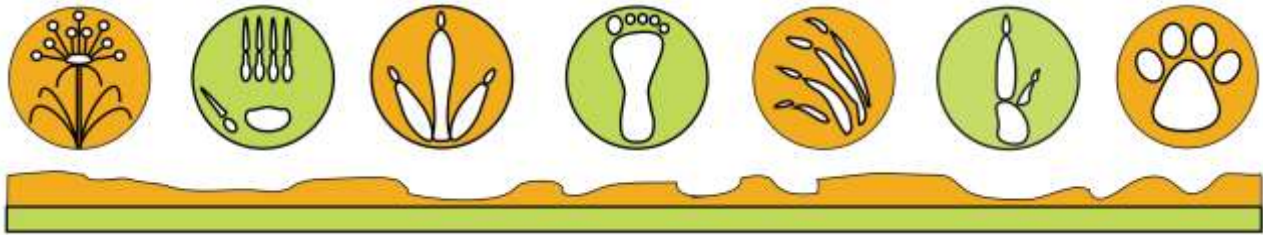


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2022

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 24 November 2022 at 12.30pm.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

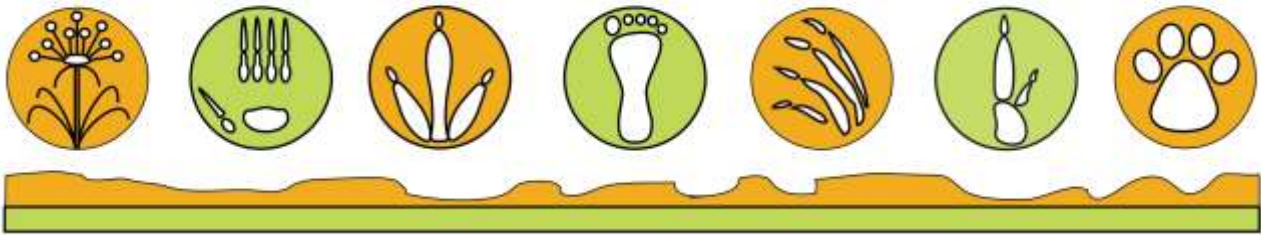
We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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

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

COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within 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

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Minutes of Special Ordinary Meeting - 15 November 2022
REFERENCE	378776
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Confirm the Minutes of the Special Ordinary Meeting held on 15 November 2022 as a true and accurate record;
- b) Receive again and note the 2021-2022 Annual Report and audited General Purpose Financial Statements.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to review and confirm the Minutes of the Special Ordinary Meeting of Council that was held on 15 November to consider and endorse Council's 2021-2022 Annual Report and audited General Purpose Financial Statements. This report also provides Council with a further opportunity to review and discuss the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

BACKGROUND

The Annual Report is an important point of accountability between Council and its community. It demonstrates how Council is progressing the achievement of its commitments as outlined in the annual Regional Plan.

Council also has an obligation under the Local Government Act to ensure that the Annual Report is completed, published and provided to the Minister for Local Government within a prescribed timeframe. Barkly Regional Council met this statutory requirement, with Minister Paech receiving the report following the Special Council Meeting on 15 November.

On Tuesday 15th November 2022 Barkly Regional Council published its annual report and audited general purpose financial statements for the financial year 2021-2022.

The report was received and noted by Council at a Special General Meeting for that purpose. It was presented to the Minister for Local Government Minister Paech; to the NT Grants Commissioner; posted on Council's website; and a public notice has been published in the Tennant District Times, consistent with Council's obligations under the s260 of the Local Government Act, and s16 and 17 of the General Regulations.

Staff are to be commended on their efforts in compiling the report, on achieving the outcomes described in it.

The teamwork demonstrated is a credit to all, and should provide Council with enormous optimism for the future of BRC!

Together we will take BRC from operating reactively to leading the way in efficiency, innovation and community service – with compliance as a default way of doing business.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Failure to meet the requirements under s290 Of the Local Government Act 2019, and under s16 of the General Regulations is an offence. Committing an offence under the Local Government Act places Council at risk of prosecution for non-compliance, and is a reputational risk.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no direct implications to budget in the publication of this report, beyond that which is described in the annual report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) BRC Annual Report 2021-2022.pdf

2 [↓](#) Special Ordinary Council meeting_15-11-2022_MINUTES.pdf



2021-2022 *Annual Report*



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We pay our respects to the ancestors and Elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

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

WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are warned that the following Plan may contain images and names of people who have died.

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Message from the Mayor



I am delighted to present to you Barkly Regional Council's 2021-22 Annual Report. It reflects an incredible year of resilience and significant achievements amid the upheavals of a global pandemic, changes in staff and even a whole new council!

This financial year saw some significant changes for Council, with the election of a new governing body, the fourth Barkly Regional Council in August 2021, and the appointment of new CEO, Emma Bradbury, in early 2022.

The final meeting of the third Barkly Regional Council was held on 26 August 2021, marking the end of service for over two thirds of the council. I'd really like to thank the outgoing councillors for their contribution and commitment to the Barkly region.

I was also immensely humbled to be directly elected to the role of Mayor after serving by appointment since the resignation of our previous Mayor Steve Edgington to successfully contest the Territory government elections.

We inducted all councillors, including a massive eight brand new councillors. The election of Cllr Dianne Stokes as Deputy Mayor saw our new team come together really strongly, with great representation from two worlds.

Council supported the Electoral Commissioner travelling to remote communities to facilitate voting and increase voter participation, which is an issue we continue to work on across the year. It's so important for everyone to have their vote!

COVID lockdown over the Christmas period following an outbreak in Tennant Creek brought a whole host of challenges, with Council and staff finding solutions to keep the wheels turning.

Having been elected to represent council on the LGANT Executive Committee we were pleased to see our advocacy resulting in a greater equity across a number of Rates categories particularly for Mining and Agricultural properties. In fact all of Barkly Regional Council's motions were carried at this year's LGANT AGM.

Addressing the challenges of anti-social behaviour remained a high priority and key focus for our council this year. I and all NT Mayors met with the Chief Minister, Police Minister and other agencies to drive a united approach to this costly and debilitating issue that impacts all of us across the Northern Territory.

Council was proud to host NTG's Community Cabinet Meeting, and while here, Chief Minister Gunner cut the ribbon at the new Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel. ABC TV's Backroads program came to town, with host Kurt Fearnley spending time with YouthLinx and at the Tennant Creek swimming pool.

In June, I hosted a mock Council meeting with a group of students from Tennant Creek High School. The voice of our young people as advisors to council is such an important part of our future. The leadership our Council provides today creates the future our youth will inherit, so it's important that they have a voice in informing it.

One of my favourite events in Council's calendar is the Citizenship ceremonies which we hold in January, and again at the end of the year.

The election of this new Council provides a point in time for this Council to build on the legacy we have inherited to create a stronger, more robust and sustainable future for our Council and our community.

We are now well progressed in delivering on commitments of the 2022-23 Regional Plan, and look forward to reporting to you again next year.

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Mayor

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Having joined the Barkly Regional Council in March this year I am really pleased to share with you Council's Annual Report for 2021-22. In presenting this report I acknowledge the work of those who have come before me, including the leadership and legacy of previous CEO Steve Moore.

Overall, it has been a year of change and a year of challenges.

I would particularly like to commend the resilience and commitment of our remarkable staff during this time, and thank them for their tireless effort. I am truly proud of the achievements of all our staff during this year.

Working through Covid lockdowns, travel restrictions, food shortages and flooding our staff protected and maintained services to all our communities while closed borders left the organisation without an enduring CEO for over a month.

The teamwork of the Directors and Council at that time forged a strong bond under the guidance of Director of Infrastructure, Santosh Narula, whose untimely passing was a terrible shock to us all.

During the pandemic, waste management and collection was maintained, with breakdowns calling for innovative solutions and an all-in effort to ensure the public health and the amenity of our communities.

More recently, the competition for contractors, trades and materials sorely tested our project delivery goals. In this environment of shortages of staff and supply, I am proud to report that Council continued to deliver strongly on essential services, infrastructure projects and community programs.

YouthLinx, the Remote Sports and Recreation program and our Community Care NDIS and aged care services have all provided high levels of engagement, not only with clients and community participants – but also through collaborative relationships with other service providers across the Barkly.

During this year Local Authorities met when COVID restrictions permitted, and provided a strong voice to Council to ensure that the needs of our remote communities are understood and supported. I am in awe of the work done by our staff on community

– none more so than our Area Managers who by sheer force of will, skill and determination provide leadership and support that is the hallmark of our Council's values.

This has been the second consecutive year that has seen the loss of key personnel, resulting in a significant gap in corporate knowledge and processes. Like so many councils in remote areas, staff attraction and retention is a significant challenge, but one which we are committed to resolving through strong and reliable recruitment, commitment to our values and innovating to our environment.

This year has also seen the commencement of our program to build a stronger financial future, by better understanding our current position, by enhancing our internal controls and processes, and by preparing to capture the opportunities before us.

Without strong and stable foundations supported by the right people and a sound financial position, Council will struggle to deliver the services our community deserves, maintain our assets or grow our economy.

To that end, I would like to acknowledge the remarkable dedication of Mayor Jeff McLaughlin and the leadership of all our Councillors. Rarely have I seen a council so collaborative or singular in its commitment to improvement, and to implementing the changes required to ensure a sustainable future.

The 2021-22 Regional Plan provided a strong foundation for the development of future plans for our Region. This report not only reflects the achievements of the year just gone, but serves also to help shape future planning processes.

In all, this year really was one of tremendous effort, great achievement, demonstrating that within our staff, our Council and our community beats a heart as big as the Barkly.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer



The Barkly Regional Council's logo was created by Barbara Whippy who incorporated logos from the previous smaller community councils.

The base line for the logo is the "McDouall Ranges" north of Tennant Creek, named by John McDouall Stuart on in June, 1860. This was in honour of Colonel James McDouall, of the 2nd Life Guards, Logan and Wigtownshire. Locally they are known as the Honeymoon Ranges so called by the newlyweds camping on their mining leases in the range during the 1930s gold rush.

Above, there is a row of symbols starting with the Sandover Lily which represents the Urapuntja or Utopia region, the Lizard which symbolises Nyinkka, a sacred symbol in Tennant Creek, and Emu which characterises Elliott and the surrounding region.

The footprint in the centre represents humanity – all of the people of the Barkly – with the Bat representing Alpururulam, Kangaroo characterising Ampilatwatja and Dingo a sacred symbol for Ali Curung.

The Tracks of the Barkly logo shows that Barkly Regional Council as represented by the Council laws are listening to the communities and to the people of this vast remote region, not only with their intellects but with their heart.

About our region

Situated in the eastern central region of the Northern Territory, the Barkly Region is the second largest local government area in Australia, and the fourth largest in the world.

The region features two town centres: Tennant Creek and Elliott.

It also includes a number of smaller townships, localities and homelands including: Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Canteen Creek, Mungkarta, Murray Downs, Tara and Wutunugurra.



Barkly Regional Council

Barkly Regional Council is divided into four wards, represented by the Mayor and twelve councillors:

MAYOR	Jeffrey McLaughlin
ALYAWARR WARD	Cr Anita Bailey Cr Jack Clubb Cr Noel Hayes Cr Derek Walker
PATTA WARD	Cr Greg Marlow Cr Russell O'Donnell Cr Ronald Plummer Cr Hal Ruger Cr Dianne Stokes
ALPURRURULAM	Cr Pam Corbett
KUWARRANGU	Cr Lennie Barton Cr Heather Wilson

Our Councillors



Mayor: Jeffrey McLaughlin

ALYAWARR WARD



Cr Anita Bailey



Cr Jack Clubb



Cr Noel Hayes



Cr Derek Walker

PATTA WARD



Cr Greg Marlow



Cr Russell O'Donnell



Cr Ronald Plummer



Cr Hal Ruger



Deputy Mayor: Dianne Stokes

ALPURRURULAM



Cr Pam Corbett



Cr Lennie Barton



Cr Heather Wilson

KUWARRANGU



Cr Lennie Barton



Cr Heather Wilson

Local Authorities

Barkly Regional Council is supported at a local level by seven Local Authorities. The Local Authorities, established in Northern Territory legislation, support Council by:

- ✓ involving local communities more closely in issues related to local government
- ✓ ensuring that local communities are given an opportunity to express opinions on local government matters
- ✓ allowing local communities a voice when policies are being developed for the locality, as well as the area and region
- ✓ taking views of local communities to the Regional Council and acting as an advocate on behalf of the local communities
- ✓ contributing to development of this Regional Plan
- ✓ making recommendations in relation to Council's Budget, and expenditure relating to the Local Authority's area.

Each Local Authority includes members and a chairperson, and their meetings are attended by the Mayor, available Ward councillors and Council staff.

Barkly Region Local Authorities have been established in:

- Ali Curung
- Alpururulam
- Ampilatwatja
- Arlparra
- Elliott
- Tennant Creek
- Wutunugurra





The Organisation of Council

Council's organisation is currently structured under four directorates which report to the Chief Executive Officer.

These directorates are:

- Infrastructure
- Corporate Services
- Operations
- Community Development

All Council functions and service delivery are provided through these four directorates.





Council's Vision & Values

Our Vision

We strive to be a **responsive, progressive, sustainable** Council which **respects, listens** and **empowers** the people to be strong.

Core Values

Our values inform how we work and are reflected in our employees and services.

Our values are founded in the service standards, and are lived out through our interactions with each other:



We believe that all people in all communities are equal in dignity and have equal rights



Our employees are committed to working with people and communities in a way that values them, that are non-discriminatory, and that promote social justice



We are committed to the common good. Our employees work with people to ensure that they have access to the resources and services they need to effectively participate in the community



Our employees value the contributions of clients and communities, and foster local community-driven services



Our Reconciliation Action Plan will be used to create greater understanding of how we can best deliver services and support to all communities of the Barkly.



Culture Day



Naidoc Day 2022



The Barkly Regional Deal

Regional Deals are part of the Australian Government's place-based approach to regional development.

Adapted from the City Deals model, they bring together Commonwealth, State/Territory and Local Government to maximise the comparative advantages of Regions through stronger collaboration, alignment and coordination of investment priorities.

Regional Deals aim to strengthen regional resilience, facilitate collaboration across all parts of the community, invest in local leadership, capability and capacity, and translate regional assets into economic development and investment opportunity.

The Barkly Regional Deal brings together the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council in a shared commitment to achieving positive, sustainable outcomes for our region.

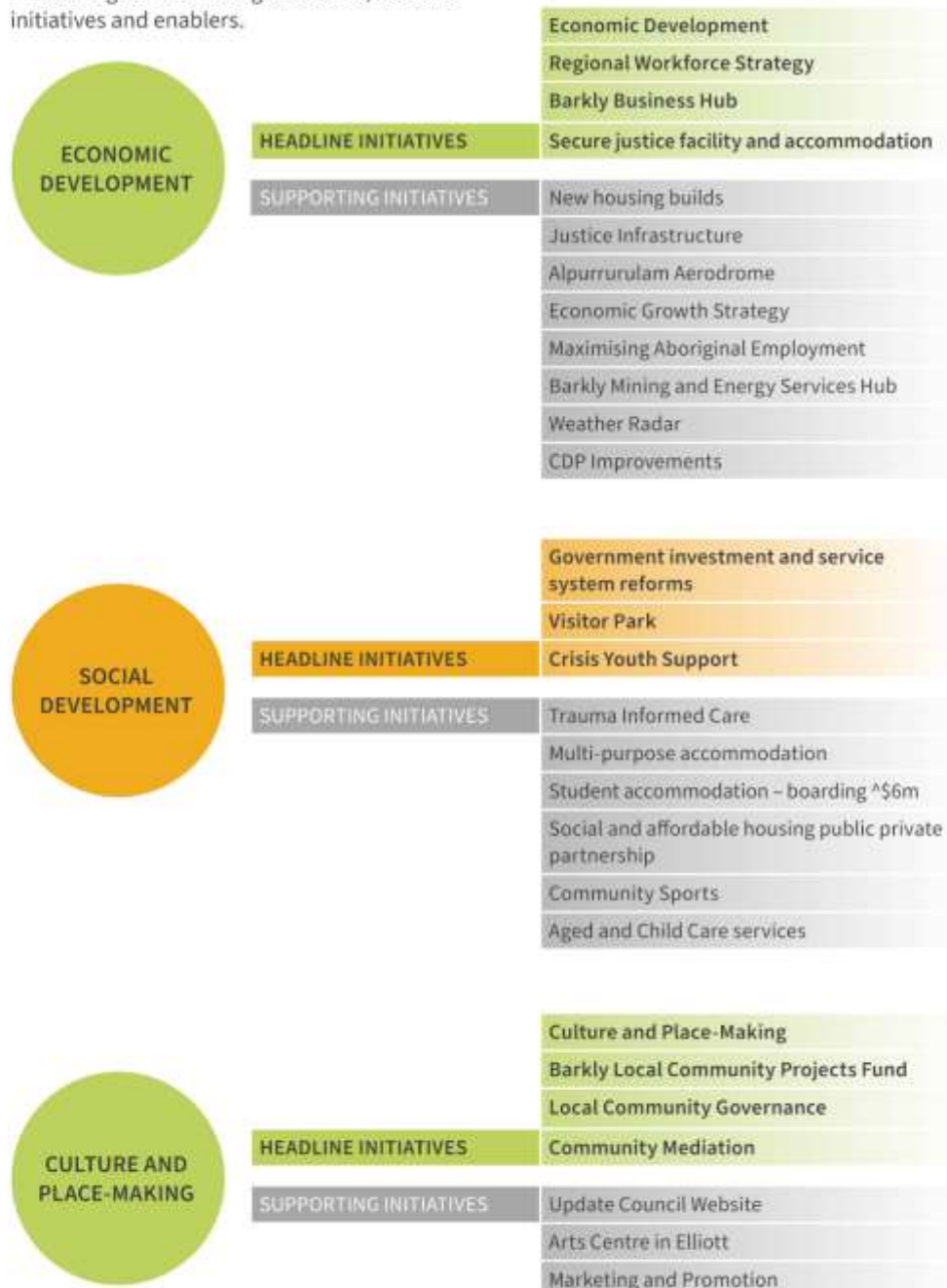
During 2021-22, Council's focus was to ...



The path to implementation

A plan is nothing without a clear path to implementation, and this one is complex.

The implementation of the Deal focuses on a mix of tangible and intangible assets, headline initiatives and enablers.



Our goals for 2021-22

During the 2021-22 financial year, Council identified 7 key goals around which its annual activities were shaped:

1. **Become the Employer of Choice in the Barkly Region**
2. **Have a strong, culturally appropriate and respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region**
3. **Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly Region**
4. **Provide services, facilities and programs to address social inequality and advance the region**
5. **Develop the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors**
6. **Provide leadership through best practice in governance and financial management**
7. **Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly**

The following pages provide an update on Council's progress on delivering and achieving these goals:

GOAL 1: *Become the Employer of Choice in the Barkly Region*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 1.1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time employees	
Staff engagement initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff held a range of community-based BBQs and morning teas in Tennant Creek and on community. • Learning and Development initiatives with operational staff around WHS progressed through training workshops in person and online. • Staff appraisal system under review to align with strategic and operational KPIs • Remuneration reviews are in progress • Some of our Community Care workers commenced CERT III training • Council's COVID response included organising mandatory employee vaccinations to support staff to stay at work and be healthy
Recruitment of staff who suit the role	
Annual staff survey	
Bi-annual performance appraisals	
Convert casual staff to permanent	



Water Safety Week



ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 1.2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating Training and Development plans	
Develop individual training and development plans to align with strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development meetings were held on community including with Community Development, Safe House, and Night Patrol teams
Biannual performance appraisals incorporating employee career paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All community-based staff have received induction through their Area Managers
Identify gaps between current staffing and workforce needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ESO and Area Managers successfully completed ARO training and certification
Review Workforce Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new appraisal program is under development to include individual training plan and identify career development opportunities Youth Sport and Recreation staff are completing certificate training Development of Workforce Management Plan commenced, with initial focus on understanding external and internal environmental risks and opportunities Learning & Development initiatives for Council staff during this financial year included: backhoe and bobcat training, snake handling, 4WD course, weeds management, chemical safety, skid steer and grader End-of-year employee appraisals undertaken to identify goals, training and aspirations for 2022 Training completed for community staff in managing aggressive behaviour Training for our Safe House Coordinators in the We Al-li Trauma Informed Care initiative Staff 'toolbox talks' included subjects such as COVID vaccination, alcohol & other drugs, remote driving, dehydration, melioidosis awareness and skin/sun protection Continued to deliver the Core Skills Program, funded through the NTG's Aboriginal Workforce Grant, mentoring Indigenous employees and supporting them with literacy and numeracy, and programs that support employee wellbeing and retention Asbestos Awareness training delivered for 20 staff Community Care training provided to employees on community in Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Arlparra Induction of Depot team in the use of SOPs (Safe Operating Procedures) Five Community Safety Program staff supported to obtain their driver's licence

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 1.3: Improve staff engagement and morale	
<p>Staff engagement initiatives</p> <p>Organisation-wide acknowledgement of staff who perform above and beyond</p> <p>Quarterly staff briefings</p> <p>Exit interviews for resigning staff</p> <p>Annual staff survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Recognition of Resilience' certificates for all staff in recognition of their engagement and delivery during the pandemic • Recognition of Service certificates for staff who have been with council for 5, 10 and 15 years • Quarterly BBQs with staff around communities held to acknowledge staff contribution • Development of a staff intranet portal to support staff to access the information they need to do their jobs • Thank you staff and families barbeque held to conclude this financial year
Objective 1.4: Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region	
<p>Recruit school leavers from Barkly high schools at the end of the school year</p> <p>Use CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent employment</p> <p>Use electronic media to advertise staff vacancies</p> <p>Use Tennant Creek Show Day and Careers Day to promote Council to the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YouthLinx supported some of our local young people to progress to careers in local government through casual employment • Continued Council's relationship with RISE and Rainbow Gateway to support ongoing employment of local and Indigenous staff into community and operations roles • Established training relationship with CDU in communities to develop free ticketed training for staff in plant, equipment and civil non-accredited training • The development of a Careers Pathway for High School students as part of council's apprenticeship and traineeship pathways has commenced • 'Literacy for Life' student visits held for jobseekers to explore employment opportunities that exist in local government
Objective 1.5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	
<p>Review staff performance and provide feedback</p> <p>Streamline and document recruitment process</p> <p>Identify areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy</p> <p>Maximise use of recruitment software</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly reports have been provided to Council including workforce metrics and insights into workforce planning needs • An automated appraisal system has been developed to improve staff delivery of operational and strategic KPIs • Commenced review of current recruitment software to identify opportunities for efficiencies and effective delivery of service to communities

GOAL 2: *Have a strong, culturally appropriate and respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 2.1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	
Support LAs to meet as scheduled, and enforce attendance policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA meetings are scheduled throughout the year and Council is represented at each meeting
Hold a public forum in each community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many LA meetings were cancelled or failed to achieve a quorum during this financial year due to COVID restrictions or related issues
Conduct a resident satisfaction survey in each community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennant Creek LA formed and two meetings held
Objective 2.2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	
Conduct satisfaction surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings were held with external stakeholders to identify partnership opportunities
Hold a public forum in each community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRD Backbone meetings were held quarterly with key stakeholder partners
Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison with local, regional and Territory tourism stakeholders to boost tourism in the Barkly Council participated on the BRD Governance Table Council participated in the LG2030 Strategy to address shared issues that Regional Councils face, such as income generation through rates and the challenges of recruiting and retaining staff A satisfaction survey was completed with Arlparra Community Care clients Council received a community petition relating to animal managements, which will inform the development of a regional Animal Management Plan The Community Safety Team held a community engagement barbeque at Murray Downs, focussing on the need for community support and identifying community safety priorities

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 2.3: Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross-cultural environment	
Recruit only people suitable for the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing cross-cultural knowledge is collected as part of the interview process
Maintain a program for councillors and LAs to brief new staff on the area and cultural history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A community induction program was created for Council staff
Widely use the community and cultural induction booklet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Managers and Community Development Managers ensure staff are familiarised with our cross-cultural community during staff onboarding and induction
Identify new staff to attend and participate in cross-cultural training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation by Council of LTRISH as approved Cultural Competency training provider
Objective 2.4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy	
Hold quarterly staff briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council issued regular media releases to share information with the community
Use social media platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council utilised its Facebook page to share important updates
Keep Council's website current and relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council meeting agendas and minutes, and key corporate documents are published on Council's website
Conduct exit interviews for staff who resign	
Conduct annual staff survey	
Objective 2.5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	
Regularly review staff performance and provide feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly reports have been provided to Council including workforce metrics and insights into workforce planning needs
Streamline and document the recruitment process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An automated appraisal system has been explored for implementation to improve staff delivery of operational and strategic KPIs. Yet to be fully implemented
Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See also report at Objective 1.5 above
Maximise the use of recruitment software	
Monthly staff updates	

GOAL 3: *Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly Region*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 3.1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard	
Maintain a Workforce Plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the Snap, Send, Solve ticketing system to assist members of the public to identify and communicate faults and damage, and resolve issues in a timely manner
Maintain a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly reporting on FTE and mapping of key roles to proactively manage gaps
Develop and maintain a ticketing system to identify faulty/damaged property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 of Tennant Creek road re-sealing program was completed Pool covers were installed at Tennant Creek pool Upgrades were completed on fencing at Ali Curung Safe House Funding was received from NTG to support security upgrades at Elliott and Ali Curung safe houses (including CCTV and intercom systems)
Objective 3.2: Maintain a five-year infrastructure plan	
Complete commenced infrastructure projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed infrastructure projects around community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennant Creek Youth Centre construction well-progressed Priority road sealing in Tennant Creek Chapel at Tennant Creek Cemetery Playground upgrade at Lake Mary Ann Skatepark in Alpururulam Basketball court in Alpururulam Ablution block in Ampilatwatja Sport & Recreation Centre refurbishment in Ampilatwatja Football change rooms in Elliott BMX track in Wutunugurra
Identify priority maintenance needs of existing infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Purkiss Reserve upgrade in Tennant Creek remains an ongoing project, with construction partner Department of Planning Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL)
Budget to meet infrastructure requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tennant Creek streetscape upgrade commenced The five-year Infrastructure Plan was updated, identifying a wish list of infrastructure projects for Council to pursue, including community projects identified in consultation with LAs

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 3.3: Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	
Conduct a public forum in each community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from all LA meetings are included in Council Business Papers, and recommendations for advocacy and expenditure are brought to Council for resolution
Ensure LAs are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning is reviewed twice yearly by LAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council attends all LA meetings, providing a conduit directly from each local community to the Council
Conduct a community survey in each community	
Objective 3.4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	
Maintain a Workforce Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade to facilities at the Tennant Creek Waste Management facility
Annual maintenance budgets sufficient to cover basic maintenance needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wutunugurru BMX track construction completed
Update and maintain Asset Management Plan and review annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpurrurulam skate park completed Elliott Football oval change rooms constructed
Complete and implement annual planned maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpurrurulam basketball court completed Wutunugurra Women's Art Centre completed Lake Mary Ann Dam picnic tables rebuilt Council took ownership of the gym in Tennant Creek Construction of an ablution block in Ampilatwatja completed



Surgery set up nice rainy day Ampilatwatja.



Healthy dogs waiting for tick and mange treatment.

GOAL 4: *Provide services, facilities and programs to address social inequality and advance the region*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 4.1: Provide employment opportunities for Barkly residents	
Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly HS at the end of the school year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local and Indigenous Employment Pathways under development
Develop individual training and development plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New appraisal system is under development as requested by staff to include in personal development plan Engagement of second mechanic apprentice
Continue apprenticeship and traineeship programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the NTG to identify Indigenous funding opportunities
Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing implementation of LLN program Expansion of Student Aware program to sponsor a student and contribute to education activities
Objective 4.2: Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly	
Participate in local, Territory and national forums to promote the needs of Barkly residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's CEO made the keynote address to LGANT's Annual Conference Council's motions to LGANT all passed in the affirmative
Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council continues its representation on the Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table
Work with government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council is represented on the Barkly Regional Coordination Committee, which brings together all three levels of government The Barkly Region hosted the NTG's Community Cabinet The Mayor and CEO held meetings with the Chief Minister and other Ministers to advocate for Barkly Priorities Development of Annual Regional Plan 2022-2023 Commencement of the Better Barkly 2050 Strategic Plan Supported the Barkly Sports Hub to become an Incorporated Association Council provided advocacy on behalf of Safe House clients to access Bush Court for DVOs during COVID restrictions

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 4.3: Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities	
<p>Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well-presented</p> <p>Deliver efficient and effective Municipal Services</p> <p>Participate in the annual Tidy Towns competition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient and effective delivery of Municipal Services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Scheduled waste collection ◦ Maintenance of public areas ◦ Maintenance of cemeteries ◦ Bitumen and sealed roads maintenance ◦ Graded roads within community living areas ◦ Council support for Tidy Towns, assisting with funding application and visiting communities • A Safety Audit was conducted by Royal Life Saving of Tennant Creek Pool, and Council addressed issues identified (for example installing retractable hoses to prevent hoses being trip hazards) • Local Laws Rangers activities included dog impounding, dog and cat rehoming, vehicle removals, weeds awareness training in communities, addressing illegal dumping, tree trimming in laneways, working with the vet to desex, vaccinate and microchip dogs, snake removal, and animal welfare activities • Local Law Rangers ran an Animal Adoption campaign to reduce number of animals in the Pound. Also worked with the local vet and AMRRIC to deliver a desexing and animal wellbeing program across the region • Dog health promotion activities were undertaken in response to the Ehrlichiosis Canis (tick) issue • Mosquito monitoring was undertaken • Wet season preparation in the communities was completed including mowing, airstrip maintenance, fire breaks and community clean-ups • Mural painting project in Epenarra as a sign for the Sport & Rec area • Crush and removal from the Elliott waste facility of collected dumped vehicles • Rangers conducted Fire Hazard Audits and followed up property owners to complete hazard reduction or clearing
Objective 4.4: Maintain a five-year infrastructure plan	
<p>Grow the five-year infrastructure plan to be a 10-year plan</p> <p>Effectively maintain new infrastructure required in each community</p> <p>Effectively maintain current infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The five-year Infrastructure Plan was updated, identifying a wish list of infrastructure projects for Council to pursue, including community projects identified in consultation with LAs • Ongoing consultation with LAs to establish the framework for a longer 10-year infrastructure plan • Ongoing maintenance occurring as required
Objective 4.5: Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly	
<p>Identify new funded programs that fit with Council's strategic objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council successfully pursued a range of grant opportunities to support program delivery, community events and infrastructure projects

Barkly Regional Council also delivers a range of services to our local communities. Some of the activities undertaken during the 2021-22 financial year are summarised below:

YOUTHLINX

- Community-based school holiday programs, including bush trips, volleyball and bands
- Activities include soccer, basketball and oz tag and discos
- Deadly Heart Trek visit, providing heart checks for young people at YouthLinx and Tennant Creek High School
- School holiday programs included a Family Fun Day and a Halloween Disco Night Party
- School holiday programs included table tennis tournaments, slip and slides, 3v3 basketball and aquatic activities
- School holiday program activities included ball games, slip and slides, card games, music, cooking activities, bush walking, family picnics, including collaboration with Moriarty Foundation
- Commencement of After School Care programs by YouthLinx following closure of the Anyinginyi service
- Tennant Creek swimming pool activities included school swimming carnivals, delivery of Royal Life Saving courses, under 5's swimming lessons and YouthLinx school holiday and after-school programs
- Activities included cooking, movies, indoor games and basketball
- Girls' health and wellbeing day hosted by YouthLinx

COMMUNITY CARE

- Programs include bush medicine activities, COVID support, NDIS telehealth therapy services
- Increasing aged care and NDIS participant numbers in Elliott, Arlparra and Ampilatwatja
- Aged Care service made contactless meal deliveries during COVID to support clients while usual activities were on hold
- COVID RAT kits purchased in bulk and distributed throughout the region to all our staff to help ensure a safe and healthy workplace

LIBRARIES

- Programs including Games Club, Neighbourhood Watch home security workshop
- Library program included story time/craft time in the school holidays

SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM

- Programs including women's community workshop in Elliott
- Safe Houses program ran a popular mothers/carers playgroup in Ali Curung

YOUTH, SPORTS & RECREATION PROGRAM

- Arlparra youth sports and rec program wen to CAAMA studios and recorded 6 songs and performed them
- Softball, dodgeball and a nutrition program in Epenarra
- Delivered Regional Softball competition in collaboration with Softball NT, with six teams competing
- School holiday programs into the communities, including JMF, gymnastics, building a stage for music performances as part of the music program
- Barkly Sports initiatives include tennis, softball, soccer, darts, yoga and BMX
- Support for the Arlparra sports weekend, with participants from Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Murray Downs
- Activities included Elliott basketball teams travelling to Alice Springs to participate in the Southern Cup, school holiday soccer programs (in collaboration with Moriarty Foundation) I Ali Curung and Elliot, the Arlparra sports carnival with football, softball and a Battle of the Bands competition
- Barkly Sports initiatives included participation in a soccer carnival in Katherine, the Rossy Williams cricket carnival, touch footy program and yoga. Ash Barty visit put on hold due to COVID
- Music equipment purchased to support a music focus in Ali Curung, with support from Barkly Regional Arts and Desert Eagles band, including a concert
- With donations from CAYLUS, delivered activity packs and phone credits, with essential PPE and toys/ games for young people in remote communities to keep them occupied during the lock downs
- The Regional Sports Program supported the annual Golden Nugget darts competition with the provision of 16 new dart boards and surrounds
- The Remote Sports & Rec program activities included slip and slide, bush trips, music program, sports, arts and crafts, food drops (including to out stations), gymnastics, painting
- Regional Sports Program activities included soccer, tennis, touch football, yoga, softball and cricket
- Commence operating the TC Fitness & Wellness Centre (the Gym)
- Additional CAYLUS support for activity packs for kids in communities affected by COVID, including marbles, Uno and colouring books, with meal drop-offs by Council staff
- Regional Sports program activities included soccer, tennis, touch football, yoga, softball and cricket
- The Remote Sports & Rec program activities included skateboarding, Easter-themed arts and crafts, softball, music, bush trips, movie night with a barbeque, concert featuring local bands, soccer, slip and slide, football, 5x5 basketball.
- Regional Sports Program focused on getting the gym ready for opening plus delivered soccer, tennis, touch football and yoga activities
- Remote Sports & Rec program conducted school holiday programs that included Ali Curung staff taking kids on bush trips, Elliott team delivering a range of sports programs including basketball competitions, Ampilatwatja activities included Easter egg decoration and an Easter egg hunt, and staff from Arlparra, Elliott and Ali Curung undertaking a Sports & Recreation Certificate through Charles Darwin University
- TC Gym open day held and development of fitness classes
- Regional Sports Program activities included soccer, tennis, yoga, social basketball competition
- Barkly Sports initiatives included netball, league tag, tennis court upgrade, volleyball equipment
- Learn to swim program with Royal Life Saving for under 5 year olds at TC pool

GOAL 5: *Develop the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 5.1: Attract new investment into the Barkly	
<p>Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly</p> <p>Participate in the BRD Economic Development Working Group</p> <p>Identify new business opportunities through public consultation, including with Government and business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council participated in Newcastle Water Redevelopment Plan • Meetings and community forums were held with SunCable • Presentation to Council from the Australian Electric Vehicle Association about developing a network of EV charging stations across the Barkly • Development of the annual Regional Plan 2022-2023 • Commencement of a Strategic Plan – Better Barkly 2050
Objective 5.2: Gain additional government spending in the Barkly Region	
<p>Participate in local, Territory and national forums to promote the needs of Barkly residents</p> <p>Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly</p> <p>Work with government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council hosted a Community Cabinet meeting for the NT Government • Meetings were held with the Chief Minister and other Ministers to advocate for Barkly Priorities • Council secured funding for covers at Tennant Creek swimming pool • Council's CEO made the keynote address to LGANT Annual Conference about the objectives of the Barkly Regional Deal • Council's Motions to LGANT all passed in the affirmative • Representation of Council on the Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table • Participation on the Barkly Regional Coordination Committee, bringing together all three levels of government who are working in the Barkly
Objective 5.3: Increase tourism in the Barkly Region	
<p>Promote the Tourism Master Plan</p> <p>Participate in the Barkly Tourism Action Group</p> <p>Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media channels</p> <p>Support and promote community events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council worked with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly with the wayfinding strategy, and advocated for a Visitor Information Centre to be located on the Stuart Highway

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 5.4: Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly	
Work with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NTG supplied Council with two Wash Water Trailers for use at community events both in Tennant Creek and the communities
Maintain partnerships to make greater use of Council assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council funded the BRD Backbone Team, which leads the community sports initiative and the BBRF infrastructure program
Partner with local business and BRD Economic Development Working Group to identify new business opportunities for the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAIDOC celebrations were held in Ali Curung • Water Safety Week was promoted in collaboration with Royal Lifesaving at Tennant Creek pool • A youth COVID vaccination promotion was undertaken in collaboration with NTG and CAYLUS • Community Safety staff assisted with the 'Safe & Respected Families Fishing Competition' in Elliott • Ali Curung, Desert Eagles men and Red Dust's Wayne Glenn worked together to create a song in language to promote COVID vaccination • YouthLinx school holiday program activities included an Easter Brunch Party held in collaboration with other community service providers • The Arlparra Remote Sports & Recreation team collaborated with Barkly Regional Arts to support Utopia's New Boys band to write some new songs for their first album and deliver a concert • The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy visited Ali Curung • With support from AMRRIC, a regional animal census was undertaken to support the development of the Animal Management Plan, and 124 dogs and 32 cats were desexed during a 3-week animal health program to remote communities • Council hosted Tennant Creek Girl Guides for their end of year awards ceremony • Australia Day event included Citizenship Ceremony and Australia Day Awards, but family day at LMAD cancelled due to COVID risks • Supported the emergency response to a COVID outbreak in Ali Curung as well as delivering PPE to a number of remote communities

GOAL 6: *Provide leadership through best practice in governance and financial management*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 6.1: 100% compliance with the Local Government Act	
<p>Conduct an annual review and periodic audit to ensure compliance with internal policies and local government legislation</p> <p>Maintain the risk management strategy and policy via the Audit & Risk Committee</p> <p>Conduct annual review of finance policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed annual financial audit Identified areas for continuous improvement in the areas of Audit and Risk Management
Objective 6.2: Zero incidents of fraud and no audit qualifications	
<p>Maintain policies and procedures to ensure they are robust and best practice</p> <p>Continually improve policies and procedures to ensure relevance and identify gaps</p> <p>Maintain an independent Chair for the Audit & Risk Committee to ensure best practice and financial controls are in place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An independent audit undertaken of all Council's WHS systems
Objective 6.3: Elected members are fully aware of their role and their responsibilities	
<p>Conduct governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with councillors</p> <p>Induct new councillors and deliver governance training</p> <p>Conduct Local Authority elections</p> <p>Confirm Committees and Sub-Committees councillor membership</p> <p>Keep councillors up to date with legislative changes</p> <p>Maintain an up-to-date LA Handbook and provide training to LA members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The newly elected Council was provided with induction training

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 6.4: Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial sustainability	
Complete cash flows and review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commenced development of a regional Strategic Plan for the Barkly• Development of the Regional Plan for 2022-23 completed
Complete budget preparation and budget reviews	
Provide support to the BRD Backbone Team to assist with development of Community Plans	
Commence ten-year planning for finances, assets, infrastructure, workforce and strategic business plans	
Objective 6.5: Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly region	
Complete accurate operating, cash flow and capital budgets and reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established a framework for continuing development of best practice in governance and financial management• Monthly finance reports and budget updates provided to each Council meeting
Ensure grant funding is expended and acquitted in line with funding agreements	
Liaise with external stakeholders to promote Council's interest in shared services to maximise return on financial investment	
Monitor financial management to facilitate accurate budget management	



First aid training

GOAL 7: *Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly*

ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION
Objective 7.1: Reduce illegal dumping in the Barkly	
Undertake rigorous enforcement in response to illegal dumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snap, Send Solve app is operational and proactively used by the public
Work with stakeholders and the NT Environmental Protection Authority to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing consultation is undertaken with relevant authorities to address illegal dumping issues
Review dump fees	
Monitor illegal dump sites to catch offenders	
Maintain and promote the Snap, Send Solve app	
Objective 7.2: Improve waste management practices	
Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BRD Backbone Team meetings are held quarterly with key stakeholder partners
Expand Tennant Creek landfill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Tennant Creek landfill site
Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations underway to enable Council to introduce recycling and sustainability programs
Objective 7.3: Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly	
Support appropriate, environmentally friendly mining development proposals within the Barkly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with local, regional and Territory tourism stakeholders to boost tourism in the Barkly
Promote the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Council from the Australian Electric Vehicle Association about developing a network of EV charging stations across the Barkly
Promote and support regular updates of the Tourism NT Masterplan for the Barkly	
Actively support renewable energy opportunities for the Barkly	
Commence program to introduce solar power for Council assets	
Lobby Power & Water Corporation for more solar assets on communities	



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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

I, Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer of Barkly Regional Council (Council), certify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- a. the General Purpose Financial Report has been properly drawn up in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2021* so as to present fairly the financial position of Council as at 30 June 2022 and it's financial performance for the year ended on that date;
- b. the General Purpose Financial Report is in accordance with the accounting and other records of Council; and
- c. there are reasonable grounds to believe that Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive officer

Date: 15 November 2022

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Revenue			
Rates and annual charges	3A	3,902	3,812
Statutory charges	3B	9	7
User charges and fees	3C	1,156	1,110
Investment income	3D	13	17
Reimbursements	3E	585	797
Other revenue	3F	753	506
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3G	21,237	19,420
Total revenue		27,655	25,669
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	4A	15,072	14,549
Materials, contracts and other expenses	4B	8,702	9,449
Depreciation and amortisation	4C	2,869	2,929
Finance costs	4D	13	20
Other expenses		68	10
Total expenses		26,724	26,957
Net operating surplus/(deficit) for the year		931	(1,288)
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	3H	88	(1)
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	3G	4,839	1,182
Physical resources received free of charge		-	19
		4,927	1,200
Net surplus/(loss) for the year		5,858	(88)
Other Comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		5,858	(88)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	12,429	10,572
Trade and other receivables	6	2,921	1,585
Inventories	7	32	17
Total current assets		15,382	12,174
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	8	40,852	38,143
Total non-current assets		40,852	38,143
Total assets		56,234	50,317
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	2,049	1,733
Provisions	10	1,127	1,379
Total current liabilities		3,176	3,112
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	10	417	417
Total non-current liabilities		417	417
Total liabilities		3,593	3,529
Net Assets		52,641	46,788
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		26,169	20,311
Reserves	11	26,472	26,477
Total Council equity		52,641	46,788

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Accumulated Surplus \$'000	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$'000	Unexpended Grants Reserve \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2020	16,399	23,054	7,423	46,876
Deficit for the year	(88)	-	-	(88)
Other comprehensive income for the year:	-	-	-	-
Transfer from asset revaluation reserve	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Closing Balance at 30 June 2021	20,311	23,054	3,423	46,788
Balance at 1 July 2021	20,311	23,054	3,423	46,788
Surplus for the year	5,858	-	-	5,858
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-
Transfer to unexpended grants reserve	-	-	(5)	(5)
Transfer from asset revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June 2022	26,169	23,054	3,418	52,641

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Rates, fees and user charges		3,731	4,933
Investments		13	17
Grants and contributions received for operating purposes		21,237	19,542
Reimbursements		585	797
Other revenues		753	525
<i>Payments:</i>			
Employee costs		(15,324)	(14,628)
Materials, contracts and other expenses		(8,491)	(9,195)
Net cash flows from operating activities	13	2,504	1,991
Cash flows used in investing activities			
<i>Receipts:</i>			
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets		4,839	1,182
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		134	27
<i>Payments:</i>			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(5,620)	(3,996)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(647)	(2,787)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,857	(796)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		10,572	11,368
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5	12,429	10,572

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022****Introduction**

Barkly Regional Council (Council) is incorporated under the *NT Local Government Act 2019* and has its principal place of business at 41 Peko road, Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Australia. These financial statements include Council's direct operations and all other operations through which Council controls the resources to carry on its functions.

A summary of Council's functions along with their contribution to the operating result is set out in note 2A. In the process of reporting on the local government as a single entity, all transactions and balances between those activities (for example, loans and transfers between activities) have been eliminated.

Trust monies and properties held by Council but subject to the control of other persons have been excluded from these reports. A separate statement of moneys held in the trust fund is available for inspection at the Council office by any person free of charge.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**Statement of Compliance**

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, the requirements of the *Northern Territory of Australia Local Government Act 2019*, the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations, 2021* and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

Accounting Policies**(a) New, Revised or Amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations Adopted**

Council has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are mandatory for the current reporting period. Any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

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Council recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of not-for-profit entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which Council expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when Council enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable Council to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable Council to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by Council. In this case, Council recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) Council satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Essential services contracts

For works undertaken on a fixed price contract basis, revenues are recognised over time using the input method with costs incurred compared to total expected costs used as a measure of progress. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Council did not have an overdraft during the year.

(d) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables include amounts receivable in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Receivables for rates and annual charges are secured over the subject land and bear interest at rates determined in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*. Other receivables are generally unsecured and do not bear interest.

All financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the date of recognition. A detailed statement of the accounting policies applied to financial instruments also form part of note 14.

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Council has elected not to value or recognise as an asset land under roads acquired prior to 1 July 2008 in accordance with the election available under AASB 1051: *Land under roads*.

Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 is initially recognised at cost. Land under roads acquired after 1 July 2008 will be brought to account at fair value at the date of the independent valuation.

Initial recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The costs of non-current assets constructed by Council includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Capital works still in progress at balance date are recognised at cost as other non-current assets and transferred to infrastructure, property, plant and equipment when completed ready for use.

Materiality

Assets with an economic life of more than one year are only capitalised where the cost of acquisition exceeds materiality thresholds established by Council for each type of asset. In determining (and in annually reviewing) such thresholds, regard is held to the nature of the asset and its estimated service life. Examples of capitalisation thresholds applied during the year are given in note 8. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Subsequent recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. For infrastructure and other asset classes where no active market exists, fair value is determined to be the current replacement cost of an asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated based on such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset. Further detail of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided at note 8.

Depreciation of non-current assets

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of Council, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are shown in note 8. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to Council, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are reviewed annually for impairment. Assets carried at fair value whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if Council were deprived thereof, are not assessed for impairment.

Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash outflows or value in use).

Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

(f) Trade and Other Payables**Goods and services**

Trade payables are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services and are recognised as liabilities when the goods and services are received. Trade payables are normally paid 30 days after the month of invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

Payments received in advance and deposits

Amounts received from external parties in advance of service delivery, and security deposits held against possible damage to Council assets, are recognised as liabilities until the service is delivered or damage reinstated, or the amount is refunded.

(g) Employee Benefits**Salaries, wages and compensated absences**

Liabilities for employees' entitlements to salaries, wages and compensated absences expected to be paid or settled within 12 months of reporting date are accrued at nominal amounts (including payroll based on costs) measured in accordance with AASB 119.

Liabilities for employee benefits not expected to be paid or settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows (including payroll based on costs) to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Present values are calculated using government guaranteed securities rates with similar maturity terms.

No accrual is made for personal leave as Council experience indicates that, on average, personal leave taken in each reporting period is less than the entitlement accruing in that period, and this experience is expected to recur in future reporting periods. Council does not make payment for untaken personal leave.

Superannuation

Council makes employer superannuation contributions in respect of its employees to a number of complying superannuation funds in accordance with the Superannuation Choice Legislation. No changes in accounting policy have occurred during either the current or previous reporting periods. Details of the accounting policies applied and Council's involvement with the schemes are reported in note 16.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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At inception of a contract, Council assesses if the contract is, or contains, a lease. If there is a lease present, a lease asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by Council where Council is a lessee. However all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, Council uses the incremental borrowing rate.

The right-to-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the lease assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Lease assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the lease asset reflects that Council anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

(i) Financial Instruments**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that Council commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset.

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit and loss' in which case transaction costs are recognised as expenses in profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transactions costs and other premiums or discounts) over the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of income or expense in profit or loss.

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A financial asset (or a group of financial assets) is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a 'loss event') having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

With the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, Council recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party, whereby Council no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(j) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a net basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(k) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as Council believes that it is exempt under Sec 50-25 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, being a local governing body.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Provisions are recognised when Council has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(m) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Key estimates*Useful lives of property, plant and equipment*

As described in Note 1(e), Council reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each annual reporting period.

Incremental borrowing rate

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. The rate is based on what Council estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the lease asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

Key judgements*Employee benefits*

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As Council expects that most employees will use all of their annual leave entitlements in the same year in which they are earned or during the 12-month period that follows the directors believe that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of short-term employee benefits.

(n) Economic Dependency

The continued operation of Council is dependent on funding from the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments. At the date of this report, Council has no reason to believe the support will not continue.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Council measures some of its assets and liabilities at fair value on either a recurring or non-recurring basis, depending on the requirements of the applicable Accounting Standard.

Fair value is the price Council would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market value may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair value of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

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Note 2A:

Functions

Revenues and expenses have been attached to the following functions. Council believes that it is not practical at this stage to reliably attribute the carrying amounts of fixed assets to the functions.

	General Public Services			Public Order and Safety			Economic Affairs			Environmental Protection		
	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Actual 2021 \$'000
Operating Revenue												
Rates and annual charges	3,941	3,902	3,812	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory and user charges	125	162	155	5	6	6	-	-	-	145	188	180
Grants	12,938	13,358	10,554	3,407	3,517	2,779	1,369	1,414	1,117	-	-	-
Investment income	38	13	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reimbursements and other revenues	625	640	592	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
Total income	17,667	18,075	15,130	3,413	3,524	2,786	1,369	1,414	1,117	146	189	181
Expenditure												
Employee costs	5,129	4,686	4,523	2,099	1,918	1,851	1,283	1,172	1,131	-	-	-
Materials, contracts and other expenses	3,273	3,208	3,456	593	581	626	-	-	-	311	304	328
Depreciation	2,326	2,284	2,340	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance charges	18	13	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	10,746	10,191	10,339	2,692	2,499	2,477	1,283	1,172	1,131	311	304	328
Net surplus/(deficit)	6,921	7,884	4,791	721	1,025	309	86	242	(14)	(165)	(115)	(147)

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Revenues and expenses have been attached to the following functions. Council believes that it is not practical at this stage to reliably attribute the carrying amounts of fixed assets to the functions.

	Housing and Community Amenities		Recreation, Culture and Religion		Social Protection		Total	
	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000	Budget 2022 \$'000	Actual 2022 \$'000
Operating Revenue								
Rates and annual charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,941	3,902
Statutory and user charges	144	187	62	80	419	542	899	1,165
Grants	409	423	3,143	3,245	3,991	4,120	25,257	26,076
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	13
Reimbursements and other revenues	738	755	14	14	15	15	1,393	1,426
Total income	1,291	1,365	3,219	3,339	4,425	4,677	31,528	32,582
Expenditure								
Employee costs	3,849	3,516	1,843	1,683	2,296	2,098	16,499	15,072
Materials, contracts and other expenses	2,084	2,042	936	917	1,753	1,718	8,949	8,770
Depreciation	596	585	-	-	-	-	2,922	2,869
Finance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	13
Total expenditure	6,529	6,143	2,779	2,600	4,049	3,816	28,388	26,724
Net surplus/(deficit)	(5,238)	(4,778)	440	739	376	861	3,140	5,858
								(88)

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The activities relating to Council functions reported in Note 2A are as follows:

General Public Services

Administrative, legal and executive affairs, financial and fiscal affairs and general services.

Public Order and Safety

Animal management, environmental health and night patrol.

Economic Affairs

Employment creation programs, regional development, support to local businesses, tourism and other economic development.

Environmental Protection

Cemetaries, waste management, domestic waste, green waste, recycling, waste disposal facility, other waste management and other environment.

Housing and Community Amenities

Community services, council buildings, essential services, infrastructure services, municipal services, parks and gardens, roads, stormwater and drainage, street cleaning, street lighting, streetscaping and visitor accomodation.

Recreation, Culture and Religion

Facilities and venues, recreation parks and reserves, swimming centres, youth services, culture and religion services, museums and libraries.

Social Protection

Community and aged care services, NDIS services, safe-house services.

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note 3: Revenue and Other Income		
Note 3A Rates and Annual Charges		
General rate income base	2,864	2,850
Less discretionary rebates, remissions and write offs	(2)	(12)
	<u>2,862</u>	<u>2,838</u>
Domestic waste charge income base	1,040	974
Total user charges and fees	<u>3,902</u>	<u>3,812</u>
Note 3B Statutory Charges		
Animal registration fees and fines	5	6
Other licences, fees and fines	4	1
Total statutory charges	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
Note 3C User Charges and Fees		
Cemetery fees	16	26
Client contributions - aged care	251	239
Hall and equipment hire	43	37
NDIS services	177	276
Rental and staff accomodation	424	294
Sales - fuel	1	1
Sales - refuse facilities	162	154
Sales - swimming pool	64	69
Sales - general	18	14
Total user charges and fees	<u>1,156</u>	<u>1,110</u>

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	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note 3:	Revenue and Other Income (continued)	
Note 3D	Investment Income	
	Australian bank interest	
	13	17
Note 3E	Reimbursements	
	Essential services	509
	Private works	46
	Training	15
	Other	15
	Total reimbursements	585
Note 3F	Other revenue	
	Insurance and other recoupments - infrastructure, property plant and equipment	307
	Agency income - Australia Post	11
	Agency income - Centrelink	421
	Donations and contributions	1
	Sundry	13
	Total other revenue	753
Note 3G	Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	
	Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	4,839
	<i>Other grants, subsidies and contributions</i>	
	Untied - financial assistance grant	7,373
	Aged, home and community care	2,354
	Community safety	2,419
	Community living area and town camps	620
	Library and communications	169
	Regional deal	2,806
	Wages subsidies	2,164
	Youth, sport and recreation	2,138
	Other	1,194
	Total revenue from grants, subsidies and contributions	21,237
	Sources of grants	
	Commonwealth Government	14,441
	NT Government	11,635
	Total revenue from grants, subsidies and contributions	26,076
	The functions to which these grants relate are shown in Note 2.	
Note 3H	Asset Disposals and Fair Value Adjustments	
	<i>Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment</i>	
	<i>Assets renewed or directly replaced</i>	
	Proceeds from disposal	134
	Written down value	46
	Gain/(loss) from disposal of plant and equipment	88
	Gain/(loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	88

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	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note 4: Expenses			
Note 4A Employee Benefits Expense			
Salaries and wages		11,139	11,183
Leave and other entitlements		1,778	1,350
Superannuation contributions	16	1,205	1,160
Workers compensation insurance		445	405
Other		505	451
Total employee benefits expense		15,072	14,549
Total number of full time equivalent employees at the end of the reporting period		154	136
Note 4B Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses			
Audit fees - audit		36	36
Elected members' expenses		406	391
Lease expenses - short term		810	657
Prescribed expenses		1,252	1,084
<i>Other materials, contracts and expenses</i>			
Contractors		241	172
Communication		474	467
Plant and motor vehicle repairs and running costs		853	890
Repairs and maintenance		608	1,805
Legal fees		10	26
Materials - other		1,419	724
Minor equipment		717	784
Insurance		624	531
Professional services		515	691
Groceries		395	373
Utilities		946	1,242
Annual software license fees		444	443
Grants returned		90	154
Sundry		114	63
		7,450	8,365
Total materials, contracts and other expenses		8,702	9,449
Note 4C Depreciation and amortisation			
<i>Depreciation</i>			
Buildings - structures and site improvements		1,584	1,803
Infrastructure		417	321
Plant and equipment		868	805
Total depreciation and amortisation	8	2,869	2,929
Note 4D Finance cost			
Bank charges		13	20
Note 5: Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash on hand and at bank		9,292	7,436
Deposits at call		3,137	3,136
Total cash and cash equivalents		12,429	10,572

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	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note 6: Trade and Other Receivables		
Rates - general and other	928	927
Accrued revenues	27	6
Trade receivables - general	231	234
Other levels of government	71	139
Prepayments	58	281
Other receivables	1,595	-
Aged care facility deposits	32	19
	<u>2,942</u>	<u>1,606</u>
Provision for impairment	(21)	(21)
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>2,921</u>	<u>1,585</u>

No collateral has been pledged for any of the current or non-current trade and other receivable balances.

(a) Impairment of receivables

Council applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by AASB 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all accounts receivable.

Credit Risk

Council has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties. The class of assets described as 'trade and other receivables' is considered to be the main source of credit risk related to Council.

The following table details Council's trade and other receivables exposure to credit risk (prior to collateral and other credit enhancements) with ageing analysis and impairment provided thereon. Amounts are considered as

Movements in the allowance for expected credit losses are as follows:

Opening balance	21	21
Increase in provision	-	-
Closing balance	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>

Council does not hold any financial assets with terms that have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

The other classes of receivables do not contain impaired assets.

Note 7: Inventories		
Stores and materials	<u>32</u>	<u>17</u>

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	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note B: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land, at fair value	3,377	3,377
Land, at cost	29	29
	<u>3,406</u>	<u>3,406</u>
Buildings, structures and site improvements, at fair value	53,598	53,598
Buildings, at cost	3,317	1,703
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(43,586)</u>	<u>(42,003)</u>
	<u>13,329</u>	<u>13,298</u>
Infrastructure, at fair value	6,166	6,166
Infrastructure, at cost	3,427	2,379
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,996)</u>	<u>(3,577)</u>
	<u>5,597</u>	<u>4,968</u>
Plant and equipment, at fair value	5,850	6,042
Plant and equipment, at cost	5,336	4,989
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,059)</u>	<u>(6,342)</u>
	<u>4,127</u>	<u>4,689</u>
Capital work in progress	<u>14,393</u>	<u>11,782</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>40,852</u>	<u>38,143</u>
Total gross property, plant and equipment	95,493	90,065
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(54,641)</u>	<u>(51,922)</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>40,852</u>	<u>38,143</u>

Asset Revaluations

Property, plant and equipment was independently valued at 30 June 2017 by AssetVal Pty Ltd.

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Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Land \$'000	Buildings, structures and site improvements \$'000	Infrastructure \$'000	Plant and equipment \$'000	Capital work in progress \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2021	3,406	13,298	4,968	4,689	11,782	38,143
Additions, at cost	-	1,614	1,048	347	2,611	5,620
Depreciation	-	(1,583)	(419)	(868)	-	(2,870)
Disposals	-	-	-	(41)	-	(41)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2022	3,406	13,329	5,597	4,127	14,393	40,852

Valuation of assets**General valuation principals***Accounting procedure:*

Upon revaluation, the current new replacement cost and accumulated depreciation are re-stated such that the difference represents the fair value of the asset determined in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair value measurements*: accumulated depreciation is taken to be the difference between current new replacement cost and fair value. In the case of land, fair value is taken to be the current replacement cost.

Highest and best use:

For land which Council has an unfettered right to sell, the "highest and best use" recognises the possibility of the demolition or substantial modification of some, or all the existing buildings and structures affixed to the land.

Much of the land under Council's care and control is crown land or has been declared as community land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999. Other types of restrictions also exist.

For land subject to these restrictions, the highest and best use is taken to be the "highest and best use" available to Council, with a rebuttable presumption that the current use is the "highest and best use". The reason for the current use of a large proportion of Council's assets being other than the "highest and best use" relates to Council's principal role as the provider of services to the community, rather than the use of those assets for the generation of revenue.

For buildings and other structures on and in the land, including infrastructure, "highest and best use" is determined in accordance with the land on and in which they are situated.

Fair value hierarchy level 2 valuations:

Certain land, and the buildings and structures thereon, are shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 2 valuation inputs. They are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, with directly or indirectly observable adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset.

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Valuations of crown land, community land and land subject to other restrictions on use or disposal, shown above as being based on fair value hierarchy level 3 valuation inputs, are based on prices for similar assets in an active market, but include adjustments for specific advantages or disadvantages attaching to the particular asset that are not directly or indirectly observable in that market, or the number and/or amount of observable adjustments of which are so great that the valuation is more fairly described as being based on level 3 valuation inputs.

Fair value hierarchy level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets:

There is no known market for these assets, and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost. This method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate.

The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the prime cost depreciation method adopted by Council.

This method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

Capitalisation thresholds

Capitalisation thresholds used by Council for all assets is \$5,000. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Estimated useful lives:

Useful lives are estimated for each individual asset. In estimating useful lives, regard is had to technical and commercial obsolescence, as well as legal and other limitations on continued use. The range of useful lives for a representative range of assets is shown below, although individual assets may have an estimated total useful life of greater or lesser amount:

Plant, furniture and equipment	
Office furniture and equipment	5 years
Light vehicles	3 to 7 years
Heavy vehicles	8 to 12 years
Other plant and equipment	5 years
Building and other structures	
Buildings - masonry	40 years
Buildings - other construction	15 to 40 years
Infrastructure	
Pool and waterpark infrastructure	15 to 30 years
Telecommunications infrastructure	5 to 7 years
Water pumping and bore infrastructure	5 years

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The requirements of AASB 13 *Fair value measurement* has been applied to all valuations undertaken since 1 July 2013 as shown by the valuation dates by individual asset classes below.

Land under roads

Council is of the opinion that it is not possible to attribute a value sufficiently reliable to qualify for recognition, and therefore land under roads has not been recognised in these reports. Land acquired for road purposes during the year is initially recognised at cost, but transferred to fair value at reporting date, effectively writing off the expenditure.

Land and land improvements

Freehold land and land over which Council has control, but does not have title, is recognised on the cost basis. No capitalisation threshold is applied to the acquisition of land or interests in land.

Land improvements, including bulk earthworks with an assessed unlimited useful life, are derived from a valuation at 30 June 2017 at current replacement cost. Additions are recognised at cost.

These assets were valued at 30 June 2017 by Mr Timothy Ashton, Certified Practising Valuer - AAPI Registration #67108, of AssetVal Pty Ltd.

Buildings and other structures

Buildings and other structures were valued at 30 June 2017 by Mr Timothy Ashton, Certified Practising Valuer - AAPI Registration #67108, of AssetVal Pty Ltd.

Road transport infrastructure

Road transport infrastructure assets were valued at 30 June 2017 by Mr Stuart D Forbes, ASA, Consultant Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Valuer - AAPI Registration #95281, of AssetVal Pty Ltd. Pursuant to advice from the Department of Community and Local Government Services these assets have not been recorded in the financial statements of Council. Transport Infrastructure valuations have been reported at note 20 for information purposes only.

Other Infrastructure

Pool and waterpark infrastructure, telecommunications infrastructure and water pumping and bore infrastructure were valued as at 30 June 2017 by Mr Stuart D Forbes ASA, Consultant Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Valuer - AAPI Registration #95281, of AssetVal Pty Ltd.

Plant, furniture and equipment

These assets are recognised on the cost basis.

All other assets

These assets are recognised on the cost basis. Library books and other lending materials are capitalised in bulk and written out when fully depreciated.

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	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note 9: Trade and Other Payables		
Trade and other payables	1,474	1,384
Accrued expenses	229	166
Payments received in advance	346	183
Total trade and other payables	2,049	1,733
Settlement of trade creditors is generally net 30 days.		
a. Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables		
Trade and other payables:		
- total current	2,049	1,733
- total non-current	-	-
	<u>2,049</u>	<u>1,733</u>
Less payments received in advance	(346)	(183)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	1,703	1,550
No interest is payable on outstanding payables.		
Note 10: Provisions		
<i>Current</i>		
Employee benefits - annual leave entitlements	1,127	1,379
Total current provisions	1,127	1,379
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Employee benefits - long service leave entitlements	417	417
Total provisions	1,544	1,796
Note 11: Reserves		
Movement in reserves		
<i>Asset revaluation reserves</i>		
<i>Land</i>		
Balance at beginning of reporting year	3,010	3,010
Transfer to accumulated surplus on disposal of revalued assets	-	-
Revaluation decrement for buildings and improvements	-	-
Balance at end of the reporting year	<u>3,010</u>	<u>3,010</u>
<i>Buildings and infrastructure</i>		
Balance at beginning of reporting year	19,104	19,104
Transfer to accumulated surplus on disposal of revalued assets	-	-
Revaluation decrement for buildings and improvements	-	-
Balance at end of the reporting year	<u>19,104</u>	<u>19,104</u>
<i>Plant and equipment</i>		
Balance at beginning of reporting year	940	940
Transfer to accumulated surplus on disposal of revalued assets	-	-
Revaluation decrement for buildings and improvements	-	-
Balance at end of the reporting year	<u>940</u>	<u>940</u>
Total asset revaluation reserves	23,054	23,054

The asset revaluation reserves are used to record increments and decrements arising from changes in fair value of non-current assets (less any subsequent impairment losses, where applicable).

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	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
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Note 11: Reserves (continued)*Unexpended grants reserve*

Balance at beginning of reporting year	3,423	7,423
Transfer from reserve	(5)	(4,000)
Balance at end of the reporting year	3,418	3,423

Unspent grant funds are recognised as revenue under AASB 1058: Income for Not-for-profit entities as Council generally has no incomplete specific performance obligation and has therefore earned the revenue. These funds are recorded in the unspent grants reserve and are shown within equity. Grants with an outstanding specific performance obligation are treated as a liability.

Total reserves	26,472	26,477
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Note 12: Assets Subject to Restrictions

The uses of the following assets are restricted, wholly, or partially, by legislation or other externally imposed requirements. The assets are required to be utilised for the purposes for which control was transferred to council, or for which the revenues were originally obtained.

Notes**Cash and Financial Assets**

Unexpended amounts received in relation to funded programs	11	3,418	3,423
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The following liabilities, included in note 9, may be discharged from restricted assets in the first instance.

Payables	9	1,703	1,550
Provisions	10	1,544	1,796
		3,247	3,346

Note 13: Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and at call deposits with other financial institutions. Term deposits with a maturity period of 89 days or less are also included. Cash at the end of the financial year is shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

(a) Reconciliation of cash

Cash on hand and at bank	9,292	7,436
Short term deposits	3,137	3,136
Balance as per Statement of Cash Flows	12,429	10,572

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	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Note 13: Reconciliation to Statement of Cash Flows (continued)		
(b) Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operating Activities with Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)		
Current year surplus/(deficit)	5,858	(88)
<i>Non-cash flows:</i>		
Gain/(loss) from disposal of property, plant and equipment	(88)	(1)
Depreciation and amortisation	2,869	2,939
Grants for capital acquisitions treated as Investing Activity	(4,839)	(1,182)
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities:</i>		
(Increase) / Decrease in assets:		
Trade and other receivables	(1,336)	(164)
Inventories	(15)	4
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities:		
Trade and other payables	307	399
Employee provisions	(252)	84
Net cash from operating activities	2,504	1,991
(c) Financing arrangements		
Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:		
Corporate credit cards	50	50

Note 14: Financial Risk Management**Accounting policies - recognised financial instruments***Bank, deposits at call, short term deposits*

Accounting policy: Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned.

Terms and conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 0.01% and .0.5% (2021: 0.01% and 0.05%). Short term deposits have an average maturity of 30 days and average interest rates of 0.05% (2021: 30 days, 0.05%).

Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term maturity.

Receivables - rates and associated charges

Accounting policy: Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms and conditions: Secured over the subject land, arrears attract interest of 10% (2021: 10%). Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within Council's boundaries in the State.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Receivables - fees and other charges

Accounting policy: Initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms and conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although Council is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within Council's boundaries.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

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Accounting policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms and conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective programs following advice of approvals, and do not bear interest. All amounts are due by departments and agencies of state and commonwealth governments.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Receivables - retirement home

Accounting policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method.

Terms and conditions: Amounts due have been calculated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective legislation.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).

Liabilities - creditors and accruals

Accounting policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to Council.

Terms and conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms.

Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

(a) Accounting Classification

Council's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short term investments, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and lease liabilities.

The following table shows the allocation of carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

		Held-to-Maturity	Other financial assets	Other financial liabilities
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
30 June 2022				
Financial assets measured at amortised cost:	Note			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	-	12,429	-
Trade and other receivables	6	-	2,921	-
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:				
Trade and other payables	9a	-	-	1,703
Total financial liabilities		-	15,350	1,703

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		Held-to- Maturity \$'000	Other financial assets \$'000	Other financial liabilities \$'000
30 June 2021				
Financial assets measured at amortised cost:	Note			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	-	10,572	-
Trade and other receivables	6	-	1,585	-
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:				
Trade and other payables	9a	-	-	1,550
Total financial liabilities		-	12,157	1,550

Fair values

Unless otherwise stated, all carrying values approximate fair value for all recognised financial instruments. There is no recognised market for the financial assets of Council.

Council does not have any derivative instruments as at 30 June 2022 (2021: \$Nil).

(b) Financial Risk Management

Council has exposure to the following risks arising from financial instruments:

- i. Credit risk;
- ii. Liquidity risk; and
- iii. Market risk

Risk management framework

Council has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of Council's risk management framework. Council's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by Council, to set appropriate risk limits and controls and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to Council if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from Council's receivables from rate payers.

Council's maximum exposure to credit risk at reporting date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Council's main concentration of credit risk is with Westpac and ANZ Banks as Council's bank accounts are held with these banking institutions.

The maximum credit risk on the financial assets of Council is the carrying amount of trade and other receivables net of any allowances for doubtful debts. Council believes that it does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any other counter party or group of counter parties as Council actively manages credit risk by following up outstanding debtors.

There are no material amounts of collateral held as security as at 30 June 2022 (2021: \$Nil).

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Liquidity risk is the risk that Council will not be able to meet its obligations as and when they fall due. Council manages its liquidity risk by monitoring actual expenditure to ensure it is maintaining sufficient cash reserves.

(iii) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect Council's income or the values of its holdings of financial instruments.

Council does not have any exposure in relation to changes in foreign exchange rates and equity prices. Council is however, exposed to interest rate risk in relation to cash and cash equivalents and short term investments (term deposits). Council partly manages this by entering into fixed-rate instruments.

Exposure to interest rate risk

The interest rate profile of Council's interest-bearing financial instruments is as follows:

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Fixed rate instruments (held-to-maturity investments)	5	3,137	3,136
Variable rate instruments (cash and cash equivalents, excluding cash on hand)	5	9,292	7,436
		<u>12,429</u>	<u>10,572</u>

Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed-rate instruments

Council does not account for any fixed-rate financial asset or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore, a change in interest rates as the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable-rate instruments

A reasonably possible change in 100 basis points in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased (decreased) profit or loss by the amounts shown below. The analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

	100bp Increase	100bp Decrease
30 June 2022		
Variable rate instruments	93	(93)
30 June 2021		
Variable rate instruments	74	(74)

Note 15: Financial Indicators

These Financial Indicators have been calculated in accordance with information paper 9 -Local Government Financial Indicators prepared as part of the Local Government Association Financial Sustainability Program.

	2022	2021
(a) Operating Surplus Ratio	3%	-5%
<u>Operating Surplus</u>		
Total Operating Revenue		

This ratio expresses the operating surplus as a percentage of total operating revenue.

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	2022	2021
Note 15: Financial Indicators (continued)		
(b) Current ratio	3.77%	2.01%
<u>Current assets - externally restricted assets</u> Current liabilities		
(c) Rate coverage percentage	14.11%	14.85%
<u>Rate revenues</u> Total revenues		
(d) Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage	63.04%	60.41%
<u>Rates and annual charges outstanding</u> Rates and annual charges collectible		

Note 16: Superannuation

Council contributes in respect of its employees to superannuation schemes selected by employees under the "choice of fund" legislation. All such schemes are of the accumulation type, where the superannuation benefits accruing to the employee are represented by their share of the net assets of the scheme.

Accumulation only members

Accumulation only members receive both employer and employee contributions on a progressive basis. Employer contributions are based on a fixed percentage of 10% (2021: 9.5%) of ordinary time earnings in accordance with superannuation guarantee legislation. No further liability accrues to Council as the superannuation benefits accruing to employees are represented by their share of the net assets of the fund.

The amount of the superannuation contributions made by Council during the year ended 30 June 2022 was \$1,205,000 (2021: \$1,160,000).

Note 17: Contingent Assets and Contingent Liabilities

Council insures against all known insurable risks using a range of insurance policies, each of which is subject to a deductible "insurance excess", the amount of which varies according to the class of insurance.

Council has not identified any potential claims that may have existed at reporting date.

Council receives significant income from a number of grant funding providers. If grant monies are not expended in accordance with the funding agreements, there is a potential for funding to be withdrawn and a requirement that these funds be repaid to the relevant funding body.

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No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect Council's operations, the results of those operations or Council's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 19: Related Party Transactions**(a) Key Management Personnel**

The key management personnel of Council include the Mayor, Councillors, the CEO and certain prescribed officers. The total compensation is:

	2022*	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Key management personnel compensation	1,093	956

* Short term benefits provided to the CEOs in 2022 totalled \$224,569. There were no long term benefits.

Other Related Party Transactions

KMP and relatives of KMPs own retail businesses from which various supplies were purchased as required either for cash or on 30-day account. Purchases from these individual businesses are made in accordance with approved Council purchasing policy and the requirements of the *NT Local Government Act 2019*.

One close family member of KMP is employed by Council in accordance with the terms of the Award, and as recorded in the public register of salaries maintained in accordance with section 105 of the *NT Local Government Act 2019*.

Note 20: Road Transport Infrastructure

Road transport infrastructure assets were valued as of 30 June 2017 by Mr Stuart D Forbes ASA, Consultant Plant, Equipment and Infrastructure Valuer - AAPI Registration #95281, of AssetVal Pty Ltd. Pursuant to advice from the Department of Community and Local Government service these assets have not been recorded in the financial statements of Council.

Road transport infrastructure valuations are detailed below:

	Replacement cost	Fair Value
	\$	\$
1. Roads	48,635,452	28,240,488
2. Culverts	966,171	598,693
3. Footpaths	1,909,586	1,295,494
4. Kerbs and gutters	7,702,433	4,577,502
5. Point Generic	406,649	207,861
6. LGANT managed roads	20,019,524	12,422,084
	79,639,815	47,342,122

An annual depreciation charge on road transport infrastructure totalling \$2,477,906 (2021: \$2,477,906) has not been recorded in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2022.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Barkly Regional Council (Council), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of working capital, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the notes to the financial report including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Chief Executive Officer's certificate.

In our opinion, the financial report of Barkly Regional Council has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2021*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of Council's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, and the financial reporting requirements of the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2021*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting and the significant accounting policies. The financial report has been prepared to assist Council to meet the reporting requirement of the *Local Government Act, 2019* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2021*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer for the Financial Report

The Chief Executive Officer of Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act, 2019* and the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations 2021* and for such internal control as the Chief Executive Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for assessing Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Mayor and Council Members intend to either liquidate Council or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Chief Executive Officer is also responsible for overseeing Council's financial reporting process.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT****TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL****Report on the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)*****Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS

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Colin James, FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin
Date: 15 November 2022



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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 Tuesday, 15 November 2022 at 2:00.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

Meeting commenced at 2.17 pm with Acting Mayor, Councillor Russell O'Donnell, as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Cr. Russell O'Donnell (Acting Mayor)
- Cr. Dianne Stokes
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Romeo Mustego – Chief Financial Officer
- Frank Crawley – Quality & Governance Officer
- Karen Legge – Corporate & Community Planner

1.3 Visitors Present

Nil

1.4 Apologies

- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin (on leave)

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Heather Wilson

1.6 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the Local Government Act 2019

1.7 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING*Nil***5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC***Nil***6. MAYOR'S REPORT***Nil***7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS****7.1 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT****MOTION**

That Council receive and note Barkly Regional Council's 2021-2022 Annual Report and Audited General Purpose Financial Statements

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.*Resolved OC 211/22***8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS***Nil***9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS***Nil***10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE***Nil***11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS***Nil***12. COMMITTEE REPORTS***Nil***13. NOTICES OF MOTION***Nil***14. RESCISSION MOTIONS***Nil***15. OPERATIONS***Nil***16. GENERAL BUSINESS***Nil***17. CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

Nil

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 2.32 pm.

This page and the proceeding 3 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 November 2022 and are unconfirmed .

Russell O'Donnell
A/Council Mayor
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Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer
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**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

ITEM NUMBER	2.2
TITLE	Confirmation of previous Minutes (27 October 2022)
REFERENCE	378805
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 October 2022 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with the opportunity to review the Minutes of the October Ordinary Council Meeting to confirm that they are a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The confirmed Minutes of Council Meetings are an important corporate record of the decisions of Council. The Minutes are relied upon for future reference, and therefore Council is provided the opportunity to confirm their content is correct, or make adjustments to this formal record if necessary to ensure it is an accurate reflection of the Meeting.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

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MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting commenced at 8:30am with Russel O'Donnell as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Acting Mayor Russel O'Donnell

Cr. Dianne Stokes

Cr. Anita Bailey

Cr. Derek Walker

Cr. Noel Hayes

Cr. Hal Ruger

Cr. Lennie Barton

1.2 Staff Members Present

Emma Bradbury – CEO

Frank Crawly

Damian Burton

Karen Legg

1.3 Visitors Present

1.4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Cr. Greg Marlow

Cr. Ronald Plummer

Cr. Jack Clubb

Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

1.5 Absent Without Apology

Cr. Pam Corbett

Cr. Heather Wilson

1.1 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 116(1) of the Local Government Act 2019

1.2 Review of disclosure of interests – Councillors and Staff (to be done at each council meeting)

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 29th September 2022 as a true and accurate record

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.*Resolved OC 185/22*

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 10:37 AM

Cr Derek Walker returned to the meeting, the time being 10:39 AM

2.2 BREAK FOR MORNING TEA**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.*Resolved OC 186/22***2.3 RETURN TO MEETING****RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.*Resolved OC 187/22***3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****3.1 COUNCIL MOTIONS TO LGANT GENERAL MEETING****MOTION**

That Council endorse the proposed approach for providing motions to a General Meeting of the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT).

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.*Resolved OC 188/22***3.2 DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PURKISS RESERVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE****MOTION**

That Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the re-establishment of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 189/22

3.3 COUNCIL COMMITTEES REVIEW AND OPTIONS PAPER

MOTION

That Council:

- a) receive and note the attached Options Paper
- b) dissolve the Youth Advisory Committee
- c) dissolve the Domestic & Family Violence Working Group
- d) dissolve the Procurement Sub-Committee
- e) dissolve the Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee
- f) dissolve the Friends of the Cemetery committee
- g) defer a decision on the status of the Finance & Operations Committee until the business process review has been completed
- h) receive further reports by the end of 2022 relating to the re-establishment of the Audit & Risk Committee and the Work Health & Safety Committee.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 190/22

3.4 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council receive an note the report on actions arising from previous minutes and agree to move completed items from the list

Cr Ruger noted that Item 17.1 from 28/7/22 relating to fireworks should also have included the action to write a letter to NT Government suggesting the implementation of a fireworks surrender or buy-back scheme so that unused fireworks could be surrendered to [police?] or bought back by the original vendor pending the provision of proof of purchase within 48 hours of Territory Day

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 191/22

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 11:07 AM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 11:11 AM

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MINISTER & CABINET AND THE BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL

MOTION

That Council receive and note the presentation

Note that DCMC will address next Council meeting with a focus on the opening and operation of the new Tennant Creek Youth Centre

Note DCMC will bring to next meeting a report relating to Territory funding programs in the Barkly, including Guidelines and funding applications. Councillors are encouraged to share this information with their communities in due course.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 192/22

4.2 PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL: DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING & LOGISTICS - PURKISS RESERVE

MOTION

That Council receive and note the presentation and agree in-principle approval for Dept of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics to commence works

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

Cr. Hal Ruger voted against

Resolved OC 193/22

Council requests the revised scope of works to include amenities block.

Action: Council to write to NT & Commonwealth Governments to request matched contribution of funding to enable the balance of the refurbishment works to be completed.

4.3 LUNCH BREAK -12:00PM

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 194/22

4.4 RETURN TO MEETING 1:40PM

Delayed return to meeting due to lack of quorum

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 195/22

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5.1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESSING COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council :

- a) Invite members of the public gallery seeking to address Council about any matter included on the Meeting's Agenda to address Council for a maximum of three minutes.

5.2 COUNCILLORS' WARD REPORTS - ISSUES RAISED

MOTION

That Council hear from Councillors of Barkly's respective wards any concerns that have been raised with them for the attention of Council

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 196/22

ACTION: COUNCILLORS TO BE PROVIDED WITH A TEMPLATE AHEAD OF FUTURE MEETINGS IN ORDER TO RECORD THEIR CONSTITUENT'S FEEDBACK.

CLR RUGER'S REPORT:

- REQUEST FOR A REPORT ON PLYNTH AND FENCE REPAIRS AT THE CEMETERY
- FAZZELDEN ROAD (SP?) – NO REFLECTIVE POLES NEAR A DANGEROUS CROSSOVER
- RE-STATE CONCERN RE OVERGROWN BLOCKS AND NEED TO CONSULT WITH FIRE SERVICE
- APPLICANTS WHO SUBMITTED EOI FOR JUNO PROJECT ARE STILL AWAITING ADVICE RE OUTCOME OF THEIR APPLICATION
- WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S PLANNED FOR AUSTRALIA DAY, AND WHEN COMMUNITY NOTICES/REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS ETC ARE LIKELY TO COMMENCE
- REQUEST REPORT ON STAFF EXITS AS WELL AS ENTRIES
- REQUEST ADVICE ABOUT WHAT OLD TOWN ENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE (TENNANT CREEK) IS TO BE USED FOR, AND IF IT CAN BE REPURPOSED FOR BUS SHELTERS IN TOWN

CRL HAYES:

- REQUEST FOR UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE ALI CURUNG SPORT AND

RECREATION FACILITY PROJECT

- REQUEST FOR REPAIRS TO POT HOLES IN ALI CURUNG COMMUNITY – DETERIORATING SINCE LAST REQUEST
- NOTED THAT THE CONTAINER EARMARKED FOR PURCHASE AS REQUESTED BY ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY HAS NOW BEEN SOLD TO ANOTHER BUYER. ACTION: DIRECTOR CORPORATE TO FOLLOW UP WITH TIM HEMA, AREA MANAGER

CLR STOKES:

- NOTED PROPOSAL BY BP/IGA OWNERS (TENNANT CREEK) TO REDUCE OPENING HOURS. ACTION: COUNCIL TO INVITE OWNER [NAME] TO ADDRESS NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON THE MATTER
- NOTED THE SUCCESS OF THE SUNDAY FAMILY DAY AT TENNANT CREEK POOL (HALLOWEEN PARTY). REQUEST THAT SUNDAYS ARE REGULARLY COMMITTED TO HOSTING FAMILY DAYS.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT**6.1 (ACTING) MAYOR'S REPORT****MOTION**

That Council receives and notes the report from Acting Mayor, Councillor Russell O'Donnell, for the month of October 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 197/22

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**7.1 OPERATIONS REPORT****MOTION**

That Council Receive and note the Operations Report for the month of October.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 198/22

7.2 PEOPLE AND CULTURE REPORT**MOTION**

That Council receive and note the People and Culture report for October.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 199/22

7.3 FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That Council receive and note the September Finance Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 200/22

7.4 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council

Receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of October 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 201/22

7.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

MOTION

That Council receive and note the Community Development Report for September 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 202/22

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

Nil

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2022**MOTION**

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Animal Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 October 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 203/22

Cr Dianne Stokes left the meeting, the time being 2:20pm

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

Nil

16. GENERAL BUSINESS**16.1 REQUEST FOR MEETING FROM TERRITORIES STOLEN GENERATIONS REDRESS BRANCH****MOTION**

That Council:

- a) note the request from Territories Stolen Generations Redress Branch for a meeting with Councillors on Monday, 14 November 2022;
- b) nominate Councillors to attend the meeting.

Note that the meeting will be held in Council Chambers from 10.30 to 11.30 am on 14 November. All councillors invited to attend.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 204/22

16.2 EXTENSION TO LEAVE OF ABSENCE - THE MAYOR, CR JEFFREY MCLAUGHLIN**MOTION**

That Council extend the leave of absence for the Mayor, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin to the 23 November 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 205/22

Cr Dianne Stokes returned to the meeting, the time being 2:27pm

16.3 MOTOR VEHICLE POLICY AND MAYOR'S USE OF COUNCIL SUPPLIED VEHICLE

MOTION

That Council receive and note the report on Council's Motor Vehicle Policy and Mayor's use of Council supplied vehicle; and review the Councilor Code of Conduct to ensure alignment with Council's Motor Vehicle Policy and Employee's Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 206/22

16.4 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BEETALOO REGIONAL REFERENCE GROUP

MOTION

That Council nominate Cr Barton, Cr Wilson and the Chief Executive Officer as Its representatives on the Beetaloo Regional Reference Group

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Noel Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 207/22

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council received and note the report of outward correspondence during October 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Derek Walker

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 208/22

17.2 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL – 3:18

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 209/22

18. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

MOTION

That Council move back into open session at 3:36pm

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 210/22

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3:37 pm.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin

Council Mayor

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Emma Bradbury

Chief Executive Officer

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Council Committees - Expressions of Interest
REFERENCE	378745
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

This report provides information about the actions to be taken to seek expressions of interest from community members with a view to re-establishing some of the Council Committees that were formally dissolved at the October 2022 Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

At its October 2022 Meeting, Council received a report that recommended the dissolution of a number of Council Committees that had ceased to meet and were no longer operating.

Resolution 190/22 formally dissolved the following committees:

- Youth Advisory Committee
- Domestic & Family Violence Working Group
- Procurement Sub-Committee
- Environment & Sustainability Sub-Committee
- Friends of the Cemetery Committee.

However, there was also a desire to check with the community if any of these Committees might be viable again in the future, and an action was identified to seek expressions of interest from the community to see if some of these Committees may be able to be re-formed.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

As Council's Public Relations/Communications Officer role, along with several other key roles is currently vacant, there are limited staff resources available at this time to co-ordinate the Expression of Interest (EOI) processes (which would include media promotion, provision of information about each Committee, processing of applications and collation of a report back to Council).

To manage this, it is recommended that the EOI process be deferred until such time as the Public Relations/Communications Officer role is filled, and their work plan is adopted to include this action.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no anticipated budget implications.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Tennant Creek Pool: Sunday Family Fun Days
REFERENCE	378755
AUTHOR	Gillian Molloy, Regional Community Development Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Tennant Creek Pool: Sunday Family Fun Days report.

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update to Council about arrangements for future scheduled Sunday Family Fun Days at Tennant Creek Pool.

BACKGROUND

At the previous Council meeting there was a request for more Sunday Family Fun Days to be held at the Tennant Creek Pool, following the successful Halloween at the Pool held on Sunday, 23rd October.

Council's Youthlinx team has finalised details for a Christmas Party at the Pool to be held on Sunday 11th December. This event will be the largest for the year, with eight organisations being involved in delivering a spectacular event for the whole family. The event will include a visit from Santa, presents for the children, art/crafts, food, drinks, games and more.

In the New Year, Community Development's Youthlinx program will create a schedule of events for Sunday Family Fun Days to be held initially every six weeks. The events will be themed to create involvement and excitement within the community.



ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Any event staged by Council includes standard operational risks. These risks are currently managed by ensuring that all events and operations of Council are conducted in accordance with Councils appropriate health and safety, and other risk management policies and procedures.

It is also assessed that conducting these events, in accordance with proper management practices, will have a positive impact on the reputational risk to council of **not** developing consistent, regular and good quality program activities and events.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There will be no additional budget allocation required to run these events.

Budgeted funding is allocated through Youthlinx and other external organisations that will participate in running these events.

It is anticipated that the events event may in have a favorable impact to budget by increasing the profile of and paid attendances at the pool.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Acting Mayor's Report: November 2022
REFERENCE	378803
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report from Acting Mayor, Councillor Russell O'Donnell, for the month of November 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the activities undertaken during the month.

On 11th November, the CEO and I, along with Councillor Marlow, attended the Tennant Creek RSL to lay a wreath on behalf of Council to mark Remembrance Day.

On 12th November, along with Councillor Marlow, I attended the Lions Club Tennant Creek Branch 55 year anniversary dinner at Battery Hill. We heard from our very own world champion 8-ball player, Greg 'Wheelie' Jordan, who is to be inducted into the world 8-ball Hall of Fame in Albury. The Lions Club has been raising money for Greg's journey to Albury.

On 16th November, the CEO and I travelled to Darwin to attend the LGANT Convention celebrating 30 years.

On 17th November, the CEO and I attended the Darwin Convention Centre and heard from the Mayors, CEO's and other council representatives about issues and challenges that many councils are facing.

We had the opportunity to hear from the NT Government's Cabinet, and we were given the opportunity to ask the Ministers questions around our interests regarding council service delivery.

I took this opportunity to invite the Ministers to visit Barkly Regional Council, to hear from us and other regional stakeholders about current service delivery, social issues and the innovative ideas around partnerships and future service delivery. The request was well received with both the Chief Minister and Minister Lawler expressing their enthusiasm in accepting the invitation. Council can look forward to meeting with the Ministers in Tennant Creek in 2023.

On a personal note, my wife Kerry and I became grandparents on the 17th - a baby boy born to our daughter and son-in-law, Danielle and Lucas Fry.

On 18th November, I attended the LGANT Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to the City of Darwin's Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis, on being voted in as the president of LGANT once again and congratulations to all other elected members.

The CEO and I, along with my wife Kerry attended the LGANT dinner and would like to congratulate all the award winners and long service award recipients.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Operating arrangements for the Christmas/New Year period
REFERENCE	378754
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the operating arrangements for the 2022/2023 Christmas/New Year period report.
- b) Cancel the December 2022 Council meeting.
- c) Schedule the January 2023 Council Meeting for Tuesday 31st January.

SUMMARY:

This report sets out for Council's information the planned operating arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period.

BACKGROUND

The Christmas/New Year period is often a time when Council's staff choose to take leave to spend time with their families. The period between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day includes several public holidays, so normal working days during this period are limited to 28th, 29th and 30th December.

Council's last day of ordinary operations in 2022 will be Friday, 23rd December, and ordinary business will resume for 2023 on Tuesday, 3rd January.

This year our Directors and Managers will be discussing with their teams the operational needs of Council to ensure there will be adequate staff to keep essential services operating over this time. However, all other staff will be encouraged to take three days leave between 24th December 2022 and 2nd January 2023.

In recognition of the contribution of all of our staff and councillors, an end of year gathering will be held in mid- December, with details to be circulated soon.

As a December Council meeting would fall just prior to the Christmas close down, the next Council meeting will be scheduled for January (the date of which is to be determined by Council as part of the resolution for this report).

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Essential services for provision during the Christmas/New Year period have been identified, and Directors and Managers are working with staff to ensure these services continue during this time.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no budget implications arising from this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Christmas/New Year arrangements were determined in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team to ensure organisational needs for continuing essential service provision were met.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Vandalism at Lake Mary Ann
REFERENCE	378770
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report informing Council of actions taken in response to vandalism at Lake Mary Ann.

SUMMARY:

This report is to inform Council of actions taken in relation to a significant vandalism incident at Lake Mary Ann dam, and the outcome of the legal process arising from that incident.

BACKGROUND

On the evening of Sunday, 16 October 2022, several people were intercepted in the act of defacing the dam wall at Lake Mary Ann with graffiti. Police were called and arrests made of the offenders.

Council was invited to provide a victim impact statement on behalf of the local community for consideration by the Courts when the offenders appeared. Cllr Dianne Stokes was also invited to provide a victim impact statement on behalf of the Traditional Owners. These are attached for Council's information.

Also attached is a copy of the Media Release issued by Council in the days after the incident.

Council believes that the matter has now been heard by the Court, and Acting Mayor, Councillor O'Donnell has requested an update from the Police about the outcome of the arrests and Court proceedings. This will be shared with Council when it has been received.

It is Council's intention to pursue redress through our insurers to cover the cost of clean-up at the site. Council will be encouraging its insurers to pursue the offenders for cost recovery.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The key risk arising from this incident is the potential for pollutants arising from the chemical clean-up of the graffiti to enter the waterway at the dam. Council will liaise with the relevant contractor to ensure that this risk is appropriately mitigated.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

The clean-up costs arising from this incident will be referred to Council's insurer, who may pursue the offenders for cost recovery.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT from BRC.pdf](#)
- 2 [VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT - Dianne Stokes.pdf](#)

[3](#) [↓](#) Media Release - Malicious damage at Lake Mary Ann Dam - 19 October 2022.pdf

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

Sentencing Act Part 6 Division 2 Subdivision 2

NAME OF VICTIM: Barkly Regional Council on behalf of the Barkly regional community

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER OF DEPENDANT: N/A

RELATIONSHIP / NATURE OF DEPENDENCY: N/A

NAME OF OFFENDER:

DATE OF OFFENCE: Sunday, 16 October 2022

Physical Harm

(A physical injury that interferes with a person's health)

Emotional

(Psychological or emotional suffering including grief)

The defacing of the dam wall at Lake Mary Ann with very large and offensive graffiti has caused much distress in the Barkly community, particularly for residents of Tennant Creek. This senseless damage at such an important, beautiful public reserve has shocked our local community, and made many people very angry. Lake Mary Ann is a place of natural beauty and calm that provides tranquility as well as opportunities for relaxation and recreation. This serious, offensive defacement on such a large scale completely ruins this beautiful space and is having a serious social impact on our community.

Financial

(Loss of wages or income or other expenses incurred as a result of the crime)

Having responsibility for the Lake Mary Ann reserve area, Council (and ultimately our local residents and ratepayers) bear the brunt of the costs incurred to clean up this offensive, large-scale graffiti. Council will refer this criminal damage incident to its insurers, who will no doubt pursue the perpetrators for costs.

Restitution/Compensation for Damage or Loss

The extent of the damage, and its location in a sensitive natural environment means that repairing the damage will incur significant costs. As well as labour costs for cleaning the paint from the dam wall, additional costs will be incurred as part of mitigating the risk of paint and other chemical spillage into the waterway. Heavy duty pressure cleaners, and harnesses and other equipment to allow access to the damaged dam wall will also be required as part of the clean-up. We estimate the clean-up cost could be up to \$20,000 when taking into account all that will need to occur in order to mitigate the risk of spills and contamination of the lake.

Other Relevant Information

Lake Mary Ann Dam is home to freshwater long-neck turtles and multiple fish species. This important waterway is part of the public water supply for local communities, and is an important

waterway for diverse bird species, and other fauna and flora rely on this water source. It is imperative that the clean-up of this site does not introduce harmful chemicals into the waterway.

There is much community concern that this significant criminal act will incite copycat graffiti activity in a community that is already struggling with significant levels of anti-social behaviour. Our community is working hard to support our local children and young people to make better choices, and a criminal act such as this model a behaviour that is abhorrent to our community.

Sentence

(Your wishes in respect of the order the Court may make)

I consent to the presentation of this Victim Impact Statement to the Judge.

Name: Cllr Russell O'Donnell, Acting Mayor, Barkly Regional Council

Signature:

Date: 19 October 2022

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT*Sentencing Act Part 6 Division 2 Subdivision 2*

NAME OF VICTIM: Dianne Stokes

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER OF DEPENDANT: On behalf of the Warrumungu descendants

RELATIONSHIP / NATURE OF DEPENDENCY: I am an Elder and Traditional Owner

NAME OF OFFENDER:

DATE OF OFFENCE: Sunday, 16 October 2022

Physical Harm*(A physical injury that interferes with a person's health)*

N/A

Emotional*(Psychological or emotional suffering including grief)*

The area around and including Lake Mary Ann dam is part of Women's Dreaming and is a sacred site. The local community asked the Elders before it was made into a dam. Inside the dam is a rock hole that is part of Women's Dreaming.

Our culture is very strong, as is our respect to each other. In the past, people have drowned when causing damage to the dam because of no respect.

We deeply believe and have respect to the dam that it is part of Women's Dreaming.

I am a Warrumungu woman, a descendant of this land, and a Traditional Owner, and I feel very sad to see what has happened at the dam... that these people came along to the dam and graffitied on our wall.

The words that were graffitied really affected me and made me feel for my Elders past and present.

Financial*(Loss of wages or income or other expenses incurred as a result of the crime)*

N/A

Restitution/Compensation for Damage or Loss

On behalf of the Elders, we suggest that the offenders could pay for a sign to be placed at the dam that tells about the protocols of the Warrumungu people, to tell visitors about showing respect.

Other Relevant Information

I want the offenders to tell us why they did this damage. I would like the Court to ask "Why did you do it?" and to pass on the answer to the Elders.

Sentence

(Your wishes in respect of the order the Court may make)

These people came here and disrespected Tennant Creek and our community – our home where we live. The sentence should reflect that disrespect.

I consent to the presentation of this Victim Impact Statement to the Judge.

Name: Dianne Stokes, on behalf of the Warrumungu people

Signature:

Date: 19 October 2022

**MEDIA RELEASE****19 October 2022****Malicious Damage at Lake Mary Ann dam**

Barkly Regional Council and the local community have been dismayed at the senseless and malicious damage inflicted on the Lake Mary Ann dam wall on Sunday evening.

Council would like to acknowledge the quick response by our local Police to a report of three individuals damaging the dam wall. CEO Emma Bradbury said, "The Police's quick action enabled the responsible individuals to be apprehended and charged, and we are very grateful for that". The offenders are due to face court in Darwin next week.

Council is pursuing damages through the courts to cover the cost of repairing the damage to the dam wall. Acting Mayor, Councillor Russell O'Donnell said "Lake Mary Ann dam is an important waterway for our community, as well as being home to turtles and other wildlife. It is very important that the clean-up takes care not to contaminate the waterway and affect our public water supply".

Council joins the community in feeling angry and offended by this senseless damage to this beautiful reserve, so treasured by our local community, and will be working to restore it to its pre-damaged condition as soon as possible.

Media contact: 08 8962 0000 or reception@barkly.nt.com.au

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Councillor Extra Meeting Allowance
REFERENCE	378774
AUTHOR	Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report on Councillor meeting allowances.

SUMMARY:

This report explains how the ward Councillors' meeting allowances, including how the extra meeting allowance operates.

Monthly Allowance	The monthly allowance is paid for attendance to the council meeting held monthly.
Extra Meeting Allowance	Extra meeting allowance is claimable for attending any committee meeting that is not the monthly scheduled council meeting, examples of which committees council pays an allowance for are below.
Travel Allowance	Travel allowance is claimable when traveling for council related purpose ie, travel to LGANT conference ect.

As per the extra meeting allowance policy the principal member and deputy principal member are not eligible for extra meeting allowances.

The components of the Councillor Allowances are as follows:

Base Allowance. 2022/23 amount \$13509.96

The base allowance covers:

- (a) Agenda study and meeting preparation
- (b) Attendance at ordinary council meetings
- (c) Attendance at social functions as a representative of the council
- (d) Constituency responsibilities
- (e) Representing the council outside the local government area

Electoral Allowance 2022/23. Amount \$4,943.73

An allowance provided to assist council members with electoral matters .It may be used at the discretion of the individual member.

Professional Development Allowance 2022/23 amount \$3,753.17

This allowance is available to all council members and is only for approved courses or conferences consistent with council policy. Council Policy no CP72 Professional Development Allowance explains how applications can be made.

Extra Meeting Allowance \$9,006.64

*The extra meeting allowance is not paid for ordinary council meetings. Extra meeting allowance can only be claimed in accordance with Council policy no: CP11 Extra Meeting Allowance.

The maximum amount payable for each Councillor for 2022/23 is:

\$

Base Allowance	13509.96
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Electoral Allowance	4943.73
Professional Dev't Allowance	3753.17
Maximum Extra Meeting Allowance	9006.64
 Total Claimable	 \$31,213.50

Allowances are paid monthly in arrears.

BACKGROUND

There has recently been a couple of queries concerning extra meeting allowances so it is considered prudent to reinforce the process by presenting this report.

Section 71(1) of The Local Government Act provides that a council member is entitled to be paid an allowance by the council. Further guidance is provided by Guideline 2A Council Member Allowances. The Northern Territory Government make a determination on an annual basis of the maximum amount councils can pay based on the category of council. The amount payable is required to be in the annual budget of each council. How certain allowances are accessed and what processes are required are set out in Council policies CP11 Extra Meeting Allowance and CP72 Professional Development Allowance.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Council is required by legislation to have a process for the payment of extra meeting allowances.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There is provision in the annual budget for payment of extra meeting allowance for Councillors with the exception of the Mayor and Acting Mayor.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Section 10 of Guideline 2A Council Member Allowances explains how the extra meeting allowance operates. It should be noted that payment for normal monthly Council meetings are included as part of the base allowance for each Councillor and is not considered an extra meeting. The Guidelines state that each Council must have a policy concerning the extra meeting allowance. Council policy CP 11 Extra Meeting Allowance responds to that requirement. The policy has a schedule attached which shows which committees attract payment of either an extra meeting allowance and/or a travel claim. It is reproduced below for Councillors' information:

Council Committees paid by Council

Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee
 Audit and Risk Committee
 Cultural Advisory Committee
 Local Authorities
 Council Committees not paid by Council
 Procurement Sub-Committee
 HR Sub-Committee
 Friends of the Cemetery Sub-Committee
 Environmental and Sustainability SubCommittee
 Youth Advisory Council
 Animal Management Working Group
 Domestic and Family Violence Working Group

External Committees Paid By Council

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
Regional Deal Backbone and related Working Groups
NT Water Safety Committee
Local Government Safe Cities Network
Regional Development Australia NT
Barkly Regional Consumer Advisory Group
Barkly Work Camp
Community Consultative Committee
Beetaloo Region User Panel for the Geological/Bio-Regional Assessment Program

Travel Paid by External Party – Council Pays Extra Meeting Allowance

NT Place Names Committee
NT Tobacco Control Action Committee
Paid Entirely by External Party
Development Consent Authority Committee
Unpaid
Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group
Chamber of Commerce NT
Barkly Regional Accommodation Action Group

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [!\[\]\(6059a5aa8b4ca7bb793408023d6c6e42_img.jpg\)](#) Elected Member - Extra Meeting Allowance Policy - Adoption July 2021 - Review 2026 - CP11.pdf

POLICY

TITLE:	EXTRA MEETING ALLOWANCE POLICY		
DIVISION:	COUNCIL		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	JULY 2021	DATE OF REVIEW:	JULY 2026
MOTION NUMBER:	OC 98/21		
POLICY NUMBER:	CP11		
LEGISLATIVE REF:	Regulation 66(6) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021		

PURPOSE:

To establish the types of extra meetings for which an extra meeting allowance is payable, the amount that may be claimed and the timeframe in which a claim may be made.

1. SCOPE

Ordinary council members (i.e. other than the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Acting Mayor) may be paid the extra meeting allowance.

2. APPLICATION OF POLICY

2.1 Types of extra meetings

The extra meeting allowance may be paid in relation to attendance at the following types of meetings

- a) special council meetings;
- b) council committee meetings;
- c) special meetings of council committees;
- d) local authority meetings – if the ordinary council member is a member of the local authority;
- e) council workshops or briefings;
- f) meetings of external agencies or organisations to which Council has formally appointed an ordinary council member to represent the Council; (including Barkly Regional Deal meetings)
- g) meetings of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory where the ordinary council member is a delegate of the Council.



2.2 Extra meeting allowance

One portion of the extra meeting allowance is as detailed in Schedule 2.

The total annual allowance is capped as per the Minister's Guidelines (guideline 2)

Extra meeting allowance is not available if the annual allowance is fully spent.

An ordinary member is able to claim up to three portions of the extra meeting allowance in relation to each extra meeting if all the requirements are satisfied:

- (a) one portion for attending the extra meeting; and
- (b) one portion for substantial travel to the extra meeting; and
- (c) one portion for substantial travel from the extra meeting.

Only one Extra Meeting Allowance can be claimed in respect to each calendar day.

2.3 Substantial travel

An ordinary council member may claim a portion of the extra meeting allowance for each instance of substantial travel that was reasonably necessary for the following:

- a) travelling to the extra meeting – if it was at least 4 hours of travel on a different day before the meeting;
- b) travelling from the extra meeting – if it was at least 4 hours of travel on a different day after the meeting.

A member is able to claim either (a) or (b), or both (a) and (b), if the requirements are met.

2.4 Attendance requirements

An ordinary council member must have attended at least 75% of the duration of the extra meeting to claim the portion of the extra meeting allowance for attending the extra meeting.

An ordinary member may still make a claim for substantial travel to or from the extra meeting if:

- a) the reason for non-attendance was because the extra meeting was not held; and
- b) there was not sufficient notice that the meeting would not be held prior to travel being undertaken.

2.5 Timeframe for making a claim

Claim forms are to be submitted within 21 days of the date the extra meeting on the approved form.

Claims for Extra Meeting allowance should be made on an approved BRC Extra Meeting Allowance Claim form and submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for payment.

The payments will be in arrears of meetings attended and will be made by electronic funds transfer to the member's nominated bank account.

Claims not submitted within three months of the meeting date will be forfeited.



Elected Members can choose to have some or all of their allowance paid into a superannuation fund.

3. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, POLICIES AND FORMS

Local Government Act (2019) NT

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Minister's Guidelines- Guideline 2

Barkly Regional Council Travel Allowance Claim Form

Barkly Regional Council Extra Meeting Allowances Claim Form

Barkly Regional Council Reimbursement Claim Form

Barkly Regional Council Authority to Travel Form

4. ATTACHMENTS

4.1 Schedule one

This is a list of Council committees and external committees, detailing:

- a) the meetings that attract an extra meeting allowance;
- b) the meetings that do not attract an extra meeting allowance
- c) meetings who allowance is paid for by an external party

4.2 Schedule two

This is the table showing the approved allowance rates and limits that Council proposed to pay in accordance with Section 106 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 2019 (NT).

This schedule will be updated annually in each new financial year.

5. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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



SCHEDULE ONE

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SCHEDULE TWOApproved Allowance Rates and Limits

Elected Member Allowances			
Allowance	Mayor	Deputy-Mayor	Elected Members
Base Allowance	\$74,742.90	\$27,637.93	\$13,442.75
Electoral Allowance	\$19,672.93	\$4,919.13	\$4,919.13
PD Allowance	\$3,734.50	\$3,734.50	\$3,734.50
Maximum Extra Meeting Allowance	-	-	\$8,961.83
Total Claimable	\$98,150.33	\$36,291.56	\$31,058.21
Acting Principal Member Allowance			
Allowance	Amount	The maximum Acting Principal Member Allowance is 90 days per acting Principal Member.	
Daily Rate	\$260.04		
Maximum Claimable	\$23,403.60		

Extra Meeting Allowance to be paid at the maximum rate of \$232.15.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 7.4
TITLE Operations Report
REFERENCE 378781
AUTHOR Troy Koch, Director of Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Receive and note the Operations Report for the month of October.

SUMMARY:**October 2022 Operations Director Report**

Operations Directorate		
Direct Reports	Funding Source	Budget
Area Managers		
Municipal Services Manager		
Operations Admin Officer		

Summary:

With the recent resignations my workload has increased substantially' as it has for several other staff also.

With the new Director of Infrastructure starting this shall, in time, ease the workload somewhat. In the last month I have spent time in Wutunugurra covering the vacant Community Coordinator position which Ray Hocking , Tim Hema and I have been rotating through whilst recruitment takes place.

Local Authority:

Elliott, Alpururulam, Ali Curung held Local Authority Meetings this month, Ampilatwatja did not achieve a quorum.

The Communities:**Elliott:**

Elliott has had several pieces of Plant and Equipment break down, including the rubbish truck and backhoe. This has led to an interruption to core services particularly rubbish collection.

While the Tennant Creek staff are doing their best to repair the P & E, access to and delivery of parts adds time to the repairs, which in turn adds angst to community members who expect rubbish to be collected in a timely manner.

The Elliott municipal team are doing what they can manually to address the rubbish collection while awaiting return of the equipment and should be applauded for their efforts.

There is growing enthusiasm for a women's AFL team to compete in the AFL Barkly competition in 2023, and it would be great to see this occur and the Elliott Football oval get regular use.

Unfortunately a storm ripped the shade sail at the waterpark in half, and took out the depot shed lighting.

The Barkly vets visited and treated numerous dogs for a variety of ailments and the Deadly Hair Dude continues his training visits, as well as DASA who ran a course to help community members obtain their drivers licence.

Ali Curung:

Staff numbers are returning to normal since football carnivals finished.

The airstrip was closed on a few occasions due to adverse weather and flooding.

CDU are currently running Traffic Management and Plant ticket course in community over period 14 – 25 Nov 2022. Ten BRC staff are attending from Tennant Creek, Ampilatwatja and Ali Curung with extra numbers made up from RN CDP provider.

Fire compliance, pest control and air-conditioning servicing has been done on all council buildings and accommodations.

Area manager Tim Hema covered out at Wutunugurra for week.

Aged Care homemakers building have had new CCTV equipment and external security lighting installed since the break-in and have only some building infrastructure repairs left to do.

Aged care staff received training from external trainer, 1 staff resigned with another resigning end of November, this will effect x2 vacancies at the aged care.

Municipal Team currently stand at x2 vacancies.

We received the three new skip bins for community purchased by the Local Authority.

Demolition works have started at the old mission house.

PAW media / regional music area programs running a music workshop to include a concert and potential employment of casual radio broadcaster.

With the hot weather the waterpark has been the main attraction however waterpark needs serious maintenance works.

The Coloured Stone Band are looking at visit to community between 9 – 16 December 2022 to conduct workshops and do a concert performance for community.

Alpurrurulam:

Still some staffing attendance issues in Municipal but settling down overall.

Staff permitting, there have been twice weekly garbage collections most weeks along with airstrip maintenance, grass cutting around the community, general community maintenance, and general plant, vehicle and building minor maintenance.

Customer Service staff continue with Centrelink and Australia Post as well as general administrative and customer service duties.

Visits to community from Police, various health and allied health personnel, Power and Water, general contractors, market truck from Mt Isa, ABC Transport, Education, Shine Lawyers for Stolen Wages, housing installation contractors, Rainbow Gateway (CDP) visitors.

Vet visit cancelled due to wet weather causing road closures.

There was a serious dog attack on nurse and her dog near her home in the community. The Nurse Medevacked out to Mt Isa for medical treatment and is now back in community and recovering (along with her dog).

One dog was put down by police as a result with the consent of the owner.

New housing installations continue.

Ampilatwatja:

October/ November have been a busy with sports carnivals at Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and harts Range.

All core business of council has been conducted to regular program.

We have had the vets visit and we have had a lot of outside agency's attend Ampilatwatja in preparation for the new housing that is going in next year.

We have had Vikki Sherrah (Age Care) resign this month with her last day the 11th of November hopefully to have her position advertised in the coming weeks and we have secured a sport and rec Team leader Elizabeth McDonald to start on the 16th of November.

We have had staff attend a traffic control course and plant ticket training based at Ali-Curung.

With the carnival taking place in Ampilatwatja there has been an influx of rubbish in the community there is a push to get on top of this by the municipal crew once the community is back to satisfactory standard the area of concern will be the surrounding bush land between the landfill and the community where a legacy of illegal dumping has occurred.

Schedule maintenance visits from workshop or outsource a mechanic for Ampilatwatja's needs from Alice Springs.

There is ongoing concern with no scheduled visits from the workshop crew for maintenance on Plant and Vehicle's currently we have had the Skid steer, Firetruck not operational for the last six months at all and we have ongoing issues with the backhoe and grader needing urgent maintenance and preventative maintenance on a more regular basis.

Sports Carnival

After witnessing the sports carnival first hand there will have to be a more planned approach regarding our involvement whether it be Night Patrol or Sport and Rec and the Municipal crew there were a few concerns that will be easily addressed for next year's carnival with a combined planned approach channelling through the Area Manager on the ground instead of what has happen this year with it being a every person for themselves approach which resulted no communication between our working groups and outcomes that could have been more successful not achieving what I would call satisfactory standard.

We had damage to the disabled toilets over the sports carnival which has resulted in them being closed for repairs.

Toilets and facility's based in Ampilatwatja that are under Barkly were strained during this time with the new ablution block toilets and the basketball court amenities failing under the sheer number of people attending the carnival this will have to be brought to the attention of the carnival organisers and funding body Ampilatwatja store as it

will have to be addressed before next year's carnival for the council give it the go ahead due to health concerns.

Due to the ongoing Carnivals staff unapproved absences have caused difficulty in delivering council services.

Arlpara

Arlpara has had a very busy sports carnival with it scheduled to go for 5 days turning out to be 7 days.

All core business of council has been conducted to regular program.

We had the handover of the new subdivision and road infrastructure from DIPL to Barkly Regional Council last week with further discussions about future works around a truck turnaround bay near the store at Arlpara.

Shirley Kunoth has been participating in training Cert 3 in Aged Care.

Identify 2 municipal workers locally based in Arlpara to assist Greg Carney the ESO based there with council core services including airport maintenance, rubbish collection and general up keep of council areas of responsibility (These are currently vacant positons).

Night Patrol did not attend the sports carnival at Arlpara due to road conditions at the time which has had negative feedback from stakeholders in Arlpara raising their concerns about our commitment to Arlpara as a whole.

Toilets and facility's based in Arlpara that are under Barkly were strained during this time with 4 portable toilets and the basketball court amenities failing under the sheer number of people attending the carnival this will have to be brought to the attention of the carnival organisers and funding body Arlpara store as it will have to be addressed before next year's carnival for the council give it the go ahead due to Health concerns.

TC Depot:

Peter and The Team at the Depot continue to do a good job keeping on top of the extra works that have arisen due to the recent rains. The mechanical team are doing a good job in difficult circumstances as parts supply is very slow and affecting the timely turnover of mechanical repairs, and example of this would be parts for the steering box on the Mack truck and the PTO for the rubbish truck for Elliott.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	Amendment to Councillor Code of Conduct
REFERENCE	378790
AUTHOR	Frank Crawley, Quality & Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council amend the Code of Conduct Policy – Members/Councillors to include the following clause:

“Use of Council Motor Vehicle and other assets - Drivers must have zero alcohol and illicit drug levels when using a council motor vehicles and other assets.”

SUMMARY:

This report recommends an addition to the Member/Councillor Code of Conduct relating to the use of council motor vehicles and other assets. It covers Councillors, Committee members and Local Authority members.

BACKGROUND

The Council resolved at its October 2022 meeting to review the Member/Councillor Code of Conduct to ensure alignment with Council’s Vehicle use policy and Employee Code of Conduct.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The use of council motor vehicles presents a major operational risk so having a clear understanding of acceptable use is a good risk mitigation strategy.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

This addition to the code of conduct will make it clear that using council motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a breach of the code of conduct.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.6
TITLE	CEO's Report
REFERENCE	378808
AUTHOR	Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of November 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of activities of the Chief Executive Officer during November 2022.

BACKGROUND

November has been another busy month for Council, as we continue to manage the challenges of recruitment to vacant roles during a global labour shortage.

However, despite this, Council has secured the services of a number experienced and well-qualified individuals who have commenced in their new Council roles and are already contributing to enhancing outcomes for the Barkly.

I am particularly pleased to introduce the newest members of our executive leadership team. After a an almost complete turnover of our ELT twice in two consecutive years, the loss of corporate knowledge has been and continues to be a formidable challenge to the efficient operations of the Barkly Regional Council. However, I am very pleased to report to council and our community that the newly established ELT brings together a tremendous breadth of local and other government experience and expertise, commitment, enthusiasm and a level of professionalism equal to the task of restoring stability to our business.

I would also like to applaud the dedication and commitment of our management, operational and service delivery staff who have maintained services so well during the transition.

November saw the publication of Council's Annual Report, and I would like to extend my appreciation to all those who contributed to the development of this year's report. It is provided elsewhere in this Meeting's Agenda.

The following table provides a snapshot of some of the engagement highlights for the month (since publication of the October Meeting Agenda):

Date	Event/Meeting	Location
Weekly meetings	BRC Executive Leadership Team	BRC
	One to one meetings with Council Directors	BRC
	BRD Backbone Admin Group	Barkly House
Monthly meetings	CouncilBiz Executive Committee	Online
	Barkly Regional Coordination Committee	Ali Curung
	Local Emergency Committee	Tennant Creek
25 October	Elliott Town Camps Normalisation Project	BRC
28 October	Meeting with T&J (NT) regarding BRC fleet options	BRC
1 November	Meeting with Alice Springs Town Council CEO	Online
1 November	TCA Board Meeting	Online
4 November	Meet and greet discussion with the Barkly Sports Initiative	Online

7 November	Meeting with Totalgreen Greenpower to discuss product range and options	BRC
10 November	Beetaloo Basin Reference Group	Online
10 November	Meeting with ANZ Bank representative	BRC
11 November	TCA Board Meeting	Online
14 November	Meeting with NTG to discuss camping and visitation project opportunities at Lake Mary Ann	BRC
14 November	Meeting with NTG and Commonwealth Government representatives to discuss the opening and operation of Tennant Creek Youth Centre	Tennant Creek
16-18 November	LGANT Convention and AGM	Darwin

- Juno – A report will be presented to the January meeting of council.
- Audit and Risk Committee – A report will be presented to the January meeting of council.
- Recruitment – Barkly Regional Council has entered into a unique and innovative partnership with Collar Recruitment as key part of our objectives to become an employer of choice. A further report will be presented at the January meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	7.7
TITLE	Update from the Barkly Regional Deal
REFERENCE	378810
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note a report from the Barkly Regional Deal.

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update from the Barkly Regional Deal.

BACKGROUND

The Barkly Regional Deal aims to strengthen regional resilience, facilitate collaboration across all parts of the community, invest in local leadership, capability and capacity, and translate regional assets into economic development and investment opportunity.

The Barkly Regional Deal brings together Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council in a shared commitment to achieving positive, sustainable outcomes for our region.

UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Joanne McPhee joined the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team as Executive Officer on 13 October 2022 for an initial three month period to provide leadership and direction until the role can be filled permanently.

Jo has joined Lucy McGarry in the Backbone Team, which has provided welcome support to the office structure and business activities. Jo has worked within NT Government for 38 years in Darwin and Alice Springs (and Tennant Creek many years ago) working in managerial and executive leadership positions within NT Police as well as secondments to Territory Families and the Australian Crime Commission.

Previous Period:

Over the past month a focus has been on organising our governance including reviewing and delivering on action items from previous Governance Table Meetings and ensuring the delivery of secretariat support to various meetings aligns with expectations of our stakeholders. Building and developing the Barkly Aboriginal Alliance has also been underway with strong and positive representation at the last Governance Table meeting in October. We have advertised positions for administration and project officers and have a project manager about to commence for 3 months to develop a project monitoring and reporting framework to enhance the Governance Table's visibility of all the BRD initiatives and projects.

Up Next:

A BRD Governance Table will occur on 1 December 2022. The focus of this meeting will be on progress on the 28 Initiatives giving Governance Table members an opportunity to be briefed on the status of the projects and deep dive into issues of particular interest such as building local Aboriginal capacity through employment, involvement on tender panels and the like. Our communications with the community about the Regional Deal will be a significant focus in the upcoming period: the community wants to know about the various initiatives, and we need to share and celebrate the progress on each achievement of the Deal. To that end we look forward to working with Council members who may be interested in media and other opportunities to be involved in messaging to the Community.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

ITEM NUMBER	7.8
TITLE	Finance Report for the Month of October 2022
REFERENCE	378813
AUTHOR	Anupam (Frank) Singh, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the finance statements for the month of October 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Council's financial position to the end of October 2022.

BACKGROUND

November has seen the arrival of Council's new Chief Financial Officer, Romeo Mutsago. We welcome Romeo to this role.

Acting Finance Manager, Anupam Singh, will be moving on from Barkly Regional Council at the end of November to take up a role in Katherine.

Anupam's contribution to the finance portfolio within Council has been recognized as significant. He has moved Council forward in its financial management, and we look forward to this work being continued with Romeo's arrival. We wish Anupam all the very best in his new role.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Information provided in the attached report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) October 2022 MTD Financials.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position
for the month ended October 31 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud 2022 Remaining
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	5	11,847.00	0.00	11,847.00	0.00	11,847.00
Trade & other receivables	5	2,789.56	0.00	2,789.56	0.00	-2,801.99
Other financial assets	5	8.29	0.00	8.29	0.00	0.00
Inventories	5	16.12	0.00	16.12	0.00	0.00
		<u>14,660.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14,660.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,045.01</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets		<u>14,660.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14,660.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,045.01</u>
Non-current Assets						
Financial assets	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment property	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	27,131.39	0.00	27,131.39	0.00	-27,131.39
Other non-current assets	6	13,570.27	0.00	13,570.27	0.00	29,363.00
Total Non-current Assets		<u>40,701.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,701.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,231.61</u>
Total Assets		<u>55,362.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>55,362.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,276.62</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Trade & other payables	8	1,612.00	0.00	1,612.00	0.00	1,038.00
Borrowings	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provisions	8	944.00	0.00	944.00	0.00	1,371.00
Other current liabilities	8					
		<u>2,556.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,556.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities		<u>2,556.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,556.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>
Non-current Liabilities						
		<u>2,556.00</u>				
Trade & Other Payables	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Borrowings	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provisions	8	417.00	0.00	417.00	0.00	401.00
Liability - Equity accounted Council businesses	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-current Liabilities	8					
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>417.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>417.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>401.00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>2,974.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,973.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,810.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>52,388.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,389.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,466.62</u>

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position con't
for the month ended October 31 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	Var YTD \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's
EQUITY						
Accumulated Surplus		25,916.02	0.00	25,916.02	0.00	24,705.00
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	23,054.00	0.00	23,054.00	0.00	23,789.00
Other Reserves	9	3,418.00	0.00	3,418.00	0.00	4,221.00
Total Council Equity		<u>52,388.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,388.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,715.00</u>
Minority Interest		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>52,388.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,388.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,715.00</u>

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

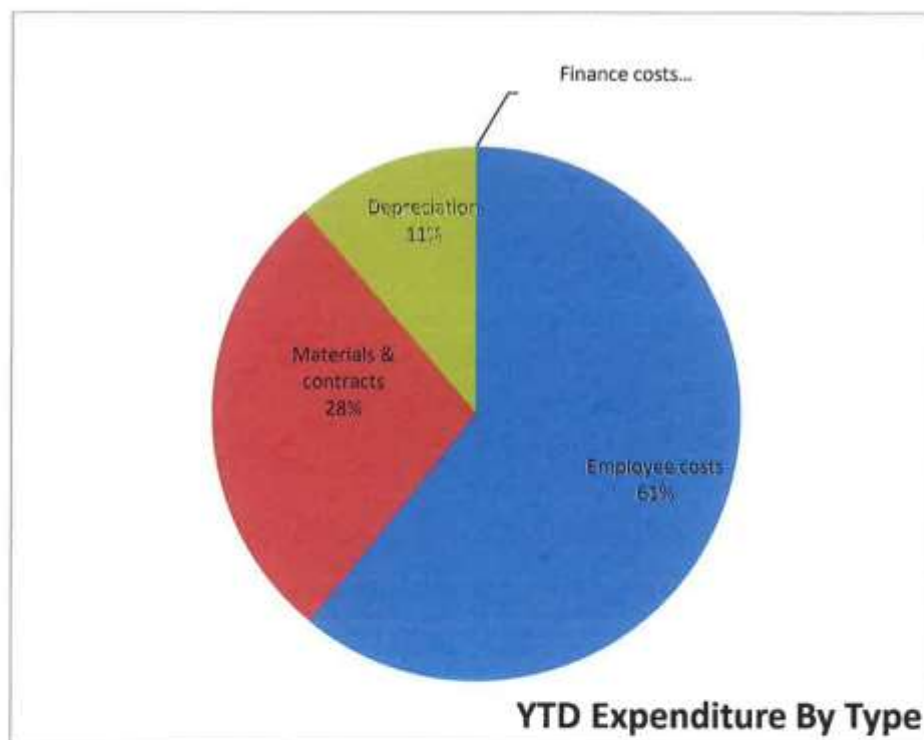
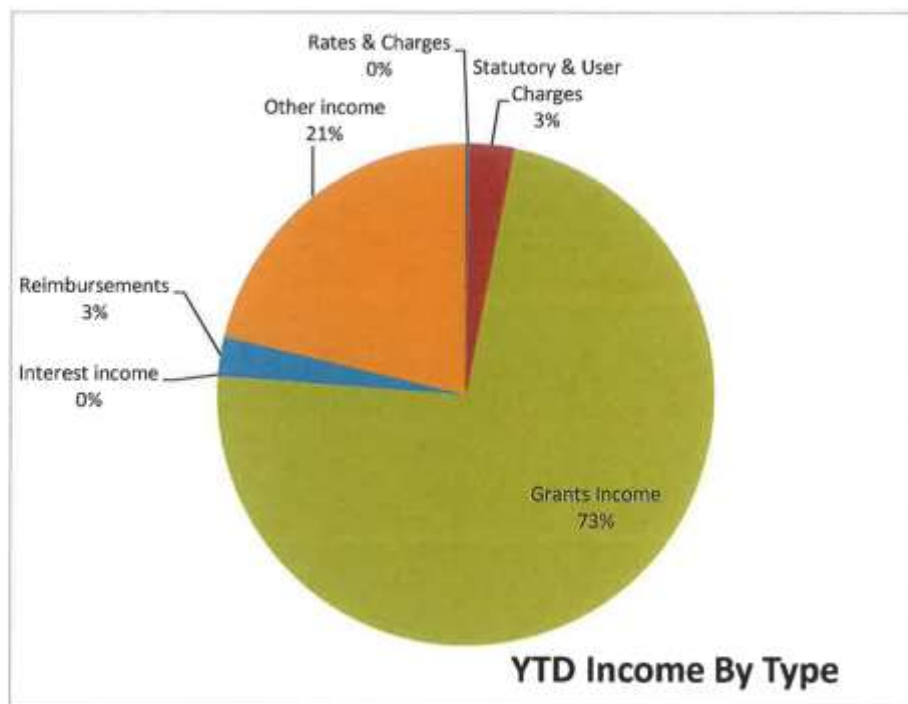
Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the month ended October 31 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud Remaining \$ 000's
INCOME						
Rates	2	15	0	15	3,941	3,926
Statutory charges	2	3	0	3	12	9
User charges	2	221	0	221	-	(221)
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	5675	0	5,675	16,031	10,356
Investment income	2	7	0	7	-	(7)
Reimbursements	2	190	0	190	-	(190)
Other income	2	1654	0	1,654	-	(1,654)
Net gain - equity accounted Council businesses	19					
Total Income		7,766	-	7,765	19,984	12,219
EXPENSES						
Employee costs	3	5008	0	5,008	-	(5,008)
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	2663	0	2,663	-	(2,663)
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	933	0	933	-	(933)
Finance costs	3	2	0	2	-	(2)
Total Expenses		8,606	-	8,606	-	(8,606)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		-841	0	-842	19984	20826
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	0	0	0	0	0
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	181	0	181	207	26
Physical resources received free of charge	2	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result from discontinued operations	20	0	0	0	0	0
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		(253)	-	(661)	20,191	20,852
Other Comprehensive Income						
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(253)	-	(661)	20,191	20,852
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)						
Council		(253)	-	(661)	20,191	20,852
		(253)	-	(661)	20,191	20,852
Share of Other Comprehensive Income						
Council		-	-	-	-	-
Minority interest		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(253)	-	(661)	20,191	20,852

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

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the month ended October 31 2022

	Notes	Acc'd Surplus	Asset Rev'n Reserve	Other Reserves	Total Council Equity	Minority Interest Equity	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Act YTD							
Balance at end of previous reporting period		26,169	23,054	3,418	52,641	-	52,641
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards		-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies		-	-	-	-	-	-
Restated opening balance		26,169	23,054	3,418	52,641	-	52,641
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(253)			(253)		(253)
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	9	25,916	23,054	3,418	52,388	-	52,388



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the month ended Oct 22 2022

STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

<u>Projects Capitalized YTD</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
AMPILATWATJA SPORTS AND RECREATION	875,972.31	Ampilatwatja
ABLUTION BLOCK - AMPILATWATJA	524,818.72	Ampilatwatja
ISUZU FVR 240-300 MWB TIPPER 10T	201,773.73	Tennant Creek
Total Assets Commissioned YTD JUNE 2022	1,400,791.03	
PURKISS RESERVE	9,000,000.00	Tennant Creek
LAKE MARY ANN TOILET UPGRADE	735.64	
BARKLY YOUTH CENTRE	3,565,327.85	Tennant Creek
ALI CURUNG YOUTH CENTRE	609,911.21	Ali Currung
DEMOUNTABLE OFFICE	85,228.90	Tennant Creek
TC OFFICE REFURBISHMENT	3,910.00	Tennant Creek
PEKO PARK REPLACEMENT OF W.C.	3,001.04	Tennant Creek
DANGEROUS GOODS CONTAINERS	336.00	Tennant Creek
TC BIKE PATH/SHARED PATH CONSTRUCTION	87,358.73	Tennant Creek
TENNANT CREEK FOOTPATH	6,508.00	Tennant Creek
MARY ANN DAM TENDER FEES	168.00	Tennant Creek
BRD SOLARPANEL INSTALLATION AT MARLINJA	68,000.00	Marinja
SINGLE CAB TIPPER	337.50	Tennant Creek
GARBAGE TRUCK	338.18	Tennant Creek
PORTA LOOS	22,140.00	Tennant Creek
MERAKI MIGRATION TELSTRA	112,972.29	Tennant Creek
Current WIP Projects	13,566,273.34	

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements					
General Purpose Financial Reports					
Note 5 - LIQUID ASSETS					
CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS 31/08/2022	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	Bud FY	Var YTD
Cash on Hand and at Bank					
Westpac Operation Account		166	-	-	148
Westpac trust Account		3,024	-	1	2,439
ANZ Operational		5,518	-	3,366	2,944
Westpac Term Deposit .05%		3,139	-	3,140	(3)
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc					
Bills of Exchange					
		11,847	-	6,507	5,528

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the month ended October 31 2022

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

RATES - GENERAL & OTHER	4,473					
		Current Year	21_22	20_21	20_19	Pre 18_19
		2022_23				
October 2022	3569	3076	148	97	81	248
		86%	4%	3%	2%	5%
September 2022	4,473	3.96	160.00	98.73	811.00	169.00
		89%	4%	2%	2%	4%
		Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due	
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES	296					
October 2022	296	50	45	7	194	
		16.89%	15.20%	2.36%	65.54%	
September 2022	455	139	121	17	178	
		30.55%	26.59%	3.74%	39.12%	

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number	Amount (000's)	Comment
323	125	AUS Projects NT Pty Ltd
380	19	Tennant Creek Funerals
9	13	Power and Water
374	5	Territory Disability Services
311	6	Catholic Care
76	5	Territory Families

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	ICT Report - October & November 2022
REFERENCE	378367
AUTHOR	Grant Hanson, ICT Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report the ICT Report - October & November 2022.

SUMMARY:

The Information & Communication Technology department, until recently, consisted of two staff (one ICT officer and one ICT coordinator), which supported the operational aspects of Council across the entire Barkly region where council services are present. We are currently in the process of merging into a newly formed Information Services Division.

This reporting period has been very busy and kept the team on their toes, with a multitude of requests for support, while finalising a number of projects.

The successful migration of the Email Server (Exchange) to O365 by CouncilBiz has been the primary focus, as users have reported some issues with their emails. The common theme is that users have lost their emails but that is not the case; users have to click into their individual mailboxes and that will begin the synchronisation process; this will work in the background while the user has their outlook open.

A number of users who access their emails via mobile devices have also reported issues around accessing their emails. The ICT team have had to reset their access, much like we have done with your tablet computers.

Also this month, I have visited Elliott and Ali Curung and met with Jonathan Lora (CouncilBiz contractor from CDM Australia), Mikko Carabio (CouncilBIZ) and Scott Grosskopf (CouncilBIZ). Jonathan, Mikko, Scott and I have been working together on the network cutovers for Elliott, Tennant Creek and Ali Curung; with their help, we have managed to remove in excess of 50kg of equipment that is redundant and obsolete across three sites. The Bulk of the equipment was from Tennant Creek, where our communications rack held:

- 3 Servers
- 1 QNAP Network Attached Storage Device
- 1 Router

Below are some before and after shots from each of the sites that have been completed.



Figure 1 - Tennant Creek Communications Rack – Before

Figure 2 - Tennant Creek Communications Rack – After

Figure 3 - Elliott Communications Rack – After

Note: No before shot, as works had already commenced prior to my arrival at site

Alpurrurulam and Ampilatwatja will be next up to get their networks upgraded.

PROJECTS

- **Office 365 Migration**

The successful migration of the email server, Microsoft Exchange, to Microsoft Office 365 resourced in tandem with CouncilBiz and BRC has kept us very busy; unfortunately the migration was not as successful as we had planned for as there are some flow-on effects. Some users have reported issues with access to various systems, including emails, which is being addressed on a case by case basis. Unfortunately, some councillors had also been caught up in the email access issue, but this has now been fully addressed.

Quick reference how-to documentation will be created and disseminated to staff over the next few weeks.

The common theme after the migration occurred over the weekend of 15/10/2022, is that users are fearful that they have lost their emails; I would like to assure the council that this is not the case; the team have been working with CouncilBiz to ensure that data loss has not occurred in any way.

Users have had to click into their individual mailbox folders to begin the synchronisation process. This is a once-off process and will work in the background while the user has their outlook open. The Office 365 email system is set to a 30-second automatic synchronisation, meaning it will check for new mail every 30 seconds while outlook is open.

A number of users who access their emails via mobile devices have also reported issues around accessing their emails. The ICT team have had to reset their access, much like we have done with your tablet computers. Our ICT provider has recommended the use of the Microsoft Outlook App for access of emails on mobile devices; this application has been pre-loaded onto your tablets.

This part of the Office 365 project is nearing completion and will be completed in Q1 of 2023. There is still an amount of work to be done for overall project completion.

- **Microsoft Teams Rollout**

The Microsoft Teams rollout is well underway. The Teams application has been pushed out to all computers on the Council network. Documentation on how to use teams (including information on how to login) will be distributed in the new year once all sites are on the new systems. New Teams phones have also been installed at completed sites and will be installed at the remaining sites after the wet season.

- **Meraki MX Rollout**

The Meraki MX rollout is ongoing. There are still some issues around land tenure and access that are holding up some sites from being connected to the new systems, as well as infrastructural upgrades that need to occur. Unfortunately, this is an issue that is outside of our control.

In this reporting period, The Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung Sites have been completed with their respective networks cutover to the new configuration. A visit to Alpururulam had been planned, but the roads are closed and it is unlikely we will be able to get out there until the new year now.

- **Library CyberCafe**

We have been working with Bryce Khoory, Library Coordinator, to upgrade the hardware for the Library CyberCafe. This project is in early stages and a progress report will be provided at the next council meeting.

ICT TEAM

The ICT team has been reduced to one team member, following the resignation of Bikash Karki, our ICT Coordinator. We wish Bikash all the best with his new endeavours.

This reporting period I have welcomed Richard Bianco, who is council's new Information Services Manager. Richard's role will oversee the Records and Compliance, Quality and Governance and Information & Communication Technology departments.

Richard is currently reviewing department staffing roles and requirements and will be penning the next ICT report for council

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Implementation of Digital forms
- Implementation of Self-Service tools via Helpdesk, including knowledgebase articles.
- Installation of Teams Rooms Systems (to replace existing Video Conferencing facilities).

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

With the ICT reduced to one person, there may be a delay in the delivery of ICT Services across the region, however Richard will be assisting when and where possible to maintain the continuity of internal customer service.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Introducing Infrastructure Director - Report for November 2022
REFERENCE	378811
AUTHOR	Raghavendra Upadhyaya, Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate report for November 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report is to inform Council that Raghavendra Vasudeva Upadhyaya (Rag) has commenced in the role of Director of Infrastructure for Barkly Regional Council from the 16 November 2022 and is based at Tennant Creek Head Office.

BACKGROUND

Rag's career has been built in working with LGAs, Universities, consultants, contractors and industry clients for capital works project development, asset management and other infrastructure services.

Over the years, Rag worked in several leadership roles where he has contributed extensively to design and delivering a broad range of multidisciplinary community projects (with high BCR) pertaining to roads, airport management, stormwater drainage, parks, waste transfer station, landfill management, flying fox relocation, open spaces & recreation. In his previous role, Rag was responsible to construct and maintain roads up to 4000kms with an operating budget of 47 million dollars.

Rag is a Professional Member of Engineers Australia (with EA ID: 5569888) with a Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering (Australia) and tertiary degrees (Bachelors and Master's) with NER, RPEQ and RPEV statuses.

Rag ensures a high level of strategic focus, project health and safety and environmental management, thus empowering community in active project consultation, improving staff performance (KPI) based on the BRC's corporate plan, encourage better work culture and continuous improvement.

Some of Rag's key project focus will be on the following but not limited to:

- Tennant Creek and Ali Curung Youth Centre
- Ampilatwatja Sports and Rec Centre and Ablution Block
- Street Lights in Karguru Camp Rd and Elliott
- Other operational goals for infrastructure and Capital works plan
- Review and establish the Footpath Master Plan for TC and Elliott
- Review and establish the Asset Management Plan for BRC

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE



ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Community Development - October 2022 Report
REFERENCE	378756
AUTHOR	Gillian Molloy, Regional Community Development Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Community Development Directorate Report for the period October – November 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the Community Development Directorate activities for period October – November 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Directorate includes the following services that are delivered across the Barkly Region:

- Tennant Creek & Elliott Libraries
- Fitness & Wellness Centre
- Tennant Creek Swimming Pool
- Animal Management
- Youthlinx
- Ali Curung & Elliott Safe Houses
- Community Care
- Youth Sport & Recreation
- Community Safety

YOUTHLINX PROGRAM

The Youthlinx program experienced high participant attendance as the school holiday program was running at the pool and Youthlinx building.

Our total October attendance was 1421, including 541 attendees for the School Holiday Programs.

The month was filled with many activities attended by parents and grandparents who were comforted in knowing their children were in a safe and friendly environment.

At all programs, the team provided participants with healthy and nutritional food.

Major Events:

➤ **Family & Domestic Violence 5th October**

Youthlinx made a banner for the March against Violence & Workshop for the Barkly Region.

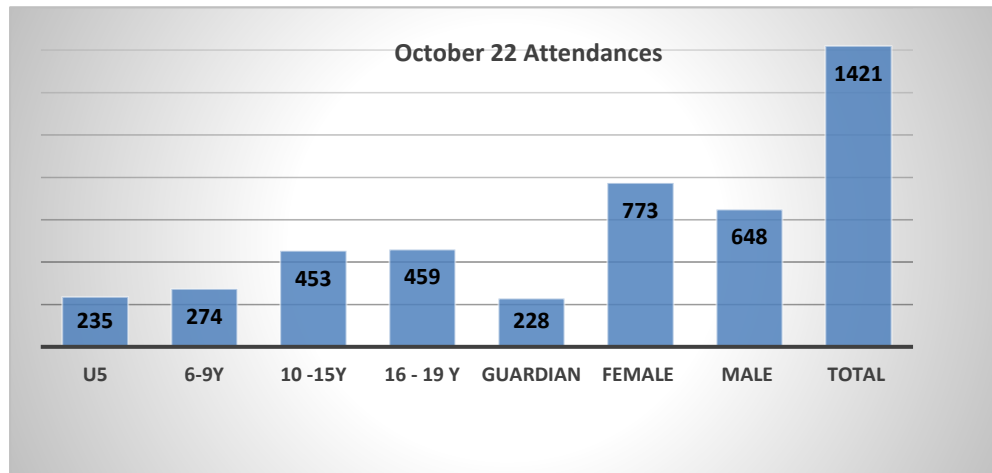
➤ **Halloween at the Pool 23rd October**

Halloween Party for the families and community was held at the Town Pool on Sunday, October 23. The day was a fantastic day filled with plenty of families and children. We had over 200 at this event, and everyone had a great time. All the children and parents made a considerable effort to dress up. There were plenty of giveaways, which made the event great.

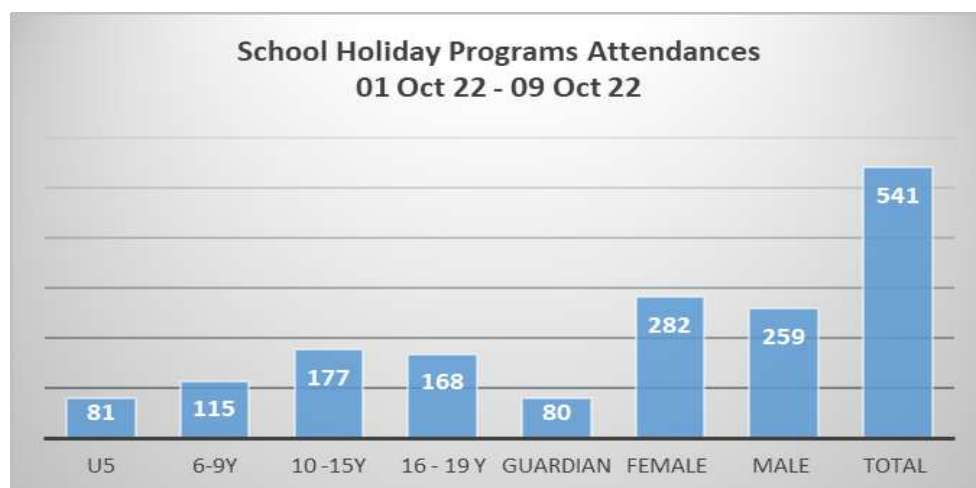
➤ **Children's Week 28th October**

Children's Week – was celebrated with a BBQ at the Tennant Creek Pool and the attendance was great for this event. The Youthlinx Team worked tirelessly for this project, and the activities went well with all the Children and their families to help celebrate this day for the Children's Week program.

Monthly attendance statistics



School Holiday Program attendance statistics October 1 -October 9



YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION

In October, team members travelled from communities to attend Charles Darwin University training in Tennant Creek.

The four team members from Ali Curung, Arlparra and Elliott, are enrolled in certificate two or certificate three courses in Sport and Recreation. They are due to return to Tennant Creek in November to further work on their units, including administering first aid.

Ampilatwatja and Arlparra Sports Carnivals were very popular amongst communities, with many people travelling to attend. The event was an excellent opportunity for the sport and rec team to work to ensure activities commenced during the carnival. The Epenarra team provided a range of activities, including movies, skipping, painting and skating.

October Activities

Participants utilised the pool table and waterpark often, and movie night was a big hit in Ali Curung.

Arlparra

- Range of activities, including footy, basketball and band practice.

Epenarra

- Painting, skating, and movie nights were popular events.

The Sport and Rec team have experienced a few challenges throughout the month.

- Sports carnivals in Ampilatwatja and Arlparra resulted in fewer people in the community, which showed in the smaller attendance numbers.
- Sport and Rec could not open in Ampilatwatja due to no team members being available.
- Employee shortages in Epenarra and Alpururulam meant Sport and Rec couldn't open some nights.
- Sorry business affected the opening of Sport and Rec across all communities at different times.
- Ongoing problems of employee's not returning to work without warning around the region with a higher number from Elliott.

Community	5-14 years	15-24 years	TOTAL	Total September 22
Ali Curung	298	2	300	434
Alpururulam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ampilatwatja	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arlparra	45	47	92	873
Elliott	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Epenarra	110	11	121	N/A

No Data supplied for Alpururulam and Elliott

Two week data Epenarra supplied as Sport and Rec was closed for remainder of month due to employee vacancy

Arlparra numbers are much lower than usual. This is due to the extended Sports Carnival that occurred there. This meant Sport and Rec could not open, as usual, activities were still delivered. However, due to the sheer number of people participating, it was not feasible to collect data.

COMMUNITY CARE

Community visits have commenced and reports and updates are on the way fulfilling NDIS requirements. Barkly Regional Council has successfully passed the Mid Term Audit and progressing through all outstanding 'Plan Review, and Evaluation reports.

October Activities

- Most employees have been trained in Coved protection requirements.
- New team members are required to do the training.
- Ongoing training for the NDIS orientation module is continuing for all new employees.

- Community visits have commenced, and reports and updates are on the way to fulfilling NDIS requirements.

NDIS has experienced some challenges during October.

- Shortage of employee's in most communities.
- Employee shortage is causing operational issues and timely updates of tools.
- BRC participants being approached for employment by other providers.
- Support Coordination has been trying to reengage through the NDIS.
- Issues with the NDIS portal when a plan is 'rolled over/auto extended" the processing within the portal has yet to catch up with the processing.
- Issues with Core meals – previously notified that no quote was required; however, when making service booking in Proda, it still requests the quote. It appears the system hasn't caught up with the change.
- There are issues with community support for social engagement and individual skills development. Support Coordination is in the process of brainstorming this requirement.
- Providers need to provide reports in a reasonable timeframe. Support Coordination is working on this issue.

Community	October 22 Participants	Total September 22
Ali Curung	1	1
Alpurrurulam	1	10
Ampilatwatja	5	4
Arlparra	6	6
Elliott	3	3
Tennant Creek	3	2
TOTAL	28	26

SAFE HOUSES

Ali Curung

Due to various Sports Weekends occurring in outlying communities for the first three weeks of October, most of Ali Curung's population was absent. This accounted for a slow month for emergency stays

Even though we only had one overnight and three-day clients, we fielded many phone calls. We reported instances of Domestic Violence many times during the month. We were a part of a joint rescue mission for a mother and her three daughters who had been prisoners at an outstation for two weeks. We also had many visitors coming to the safe house. They come

for various reasons: to use the washing machine, company, a quiet place to sleep, relax and do art, air conditioning, good food, a cuppa and a chat, workshops and various activities.

We continue to offer practical assistance by making available the use of the washing machine, a place for them to come during the day and experience some quiet time. Our focus is to continue to work with the local organisations in Ali Curung and Tennant Creek and visiting stakeholders.

The night Patrol Team, the police and the clinic continue to work closely with us to keep the women and children of Ali Curung safe and the on-call team continues their outstanding work with the women and children.

A safety plan and a support plan have been created for each client. These support plans can take hours each month to enact, such things as dealing with police, lawyers, Territory Families, SARC and AOD.

October Activities

- Several women out bush to gather Bush Medicines, and we were a part of a smoking ceremony for a newborn.
- Central Australia Women's Legal Service ran a workshop at the Safe House to discuss Domestic Violence Orders with 23 people.
- The All Day Brekky continues to be popular, with 37 women and 29 children enjoying pancakes.
- The Girls Group occurred three times during the month, with eight girls coming each time.
- Commenced a BOYS CLUB, in which nine boys came. We have excellent discussions, construct projects in these groups, games, and have afternoon tea.
- The local Police Sergeant attended one of the Girl's Groups, which was well received.

Elliott

We have received feedback from local authorities and non-government organisations that there are issues with access to the Safe House from women in need. This feedback has been escalated to the Barkly Regional Council's A/Director Community Development and CEO. We will be meeting with Tennant Creek Women's Refuge CEO and Chairperson to discuss concerns, find solutions and develop a wider plan for the service.

October Activities

- Still in progress is the development of Safety Plan template for clients.
- Planning programme for Safe House Weekly activity and Monthly program.
- November event planning for a Domestic Violence march including involvement of out of Elliott stakeholder involvement.
- Fast / Family at first teachers program at Safe House every Wednesday, fun activities, art crafts, jewellery making with beads and cooking meals.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Community Safety Manager has been challenged throughout the month as he is currently overseeing all ten communities. However the Community Safety/ Night Patrol on Community are doing well.

We still have positions vacant in some of the ten Communities, and I am also doing recruiting and interviews in these Communities. As the only Community Safety Manager, I deal with all issues that are in communities with Community Safety employees. At the moment, all is well in the community. I also attend LA meetings on Communities when they are having these meetings.

TENNANT CREEK LIBRARY

In October, the Library Coordinator has been engaging with Library NT stakeholders and gained invaluable training, knowledge on library processes and recommended layout. After advice from Library NT, the standing author list was updated to better match community needs. Currently liaising with the Finance Department to better understand the Library Funding Breakdown. The total number of Library Members is at 654.

Tennant Creek Library has experienced some challenges during October.

- Library still no computer, Wi-Fi or door-counter tracker. Major Events/Incidents/Statistics

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Local Laws continues to be vigilant with Animal Management around the Barkly Region. Despite having four dogs rehomed to lucky adoptees, the current animal capacity is still high with only two available places available. During October we had three dogs hand in, four impounded, two returned to owners and two aggressive dogs euthanized.



Sammy adopted

TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

With the hot weather in October, Tennant Creek Primary School, School Holiday program and Youthlink events the pool experience good attendance with a total of 2425 single entries.

The biggest number of swimmers attending the pool is still the 3pm-4pm timeslot and the early morning swimmers total for the month is 96 visits.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

A more

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Minutes
REFERENCE	378785
AUTHOR	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of November;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority November meeting minutes;
- c) Receive and note the Alpururulam Local Authority November meeting minutes;
- d) Receive and note the Elliot Local Authority November meeting minutes;

SUMMARY:

Barkly Region has a statutory obligation to operate 7 Local Authorities to provide a direct voice to council from community. The following report provides an update on the status and activities of our Local Authorities.

Local Authority	Last meeting	Next Meeting	Notes
Ali Curung	Nov 14	Jan 9	
Alpururulam	Nov 15	Jan 15	
Arlparra	Nov 17	Dec 6	No Quorum
Elliott	Nov 10	Dec 15	
Ampilatwatja	Nov 16	Dec 7	No Quorum
Wutunugurra	Nov 9	Dec	No Quorum
Tennant Creek			No Quorum

Aligns with Regional Plan Goal

3.1: In collaboration with our local authorities and other key stakeholders, complete development of Council's Strategic Plan: Better Barkly 2030.

3.19: Provide an update to the community on Council's progress and performance in delivering the commitment of this annual plan.

6:3 Support Local Authorities to build local skills and capability through community planning and effective budget allocations.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

There is a serious risk in not having functioning LA. Risk of loss of voice to council. Risk of loss of funding. Risk of non-compliance with legislation.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) ELA_10112022_MIN_855.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) ACLA_14112022_MIN_833.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) ALLA_15112022_MIN_857.pdf



MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Elliott Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Elliott Council Office - Conference Room on Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 10:30am.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.

Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council.

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.

We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.

We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

Meeting commenced at 10:30am with Bob Bagnall as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 - Bob Bagnall
 - Jody Nish
 - Jason Mullan
 - Kevin Neade
 - Chris Neade
 - Lora Jackson
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 - Ray Hocking
 - Steve Edington
 - Ronald Plummer
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 - Acting Mayor Russel O'Donnell
 - Cr. Heather Wilson
 - Cr. Lennie Barton
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Elliott Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the 16th September 2022 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Gordon Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 38/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm all completed items and remove them from the action list.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Christopher Neade

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 39/22

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council Receive and note the Operations Report for the month of October.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Christopher Neade

Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 40/22

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Christopher Neade

Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 41/22

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the update from the BRD team.

7.2 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

7.3 AREA MANAGERS REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 42/22

7.4 GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION

Chair Bob Bagnall invited Steve Edgington to address the meeting. The Member for Barkly spoke about questions he has for the Northern Territory Government concerning the old Elliott Health Clinic and their plans for it in the future, proposed legislation changes around criminal responsibility, the Barkly Regional Deal and then commended the work and commitment of staff based in the Barkly communities.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 43/22

MOTION

that the Area Manager identifies the owner of the proposed site of the 24 hour fuel site and invite the owner or a representative to present to Local Authority members on the planned future development of the site

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Gordon Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 44/22

MOTION

that the Area Manager obtain a quote for three skip bins as acquired by the Ali Curung Local Authority and present to the next meeting

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Christopher Neade

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 45/22

MOTION

that BRC give an update on where the Elliott Community Plan currently sits, prior to the next Local Authority meeting

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Christopher Neade

Seconded: LA Member Kevin Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 46/22

MOTION

that the Area Manager confirm with Crown Lands and other NT Government departments the communities wish to erect a chapel at the Elliott Cemetery and report outcome to the December Local Authority Meeting

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Kevin Neade

Seconded: LA Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 47/22

MOTION

that the minutes from the 19/05/2022 and 11/08/2022 Elliott Local Authority Meetings be sent to the next council meeting for ratification

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 48/22

MOTION

That Council as per resolution 107/22 follow up with Northern Interests to provide the quarterly report to the Elliott Local Authority as in their submission, and furthermore confirm to the Elliott Local Authority the current tenure of the land, awarded, as part of the original tender and confirmation as to the accommodation to be built, and the site it will sit on prior to the December Elliott Local Authority meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 49/22

MOTION

That the Area Manager obtain a confirmed time and date for the street sweeper to commence work in Elliott and the CLA's as per the agreement.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 50/22

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the next meeting to be held on Thursday 15th of December.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 10 November 2022 AND CONFIRMED

Bob Bagnall
Chair

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer



MINUTES ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Ali Curung Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Ali Curung Council Office - Conference Room on Monday, 14 November 2022 at 1:00pm.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

OUR VISION

We strive to be responsive, progressive, sustainable council which respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

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We will make it happen!
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 We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable.
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 We will be a responsive Council.
 We want to empower local decision making.
 We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services.
 We want to be able to sustain our environment – our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture.
 We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region.
 We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

Meeting commenced at 1:20PM with Cr Noel Hayes as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Cr Dereck Walker
Cr Noel Hayes
Lucy Jackson
Peter Corbett
Jerry Rice
Andrew Tsavaris

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Lucy McGarry BRD Team
Jo McPhee BRD Team
Zeza Egan
Arana Rice
Cr Ronald Plummer
Steve Edgington MLA

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Nil

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cysila Rose
Cythia Smith
Ned Kelly

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

Nil

There were no declarations of interest at this Ali Curung Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMAITON OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the minutes of 12th September 2022 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 45/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 46/22

Subject of improve Street Lighting be added into the actions list for further action.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for August 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 47/22

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 48/22

Area Manager read out the balance it was noted that the skip bins has not been subtracted from the balance.

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 ALI CURUNG AREA MANAGERS REPORT - NOV 2022

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 49/22

7. GENERAL BUSINESS**7.1 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY****RECOMMENDATION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

No report given. Not discussed.

7.2 POWER OUTAGES - GENERATOR**MOTION****That the Authority**

- (a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris****Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ACLA 50/22***8. CORRESPONDENCE****9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING****10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL****11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN****12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS****13. OTHER BUSINESS****13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.****MOTION****That the Authority**

- (a) Confirm the next LA meeting to be changed from Monday 9th January 2023 to 13th February 2023.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris****Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ACLA 51/22*

Area Manager asked LA if they wish to consider changing the date from January to February for the next LA due to many people may not be back from xmas holidays. It was agreed to change the LA till February 13th 2023.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Monday, 14 November 2022 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 1 June 2050.

Noel Hayes
Chair

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer



MINUTES ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Alpurrrulam Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Alpurrrulam Council Office - Conference Room on Tuesday, 15 November 2022 at 1:00pm.

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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

Meeting commenced at 1.50pm with Heather Smith as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

David Riley
Laney Tracker
Charlie Larkins
Ben Olschewsky
Jackie Mahoney
Jenny Mahoney
Cr Pam Corbett

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Adrian Chong, Community Safety Zone Manager
Heather Smith, Area Manager
Ricki Bremner Manager Activities, Rainbow Gateway CDP
Steve Edgington MLA, by phone

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Maria Turner, Local Authority Member
Troy Koch, Director Operations
Russell O'Donnell, Acting Mayor

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Nil

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Alpururulam Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.2 ELECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHAIR

MOTION

That the Authority

- a)** Elect a Chair for the Local Authority for the coming twelve months –
Ms Laney Tracker
- b)** Elect a Deputy Chair for the Local Authority for the coming twelve months –
Ms Jennifer Mahoney

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 49/22

Ms Laney Tracker took the Chair from this point.

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 as a true & accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 50/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm and Remove all completed items from the Action List

RESOLVED

Moved: Local Authority Member Jennifer Mahoney

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 51/22

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the *Operations Director's* report for October 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: Local Authority Member David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 52/22

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins****Seconded: Councillor Pamela Corbett****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ALLA 53/22***6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****6.1 MONTHLY AREA MANAGER REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Seeks permission for the Alpururulam Community Safety Team to travel to events such as football, funerals, rodeos and shows in Mt Isa, Camooweal and Urandangi when Alpururulam residents gather at these Queensland events, in consultation with NT and QLD police, Local Authority, relevant Mayors and other relevant stakeholders.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member John Mahoney****Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ALLA 54/22*

Community Safety Zone Manager, Adrian Chong presented a verbal report on Night Patrol – providing an overview of current activities.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS**7.1 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY****RECOMMENDATION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

No report presented.**8. CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the next meeting to be held on the 17th Jan 2023

RESOLVED

Moved: Councillor Pamela Corbett

Seconded: Local Authority Member David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 55/22

13.2 LAUNDROMAT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Seek advice on whether there is any further funding available for the Laundromat from the original funding source.
- b) Funds the purchase of parts plus freight plus cost of local contractor to install parts to complete repairs to two washing machines in Laundromat subject to final costing.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNAN.

13.3 GRANDSTAND

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Consider best location at the football oval for the erection of the recently arrived grandstand and advise at next meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Jackie Mahoney

CARRIED UNAN.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE
Alpurrurulam Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 15 November 2022 AND
CONFIRMED .

Chair

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

CORRESPONDENCE



ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Outwards correspondence
REFERENCE	378795
AUTHOR	Karen Legge, Corporate and Community Planner

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report of outwards correspondence.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of the correspondence prepared and sent on behalf of Council.

BACKGROUND

The following items of correspondence were sent:

- Letter to The Mob about activities for local young people
- Letter to the Acting Mayor in appreciation of a donation of an artwork for the Council Chamber

Also included for Council's information is a letter sent to the NT Electoral Commission earlier in the year.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- [1](#) Letter to the Mob re activities for young people - Nov 2022.pdf
- [2](#) Letter to Acting Mayor in appreciation of artwork donation - November 2022.pdf
- [3](#) BRC letter to AEC - Res no OC 124-22.pdf



15 November 2022

Ms Jacquie Bethal
Executive Officer
Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
Peko Road
TENNANT CREEK NT 0860

Dear Jacquie,

Thank you for meeting with our CEO, Emma Bradbury, recently to discuss a range of issues arising from a recent Council meeting discussion. I am following up to provide you with written advice about our Council's aspirations and a possible role for The Mob.

Like many in our local community, our Councillors have been concerned about an apparent escalation in anti-social and criminal behaviour in Tennant Creek over recent months, and particularly the number of children and young people who have been participating in these activities.


Council will be considering what our role might be in helping to address this issue in our community. Council will continue to deliver a range of youth sport and recreation activities across the region. This issue will also be on the agenda of Council's next Cultural Competency Committee meeting to explore further.

Our Councillors are also hoping that organisations such as yours might consider running community camps for local children and young people, taking them to remote areas where they might be supported to re-connect to Country and culture, and helped to better understand their responsibilities in terms of respect for our local community.

We trust that, together, our community will be able to support our local young people and provide positive community outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

Clr Russell O'Donnell
Acting Mayor



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Thursday, 17 November 2022

Clr Russell O'Donnell
Acting Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
PO Box 821
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Dear Councillor O'Donnell

Re: Donation of artwork for the Council Chamber

On behalf of the Barkly Regional Council, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our Council Chambers of the beautiful canvas by emerging artist Zach O'Donnell.

Please also pass Council's appreciation and encouragement to Zach. Council acknowledges the talent and passion evident in his art, and we are proud to display such a desirable and captivating piece.

The painting is a lovely addition to the space, and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity in donating it.

I am aware that you are also keen to encourage others to contribute arts pieces for the beautification of our Council Chambers, and I look forward to working with you to promote the practice.

Yours sincerely

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

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15 September 2022

The Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 9867
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Commissioner,

At its June 2022 Meeting, Barkly Regional Council considered the Northern Territory Electoral Commission's report regarding the 2021 local government elections.

Council resolved to write to the Australian Electoral Commission to encourage it to apply penalties for non-voters that were of sufficient value as to encourage a higher voter turnout.


Council also resolved to advocate to the Electoral Commission for the development of an online application for secure electronic voting to support increased voter turnout in our remote communities.

Council resolved to seek the Electoral Commission's endorsement to enable local communities to hold sausage sizzles, cake stalls or similar to coincide with elections. Council is very supportive of such positive measures which encourage voter participation, and also provides opportunities for community gatherings and social connection.

Council will also write to the Northern Territory Electoral Commission about these matters.

We look forward to your response.

Clr Jeffrey McLaughlin
Mayor



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