not material for budget adjustment revisit Feb review
User charges	482	520	(37)	887	1157	270	30%	Increases in Refuse Facility revenue, Equipment and Facility Hire including Property Rental
Grants, subsidies and contributions	9,726 -	8,758	968	18,951	19501	550	3%	Additional 450K LRCI 100K Priority Infrastructure
Investment income	4	16	(12)	38	38	-	0%	review budget to identify drivers, \$val not material for budget adjustment revisit Feb review
Reimbursements	219	246	(26)	1,384	526	(858)	-62%	review budget to identify drivers, YTD OK suggesting timing issue.
Other income	192	196	(3)	9	462	453	5033%	review budget to identify drivers, YTD OK full year amount suggests a change in reporting classification. Investigate further
Total Income	14,510	13,642	868	25,222	25,575	353	1%	
EXPENSES								
Employee costs	6,554	7,139	(585)	16,499	15730	(769)	-5%	Shortfall expected to be narrowed as key positions are being filled no adjustment required review bottom up for Feb review. Municipal and Aged Care Services below budget expectations, recent
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3,102	3,855	(753)	8,949	7444	(1,505)	-17%	increases in client numbers with Aged Care will reduce this number, review munical budget against contract to determine if variance is service, rate and/or timing driven, cost for Feb.
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,147	1,213	(67)	2,922	2922	-	0%	Current variance will correct a number of WIP projects at practical completion to be capitalised in December.
Finance costs	3	13	(10)	18	7	(11)	-61%	Identify budget variance and confirm for Feb review
Total Expenses	10,806	12,220	(1,414)	28,388	26,103	(2,285)	-8%	
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	3,704	1,422	2,282	(3,166)	(528)	2,638	-83%	
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	216		216		518	518		Review for Feb asset valuation due this financial year, significant variation may result
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2,446	100	2,346	- 6,306	6306	-	0%	
Physical resources received free of charge	-	-	-			-		
Operating result from discontinued operations  NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity  Characters	6,366	1,522	4,844	- 3,140	6,296	3,156	101%	
Statement) Other Comprehensive Income								
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve								
Total Other Comprehensive Income								
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140	6,296	3,156	101%	
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)								
Council	6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140	6,296	3,156	1	
Minority Interest	.,	.,	.,	-,	-,	-,		
	6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140	6,296	3,156	101%	
Share of Other Comprehensive Income								
Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minority Interest	<del></del>							
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	6,366	1,522	4,844	3,140	6,296	3,156	101%	

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### **INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.1

**TITLE** Infrastructure Directorate Report

**REFERENCE** 334916

**AUTHOR** Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

### RECOMMENDATION

### **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-November to early-December 2021.

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### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

- 1. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Construction in progress (70%)
- 2. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Construction in progress (60%)
- 3. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel: Construction in progress (70%)
- 4. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Revised drawings and application for DCA approval
- 5. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure Construction in progress (50%)
- 6. Alparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment Construction in progress (40%)
- 7. Dangerous Good Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool Manufacture to start early December
- 8. Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill Manufacture in progress

### **PROCUREMENT:**

### **Future Tenders:**

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Final Design and AAPA Certificate received. DIPL to provide 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. Waiting for 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. Waiting for 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. To be funded by LRCI in the new year.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- Sell and parker completed removing of scrap metal and cars from Ali Curung. Due to weather they could not do Ampilatwatja. They will come to do Ampilatwatja, Tennant Creek and Elliott again in February 2022.
- 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

ITEM NUMBER 10.1

TITLE Community Development November Report

REFERENCE 335000

AUTHOR Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council Receive and Note report

### **SUMMARY:**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Community Safety Program provided support and assistance to Police and Community at Murray Downs and Tennant Creek due to some concerns around visitors coming in due to the recent COVID 19 events in Katherine, Binjari and Robinson River.

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The Management Team and Staff from Epenarra, Canteen Creek and Ali Curung were also involved in several meetings involving Service Providers, Council and Police relating to Local Emergency Committee planning for those Communities and Tara.

Service delivery across the region has been steady with regular service being delivered at Elliott, Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Mungkarta, Wutunugurra and Canteen Creek.

Arlparra, Ampilatwatja, Tara and Murray Downs continue to have vacancies, with recruitment being finalised at Arlparra and Ampilatwatja.

A Team Leader workshop was held in November to assist Team Leaders in better understanding their program Key Performance Indicators, roles and responsibilities, and Staff from Mungkarta, Tara, Wutunugurra, Elliott and Murray Downs attended the Culturally Responsive Trauma Informed Care course delivered in Tennant Creek.

### YOUTHLINX

### Service delivery

Participant numbers for this month were 1443.

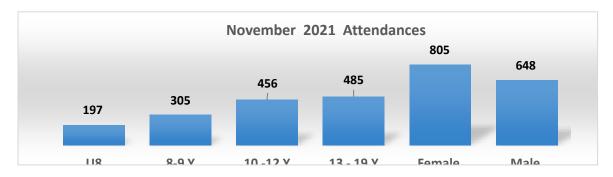
During the mid-period of this month, NT entered into COVID-19 lockdown in Katherine, and for safety reasons, we close down physically running programs for 4 days but supported youth in community through cook ups and deliveries of food. Wearing of masks and social distancing were mandated and staff complied with all rules issued.

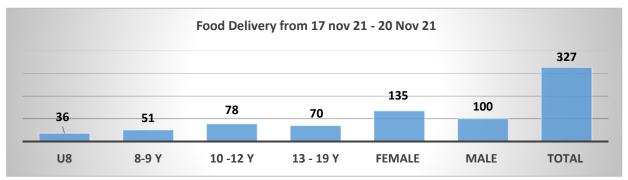
After the lockdown finished, our program was back on track and continued to have high participation numbers, especially on Disco nights. More parents have been attending these nights and engaged with young people.

Our program has been preparing for the December/January school holiday program and we are welcoming four new staff into our team this month, who will be in Tennant Creek over this period and able to work throughout the holidays. This time of year normally has us understaffed due to families going away.

### **Major Events/Incidents/Statistics**

### **Statistic**













REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION

### Achievements:

The New Boys band in Arlparra have been busy practicing, as well as writing some new songs. They visited another community and played a successful live concert so are now looking for more opportunities to play elsewhere. Clayton has been leading the music program, and we're currently in discussions with Barkly Regional Arts regarding another trip to Arlparra for further training.

Staff from Epenarra and Alpurrurulam have had their first Covid19 vaccine, meaning YSR is back open in these communities. Without a TL in Epenarra and Alpurrurulam there is limited structure and data collection, there have been regular activities and a space for the young people in our communities to play and feel safe.

Ali Curung and the Desert Eagles men joined forces with Wayne Glenn from Red Dust to create a song (in language) about the importance of the Covid 19 vaccine. Vaccination rates in the Barkly are particularly low so it is hoped that when this video is finished it will help encourage vaccine uptake. We are currently talking to Barkly Regional Arts about getting the new music equipment out there to help with music development and engaging the 15-24 year olds in community.

### Challenges:

Renovations in Ali Curung, Alrparra and Ampilatwatja are progressing which is meaning our programs are continuing with limited space and resources in these communities.

The new Covid cases in Katherine / Robinson River put extra strain on project planning in communities, but we now have a clearer idea of protocols and more supplies of face masks etc. Elliott closed the park for 5 days, but instead did home deliveries of freshly cooked meals.

### Attendance:

Community	5 – 14 Year Olds	15 – 24 Year Olds	Total	Previous Month Total
Ali Curung	333	30	363	474
Alpurrurulam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ampilatwatja	285	32	317	388
Arlparra	156	185	341	1,917 (sports carnival)
Elliott	415	52	467*	648
Epenarra	54	0	54**	196

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

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

Dogs Rehomed: 5 Adults, 6 puppies from community rehomed all locally

De-sexing: 2

Dogs Impounded: 5

Euthanasia's: 1

Snake Removals: 0 retrieved

Our New Indigenous Environmental Health Officer has commenced and we welcome Kayne Presley to BRC. Kanye has already had a big introduction into his role, working with his Manager around regulatory issues such as the Centralian motors building on main road.

### 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
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Only have data for 4 days due to no TL.

Number Current month (TM)	6	6	5	6	4	27
Number Previous month (PM)	6	5	5	6	3	25

CHSP Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	5	12	11	3	5	36
Number Previous month (PM)	5	13	11	3	4	36

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

### Comment on overall FLEXI & CHSP:

The CHSP variation commenced in 1 July 2021 and we are tracking well to meet the new outputs, we will exceed outputs in Domestic Assistance and Individual Social Support but will be under in Personal Care, Centre Based Respite and possible Group Activities. There are 100% flexibility provisions again this year so we will be able to move funds between services.

RTO has been awarded to *Response Training* – Community Care training to commence early 2022.

Special measures have been put in place at each centre, including:

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

Meeting has been held at Elliott with staff and clients, providing them with much needed covid information.

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

### LIBRARY SERVICES

Highlights for the month:

- 1. Reception trial started November 15<sup>th</sup>. New opening hours: 8:15 4:15 weekdays, Saturdays as normal.
- 2. Lights in Kids room and edging of main room all replaced with LEDS

Public WI-FI/Internet outages x3 for a total of 4 days over the month had a minimal impact on service delivery this month.

Statistics				
Adults:	338			
Children:	53			
Computer users/Hours used:	29 / 17			
Wi-Fi users/Hours used:	6 / 7.5			
Total patronage:	391			
Daily Average:	15			
Item Circulation:	755			
New Items:	52			
Total Members:	859			

The Games club held 2 sessions with 7 attendees, we will continue to encourage community participation.

Currently focusing on a school holiday craft program to be held at the Library from Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December. Activities to be included are:

4 x crafts: *Christmas Wreaths, Iron-on Bead art, lanterns & Iron-on goodie bag.* On last day 4 mini craft kits will be handed out to participants to take home. This includes a foam Santa, a Felt stocking, scratch art and shrink film decorations.

### **SAFE HOUSES**

Elliott Safe House - November 2021		
Accommodation:	1	
Outreach:	3	
Visitors:	12	
Meetings:	3	
Steak-holders:	4	
Days in Training:	2	
Referrals:	2	

Ali Curung Safe House - November 2021				
Accommodation	11 Adults – 7 Children			
Outreach	18			
Evacuation from	2- 2 adults and 3			
Ali Curung	children. 1 under police			
	escort.			
Steak-holders:	9			
Visitors to	18 Adults – 8 Children			
program				
Days in Training:	2			
Referrals:	2			

The Elliott Safe House was able to successfully and safely, during COVID-19 Restrictions, outreach with 3 local women outside their homes. Taking gift bags for them and their children.

During November, the Service Delivery had some interruptions with COVID-19 Restrictions during Katherine Lockdown and Lockout. The Safe House remained open to Emergency Accommodation.

Items that are being looked at for the coming month:

- Women's Sacred Circles Tennant Creek Counsellor Candice Pethybridge
- Elliott Safe House Backyard Christmas BBQ
- Elliott Men's Health Week (postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions)

For Ali Curung, there has been a lot of Sorry Business in the area this month which led to many visitors on community and Grog Running has been an issue, which saw an increase of Domestic Violence and increase in woman and children seeking safety. There were also a number of clients requiring support off community.

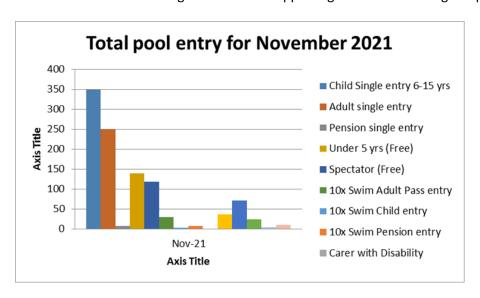
Many women are using the Safe House as a pre-emptive strategy to escape the violence before it escalates. Some of these women have had to flee without personal items and a times without their children. The police has been excellent in their support and their care of the women and children.

### **TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL**

Learn to Swimming Program with Royal lifesaving for Under 5 year old was held 1-5 November with an excellent turn out of participants. We were able to have a number of staff trained in the Learn to Swim Program, supporting delivery in the future.

Our fulltime coordinator Yves Makita has resigned and finished work at the end of November. Yves is relocating to Fiji and we wish her all the very best and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to BRC.

Jarrod Clark a local of Tennant Creek is our new Swimming Pool Coordinator. We welcome Jarrod and look forward to working with him and supporting him to become a great pool operator.





### **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:

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### **OPERATIONS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 15.1

TITLE December Director of Operations Report

**REFERENCE** 334999

**AUTHOR** Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpurrurulam

### RECOMMENDATION

### **That Council**

a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

### **BACKGROUND**

### **December Operations Director Report**

### **Summary:**

Access to some of our communities is still limited due to road closures, this month I have visited Elliott, Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja Communities to work with the Area Managers in addressing any issues that may have arisen. I am happy to report that the communities are looking great, despite the increased workloads due to the early rains.

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We are seeing an increase in COVID vaccinations in all of our communities which is positive news, we still have a long way to go in this area and it is good to see vaccinations finally being embraced by the Communities.

On behalf of the Operations Directorate I would like to thank the council for their support this year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### **Local Authority:**

This month we have Local Authorities scheduled with Ali Curung on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and Elliott Local Authority meeting scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> of December (to be confirmed).

### The Communities:

### Elliott:

Area Manager Ray Hocking has had a well-deserved 2 week holiday and the Team in Elliott have banded together to cover Rays time off. I have visited to give assistance where I can and I am in regular contact with the office.

Elliot will be holding their Staff Christmas Party on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

### Ali Curung:

Tim and the Ali Curung Team continue to do a great job in maintaining service delivery and keeping on top of the extra work brought on by the early rains.

Ali Curung will be holding their staff Christmas Party on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December at 1pm.

### Alpurrurulam:

In Alpurrurulam Heather Smith is fitting in very well in her role as Area Manager. This month Heather has been on a recruitment drive to fill vacancies created by resignations over the COVID vaccinations. This week Heather has been holding interviews to fill these positions. Alpurrurulam will be holding their Staff Christmas Party Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

### Ampilatwatja:

Bob Smith in Ampilatwatja is currently recruiting to cover resignations and held interviews this month to fill the vacancies. Bob and Tracey Smith have also submitted their resignations and after 8 years will be finishing up with Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2021. Ampilatwatja will be holding their Staff Christmas party on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

### **Wutunugurra**:

We are continuing to go through the recruitment process to fill the Community Coordinator position. Donna Eddie and her team are doing a great job and continue to provide council services to the community.

Wutunugurra will be holding their staff Christmas Party on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December at 1pm.

### **TC Depot**

Our Depot team has been kept very busy since the last council meeting with a number of priority task to complete. Staff shortages are hampering service delivery though we expect this to ease in the new year.

Richard James has resigned from Council and will join councilors for morning tea. I would like to thank Richard for all his hard work over the years with council and wish him well with his future endeavors.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 16.1

TITLE BRC aminal welfare/control management plan petition

REFERENCE 334089

**AUTHOR** Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

### **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 in this matter

16 December 2021

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### **SUMMARY:**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of November a petition was received from Mr Elliott McAdam.

The petition contained 638 signatures of which 417 have been deemed compliant with Council's Petition Management Policy.

The petition outlines 4 request:

- 1. Provide Adequate funding to immediately commence the Animal Management Program for Tennant Creek and all remote communities in the Barkly, funding to be ongoing.
- 2. Immediately commence a process to develop an animal management welfare/control plan, incorporating domestic animals, companion animals, feral animals, native animals.
- That all relevant stakeholders, central/northern land councils, traditional owners and members of the community be consulted and involved in all aspects of deliberations/plan.
- 4. Commence discussions immediately with all stakeholders including surrounding pastoral properties to explore options and secure funding for exclusion fencing to prevent domestic and feral animals from the Tennant Creek Town boundaries.

For councillors information I can provide the following feedback on each point.

Point 1. Council currently fully funds a Domestic Animal Management Program for Tennant Creek in line with our by-laws. Our by-laws cannot be enforced in either Community living areas or remote communities. Our Council Rangers do enforce the Animal Welfare Act in our Remote communities and Community Living Areas.

For many years Council has also sought funding to run domestic dog de-sexing programs. To provide some perspective Council has spent approximate \$600,000 on animal health programs using two separate Special Purpose Grants and around \$80,000 or Local Authority funding.

In addition to the de-sexing program, Council has supported our local vet practice through providing free clinic space and pay the associated building costs including power, water, rates and R&M. Council also expanded the vet clinic last year to provide space for a new operating theatre.

This is fare beyond our remit as a Council where our primary role with animals is impounding stray or dangerous dogs and trapping dogs and cats.

Point 2. Council has previously discussed broadening the current Domestic Animal Management Plan into an Animal Management Plan for the entire Barkly. Work has commenced to establish a working group to participate in the development of a plan. We are currently investigation the cost to get this work done externally as we lack sufficient

resources to complete the task in a timely manner. This project has not been budget for and may require Council to commit additional funding for this financial year to complete the task.

Point 3. Council has a well-established Community consultation plan that should be followed for this project.

Point 4. Council to follow the Community Consultation Policy for this project.

The organisers of the partition have done an excellent job gathering signatures and public support for this project and should be congratulated.

### Preparation of a new Animal Management Plan.

As presented to Council at the November Council meeting by Mr. McAdam and other concerned community members, there is a need to develop an animal management plan for the Barkly. This would replace our current domestic animal management plan.

We face a number of unique challenges due to our remote location including, roaming cattle, horse's and donkeys and a lack of adequate care for many domestic animals. The work required to enforce our by-laws and assist with animal welfare programs has kept Council rangers busy. In addition there are challenges with feral animals killing native wildlife.

To develop a holistic, appropriate and achievable animal plan, Council will need to work closely with the Northern Territory Government as many of the issues we face are not covered by adequate legislation to deal with the problems.

Should council wish to proceed with the project the first step is to ask stakeholders what needs to be included in the plan. This can be done initially by engaging with the already established E-Canis working Ground and converting that group to an animal welfare advisory group.

Once the information is obtained we can follow our community consultation plan and once complete and subject to funds being available, commence the search for a suitably qualified consultant to complete the plan. This could then go out for public comment prior to council approving the new plan.

Council needs to consider that we cannot do this alone. We will require assistance from the Northern Territory Government to potentially update bylaws and introduce new legislation to give either Council Rangers or other groups the power to take action on matters concerning livestock, feral animals and native animals. In addition Companion Animal Legislation may need to be finalised and Councils given expanded powers to protect companion animals.

We look forward to Councils feedback on the matter

### **BACKGROUND**

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### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 16.2

TITLE General Business

REFERENCE 335014

AUTHOR Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council** 

a) Receive and note the report

### **SUMMARY:**

Deputy Mayor Stokes has raised the following items for discussion.

### **BACKGROUND**

- Footpath to Wuppa from high school
- Is there anything for disabled people at the dam?
- Blackmore street no scoop or footpath
- Corner of Hilda St need footpath to caravan park
- The disability needs access to their footpath all around town

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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### **ATTACHMENTS**:

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