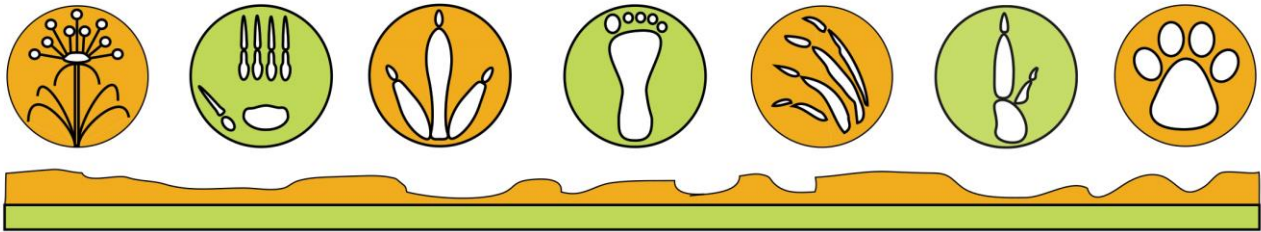


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AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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18.7 Purkiss Reserve

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18.8 CouncilBiz Briefing

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18.9 MOU with SDA Properties PTY LTD

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18.10 Chief Executive Officer Confidential Update

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19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

20 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	315219
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

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

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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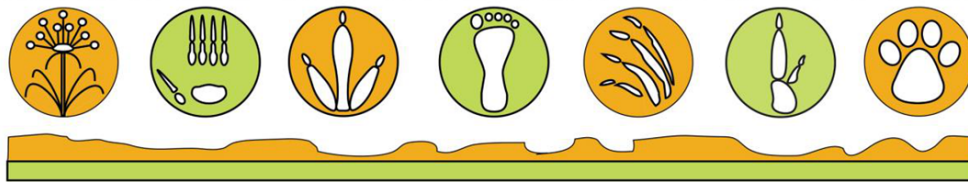
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MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8.42am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Karan Hayward

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Damian Carter
- Mark Parsons
- Santosh Niraula
- Sharen Lake
- Vanessa Goodworth
- Millicent Nhepera

1.3 Apologies

- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Jack Clubb

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

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1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff – Under Section 74(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – President
 - Music Northern Territory – Board Member
 - Tourism Central Australia- Member
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member

- Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
 - Member for Barkly - Employee
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
 - Senator for the Northern Territory - Employee
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
 - Outback Stores – Employee
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jane Evans – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott – Store Manager
- Cr. Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mark Gillard Painting – Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Secretary

There were no declarations of interest made at this.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 34/21

2.2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Special meeting held on 11 February 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 35/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION LIST

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Action List; and
b) Endorse the removal of all completed items- 6, 7, 8, 9

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 36/21

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT**MOTION**

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report for February 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 37/21

5. ADDRESSING THE MEETING**4.1 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE****MOTION**

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 38/21

Economic growth strategy work to commence next week
 Visitor park moving on the operations and design stage now, so this is progressing well.
 Four community projects funded by council were approved by the governance table to commence.
 BRD will be spending time in smaller communities/homelands to make sure that people are made aware of current opportunities.
 The BRD now has 2 new members.
 Futures Forum also progressing well on the 24th and continuing on the 25th of February.

4.2 ICA MINING- PEKO REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Peko Rehabilitation projects is a low-risk project, and a pro-active NT government supporting project.
 15-17 jobs will be created by this project and ICA mining are seeking to source these locally where they can.
 The production is expected to last about 6 years, with a magnetite production target of 380k tonnes per annum.
 The project will operate in accordance with company's environmental policy.
 There will also be a dust management plan in place to minimise effect of dust to the community. A dust suppression system will be set up.
 The project is in the final stages of approval.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Break for morning tea at 1027am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 39/21

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume the meeting at 1045am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 40/21

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
1. Funding Agreement variation: To improve social outcomes through Sporting communities till 31 March 2022, between Australian Sports Commission and BRC;
 2. Lease Agreement of Lot 54 Tennant Creek for Leasing the Regional Deal Office building from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2023 (3 years), between Caramel Cream PTY LTD and BRC; and

3. Deed of variation to Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement for Health Work Force and Rural Access from FY 2020 to FY2022 between Department of Health and BRC.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 41/21

7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 42/21

Victims of Crime have done reports on the council houses in relation to the amount of break-ins that have been taking place.

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:58 AM

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

MOTION**That Council**

- (a) Receive and note the Expenditure Summary for the month ended 31 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 43/21

8.2 FINANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2021

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the seven months ended 31 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 44/21

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 11:09 AM

8.3 GRANTS REPORT - JANUARY 2021

MOTION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the seven months ended 31 January 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 45/21

8.4 CORPORATE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 46/21

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report of activities within the Infrastructure Directorate

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 47/21

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - JANUARY 2021 REPORT**MOTION**

- a) That Council receive and note the Community Development January 2021 Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 48/21

Cr. Vashist noted an employment grant/subsidy by NIAA that may be of interest to the community development manager.

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority Minutes for February;
- c) Receive and note the Alpururulam Local Authority Minutes for February;
- d) Endorse the allocation of \$9455.88 of Ali Curung Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of a shade sail over the waterpark based upon the quotation provided by Harvey Development being the preferred quotation received;
- e) Endorse the allocation of \$6765.00 of Ali Curung Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of meter boxes based upon the quotation provided by Tsvaris Mobile Mechanical Repairs being the preferred quotation received.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 49/21

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 OPERATIONS DIRECTORS REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 50/21

15.2 ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- A) Receive and Note the Alpururulam Local Authority Recommendation
 B) Approve the request to move to bi-monthly Local Authority meetings on a trial for four months with the first meeting in March.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 51/21

MOTION**That council**

- a) Break for lunch at 1230.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 52/21

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Resume the meeting at 1300

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 53/21

16. GENERAL BUSINESS**16.1 REQUEST FOR DUMP FEE WAIVER****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Accept the Tennant Creek RSL's request for a dump fees waiver.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 54/21

16.2 LGANT CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Nominate Cr Sid Vashist for the Local Government Training and Learning Strategy Committee
- c) Nominate Deputy Mayor Plummer individual for the Place Names Committee

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 55/21

Deputy Mayor Plummer would like to stay on until the outcome of the election is know.

17. CORRESPONDENCE**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 56/21

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN*Nil***19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION****RECOMMENDATION:**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act, 2008 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

MOTION**That council:**

- a) Move into confidential at 1313.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 57/21***20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Move back into open session at 13.52

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 58/21***16.3 BATTERY HILL****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Instruct the CEO to draft a letter to the Minister seeking a crown lease over Battery Hill.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett****Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward****CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 59/21

This request is made subject to the following conditions:

1. Successfully obtaining a Building Better Regions fund grant which is to be submitted by Council once the application is complete.
2. NT Government funding is committed to the repairs and maintenance on the asset and according to accepted R&M cost schedules taking into account the capital value of the assets, to remove any doubt; Council will not be responsible for any maintenance costs;
3. Barkly Regional Council is seeking an initial 10x10 year lease agreement;
4. Barkly Regional Council's interest in the site is for the purpose of providing a Visitor Information Centre and ancillary visitor and community facilities; and
5. Barkly Regional Council will negotiate for a third party to manage the site on a day to day basis through some form of MoU or management agreement and subject to NT Government funding, to an agreed formula, the ongoing management costs of the facility.

8.5 BUDGET REVIEW ONE 2020-2021: PROGRESS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the report; and
- (b) Approve the addition of emergent and emergency items to the Capital Expenditure Budget for the 2020-2021, in particular:
 - Resurface Basketball Courts: Purkiss Reserve \$50,500.00

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 60/21

Cr Lucy Jackson left the meeting, the time being 02:12 PM

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Move into confidential at 1414

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 61/21

18.4 PURKISS RESERVE

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Ratify the decision by Patta Councillors to approve the selection of Harvey Developments to complete the fencing work at Purkiss Reserve for \$199,000.
- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 62/21

18.5 PURKISS RESERVE BASKETBALL COURT FLOOR REPLACEMENT

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION**That Council**

- 1. Receive and note the report
- 2. Approve the variation to the capital budget to include the resurfacing of the TC basketball courts within the overall budget for the year.
- 3. Approve the estimate cost of \$55,550.00 for the resurfacing of the two basketball courts
- 4. Move this item to ordinary council

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 63/21

18.6 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- a) Disband the Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee;
- b) Make a standing agenda item on each Local Authority for Environment and Sustainability; and
- c) Move into Ordinary

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr. Noel Noel Hayes**Seconded:** Cr. Ray Ray Aylett**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 64/21*

Create a standing agenda item on all Local Authorities to improve community engagement on environmental issues.

18.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

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MOTION**That Council****Tennant Creek- 2 members required.**

- a) Approve the appointment of Michael Burton to the Tennant Creek Local Authority
- b) Approve the appointment of Lachlan Dunemann to the Tennant Creek Local Authority
- c) Decline the appointment of Felicity Scott to the Tennant Creek Local Authority

Wutunugurra- 1 member required.

- e) Consider the appointment of Ada Beasley to the Wutunugurra Local Authority
- f) Move into ordinary.

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr. Sid Vashist**Seconded:** Cr. Karan Hayward**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 65/21***21. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 1420 pm.

This page and the proceeding 14 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 25 February 2021 and are unconfirmed .

 Jeffrey McLaughlin
 Council Mayor

 Steve Moore
 Chief Executive Officer

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Action Items
REFERENCE	312931
AUTHOR	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items

SUMMARY:

Item 1: Mayor to update
Item 2: Mark to update
Item 3: Complete – it's started
Item 4: Ongoing- no update
Item 5: Ongoing
Item 6: Ongoing – not likely to proceed
Item 7: Next LA agenda
Item 8: Complete – Rise to present to Council at this meeting.
Item 9: Ongoing – clarify please
Item 10: Complete- Agenda Item included in Local Authority Meetings.

Item A: Ongoing
Item B: Ongoing
Item C: Progressing
Item D: Progressing
Item E: Progressing

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Ordinary Council Meeting Action List.pdf](#)
- 2 [Letter to Mr Steven Edgington 03 Mar 21.pdf](#)

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No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	<p>CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white</p> <p>CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works</p> <p>Talk to the school about painting murals.</p> <p>CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours.</p> <p>Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways</p>	CEO	10.12.2020 Ongoing
2.	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Alcohol Management Plan Elliott	CEO to provide a report on the Alcohol Management Plan in Elliott	CEO	19.03.2020 Progressing 29.10.2020 Mark to update
3.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Regional Deal	CEO to express to NTG and Federal Government that they need to release the information for service mapping and reforms.	CEO	19.03.2020 Raised at 25 Feb meeting, will be raised again at next meeting
4.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Rainbow Gateway	CEO to meet with Rainbow Gateway about their progress.	CEO	19.03.2020 Mark to update 19.10.2020 No Update 28.01.2021 No update
5.	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Elliott Activities for Youth	CEO to look into activities that can be run in Elliott over the weekend for the youth.	CEO	
6.	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Lake Mary-Anne	CEO to look into putting some sand over the embankment.	CEO	
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 February 2021		Elliott Dump	Elliott tip rules to be circulated at the Local Authority meeting and displayed at Council offices.	CEO/Mark	
8.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 February 2021		Rise-Ngurratjuta	Invite Rise to come and address the Council	CEO/Vanessa	
9.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 February 2021		CDP	Write a letter to Minister Wyatt RE: CDP and consult Cr. Hayward on the letter.	CEO	
10.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 February 2021		Environment and Sustainability Sub-Committee	Add a standing agenda item for environmental matters at all Local Authority meetings	CEO	

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST

From Meeting – 25 February 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
A	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwatja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampilatwatja CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council	CEO	12.12.2019 Ongoing
B	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018		Policies and Procedures	All Policies are to be standardized. Add to all Policies, Legislation Standards, Related Policies, Responsibilities and Delegation and Evaluation and Review		12.12.2019 Ongoing
C	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	12.12.2019 Ongoing
D	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Youth Justice Facility (Regional Deal Project)	Council to be updated on progress with the Youth Justice Facility:		19.03.2020 Ongoing – no update this meeting
E	Ordinary Council Meeting 20 May 2020		People and Culture	Casual and part-time staff and what Council is doing to convert casual to part-time to staff.	CEO	



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Mr Steven Edgington MLA
Member for Barkly
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Dear Mr Edgington *Steve*

Thank you for your letter of 5 January 2021 regarding the establishment and support of the Tara Playgroup.

The Department of Education's previous correspondence with the Tara Community was in relation to the community's interest in repairing the house at Lot 55 Tara Community to provide a comfortable and safe environment to conduct playgroup sessions. It was established that the matter of allocating funding to repair the house was one for discussion between the Central Land Council and the Tara Community.

It is my understanding that the Tara Playgroup has since ceased operation as the Commonwealth Government funding for the playgroup ended on 30 June 2018.

The Government understands the value that quality early childhood programs can provide for children and their families. The Principal of Neutral Junction School will work with the Tara Community and offer them the opportunity to operate a playgroup on school grounds.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Moss
LAUREN MOSS
3/2/2021



ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Census Information Presentation
REFERENCE 315222
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Pat Brahim & Sharen Bright (Census Engagement Manager) will give a verbal presentation to council, giving information about the upcoming Census date and its importance.

BACKGROUND

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.2
TITLE RISE Presentation
REFERENCE 315297
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

RISE will make a verbal presentation to Council.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.3
TITLE Meet and Greet: Indonesian Consulate
REFERENCE 315302
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

The Counsel General MR. Gulfan from the Indonesian Consulate will visit Council for a meet and greet.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Mayor's Report
REFERENCE 313190
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the mayor's report for March 2021.
- b) Mayor to write to Minister Paech about the issues raised about the Community Living Areas

SUMMARY:

Friday 26th Feb	DFV Working Group Meeting
Saturday 27th Feb	Assisted RSL with Working Bee
Tuesday 2nd March	NT Water Safety Meeting Meeting with Australian Institute of Architects
Thursday 4th March	BRD Visitor Park Working Group Music NT Board meeting Neighborhood Watch NT board meeting – first one I have attended
Friday 5th March	Went out with the Depot to cut grass Cricket that night
Monday 8th March	Phoned into the Ali Curung Local Authority Attended a streetscape meeting with the CEO
Tuesday 9th March	Phone in for Alpururulam Local Authority Meet with Minister Uibo – Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making; Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Minister for Parks and Rangers Tennant Creek LA
Wednesday 10th March	Met with Local Member and Telstra CEO
Thursday 11th March	Elliott Local Authority Alcohol Management meeting in Elliott and Deputy Mayor Plummer attended Attended Elliott Sport and Rec – I gave some recording and technical musical training to Sport and Rec staff with the remote music rig With Erin from Backbone Team went to Mulanga to meet with Eleanor Dixon – Power Projects have refurbished the playground and we spoke about BRD Grants to source funding for a healing and community center for Mulanga and shade over the playground in the future. And also about Mulanga wanting funding to set up a community garden
Friday 12th March	Attended International Women's Day Event – a Council staff member Beth Boorer did a great job organizing the event for the community. Travelled to Darwin for the NT Neighborhood Watch meeting
Saturday 13th March	NT Neighborhood Watch (NTNW) planning meeting That Council, NT Police and other like-minded organisations re-establish Neighborhood Watch for Tennant Creek and Elliott. Bringing neighborhood watch to remote communities – what that would look like? What would that mean for communities?

	<p>Safety survey in TC, Elliott and communities – building NTNW membership in the Barkly, if enough interest comes from the community consultation it will go to LGANT and NT Neighbourhood Watch CEO can address LGANT.</p> <p>Includes mandatory reporting, reporting correctly.</p> <p>Council going into partnership with Neighbourhood Watch, working with the community to make it sustainable e.g. the women's group that is currently going to BP each night and the great work they do.</p>
Sunday 14th March	<p>Attended "You gotta see it to be it" strategic directions for NT Women in Music – 7 female artist concert. Met with them as board member for music NT</p> <p>Met with Lauren Moss, Minister for Education; Minister for Children; Minister for Youth; Minister for Seniors; Minister for Women</p> <p>Met with Julian Kerr – Chief of Staff for The Hon. Kate Worden</p>
Monday 15th March	<p>Flew back to TC</p> <p>Met with Lisa and Nikki from NT Working Women's Centre who are delivering DV training to staff</p> <p>Did some filming with Kym of the Mary Ann Dam Playground</p>
Tuesday 16th March	<p>Met with Julian from NT News who interviewed me</p> <p>Meeting with First Nations Disability Network</p> <p>First nations disability network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Town camp foot paths and lighting – community living areas ➢ Wuppa Camp to High School ➢ Wuppa camp to Tinkarli camp ➢ Kargaru Camp to Kargaru school ➢ Footpath from High School to Ambrose <p>Mentioned difficulties getting into various businesses/shops due to the door lips not allowing for wheelchairs and gofers to get through</p> <p>Public toilets at the IGA</p> <p>Public toilets at Davidson Walk</p> <p>Signage into community living areas – caravans enter communities thinking that there are caravan parks there</p> <p>Signage around speed bumps in CLAs</p> <p>Aged care and disability need to be consulted more in CLAs</p> <p>More bus stops throughout town and CLAs</p> <p>Road Safety funding (Commonwealth)</p> <p>Write to Minister Paech about the issues raised about the community living areas</p>

Purkiss Reserve Committee Meeting Meeting with Steve Moore and SunCable	
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Wednesday 17th March	Travelling to Alice Springs for Tourism Central Australia general meeting and Governance Training

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Ratification of Common Seal
REFERENCE	312416
AUTHOR	Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following document under the Council's Common Seal:
 1. Project Schedule of Capital Works Grant Agreement to build an Ablution and Laundry block in the community of Ampilatwatja, between National Indigenous Australian Agency and BRC till 01 December 2021.

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Chief Executive Officer Update
REFERENCE	314915
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

During this month we have been focusing or reviewing some of Council's key planning documents. Included in the agenda is a draft revised five year strategic plan for Council's consideration. While changes are consistent with the current plan, it has been updated to reflect what has progressed and also includes those items that have been completed.

We have also reviewed our five year infrastructure plan, this is currently being circulated to LA's for feedback. Once this review is complete we will present it to council as a draft 10 year infrastructure plan.

The final set of new policies should be received from NTG shortly, these will all have to be updated and approved by Council, most of the previous batch of policies are included in the agenda for council's approval.

Council will note that the Mary Ann playground is close to completion (if not completed), this is one of many projects that are commencing construction as per the Infrastructure report. The next few months will be busy as we complete these projects prior to the end of Council's term.

The Domestic Violence training sessions have commenced being rolled out to all available Council staff. This important Council initiative will see our staff receive small group training on DV and how to break the cycle. A big thankyou to Vanessa and Fionn for leading the charge on this initiative.

The proposal for council to get more involved in Battery Hill has not progressed, Tourism NT discovered there was not enough time to complete the BBRF application. The project is now delayed until later in the year. In the meantime another proposal has been put up to Tourism NT to invest in the facility now. I'll keep Council informed of progress.

The TC roadworks will have been completed by the time of the council meeting. The work appears to have been carried out to a high standard and looks great. The roadworks along with our new streetlights are making a difference around town and lifting the appearance of the streets that have been completed. Further work will need to be done to eliminate dark spots once the lighting changeover is complete.

With the end of the financial year three months away we are focused on finishing jobs off and preparing the new budget and Regional Plan. At this stage both the Regional Plan and budget for the new financial year will be conservative with emphasis on finishing projects off and executing the LG Elections in August.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Grants Report - February 2021
REFERENCE	314872
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the eight months ended 28 February 2021.

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

Grant Monies Received

Refer Attachment One

Carry-Forward Grant Projects

Refer Attachment Two

Applications In Progress

Grant	Department	Due Date	Need
CBF Pool Blanket	Chief Minister	March	Pool Blanket
Barkly Flexi	Chief Minister	March	Derelict vehicles
BBRF	RDA - commonwealth	March	Information relative to the application as sent to Steve Moore
RISE – Music program like the Wutunugurra Outreach	S&R - Gina	Grant is open until March but closes when expended so ASAP	Budget and pertinent information. Grant starts at an ask of \$75,000 with input from Council
Regional Economic Development – Climate Action Plan	Corporate Services	Grant is open – I have an enquiry to see if this can be used	Awaiting response from Rob Duncan, ED Manager, Barkly

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

DATE	PROJECT/PROGRAM		AMOUNT	COMMUNITY

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

DATE	PROJECT/PROGRAM	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY
	Nil.		

REPORTING

AAI reporting with Deb Booker who is attempting to upload from her end. Also need reporting dates changed due to variations in AAI.

31/12/2020	Acquital		Requesting variation Lake Maryanne Playground
31/01/21	Acquittal	LGAMD00002	My Darwin Program
28/02/21	Performance & financial	SR000700002	Safe house Ali x 2
28/02/21	Performance & financial	SR000700004	Safe house Ell x 2
28/02/21	Performance & financial	PHD00700001	Ab. Environ. health

GRANTS UNIT

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

- Mid-Year Reporting & Acquittals
- Proposed Projects (with a brief to seek funding):
 - Platform at Anzac Hill (lighting, remembrance plaques, covered seating, BBQ)
 - Civic Hall – painting, suspended ceiling, internal lighting, flooring, wired for sound, heat reflective roof, carpark, gardens.
 - Pound Upgrade
 - Admin building upgrades
 - Interpreter service for Local Authorities

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil matters noted

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil matters noted

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil matters noted

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil matters noted

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Grants Received February 2021
- 2 [↓](#) Grant Project February 2021

Barkly Regional Council

Grants Received: To 28 February 2021

		15,651,551.46	15,215,866.70	437,684.76
PROJECT NAME	Type	Receipts to 28 February 2021	Budget YTD	Variance
NT Operational Subsidy	Operational	4,319,644.00	4,319,644.00	-
Financial Assistance Grant Subsidy (FAGS): General	Operational	611,349.00	684,240.00	- 72,891.00
Financial Assistance Grant Subsidy (FAGS): Roads	Operational	169,203.00	178,881.00	- 9,678.00
Public Library Funding Operational Grant	Operational	187,799.00	188,935.00	- 1,136.00
Lake Mary-Anne Playground	Special Purpose	-	300,000.00	- 300,000.00
Drought Relief	Special Purpose	500,000.00	600,000.00	- 100,000.00
COVID19: Workforce Retention	Special Purpose	20,160.00	-	20,160.00
MyBarkly Voucher Program	Special Purpose	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program	Special Purpose	103,480.00	-	103,480.00
SRFVR	Special Purpose	12,740.00	-	12,740.00
AAI: Drive-In Movie Nights	Special Purpose	-	3,000.00	- 3,000.00
AAI: Community Fishing Competition	Special Purpose	-	2,000.00	- 2,000.00
Softball Project	Special Purpose	-	15,000.00	- 15,000.00
Traditional Youth Diversion Culture Camps	Special Purpose	-	10,000.00	- 10,000.00
COVID 19: Domestic & Family Violence	Special Purpose	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
AAI: Music Project	Special Purpose	-	20,000.00	- 20,000.00
AAI 202 Elliott Community Sports	Special Purpose	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
AAI307 - Elliott Song Room	Special Purpose	20,000.00	-	20,000.00
HACC Indigenous NT Jobs Package (NTJP)	Operational	1,142,040.00	502,439.60	639,600.40
R2 Recovery	Special Purpose	-	206,000.00	- 206,000.00
NDIS	Operational	201,897.49	271,759.68	- 69,862.19
NATSIFLEX	Operational	689,521.00	688,891.80	629.20
NATSIFLEX: Capital	Special Purpose	16,196.09	-	16,196.09
Night Patrol	Operational	2,677,391.00	1,209,495.50	1,467,895.50
Indigenous Sports and Recreation Program (ISRP)	Operational	919,628.00	591,269.95	328,358.05
Home and Community Care (CHSP)	Operational	466,318.93	418,963.88	47,355.05
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)	Operational	476,028.00	477,028.00	- 1,000.00
Alpurrurulam School Holiday Program	Special Purpose	-	20,000.00	- 20,000.00
Tennant Creek School Holiday Programs	Special Purpose	45,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Ampilatwatja Softball Field	Special Purpose	-	10,000.00	- 10,000.00
Indigenous Environmental Health Service	Operational	76,597.50	76,597.50	-
Safe House Funding: Elliot	Operational	163,362.00	168,816.53	- 5,454.53
Safe House Funding: - Ali Curung	Operational	122,953.00	122,953.00	-
Indigenous Jobs Development	Operational	484,000.00	484,000.00	-
Local Authority Allocation	Special Purpose	-	460,880.00	- 460,880.00
Remote Sport Program	Operational	201,255.00	202,521.00	- 1,266.00
International Women's Day	Special Purpose	3,300.00	3,000.00	300.00
Youth Services - Barkly (Youthlinks)	Operational	475,000.00	420,291.00	54,709.00
Playground Alpurrurulam	Special Purpose	-	20,000.00	- 20,000.00
Multimedia & Music Workshops	Special Purpose	-	30,000.00	- 30,000.00
Safe House For Strong Women	Special Purpose	-	50,000.00	- 50,000.00
Homelands MES	Special Purpose	67,320.00	118,082.00	- 50,762.00
MES Town Camps	Special Purpose	154,440.00	182,520.00	- 28,080.00
Homelands Jobs Funding (MES/HMP)	Special Purpose	38,500.00	54,925.00	- 16,425.00
Australia Day	Special Purpose	24,000.00	3,000.00	21,000.00
NAIDOC	Special Purpose	8,400.00	3,000.00	5,400.00
Wages- Youth Sport & Recreation Officer	Operational	12,500.00	37,500.00	- 25,000.00
CAYLUS - COVID-19 Support	Special Purpose	29,545.45	-	29,545.45
Regional Deal Sports Co-ordinators	Special Purpose	396,983.00	245,783.00	151,200.00
Regional Deal Backbone Funding	Special Purpose	755,000.00	570,000.00	185,000.00
BBRF - Infrastructure Projects	Special Purpose	-	1,219,449.26	- 1,219,449.26

Barkly Regional Council
28 February 2021
Carry-Forward Council Projects

Project	Opening Balances	Income	Expenses	Capital	Closing Balances	
Funding & Project Management - TC CBD	1,427,610.00	-	-	-	1,427,610.00	
Building Better Regions Fund	- 17,201.00	-	394.80	318,437.64	- 336,033.44	
Lake Mary-Anne Playground	300,000.00	-	-	26,641.05	273,358.95	
Drought Relief	-	500,000.00	-	61,872.54	438,127.46	
Scale: COVID-19 Funding	491,900.00	-	-	2,367.64	489,532.36	
Regional Deal Backbone Team	233,207.29	755,000.00	390,019.54	-	598,187.75	
Regional Deal - Sports Coordinators	23,729.77	396,983.00	199,678.38	-	221,034.39	
Regional Deal - Governance Support	80,000.00	-	11,610.29	-	68,389.71	
Refurbish Staff House - Lot 126 Buchanan Street, Elliott	109,280.02	-	44,841.22	-	64,438.80	
LED Streetlights - Tennant Creek & Elliott	239,905.09	-	60,149.64	171,701.51	8,053.94	
Safe, Respected and Free from Violence	60,040.91	-	30,579.54	-	29,461.37	
Safe House Support - AAI	- 9,053.64	-	-	-	- 9,053.64	
AAI: Drive-In Movie Nights	3,073.68	-	3,430.00	-	- 356.32	
AAI: Community Fishing Competition	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	
Softball Project	8,554.54	-	-	-	8,554.54	
Traditional Youth Diversion Culture Camps	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	
Bush Tucker Project	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	
Music Project	5,089.33	-	5,802.18	-	- 712.85	
Boomerang Making Project	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	
AAI307 - Elliott Song Room	-	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00	
AAI306 - Elliott Community Sports Project	-	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00	
Alpururulam Council School Holiday Programs	20,000.00	-	14,545.45	-	5,454.55	
Playground - AAI	20,000.00	-	14,545.46	-	5,454.54	
Ampilatwatja Softball Field	30,000.00	-	-	-	30,000.00	
Multi-Media Workshops	- 2,784.15	-	19,933.28	-	- 22,717.43	
Workforce Development - LLN	135,000.00	-	141,621.93	-	- 6,621.93	
CAYLUS - COVID-19 Support	13,166.26	29,545.45	20,970.86	-	21,740.85	
TC Town Camp Streetlights	-	-	11,539.20	-	- 11,539.20	Completed
School Holiday Programs (Territory Families)	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-	-	Completed
Town Camps Road Furniture	9,175.92	-	14,665.00	-	- 5,489.08	Completed
Aggressive Behaviour Management	-	12,740.00	18,200.00	-	- 5,460.00	Completed
Tennant Creek School Holiday Program	9,029.12	-	9,029.12	-	-	Completed
Purchase Sporting Equipment	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	-	Completed
Install 8 LED Street Lights	15,901.13	-	16,237.13	-	- 336.00	Completed
Remote Veterinary Services Funding	32,928.14	-	32,928.14	-	-	Completed
Shade Cover Over Basketball Court - Sport & Rec Centre Wutungurra	16,852.52	-	670.70	16,181.82	-	Completed
Elliott Arts Centre Feasibility Study	1,820.28	-	-	-	1,820.28	Completed
AOD Diversion - Healthy Multi Media Messaging	- 49,143.72	-	-	-	- 49,143.72	Completed
TC Pool Shade for Toddler Play Area	12,638.00	-	3,119.82	9,518.18	-	Completed
SPG: Tipper Truck (GCM 10.7 Tonne)	8,294.32	-	8,236.76	-	57.56	Completed
Elliott Men's Shed	- 39,945.45	-	5,509.10	-	- 45,454.55	Completed
Playground - AAI	- 8,181.83	-	-	-	- 8,181.83	Completed
Local Authority Funding	1,481,108.74	-	42,008.13	181,235.55	1,257,865.06	
	4,694,495.27	1,779,268.45	1,167,765.67	787,955.93	4,518,042.12	

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Expenditure Summary: Month of February 2021
REFERENCE	314883
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Expenditure Summary for the month ended 28 February 2021.

SUMMARY:

The Monthly Payments Listing provides details of all expenditure (excluding payroll), listing who payments were made to, the value of the payment, and the listed postcode of the Payer. This Financial Report is included in Ordinary Council with the aim of ensuring public transparency.

BACKGROUND

The Monthly Payments Listing has been provided separately to Councilors for Councils review and consideration.

A brief analysis of suppliers and spend by postcode is detailed below for Councils information.

Suppliers	117	Total Spend	1,155,488.17
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Suppliers By Post Code

Postcode	Number	Spend	Postcode	Number	Spend
0800	1	67,000.00	3001	1	3,803.16
0801	1	605.40	3026	1	15,593.04
0811	1	1,540.00	3039	1	1,355.20
0815	1	1,274.00	3156	1	1,018.65
0820	3	7,655.11	3163	1	5,897.05
0821	3	12,412.84	3169	1	262.44
0822	1	3,949.41	3175	1	340.00
0828	2	873.78	3180	1	632.68
0829	1	1,607.58	3214	1	170,621.20
0830	1	166.01	4006	1	1,439.96
0831	3	1,374.18	4009	1	63.82
0835	1	1,600.00	4014	3	2,091.69
0850	2	1,102.03	4074	1	1,335.36
0851	2	2,376.51	4101	1	1,034.98
0860	45	413,403.60	4108	1	275.00
0861	41	205,729.31	4157	1	2,534.40
0862	4	7,228.10	4171	1	2,741.72
0870	6	4,814.25	4215	1	324.37
0871	26	45,472.24	4220	1	600.00
0872	5	9,197.17	4467	1	1,025.32

Suppliers By Post Code

Postcode	Number	Spend	Postcode	Number	Spend
0874	1	200.00	4500	1	54.66
0875	1	375.00	4514	1	142.12
0909	1	350.00	4805	1	3,720.00
2008	1	624.40	4825	2	1,328.80
2060	1	1,750.00	5094	1	478.50
2113	2	765.88	6984	1	4,062.22
			Utilities	7	139,265.03

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil Matters

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil Matters

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil Matters

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil Matters

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Finance Report - February 2021
REFERENCE	315385
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the eight months ended 28 February 2021.

SUMMARY:

Section 18 of the *NT Local Government Accounting Regulations* requires that

18 Financial reports to council

- (1) The CEO must, in each month, lay before a meeting of the council a report, in a form approved by the council, setting out:
 - (a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
 - (b) the forecast income and expenditure for the whole of the financial year.
- (2) The report must include:
 - (a) details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and
 - (b) a statement on the debts owed to the council including the aggregate amount owed under each category with a general indication of the age of the debts; and
 - (c) other information required by the council.

BACKGROUND

Council has continued to maintain strong cash reserves to 28 February 2021, holding \$14.111 million in cash at bank and on deposit. This cash represents \$8.657 Million in Tied Grant Funds, \$365 Thousand in Untied 2020-2021 FAGS Roads Funding and \$5.089 Million in Council's own funds.

Council has collected \$194,018 in rates in February 2021

For the year to date, Council has expended \$1.348 Million on capital additions, including \$505,909 in additions directly acquired using grant funding. A full listing of acquisitions is detailed in the Attachment to this report for Councils' consideration.

Overall for the period ended 28 February 2021, the Total Operating Surplus of Council has been reported at \$2.789 million more than budget. Major contributing factors to this excess are as follows:

Revenues

Total Operating Revenues for the eight months were \$1.621 Million more than budget.

Operating Grant Revenues are \$1.776 Million Thousand more than budget.

A full summation of grant receipts for the period to 28 February is included in The "Grants Report", a separate paper on the Agenda for Councils consideration.

Reimbursements/Private Works income is \$27 thousand more than budget.

User Charges are \$109 thousand less than budget.

Capital Grant Revenues are \$1.263 Million less than budget.

Expenses

Total Operating Expenses for the period were \$1.168 Thousand less than budget.

Employee Costs are for the eight months overall are \$1.175 Million less than budget. Grant funded programs represent the most significant variance noted with employee costs being significantly under budget expectations.

Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses are \$176 thousand over budget for the period.

Significant over-budget items are as follows:

- General Repairs and Maintenance \$242,000

Depreciation & impairment Expenses are \$190 thousand under budget.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil Matters

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil Matters

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil Matters

CONSULTATION & TIMING

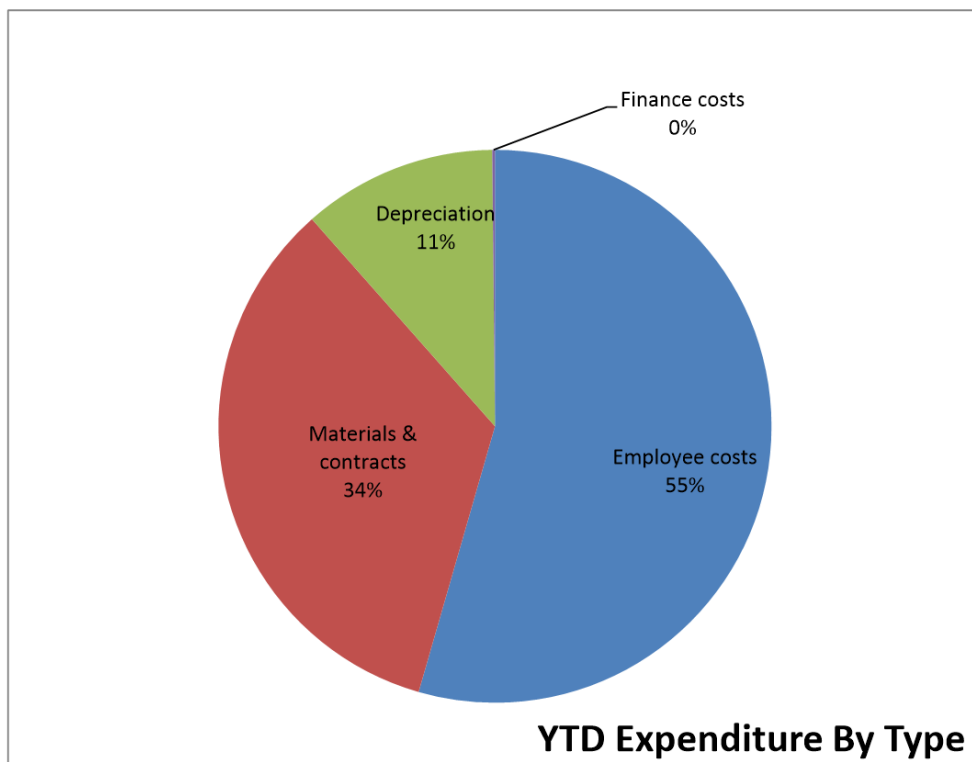
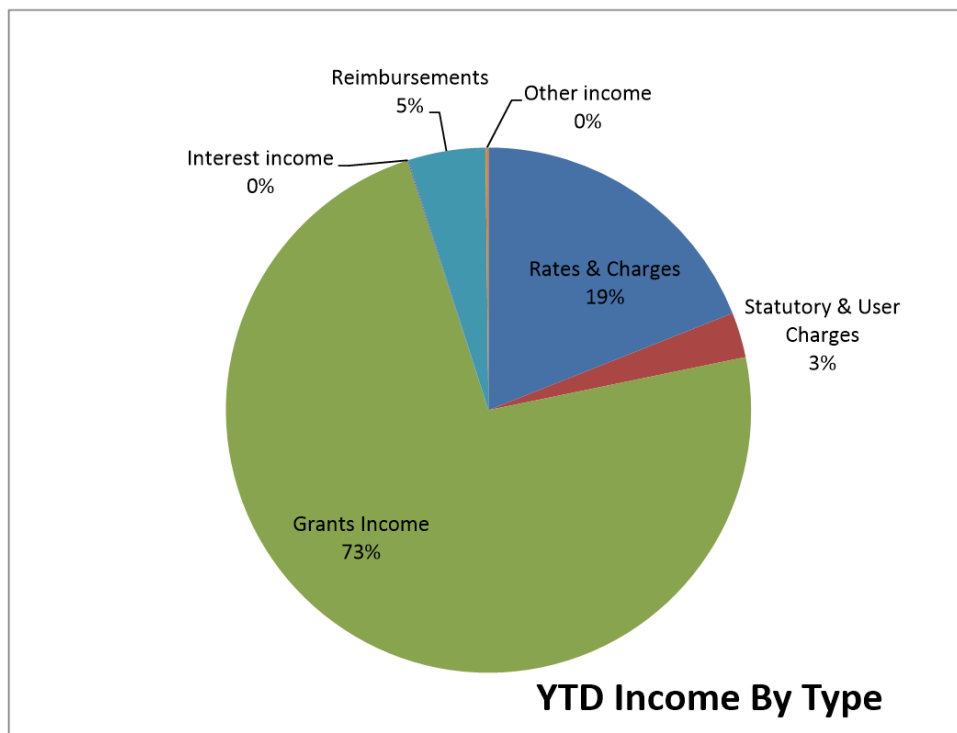
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ATTACHMENTS:

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period ended 28 February 2021

	ACTUAL 2021 \$'000	BUDGET 2021 \$'000	Variance		ANNUAL BUDGET \$'000
			\$'000	%-age	
INCOME					
Rates	3,782	3,864	(82)	-2.12%	3,888
Statutory charges	7	11	(4)	-36.36%	11
User charges	546	655	(109)	-16.64%	992
Grants, subsidies and contributions	14,591	12,815	1,776	13.86%	19,045
Investment income	12	25	(13)	-52.00%	38
Reimbursements/Private Works	949	922	27	2.93%	1,384
Other income	36	10	26	0.00%	9
Total Income	19,923	18,302	1,621		25,367
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	9,280	10,455	(1,175)	-11.24%	16,031
Materials, contracts & other expenses	5,799	5,623	176	3.13%	8,185
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	1,936	2,126	(190)	-8.94%	3,192
Finance costs	27	6	21	350.00%	9
Total Expenses	17,042	18,210	(1,168)		27,417
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,881	92	2,789		(2,050)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	1	-	1		-
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	866	2,129	(1,263)		4,259
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	3,748	2,221	1,527		2,209
Transferred to Equity Statement					
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	3,748	2,221	1,527		2,209
Capital Expenditure					
- Grant Funded	842,137				
- Council Budgeted Capital	505,909				
	1,348,046	-			-



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**
for the period ended 28 February 2021

	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
31February 2021				
Notes				
Balance at end of previous reporting period	23,088	23,789	-	46,877
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	<u>3,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,748</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>26,836</u>	<u>23,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,625</u>
Budget 2021				
Balance at end of previous reporting period	19,634	23,789	5,527	48,950
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year	2,221			2,221
Other Comprehensive Income				
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result				
Transfers between reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at end of period	<u>21,855</u>	<u>23,789</u>	<u>5,527</u>	<u>51,171</u>

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
as at 28 February 2021

	ACTUAL 2021 \$'000	BUDGET 2021 \$'000
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	14,111	6,649
Trade & other receivables	2,242	1,202
Inventories	22	49
Total Current Assets	16,375	7,900
Non-current Assets		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	26,615	26,304
Other Non-current Assets	9,884	19,296
Total Non-Current Assets	36,499	45,600
Total Assets	52,874	53,500
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	280	418
Provisions	1,552	1,647
Total Current Liabilities	1,832	2,065
Non-current Liabilities		
Provisions	417	264
Total Non-Current Liabilities	417	264
Total Liabilities	2,249	2,329
NET ASSETS	50,625	51,171
EQUITY		
Accumulated Surplus	26,836	21,855
Unexpended Grants Reserve	-	5,527
Asset Revaluation Reserves	23,789	23,789
TOTAL EQUITY	50,625	51,171

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the period ended 28 February 2021

	Notes	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
<u>Receipts</u>				
Rates - general & other		3,330	2,128	1,202
Fees & other charges		527	666	(139)
Investment receipts		12	25	(13)
Grants utilised for operating purposes		15,249	12,815	2,434
Other operating receipts		739	932	(193)
<u>Payments</u>				
Employee Costs		(9,186)	(11,548)	2,362
Contractual services & materials		(7,321)	(7,615)	294
Finance payments		(20)	(6)	(14)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,198	(2,603)	5,801
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
<u>Receipts</u>				
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		866	2,129	(1,263)
<u>Payments</u>				
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,321)	(4,098)	2,777
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(455)	(1,969)	1,514
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		2,743	(4,572)	7,315
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		11,368	11,221	147
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		14,111	6,649	7,462

CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand and at Bank	10,976
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	3,135
	<u>14,111</u>

Cash on Hand and at Bank

- ANZ Operating Account	9,770,226
- Westpac Operating Account	1,204,622
- Cash Floats	700
	<u>10,975,548</u>

Investments

- ANZ Term Deposit	1,099
- Westpac Term Deposit	3,134,285
	<u>3,135,384</u>

Matured: 05-01-2021

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the period ended 28 February 2021

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

		Instal Two	Current Year Instal Three	Instal Four	Overdue
RATES - GENERAL & OTHER	1,411,150				
February 2021	1,411,150	859,010	-	-	552,140 39.13%
January 2021	1,605,168	1,020,246	-	-	584,922 36.44%
		Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES	303,831				
February 2021	303,831	178,626 58.79%	8,066 2.65%	- 0.00%	117,139 38.55%
January 2021	369,426	235,962 63.87%	10,285 2.78%	6,459 1.75%	116,720 31.59%

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number		Comment
00323	\$ 96,689.45	Elliott Town Camps Water Charges
00314	\$ 3,100.00	Dog Infringements
00250	\$ 1,160.00	Infringements Car Body Removeal
00002	\$ 13,968.20	Airstrip Maintenance
	\$ 114,917.65	

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the period ended 28 February 2021

STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Purkiss Reserve Fencing	17,451.20	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
WIP - Landfill Fencing	142,200.20	Alpururulam	Municipal Services	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Bunded Oil Tanks - Landfill	14,175.48	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Purkiss Reserve - Security upgrade	8,522.73	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ford Ranger	44,324.32	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ford Ranger	46,362.14	Tennant Creek	Chief Executive Officer	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Isuzu FSR 140 Water Truck	160,006.18	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Kubota RTV-X1140W-H-AU	24,289.00	Ali Curung	Area Management	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Kubota RTV-X1140W-H-AU	24,289.00	Ampilatwatja	Area Management	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
Kubota RTV-X1140W-H-AU	24,289.00	Alpururulam	Area Management	2020-2021 Capital Expenditure Budget
WIP - Solar Lights	9,778.85	Ali Curung	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
Tandem Trailer	5,627.27	Ali Curung	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
WIP - Cemetery Beautification	8,872.73	Tennant Creek	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
WIP - Lake Mary-Anne Playground	44,701.05	Tennant Creek	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
Arlparra Playground Cover	87,458.55	Arlparra	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
Portable Toilets	22,090.00	Wutunugurra	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
WIP - Cattle Troughs	3,854.85	Ampilatwatja	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
WIP - Ablution Block	3,403.30	Ampilatwatja	Council Buildings	Local Authority Funding
Portable Toilets	22,090.00	Arlparra	Parks & Gardens	Local Authority Funding
WIP - Ampilatwatja Roads	781.06	Ampilatwatja	Roads	Roads To Recovery
Youth Centre Tender Scoping - WIP	297,230.00	Tennant Creek	Council Buildings	Building Better Regions Fund
Youth Centre Tender Scoping - WIP	21,207.64	Ali Curung	Council Buildings	Building Better Regions Fund
Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel - Concept	2,367.64	Tennant Creek	Council Buildings	SCALE Funding
WIP - Elliott Football Oval Change Room	58,276.14	Elliott	Council Buildings	Drought Relief Funding
WIP - Ablution Block	3,240.00	Ampilatwatja	Council Buildings	Drought Relief Funding
Arlparra Sport & Centre	356.40	Arlparra	Council Buildings	Drought Relief Funding
Fence - Wutunugurra Basketball Courts	16,181.82	Wutunugurra	Parks & Gardens	SPG Funding
WIP - Playground	29,090.91	Alpururulam	Parks & Gardens	AAI Funding
Elliott Men's Shed	5,509.10	Elliott	Council Buildings	AAI Funding
Dolphin Wave100 Pool Cleaner	9,518.18	Tennant Creek	Parks & Gardens	SPG Funding
Water Trailer	18,800.00	Regional	Parks & Gardens	Donated
LED Streetlight Project	171,701.51	Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	SPG Funding

1,348,046.25

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Corporate Services Directorate Report
REFERENCE	315322
AUTHOR	Damian Carter, Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report**

SUMMARY:

Update from Corporate Services Director

The main focus of the Corporate Services team has been on ensuring Council's policies and procedures are compliant with the new Local Government Act, as well as the development of the 2021/22 budget. With a couple of vacant positions, overall it has been a busy time for the team.

People & Culture Unit

The core of the People & Culture Unit's activities this month has been the completion of ordinary day to day activities, such as recruitment and on-boarding. The team have also been working on the review of a number of policies. This mainly is to ensure compliance with the new Local Government Act which will come into effect on July 1st.

In addition to this activity, the team has been focused on looking at ICT solutions for signing staff and visitors in and out of Council administration areas.

Environmental Scan

As of the 17 March 2021 the Barkly Regional Council Workforce consists of:

Total Employees	255
Male Employees	152 (60%)
Female Employees	102 (40%)
ATSI Employees	142 (58%)
Non-ATSI Employees	106 (42%)

Full- Time Employees	127 (50%)
Part –Time Employees	44 (17%)
Casual Employees	83 (33%)

Recruitment (As of 17th March 2021)

• Regional Community Care Manager	Interviewing
• Executive Officer Barkly Region Backbone	Round 1 interviews completed
• Youth Sports & Recreation Officer - 6 Month Contract	Shortlisting
• Municipal/Roads Officer	Advertising
• Community Care NDIS Coordinator	Interviewing
• IT Coordinator	Advertising
• Administration and Facilities Officer	Advertising
• Works Staff Supervisor – Ampilatwatja	Advertising

Learning and Development

The Learning and Development Co-ordinator has provided a brief outline of the training that Council is providing our employees to assist them in their development in their role:

1. Heavy Machinery training
Scheduled for April in Ali Curung and includes staff from TC, Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra
2. Aged Care training EOI
Deadline calling for Expressions of Interest to provide accredited training for Aged Care/NDIS staff ends 19 Mar 2021.
3. Information session scheduled with Weeds NT for Area Managers for 15 March cancelled because of road conditions. The session was to provide an overview of a training program for Municipal staff in weed identification and control, chemical storage and handling. This is a requirement of the airstrip maintenance contract with DIPL.
4. Wellbeing program for employees scheduled to pilot on Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Elliott from 17 May.

Workplace Health & Safety Officer

Below summarizes the WHS Activities for the period 17th of February 2021 to 15 March 2021:

- Ongoing review and development of safety BRC safety policies
- The March Bi-Monthly inspections of all workplaces continued
- Weekly safety bulletins are now been sent to all staff in conjunction with the weekly CEO report
- New promotional material relating to the BRC Employee Assistance Programme has been distributed.
- In conjunction with BRC by-laws officers, a “snake awareness” and safety promotion was undertaken.
- The process of introducing Safe Work Method Statement into the workplace has started.
- Specific WHS issues which have been addressed:
 - Improve signage regarding pool rules at Tennant Creek Swimming Pool has been completed.
- WHS officer undertook a Preliminary and an Advanced First Aid course.

Incident and Hazards Statistics

Running Totals for Year 2021 ongoing and since last report.

	Incident	Hazards	Incident	Hazards
Rating	Running Total Year 2021		Since Last Report	
Risk Rating Low	7	0	6	0
Risk Rating Medium	14	3	7	4
Risk Rating High	2	1	0	1
Risk Rating Extreme	0	0	0	0

Running Totals for Year 2021, Classification

	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
Classification		
Injury	1	0
Property	11	3
Misc.	11	1
Total	23	2

Number of Incident and Hazards by Calendar month

Month of 2020	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
January	19	1
February	4	3
March	0	0

Incident and Hazards Statistics Continued next page

SUMMARY INCIDENT AND HAZARD REPORT REGISTER 2021

Number of Incident Reports to Date 2021	23
Number of Hazard Reports to Date 2021	4
Number of Reports Involving Police 2021	6

Lost Time Injuries	0
Medical Treatment Required	0
First Aid Treatment Required	1
Reportable to NT Worksafe	0
Worker Compensation Claims Processed	0

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 8.5
TITLE Policy Approval
REFERENCE 315225
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report**
- b) Adopt the Reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits policy**
- c) Adopt the Travel and accommodation (elected members) policy**
- d) Adopt the Social media policy.**

SUMMARY:

The attached Social Media Policy has been updated for the following rational:

- With the upcoming Council elections occurring, to ensure staff are aware of what they can and can't say on social media in their capacity as employees for Council
- Council has increased its Council's social media pages (i.e. Swimming Pool, Youthlinxs etc) and subsequently increased the amount of staff who will be able to contribute to these pages. So the attached policy assists in defining what they can post as Council Officers
- A general review as social media changes so quickly

The Reasonable expenses and non-monetary benefits policy and the Travel and accommodation policy are both policies being brought forward in line with the new Local Government Act.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1**  Reasonable expences and non-monetary benefits policy.pdf
- 2**  Travel and Accomodation policy (elected members).pdf
- 3**  Social Media Policy.pdf

POLICY

TITLE:	REASONABLE EXPENCES AND NON-MONETARY BENEFITS		
DIVISION:	COUNCIL		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	MARCH 2021	DATE OF REVIEW:	MARCH 2026
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:			
LEGISLATIVE REF:	Section 109(2) of the Local Government Act 2019		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

The purpose of this policy is to set out council member entitlements for payment or reimbursement of other reasonable expenses (not including travel and accommodation) and non-monetary benefits incurred or required as a result of undertaking official duties.

1. PRINCIPLES

Council is committed to providing payment or reimbursement of reasonable expenses and the provision of non-monetary benefits to support council members to carry out their official duties in an accountable and transparent manner that ensures the proper use of council assets and resources.

2. APPLICATION OF POLICY

2.1 General expenses and benefits

Once per term of the Council, each council member may request to be provided with information technology capital (e.g. a laptop computer) to the value \$2000 (excluding GST), to carry out their official duties. Councillors will have to write an official request to claim, detailing how the equipment will be used for official duties, which will be kept on record.

All information technology capital will remain property of Barkly Regional Council, and as such, will need to be returned at the end of the council term, or in the event of resignation.

Council members are expected to keep all items in good condition. Failure to do so will result in the items being retained by Barkly Regional Council.

The use of equipment must be used in line with the Barkly Regional Council's ICT acceptable use policy.

Council members will be provided with a council email address with calendar facility. A council member's calendar shall be available to other council members and council staff to facilitate the



Document name

Policy ##### Review

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smooth running of council operations and as a record of their activities relating to undertaking official duties.

Name badges and business cards will be provided to council members for their use, upon request.

Council members wishing to use council resources, such for photocopying and printing, must arrange for the use of these resources through the CEO. Council resources may not be used for personal documents or for circulars, publications or election material.

2.2 Additional benefits for the Mayor

The Mayor is entitled to the following additional benefits to assist in undertaking official duties:

- (a) mobile phone and suitable telecommunication plan;
- (b) an office;
- (c) administrative assistance (as agreed with the CEO); and
- (d) use of a dedicated council vehicle for official purposes and limited private use.

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

3. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, POLICIES AND FORMS

Local Government Act (NT), 2019

ICT Acceptable Use Policy

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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



POLICY

TITLE:	TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION (ELECTED MEMBERS)		
DIVISON:	CORPORATE SERVICES		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	MARCH 2021	DATE OF REVIEW:	MARCH 2026
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:			
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE:	Section 109(1) of the Local Government Act 2019		

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to set out council member entitlements for payment or reimbursement of reasonable expenses for travel and accommodation necessary for attending council meetings and council business.

1. DEFINITIONS

Council is committed to ensuring that travel and accommodation arrangements, including payment and reimbursement of reasonable expenses, are administered in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

2. SCOPE

2.1 Professional Development Allowance

Costs for travel, accommodation and meals that are claimed in relation to use of the professional development allowance are to be paid from the council member's professional development allowance.

2.2 Approved Process

All requests (and acquittal) for travel and accommodation arrangements are to be in accordance with a written process determined by the CEO:

- Travel Allowance Claim Form
- Reimbursement Claim Form
- Authority to Travel Form

2.3 Council Meeting



If a council member is required to travel more than 50 km from their place of usual residence within the council area to attend a council meeting, the council member is entitled to payment or reimbursement of reasonable expenses for necessary travel and accommodation.

2.4 Council Business

A council member is entitled to payment or reimbursement or reasonable expenses for necessary travel and accommodation in relation to:

1. carrying out duties in relation to an appointed role (e.g. LGANT delegate);
2. attending a conference, workshop, seminar, training session or other council business approved by council resolution; or
3. carrying out other official duties for the Council.

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

3.1 Travel Bookings

Air travel is to be by the most reasonably economic means available, and shall not include business or first class. If air travel is required, it will be booked and paid by the CEO or the CEO's delegate.

Car rental reservations will be booked and paid by the CEO or the CEO's delegate, who will select the most appropriate vehicle (taking into account best value and safety).

3.2 Taxi and rideshare services

If appropriate in the circumstances and in accordance with the approved process, council members may use taxi or rideshare services for council business under clause 2.4. Use of taxi or rideshare services will be on a reimbursement basis.

3.3 Mileage allowance

Council vehicles are preferred for official travel. Special circumstances must exist for a council member to use their own private vehicle for council business (for example, when no council vehicle is available). The use of the private vehicle must be communicated to the CEO prior to travel.

Where a council member uses their own private vehicle to attend a council meeting or to council business in accordance with a council resolution and the distance is more than 50km, a mileage allowance in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) cents per kilometre method is payable

Mileage allowances cannot be claimed by passengers.

Council will not take responsibility for any damage relating to use of private vehicles. It is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle to ensure they have appropriate insurance prior to use.



3.4 Traffic infringement notices and fines

Traffic infringement notices and fines are the individual responsibility of the driver of the vehicle. Any traffic infringement notices or fines incurred while the vehicle is in control of the council member must be paid by the council member.

3.5 Travel allowance

Travel Allowance is provided to Elected Members conducting official business that requires overnight absence from normal place of work in a location where commercial accommodation is available.

The amount payable for meals and incidentals (travel allowance) is to be in accordance with the ATO Taxation Determination.

Where the allowance determined by the Australian Taxation Office is not considered appropriate in respect of a particular travel situation, the CEO may substitute a greater or lesser amount to be paid depending on the particular travel situation.

All non-essential additional expenses such as telephone calls, room service or mini-bar supplies are the responsibility of the council member. Meal allowances are not to be paid when the meal is included in the cost of the meeting, conference or other event.

3.6 Accommodation

If the council member requires accommodation covered by this policy, it will be booked and paid for by the CEO or CEO's delegate. Every effort must be made to ensure that the accommodation cost is at, or below, the amount set by the ATO Taxation Determination for the destination.

3.7 Registration fees

Council will pay registration fees for any council business attended under clause 2.4.

3.8 Accompanying partner

Travelling council members may be accompanied by a spouse or partner, subject to Council not incurring any additional expense.

3.9 Cancellation and non-attendance

Where travel arrangements need to be changed or cancelled, the council member must inform the CEO as soon as possible to minimise any financial loss to the Council.

Where a council member fails to attend all or part of the business for which travel has been organised and paid, the council member is to notify the CEO as soon as practicable and provide the CEO with the reason(s) for non-attendance.

The CEO is to report any non-attendance at the next ordinary council meeting.



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4. PAYMENT

Payments for allowance will be paid to Elected Members into their bank account of their choice as per BRC's Payment Schedule.

Where an Elected Member does not attend the required course or meeting for which travel allowance and accommodation has been provided, without appropriate justification to the CEO or relevant Director, the Elected Member will reimburse the payment from their next available allowance by completing an Authority to Deduct form. Travel payments may be made in advance at the CEO's discretion.

Adjustments to Payments

Should the Elected Member return earlier from a trip, a repayment will be required if a Travel Allowance was provided in advance. The Finance Department will advise the Elected Member via email of the amount overpaid. Conversely additional amounts acquired, as the result of a later return then planned will be paid upon advice of the revised return details.

5. LINKS

ATO Taxation Determination and Taxation Rulings are reviewed each financial year. The most up to date information can be found at:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/law/view/document?docid=DTR/TR2021D1/NAT/ATO/00001>

(Link is updated every financial year)

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION, STANDARDS, POLICIES AND FORMS

Australian Taxation Office Taxation Determination (relevant financial year)

Barkly Regional Council Travel Allowance Claim Form

Barkly Regional Council Reimbursement Claim Form

Barkly Regional Council Authority to Travel Form

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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



POLICY

TITLE:	SOCIAL MEDIA		
DIVISION:	CORPORATE SERVICES		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	MARCH 2021	DATE OF REVIEW:	MARCH 2026
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:			
LEGISLATIVE REF:	Section 109(2) of the Local Government Act 2019		

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to employees on the use of social media, both for business and personal purposes and sets clear expectations of employee's conduct. This is to ensure that employees are able to use social media effectively for both business and personal purposes without inadvertently placing themselves in a situation where the appropriateness of their conduct is called into question.

While the guidelines and expectations regarding conduct must be followed by all employees it should be noted the policy document itself does not constitute a term of contract of employment. Staff should refer to the Council's "Code of Conduct" for specific guidance on how the council expects them to behave.

1. SUMMARY

Social media is an increasingly popular means of communication that allows people greater freedom in how they express themselves both socially and for business purposes. For many it is now their preferred way of finding out what is going on or contacting organisations like Barkly Regional Council.

Engaging with people through social media can give us, as a Council, connection and dialogue with residents we may not reach through other channels. Council has the opportunity to use this medium to help people to find the right information and correct misconceptions.

This policy will help staff to make the right decisions about social media. It is important that they have an understanding of the opportunities, as well as the risks social media brings. This policy outlines the standards Council expects when you engage in social media, in both a business and personal capacity.



The social media policy may be amended, withdrawn, suspended or departed from at the discretion of the Council at any time. All staff must ensure that they are familiar with, comply with the contents of, and support the Council's policies, procedures and guidance.

2. OBJECTIVES

Council is committed to ensuring employees understand the Social Media Policy and expectations of them when making public comment both in their professional and personal lives. It has been developed to assist employees to be mindful of their obligations and responsibilities under relevant legislation, and the code of conduct.

The same high standards of conduct and behaviour generally expected of Council employee's also applies when participating online through social media. Online participation should reflect and uphold the values, integrity and reputations of the employees program / directorate and the whole organisation.

Employees are not authorised to speak on behalf of the Council unless specifically authorised to do so by the CEO.

3. PRINCIPLES

Council respects that employees have the same right to freedom of expression as other members of the community, subject to a legitimate public interest in maintaining an impartial and effective public service. In doing so, however, employee must behave in a way that it does not seriously call into question their capacity to act apolitically and impartially in their work. It is also important that the reputation of the Council is not placed at risk by comments that our employees make.

Employee should be aware that content published online and on social media is, or may become publicly available, even from personal social media accounts. Council expects the employee to take reasonable steps to ensure that any social media use or public comment, including online falls within the following parameters.

- Don't make comments that are unlawful, obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or hateful to, or about work, colleagues, peers or the Barkly Regional Council;
- Don't use a work email address to register personal social media accounts;
- Don't make comments that are, or could be perceived to be:
 - Made on behalf of the Council, rather than an expression of a personal view;
 - Compromising their capacity to fulfil duties as a Council employee in an impartial and unbiased manner. This applies particularly where comment is made about the organisations policies, programs, services, and other employee.
 - So harsh or extreme in its criticism of the Council, elected members, other employees, that the employee is no longer able to work professionally, efficiently or impartially;



- Critical of peers or other stakeholders associated with Council;
- A gratuitous personal attack that is connected with their employment;
- prejudicial to the integrity or the good reputation of the employees Directorate and/or the Council;
- compromising public confidence in their Directorate or the Council;
- are mindful that their behaviour is bound by Council's Code of Conduct and Council's ICT Acceptable Usage Policy at all times, even outside work hours and when material is posted anonymously or using an alias or pseudonym; and
- make clear that any views expressed are their own, and not those of the department. However, this will not necessarily protect them from breaching Council's Code of Practice. If an employee can be identified as working for Council and they criticise the organisation, or elected members, or any Council program, it's reasonable for people to question their impartiality and ability to do their job effectively.

When considering making personal comments, employees should reflect on the following questions:

- Could your comments cause Council or other stakeholders to lose confidence in your ability to work in an impartial and professional manner?
- Are your comments consistent with how the community expects the Council to operate and behave?
- Could your comments lower or undermine the reputation of your program, Directorate or the Council?
- Are your comments lawful? For example, do they comply with anti-discrimination legislation and laws relating to defamation?
- Would you be comfortable if your manager read your comments?
- What if someone takes a screenshot of your comments and then circulates these around?

3.1 The internet is forever

Content published on the internet can remain public indefinitely. Content can also be replicated and shared beyond the original intended audience who may view it out of context or use it for an unintended purpose. For example, private messages or posts can be saved, screenshot and made public – with little potential for recourse. It is important to be aware that according to the terms and conditions of some third-party sites, the content published is the property of the site where it was posted and may be re-used in ways that were not intended.

Before posting to a social media site it is important for users to understand the tool/platform, read the terms of service and all user guides, and look through existing content to get an idea of the posting etiquette and any cultural and behavioural rules or protocols associated with that social media platform.

Do not rely on a social media site's default or adjustable security settings as any guarantee of privacy. Even if the employee does not identify themselves online as a Council employee, they could be identified as one by other people. Posts can be traced back to individual employees



and be identified as an employee of the Council even if they posted anonymously or using a pseudonym.

4. PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

As the use and popularity of social media grows, the line between what is public and private, personal and professional can become blurred. It is important therefore that employees are aware that their personal digital activity could have an adverse impact on their professional role or the council's image and reputation.

Even if you do not expressly name the council as your employer on social media, this policy will still apply if a connection with your employment can be reasonably made.

You should refer to Council policies or your manager for guidance on what the Council considers to be unacceptable in any public comment you make about the services delivered or commissioned by the Council.

Specifically, Council will not tolerate any of the following activity on social media if it can be connected to you as an employee of the Council:

- Abusive or threatening behaviour;
- Inappropriate comments or materials that may be regarded as discriminatory;
- False or misleading statements that could have a negative effect on the Council's reputation;
- Inciting or supporting somebody to commit a crime or other unlawful acts; and
- Sharing confidential information relating to Council's processes, and/or business
- Escalating an online dispute about the council without referring the interaction to the PR & Events Officer for strategic advice and to minimise reputation damage to the organisation.

This could include content you share or like as this could suggest that you approve of that content.

5. PROFESSIONAL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are required to use social media platforms for Council related activities or public facing interactions on behalf of the organisation you should be aware that:

- Anything you post on behalf of council will directly affect the values and views of the organisation;
- The tone of you social media content should align with core values of the organisation
- if you are unsure if your content will cause any kind of issue or you are dealing with community feedback and difficult online behaviour you should refer the interaction to the PR & Events Officer;
- You fully understand the platform you are creating content on and always adhere to best practice to the nature of that platform and guidelines.

6. CYBERBULLYING



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People make comments on social media that they may not say to someone face to face. These comments on social media can be just as damaging as any other form of bullying. Cyber-bullying can be hurtful and in some circumstances it can be a criminal act.

Cyber-bullying can take many forms:

- Abusive texts, on-line posts and emails;
- Imitating others on line using fake profile and other methods;
- Spreading rumours and telling lies on-line;
- Making hurtful comments;
- Making threats or comments designed to intimidate on-line;
- Repeated unwanted messages being sent to you; and
- People sending photos or videos of you to others to embarrass or humiliate you.

If any employee is threatened by cyber-bullying as part of your work environment, it is a requirement that you report this to your supervisor immediately. Council may in some circumstances refer cases of cyberbullying to relevant authorities for their actioning.

7. RESPONSIBILITY AND DELEGATION

Management:

Management will:

- Ensure all staff have read and signed the Social Media policy;
- Enforce staff in adhering to the Social Media policy;
- Hold regular toolbox talks and educate employees about the Social Media policy;
- Support staff if a complaint has been raised regarding the breach of the policy; and
- Report any known breaches of the social media policy and any relevant policies to the People & Culture department

Employees:

Each employee has an obligation to:

- Adhere to this policy, the ICT acceptable use policy and the Code of Conduct policy
- Keep in mind the relevant Council policies and guidance when considering any social media activity, whether business or personal;



- Ensure that no personal information about work related individuals is provided to third-parties without their consent;
- Report any known breaches of the social media policy and any relevant policies to their direct manager; and
- Report to your manager, any conflicts of interest that may be identified when using any social media

8. RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND STANDARDS

- Barkly Regional Council Code of Conduct Policy
- Barkly Regional Council Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Barkly Regional Council ICT acceptable usage Policy
- Commonwealth Criminal Code 1955

9. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Jarra Jarra Access - Remove this from list of roads serviced by Barkly Regional Council
REFERENCE	310523
AUTHOR	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the proposal for removal of Jarra Jarra Access from the list of roads serviced by Barkly Regional Council under Financial Assistance Grant from NT government.

SUMMARY:

Jarra Jarra access road goes for 113kms from the Stuart Highway to the Jarra Jarra homeland which is west of Ali Curung. This road hasn't been maintained in over a decade as no one has lived permanently at the outstation in this period. After consultation with a local contractor, the estimated cost for grading first time would be approx... \$100,000.00 and approx. \$37,000.00 each year for one grading per year. Council receives around \$28,500 per year in funding for maintenance of that particular road.

We would like to propose to Council that we take this road off our funded roads list. The reason for this would be that if someone did decide to travel on this road and there was an accident or a fatality, Council could find itself liable in court. As we do not have enough funds to upgrade this road it would be much easier to have it removed from our funded roads maintenance schedule.



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INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Infrastructure Directorate Report for the Month of March 2021
REFERENCE	315346
AUTHOR	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Receive and note the report of activities within Infrastructure Directorate

SUMMARY:

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-February to mid-March 2021

BACKGROUND

Yes! It's happening in Tennant Creek.



TENNANT CREEK YOUTH CENTRE



LAKE MARY ANN DAM PLAYGROUND



TENNANT CREEK ROADS RESEALING WORKS

CURRENT PROJECTS:

1. Alpururulam Skate Park: Due to start Mid-April 2021 (Due to weather condition)
2. Elliott Football Oval Change Rooms: In Design Approval and Permits Phase
3. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: In Design Approval and Permits Phase
4. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: In Design Approval and Permits Phase
5. Lake Mary Ann Dam Play Ground: To be completed by 24/03/2021
6. Tennant Creek Roads Resealing: To be completed by 21/03/2021
7. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel : Design Phase
8. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Demolition and Design Phase

PROCUREMENT:**Current Tenders: To be discussed in confidential meeting.**

1. BRC 001-2021: Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure (Design and Construct)
2. BRC 002-2021: Wutungurra BMX Track (Design and Construct)
3. BRC 003-2021: Alpururulam Basket Ball Court (Design and Construct)
4. BRC 004-2021: Arlparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment
5. Supply and installation of Demountable in 7 communities for Community Safety (Night Patrol)

Current Request for quote:

1. BRC 2021-RFQ-001 Supply and Installation of Thirteen (13) Sheltered Picnic Tables in Lake Mary Ann Dam – Closing 26 March 2021.

Future Tenders:

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Significant delay by Fyfe for designing. On final stage of design.

PLANNING:

1. Tennant Creek Roads Resealing (phase 2): waiting for funding to be approved. – Priority Infrastructure Funding from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.
2. Estimate for refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road has been received. Estimated cost of Approx. 1.4M. Waiting for fund.
3. Renovation of Civic Hall: Consultant to do inspection and provide estimate by Mid Late March.
4. Council Chambers Roof Refurbishment: Consulting with Asbuild to provide an estimate.

Project Management:

- Council's 5 year infrastructure plan is reviewed with consultation with Corporate Team. Updated and final version is available.

Waste Management (Scrap Metal):

- Sell and Parker completed started crushing, bailing and transport of scrap metal from Tennant Creek and Elliott Land Fill site. They will come back to do the crushing, bailing and transport from Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja in on June 2021.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Community Development February Report
REFERENCE	315423
AUTHOR	Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and receive the Community Development February Report.

SUMMARY:**COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Community Safety (Night Patrol) Program has now recruited to the position of Community Safety Coordinator, commencing during February. We welcome Karen on board and we have already started engaging with various communities around Community Safety issues and conducting surveys of Community members to get a snapshot of common areas of concern for each Community.

In general the service delivery during February was consistent with the exception of Ampilatwatja, Tara and Mungkarta which have been affected by unfilled vacancies.

Recruitment continues throughout the region with several candidates applying for vacancies which are waiting to be finalised. The extra patrol vehicles for Elliott and Ali Curung arrived in early March, however due to delays in parts and accessories, they will require transport cages and modifications to be fitted but will be rolled out as the second patrol for those communities as soon as possible.

Quotes have been obtained to upgrade lighting at the Ali Curung patrol base and we hope to have works completed within the next 4 – 6 weeks. The Program is currently awaiting the outcome of our Business Case submitted to NIAA to rollover unexpended funds from the COVID – 19 Booster Package and underspends which were already carried forward. There were several delays in the implementation of our proposed spending & associated budget due to inability of providers to supply goods and services.

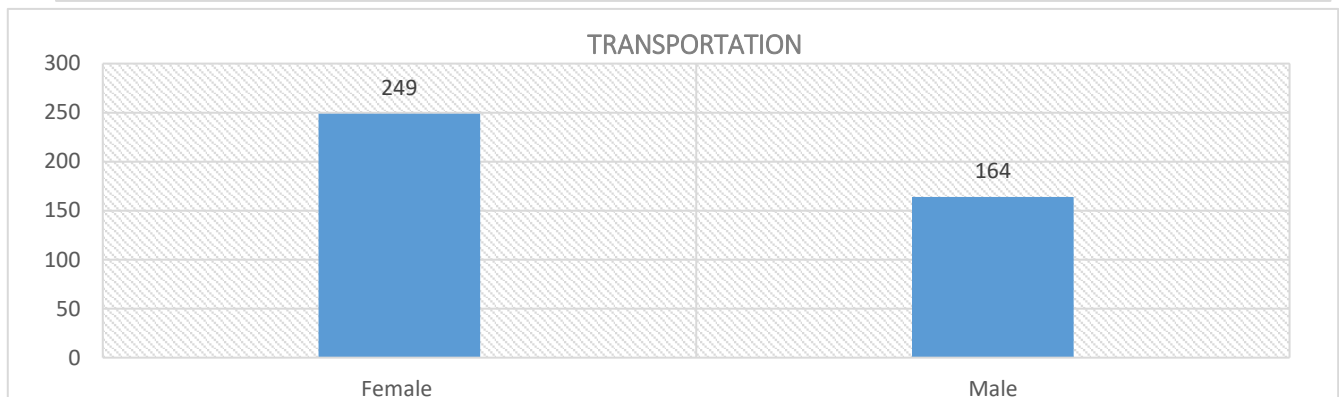
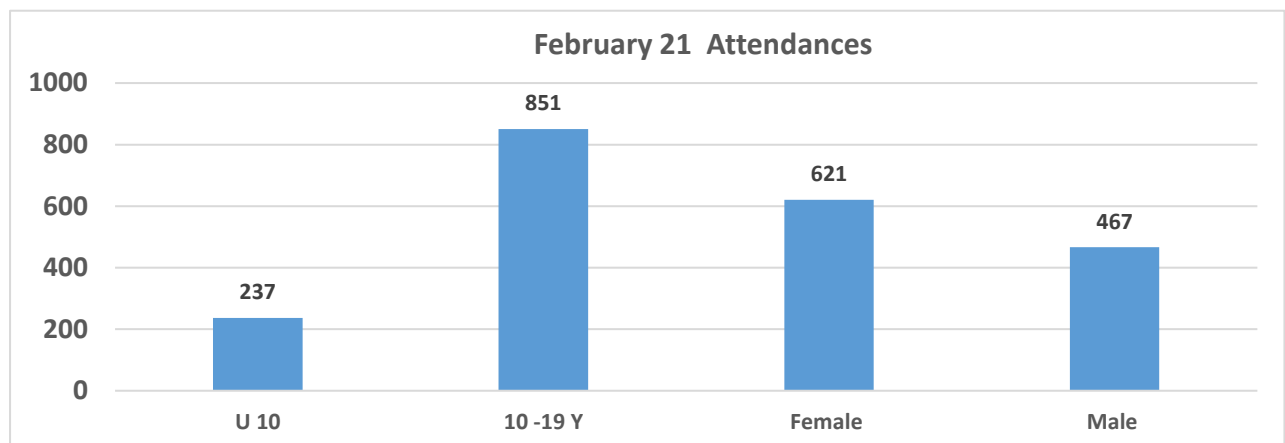
YOUTHLINX

The madness of school holidays is over! For February the John Moriarty Foundation is back on again on Wednesday and Thursday to do soccer with the children, we also continue with cooking lessons, movies, a weekly disco and other sports.

Health and beauty therapy is continuing once a month for three hours. For February the children learnt how to make a hairspray that untangles hair, smells nice, and keeps the bugs away. Our therapist provided participants with a spray bottle, natural water, hair conditioner, and essential oils. Both parents and children enjoyed this activity.

Stefan Carrillo (Remote AOD Coordinator) has been attending Youthlinx a couple times a week to film and take pictures of the child while they're doing an activity. This footage is being used by him to produce a local short film addressing the reasons and consequences of Alcohol and Other Drugs in the Barkly region, it looks at the struggle of community members by incorporating the views of experts and showing the perspective of young people. Permission has been provided by parents/carers for youth to appear in short films and photographs.

Pick up and Drop offs continuing each evening to ensure safety for youths. We will be seeking funding for a new bus and people carrier vehicle such as minivan for this program.



REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION

Recruitment for the Youth Sport and Recreation Support Officer Position has been completed with the successful candidate accepting the position. This role supports the Regional Manager and Team Leaders in remote Barkly communities, by filling vacancies, and relieving Team Leaders annual leave etc.

New Team Leader for Alpururulam YSR commenced beginning of February, Connor Woods has come from a Youth Justice background in Alice Springs, and loves his sport! So he is a welcome member of our team.

NT Travelling Film Festival to come to Tennant Creek, Elliott, Arlparra, Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja in March and April.

Regional Manager has had lengthy meetings with

- NT Dept of Health to progress our Alcohol Action Initiative grants in Elliott and Alpururulam
- NT Sport and Recreation to complete a variation to our Covid 19 funding to extend the dates, and change the objectives of the grant to employ an YSR Officer on a six month contract to reinvigorate the program after Covid and loss of so many staff. This position will assist re-establishing pre-COVID Sport and Recreation Programs in Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Alpururulam and Elliott by supporting and attracting local casual staff to the Sport and Recreation team.

Basketball NT will be holding the Southern Cup Competition in Alice Springs mid May 2021 as the basketball courts here in Tennant won't be resurfaced in time to have the event here.

LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health)

6 dogs impounded

2 Euthanized

1 Rehomed locally

2 Snake Call-outs

3 Feral cats trapped

Snakes are on the move....

Meetings held with Medical Entomologist - Top End Health Service, NT Health regarding dengue mosquito. There were 5 properties that were positive for *Ae. aegypti* over the last week – 3 with larvae (disused spa, large plastic bucket and a cut off plastic 200L drum). There were 3 properties where adult mosquito traps caught adult *Ae. aegypti*. One of those houses also had *Ae. aegypti* larvae in a receptacle.

For the next two weeks the Department of Health will have teams in Tennant Creek trying to determine the extent of the *Ae. aegypti* population. Teams will be looking in properties in different parts of residential Tennant Creek rather than continuing to concentrate in the southern end.

Mary –Ann Damn fish kill – 16/02/2021 numerous dead fish washed up at the damn. After consulting water quality laboratories it was concluded that the extended wet season caused excess nutrients to be washed into the damn, essentially using up the DO (Dissolved Oxygen).



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

FLEXI Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
	5	5	5	3	4	22
	6	5	5	3	4	23

CHSP Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
	9	10	8	3	3	33
	9	10	8	3	4	34

NDIS Participants	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
	4	7	7	11	3	32
	4	7	7	11	3	32

Comment on overall FLEXI & CHSP:

CHSP – Minimal changes to numbers

NATSIFAC – Minimal changes to numbers

There have been a number of long term client absences which have affected service provision outcomes.

Comment on overall NDIS:

- We have applied to deliver CoS services in Tennant Creek through the NDIS – awaiting their approval for referrals.

Recruitment is ongoing for a new Regional Community Care Manager and Community Care NDIS Coordinator. Interviews to be conducted within the next week or two.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Tennant Creek February 2021	
Adults:	304
Children:	40
Internet use:	18
Total patronage:	344
Daily Average:	15
Item Circulation:	535
New Items:	40
New Members:	4

Games club has picked back up after nearly a year since the initial COVID restrictions caused the program to cease. 2021 has seen some old members return and some new ones join to start a Starfinder campaign. The starting session (Session zero) saw 7 people attend, 3 being new members.

All up February had three official club sessions (which as previously are run voluntarily out of office hours on Saturday afternoons) with a total of 17 attendance as well as a number of informal meetups with some newer members during general library hours to further discuss character creation.

Library Coordinator has started the process of creating a 'disaster management plan' for Tennant Creek Library. This plan will cover all procedures relating to a varying scale of disasters (from infestation to fire) that could affect the integrity of the physical library collection. This plan will be based off a template sourced from ALIA.

- Received a sample pack of 40x junior non-fiction books from Larrikin House this month.

The Elliott Library is in need of an overhaul, cleaning, new books and furnishings. Staff from the Tennant Creek office have set time aside at the end of January to attend the library for a week, ready for the new officer when recruited.

SAFE HOUSE - ELLIOTT AND ALI CURUNG

Elliott - February 2021	
Adults:	29
Children:	7
Total Client Base:	36

Ali Curung - February 2021	
Adults:	3
Children:	6
Utilisation (nights)	<u>18</u>
Total Client Base:	<u>9</u>

Ali Curung Safe House continues working with Territory Families and Tennant Creek Women's Refuge with a Case Management Plan client and her children.

Ongoing capacity building with the ladies to get them more involved with doing activities at Safe House such as: gardening, painting, cooking, bead making or just simply dropping in for a chat and a cuppa.

For the safety of a client and her four (4) children police requested that they stay at Safe House until partner was apprehended. Client and children stayed for 4 nights.

It is acknowledged that underreporting of Domestic Violence continues to be a concern in most communities. To combat this, Elliott and Ali Curung Safe Houses regularly places informative posters in key locations within the township/community encouraging people to report domestic violence and providing information about the services and support we can offer.

The Safe House has also established Daily Crafts, Women's Health Sessions, and Outdoor Yarning Groups to encourage women and children to discuss any issues or worries that may be bothering them and make them feel heard and supported.

TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

Our Full time lifeguard has resigned and moved relocated, leaving a position vacant which will be recruiting to.

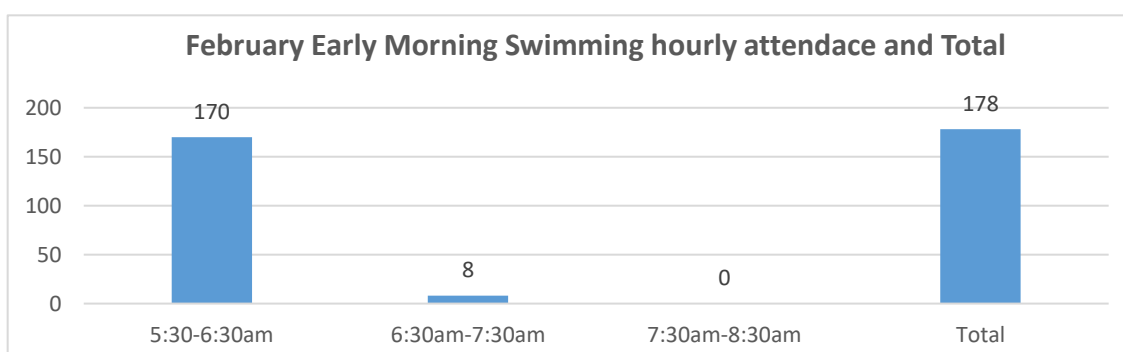
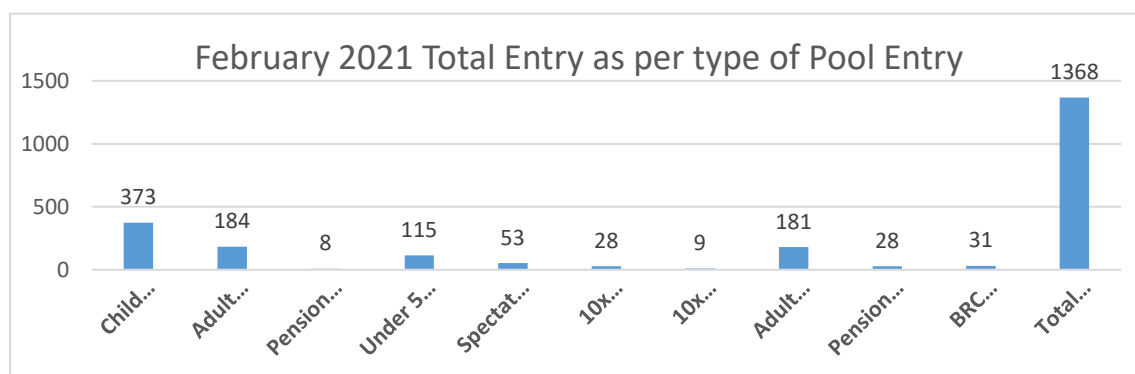
Tennant Creek Primary School Swimming Carnival was held on the 26th February and hosted all students from TCPS and Mungkarta, it was a great day.

A Community Benefit Grant Application has been submitted for the purchase of pool blankets to support our solar pool heating, and keeping the heat generated overnight in the water. This would allow for day time swimming in the cooler months. We hope to hear and outcome of application shortly.

Exploring previous year expenditure associated with running the facility over the cooler months with a special emphasis on June, July and August – it is recommended that we either close the facility for June and July or have limited operational hours as per last year. The acquisition of this blanket would better support our facility to stay open on limited operational hours.

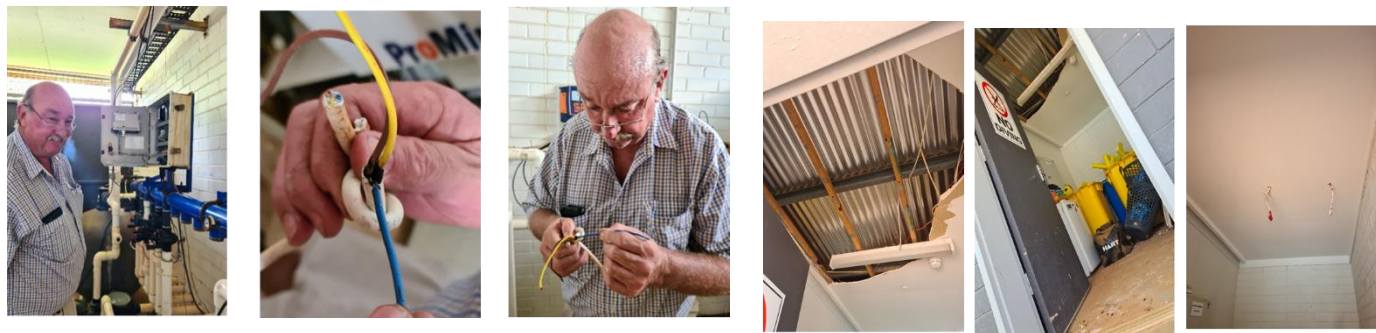
Royal Life Saving NT have been booked to conduct our Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment Schedule. This Assessment will cover - Health and Safety Systems, First Aid, Technical Operations, Technical Operations Gases, Facility Design, Aquatic Programs, Supervision, Water attractions and amusements.

This will cover assessments of our pool operational guidelines, water safety, Operation policies and procedures, Risk assessments, Induction / staff training procedures, Chemical storage and handling risk assessment to name a few. This assessment comprises of approximately 80 compliance areas, requiring a great deal of work.





Repairs and Maintenance - Electrical Fault with the Splash Pad box inside the plant room. Mr Nash fixed the issue. Wiring issue as it got burnt and needed replacing and one of the store room ceiling between the first aid and the vacuum room fell as per photos shown. Dexter Barnes fixed the ceiling. Just waiting for the lights to be installed.



Barkly Sports Initiative

Highlights:

NRL

The NRL Development Officer (DO) from Alice Springs has returned to Tennant Creek (TC) and delivered the League star program within the primary and secondary schools between the 09th - 12 February. From the engagement of the students and speaking with teachers, this was a successful sport program and was great seeing the students getting involved. Rugby league is gaining some traction amongst the juniors.

While the Development Officers were in TC there where discussion around the planning for the Under 12s Boys and under 15s girls Carnival that will be played here from the 5th– 10th of July. Points that where made included accommodation facility, Food catering and activities across the week event.

Whilst Rugby league is gaining interest from the juniors, Where are looking to start training and gaining interest from seniors in the Barkly to attend the Alice Springs Nines tournament on May 15th.

Touch Football

NT Touch football fly down from Darwin to deliver there school program along with a level 1 referee course between the 9th- 12th of February. Touch football provided another opportunity for the students to have access to another sport in TC. It was great seeing Rugby league and touch football work together in delivering there programs. Furthermore, the accreditation had 10 – 15th Participation interested.

Boxing

At the end of last year there was a boxing accreditation course delivered in TC, and had 7 participants now accredited coaches. Out of all the accreditation course we have held this far, boxing has been the most attend course.

Moving into the New Year of 2021, boxing classes have recommenced on the 15th of February and has seen a strong interest with regular attendance of youth aged 6-16 yo of 10-12 participants at each class. There has been regular attendance in the seniors program of 6-8 participants. The coaches that are leading the session have been doing great work in keeping the boxing running in TC. Further development of boxing has been talked about in the delivery of skill development.



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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Minutes
REFERENCE	315266
AUTHOR	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority Minutes for March;
- c) Receive and note the Wutunugurra Local Authority Minutes for March;
- d) Receive and note the Alpururulam Local Authority Minutes for March;
- e) Receive and note the Elliott Local Authority Minutes for March;
- f) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local Authority Minutes for March;
- g) Look into the possibility of having solar panels installed on council owned assets on community;
- h) Endorse the allocation of \$8,220.00 of Elliott Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of a marquee based upon the quotation provided by Extreme Marquees being the preferred quotation received;
- i) Decline the request to draft a letter to be sent to the Department of Local government in regards to a change to the funding guidelines to allow the Elliott local authority to expend funding on projects that council doesn't control.
- j) Accept the recommendation from the TCLA to write a letter to the minister regarding loss of jobs in PATS and other services.

SUMMARY:

The Elliott local authority is wanting to spend funds on improvements to the basketball court that is located at the northern Elliott camp, but due to the funding guidelines since this is not land/asset controlled by council they are unable to do so. Due to the nature of Elliott with a large portion of the population located outside the town boundaries this heavily restricts what local authority funding can be spent on, they are looking for either a change of guidelines or exemptions to the funding to allow them to spend the money in a way that benefits the community as a whole and not just those within the town boundaries.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Ali-Curung-Minutes-08.03.21.pdf](#)
- 2 [Alpururulam-Minutes-09.03.2021.pdf](#)

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MINUTES ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Ali Curung Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on
Monday, 8 March 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 1:15pm with Cynthia Smith as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 - Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Via Phone
 - Noel Hayes – Via Phone
 - Andrew Tsvaris
 - Peter Corbett
 - Ned Kelly
 - Jerry Rice
 - Cynthia Smith
 - Martin Spratt
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 - Tim Hema
 - Mark Parsons
 - Erin Elkin
 - Tijangu Thomas
 - Steven Edgington
 - Ronald Plummer
 - Neil Norris
 - Del Norris
 - Makhaim Brandon
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 - Lucy Jackson
 - Derek Walker
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the minutes from 8th February 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 21/21

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 Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 22/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Derek Walker

Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 23/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 24/21

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Obtain quotes for the purchase of lockable storage container and tyre changer to be placed at Murry Downs community safety office.

Tyre changer and compressor replacement at NP (community safety) office.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 25/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 ALI CURUNG AREA MANAGERS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Receive and note the report.

Change of Community safety operating hours.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris	
Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved</i> ACLA 26/21	
MOTION	
(a) Request that a quote be sought for the price of installing a bore to water the park.	
(b) Request that a quote be sought for the price of re-establishing the currently unusable bore in town so it can be used to water parks and other areas in town.	
(c) Request that a quote be sought for the supply and installation of a 20,000L water tank.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris	
Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved</i> ACLA 27/21	

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris	
Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved</i> ACLA 28/21	

7.2 RISE - NGURRATJUTA CDP REPORT	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report from RISE-Ngurratjuta CDP.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice	
Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved</i> ACLA 29/21	

7.3 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report.	
Art centre to put in an application ?	
RESOLVED	
Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris	
Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved</i> ACLA 30/21	

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
9. **OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**
10. **REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

10.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

Members were asked for feedback on any other major projects to be included, it was asked that any suggestions be given to Tim Hema to be put to council at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 31/21

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

12.1 MACCST: MULTI AGENCY COMMUNITY CHILD SAFETY TEAMS

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

Looking to have 2 community members or members of cultural authority to attend the MACCST meetings to give feedback and advice.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 32/21

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Confirm the next Ali Curung Local Authority meeting to be Monday 12th April 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: Local Authority Member Martin Spratt

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 33/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING – 2:50pm

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Chair

Tim Hema
Area Manager



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MINUTES ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Alpururulam Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on
Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 1:20pm with David Riley as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

David Riley
John Mahoney
Pam Corbett
Laney Tracker
Benjamin Olschewsky
Charlie Larkins
Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Via Teleconference

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Troy Koch – BRC Area Manager
Michelle Heinen – BRC SCSO Minute taker
Sharen Lake – BRC Dir of Community Development
Makhaim Brandon – BRC Operations Admin Officer
Erin Elkin – Barkly Regional Deal
Dianna Newham – Central Land Council
Michaela Liddle – Central Land Council

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Resignations

Clarence Campbell

1.6 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 as a true & accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 21/21

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

Item 1 – Ongoing

Item 2 – Ongoing

Item 3 – Ongoing – See Item No. 7.1 for extra comments

Item 4 – Ongoing

Item 5 – Ongoing

Item 6 – Ongoing

RESOLVED

Moved: Chairperson David Riley

Seconded: LA Member John Mahoney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 22/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 23/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Pamela Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Laney Tracker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 24/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 25/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 SHINY SHED FENCING QUOTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Review quotes
- b) Give recommendations to council on the preferred quote to install the fencing at the Shiny Shed

Before discussion started LA Member Olschewsky pulled his estimate from the group of quotes.

After general discussion the LA Members discussed whether they still require this fence or not if the site is being accessed by community members after hours.

Two new quotes are to be obtained on a smaller fence (1500) with heavy gauge wire/posts & without heavy gauge wire/posts. Carry this item over to the next meeting for further discussion in regards to public access. (Update Action Sheet)

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member John Mahoney

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 26/21

LA Member Pamela Corbett left the meeting, the time being 2:02pm

LA Member Pamela Corbett returned to the meeting, the time being 2:05pm

7.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

Operations Admin Officer gave a brief overview on what is involved. Terms of reference wasn't added but will bring to next meeting so LA Members can see what is involved in writing.

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky**Seconded:** LA Member John Mahoney**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ALLA 27/21***8. CORRESPONDENCE***Nil***9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING***Nil***10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL****10.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Laney Tracker**Seconded:** LA Member Pamela Corbett**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ALLA 28/21***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 recommended meeting dates from Council:

Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 1pmTuesday 13th July 2021 at 1pmTuesday 14th September 2021 at 1pmTuesday 9th November 2021 at 1pm**RESOLVED****Moved:** LA Member John Mahoney**Seconded:** LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ALLA 29/21*

13.2 5 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

The list given was not the updated list. Will bring out updates list to next meeting. LA Members to think about any ideas to add to the plan for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member John Mahoney

Seconded: LA Member Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 30/21

13.3 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Listen to update & give feedback

They listened to the presentation done by the Barkly Regional Deal in regards to where each project is at. There was discussion in-regards to the location of the park. And they asked for any ideas to be given in regards to the layout of the facility and to let the Area Manager know so those ideas can be feed back to the Barkly Regional Deal team.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 31/21

LA Member Charlie Larkins left the meeting, the time being 2:41pm
LA Member Charlie Larkins returned to the meeting, the time being 2:44pm

13.4 ALAC UPDATE BY CLC REP**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Listen to presentation

An overview on what ALAC Lease Money has been spent on and what future project that are in the process of being achieved. The CLC is very interested in working in partnership with BRC to help provide better services to the community.

Some of the projects were the boundary fence line to be repaired or replaced, Church visitor accommodation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 32/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 2:45pm

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David Riley
Chair

Troy Koch
Area Manager



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MINUTES WUTUNUGURRA LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Wutunugurra Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on
Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 10:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 9:55am with Geraldine Beasley as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mark Peterson
Julie Peterson
Rochelle Bonney
Ada Beasley
Geraldine Beasley

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Sharen Lake
George Peckham
David Lightowler – Via phone
Owen Torres
Erin Elkin
Makhaim Brandon

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Mayor Jeffery McLaughlin
Kay Beasley
Shirley Beasley
Cr Noel Hayes
Cr Ricky Holmes
Cr Lucy Jackson
Cr Jack Club

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 10th November as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 1/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 MONTHLY ACTION LIST

MOTION

That the Authority

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

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Julie Peterson**Seconded:** LA Member Rochelle Bonney**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved WLA 2/21***4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS****4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report.

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Mark Peterson**Seconded:** LA Member Ada Beasley**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved WLA 3/21***5. FINANCE****5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the finance report.

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Rochelle Bonney**Seconded:** LA Member Mark Peterson**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved WLA 4/21***6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****6.1 MONTHLY AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED**Moved:** LA Member Ada Beasley**Seconded:** LA Member Geraldine Beasley**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved WLA 5/21***7. GENERAL BUSINESS****7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Request council look into the possibility of the installation solar panels on council owned buildings on the community.

Members asked if Tidy Towns would be visiting the communities this year and if the Covid restrictions would affect this.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 6/21

7.2 RISE - NGURRATJUTA CDP REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report from RISE-Ngurratjuta CDP.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Rochelle Bonney

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 7/21

7.3 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson

Seconded: LA Member Geraldine Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 8/21

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Add the resurfacing of the basketball court to the 5year infrastructure plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Julie Peterson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved WLA 9/21

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**12.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - TREATY COMMISSIONER****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the presentation

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Geraldine Beasley****Seconded: LA Member Ada Beasley****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved WLA 10/21***13. OTHER BUSINESS****13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.****MOTION****That the Authority**

- (a) Confirm the next meeting date to be Tuesday 13th April 2021

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Mark Peterson****Seconded: LA Member Rochelle Bonney****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved WLA 11/21***14. CLOSE OF MEETING 10:58am**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE
Wutunugurra Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 9 March 2021 AND CONFIRMED
Tuesday, 13 April 2021.

Geraldine Beasley
Chair

Owen Torres
Area Manager



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MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Elliott Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Thursday, 11 March 2021 at 10:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 10:39am with Bob Bagnall as chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 - Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
 - Cr Jane Evans
 - Cr Ronald Plummer
 - Bob Bagnall
 - Chris Neade
 - Jason Mullan
 - Jody Nish
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 - Mark Parsons
 - Ray Hocking
 - Steven Edgington
 - David Lightowler
 - Karen Lightowler
 - Deborah Booker
 - Erin Elkin
 - George Ciolka
 - Sharen Hillen
 - Naomi Kelsey
 - Sherina Ulamari
 - Pacey Jackson
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 - Kevin Gaskin
 - Lennie Barton
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
 - Ray Aylett
- 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 17th December 2020 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: L A Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 1/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Remove items 13, 14 and 18 as they have been completed

Local Authority members were asked to add any projects onto it they would like to the 5yr infrastructure plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 2/21

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Request that Council draft a letter to the Department of Local Government requesting a change to the ACT to allow the Local Authority to expend funding on projects that aren't Council controlled.

RESOLVED

Moved: Christopher Neade

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 3/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: L A Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 4/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 5/21

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Accepted the revised quote supplied by Extreme Marquees in regards to the purchase of a Marquee.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 6/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the Area Managers report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 7/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 ELLIOTT DUMP DISCUSSION

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the discussion surrounding the Elliott Dump.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 8/21

7.2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: L A Member Jason Mullan

Seconded: LA Member Jody Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 9/21

7.3 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Chairperson Christopher Neade

Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 10/21

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

There are plans to implement more variety in programs for sport and rec. Musical instruments are sitting in the container ready to be used when staff have appropriate training to deliver to community. NT tennis and Softball rolled out a sport voucher scheme and have been to 2 other communities. 20 kids will be chosen to compete in Darwin, the hope is that this can be expanded to more than just Tennis. The plan is to have regional comps in the communities to help foster competitive programs between each community.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Christopher Neade

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 11/21

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Approve the allocation of \$1000 of local authority funds to be donated to the ANZAC day event in Elliott if allowable by funding guidelines.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 12/21

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

12.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - TREATY COMMISSIONER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the presentation

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

MOTION**That the Authority**

(a) Confirm the next meeting date's to be Thursday 15th April 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Bob Bagnall

Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 13/21

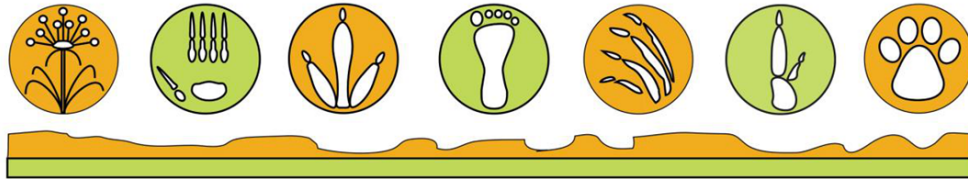
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THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 11 March 2021 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 15 April 2021.

Bob Bagnall
Chair

Ray Hocking
Area Manager

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We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

MINUTES TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Tennant Creek Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Tennant Creek on Tuesday, 9 March 2021 at 1630.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 1643 with Linda Renfrey as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Jeff McLaughlin
Cr. Karan Hayward
Cr. Hal Ruger
Linda Renfrey
Ray Wallis
Lachlan Dunemann

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Steve Moore
Damian Carter
Gary Pemberton
Millicent Nhepera
Steve Edgington

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Kara Blankenspoor
Michael Burton

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr. Sid Vashist
Cr Kris Civitarese

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – Member
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Purutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek and District Show Society – Vice President
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Development Consent Authority – Barkly Region Member/Delegate

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- Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors – Senior Manager
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association - Member
 - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Tennant Creek Primary School – Member
 - Christmas Tree Committee - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Steve Moore – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
- Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Chamber of Commerce Barkly Region – Chair
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chair
- Greg Liebelt – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - ALSPO Tennant Creek Post Office - Manager Director
 - WBC Agri
 - Barkly Freight
 - Tennant Creek Show Society - President
- Ray Wallis – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee
 - Consumer Advisory Group
 - Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee – Member
 - Barkly Regional Accommodation Action Group – Member
 - Tennant Creek Transport
- Linda Renfrey – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Jacal Tint and Automotive – Owner and Operator
 - Tennant Creek Aboriginal Mob - Director

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 10th November 2020 as a true and accurate record.
- b) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 8th December 2020 as a true and accurate record.

Deferred- provisional meeting.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the actions items.
- b) Authorise the chair to write a letter on behalf of the Authority to the Minister regarding loss of jobs in PATS, and other services in the region.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Cr Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 1/21

Kathleen street Park costings to be added to the action list.

Member for Barkly, Steve Edington was invited to the table to answer some questions from the authority:

- Cr Ruger brought up the possibility of starting to market the Barkly for mining.
- The MLA that he would be happy with this and his position would be that the mining should create jobs for the people of the Barkly.
- MLA is happy to see what he can do as mining is his shadow ministry.
- The committee brought up the issues with the MVR not being open, and with inconsistent.
- The MLA stated that he raised that in parliament. He received a response from the Minister, which will be tabled at the next meeting.
- The Authority members also raised issue regarding the unavailability of specialised medical services, and PATS.
- The MLA noted these issues and stated that he has raised these issues with the minister. He received a response which will be tabled at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Recommend council to write a letter on behalf of the local authority regarding the loss of PATS jobs.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 2/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2020

MOTION**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lachlan Dunemann

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 3/21

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

MOTION**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 4/21

LA members requested the infrastructure report to be in writing.
Santosh provided an update on the Lake Mary-Anne playground which is due to be completed this month (March).
Hilda Street park is still waiting for a good price for an additional shed structure.
The Tennant Creek Chapel is now in the design phase.
The youth centre is now in the permit phase.

6.2 PRESENTATION FROM DAVID HALL

MOTION**That the Authority**

<p>a) Receive and note the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward Seconded: LA Member Ray Wallis <i>Resolved TCLA 5/21</i></p>	CARRIED UNAN.
<p>Barkly Vet – David Hall presented to the LA. Tabled request of a list of 8 things that would bring the clinic up to scratch, and requested the LA to consider funding these. The LA requested the vet to get quoted for the electrical equipment (ultrasound machine and laptop) that were listed. ACTION ITEM: Santosh to do pricing on: 1- covers for fluorescent lights 2- wash up sink 3- painting 4- Colorband wall 6- drainage 7- awning of clinic window 8- renovation of cage area</p>	

6.3 RESIGNATION

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the resignation of Josephine Bethel.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lachlan Duneman

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 6/21

6.4 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 7/21

6.5 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

8. **OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**

Nil

9. **REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

9.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 8/21

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

11. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

Nil

12. **VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

13. **CLOSE OF MEETING at 6.24pm**

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Lind Renfrey
Chair

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Committee Reports
REFERENCE	315305
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Purkiss Reserve Meeting held on the 16th of March 2021.
- c) Note the suggestion to change name of the committee to include “sporting and recreational facilities” and instruct the CEO to investigate the options for Councils consideration
- d) Decline the recommendation for council to purchase and install coaches’ boxes for the Purkiss Reserve Oval separate from the Purkiss reserve upgrade

SUMMARY:

Receive and note the minutes from the Purkiss Reserve Committee minutes.

A paper is included in the confidential section on the council agenda with further recommendations from the committee on current and future membership of the committee.

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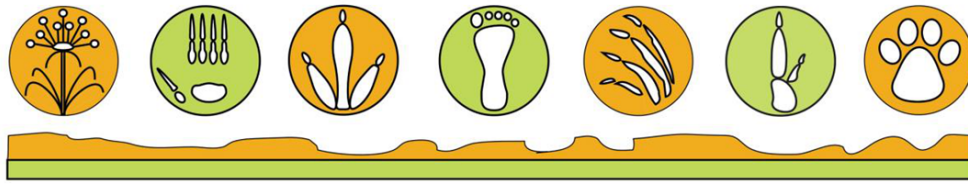
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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Purkiss Reserve Committee Minutes March 2021.pdf

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MINUTES PURKISS RESERVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2021

The Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, 16 March 2021 at 3:00pm.

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 3.05pm am with Wayne Green as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Jeffery McLaughlin
Wayne Green
Joanne Rush
Ray Wallis

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore
Santosh Niraula
Vanessa Goodworth
Millicent Nhepera

1.3 Apologies

Duane Fraser

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Josephine Bethel

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

There were no declarations of interest at this Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That The Committee:

- a) Receive and confirm the minutes from 25 March 2020 Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee Minutes as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Joanne Rush

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved PRCC 21/21

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE	
MOTION	
That Council:	
a) Approve the updated Terms of Reference subject to changes.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: Member Ray Wallis	
Seconded: Wayne Green	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved PRCC 22/21</i>	
The committee made the following suggestions for changes to be made to the Terms of Reference:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion for the name of the committee to be changed to include "sporting and recreational facilities. In order to encompass other facilities eg- Kaarguru - To change the requirement of number of members to mirror the other council committees - Include terms about provisional meetings to mirror the terms in other council committees. - Council has to approve the removal of any members of the committee. 	

3.2 PURKISS RESERVE UPGRADE UPDATE	
MOTION	
That the committee	
a) Receive and note the report	
RESOLVED	
Moved: Member Ray Wallis	
Seconded: Joanne Rush	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved PRCC 23/21</i>	
Member Wallis note that the package distribution for the tenders ended up being on big package, as DIPL initially wanted, which the group had objected to. Also noted that the sprinklers at the baseball diamond need to be turned on, now that construction has halted.	

3.3 PURKISS RESERVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	
MOTION	
That the Committee:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report; and b) Confirm the individual membership of members present c) Recommend to council that non-attending members be removed from the committee. d) Recommend council to call for nominations for membership. 	
RESOLVED	
Moved: Joanne Joanne Rush	

Seconded: Member Ray Wallis

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved PRCC 24/21

3.4 GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION

That The Committee:

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Recommend to Council to purchase and install coaches' boxes for the oval at Purkiss Reserve, which will be separate from the current upgrade work.

RESOLVED

Moved: Joanne Joanne Rush

Seconded: Member Ray Wallis

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved PRCC 25/21

CEO noted that a letter has been drafted for council to approve next week, which will be sent to users, and includes council's expectations of use of Purkiss Reserve.

ACTION ITEM: Research if organised sports need to provide a copy of their insurance to council when booking, and who liability sits with.

ACTION ITEM: Santosh to confirm the height of the fence with Winton.

ACTION ITEM: Research the development of a signage policy for sports sponsor signs.

Add agenda item to the next meeting regarding alcohol at Purkiss Reserve.

4. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That The Committee:

- a) Receive and Note the attached action list.

RESOLVED

Moved: Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Joanne Rush

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved PRCC 26/21

Schedule the next meetings for May and July.

Member Wallis and Member Green noted that the grass at the Purkiss football oval needs to be maintained as a matter of priority.

5. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1615 pm.

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Wayne Green
Chair

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

OPERATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Operations Directors Report
REFERENCE	315086
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and Note the Operations Directors Report.

SUMMARY:**Operations Report March 2021**

This Month has seen more rain in our Region, which is keeping the grass growing and keeping our staff busy mowing.

The CEO and I had an interesting trip to Arlparra for a meeting. The meeting was cancelled because we could not make it. The following photos will explain why.



The rest of the month has been filled with meetings both in Tennant Creek and on Communities.

We had a good run of Local Authority meetings with 5 out of six making quorum. Only Ampilatwatja missed out, as they are still advertising for members. The other LA meetings were well represented by members and service providers.

Ali Curung had some good discussion around the Local Justice model they are proposing to help reduce youth crime in their area. This discussion will be continuing with the assistance of the NT Police and Territory Families. I will continue to report on any progress with this item.

The Elliott Local Authority had great input from the members that attended. It was then followed by the Elliott Alcohol Management Plan meeting. This was also well attended and it looks like Elliott town camps are well on their way to getting the long awaited alcohol permits system in place. This too will be a work in progress but now that Licencing NT and the Harm Minimisation Unit are assisting with these meetings this group is getting the assistance they need to progress this Management Plan to the next level.

The Infrastructure Director and I have had a couple of bush trips lately as well. We did a day trip to inspect the Jarra Jarra road to assess its condition and to get quotes on grading it. We also spent another day going to Wutunugurra to do a scope of works for the Art Centre upgrade. The LA have applied for funding to complete this through the Regional Deal Community project funding. They have been exploring this project for a number of years so it will be a positive outcome for them once this is complete.

I was unable to attend the Alpururulam and the Wutunugurra Local Authority meetings due to Steve and I having to go on our epic journey to Arlparra. These meetings were attended by Sharen Lake so thanks to Sharen for your help that day.

Steve and I also attended the newly formed Community Advisory Board meeting set up by Rise-Ngurratjuta. These meetings will help to strengthen the CDP in the Barkly and will help to organise some worthwhile activities for participants in the three Communities we share.

I also received an email from Rainbow Gateway about organising a meeting with Steve and I to move forward with CDP joint activities on both Alpururulam and Ampilatwatja. Once this meeting is organised we will also request they attend a Council meeting as requested approximately two years ago.

The Tennant Creek depot crew continue to do some great work around town. They have recently patched some potholes at the BP to assist Julalikari with the poor road conditions in their carpark after the rain. The Team enjoyed the extra assistance they received from the Mayor the other week. I am assured that everyone had fun.



Once again it has been a great month in the Barkly.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	5 Year Strategic Plan
REFERENCE	315223
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report.**
- b) Provide feedback by the April Council meeting on the revised five year strategic plan.

SUMMARY:

Attached are two versions of the updated five year strategic plan. The first is the marked up version of the old strategic plan to show what changes have been made, the second attachment – “*Strategic Plan – March 2021 – New Format 1.0*” is the updated version that is easier to follow.

Council management has updated the attached Strategic Plan for Council’s consideration. The review is not a detailed re-write but rather an update to better reflect the work that has been done and the items that have become irrelevant.

Council is asked to review the draft Strategic Plan and provide feedback so the plan can be finalised at the April Council meeting. At the end of 2021 we would envisage the plan will be reviewed in detail with the incoming Council following the Council elections later this year.

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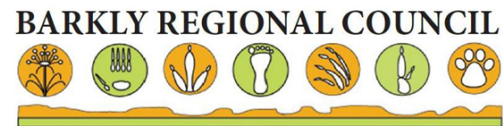
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- 2 [↓](#) Strategic Plan - March 2021 - New Format 2.0.pdf



Barkly Region Council

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Strategic Plan



Barkly Regional Council has developed the 2018-2023 five year Strategic Plan to assist Council Members, Management, Staff and Stakeholders to focus resources towards the common goals outlined in the plan. This plan contains the goals, objectives and actions set by Council for the next five years.

The Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually to measure progress in achieving the goals and the plan updated to reflect the changing environment Council operates in.

Who we are

BRC is a regional council, providing infrastructure, services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children's groups, schools, businesses and agencies across the Barkly Region.

Purpose of a Strategic Plan

A strategic plan is developed to:

- Set priorities
- Focus energy and resources
- Strengthen operations
- Ensure that employees and stakeholders are working towards common goals
- Establish desired outcomes/results
- Assess and adjust the organisations direction in response to a changing environment

Effective strategic planning articulates not only where an organization is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.

Our Strategy will:

- Set seven goals
- List objectives to aid in achieving those goals
- Establish actions and timeframes that need to be achieved towards the overall strategy.

Our Goals

1. Become the employer of choice in the Barkly
2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate & respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region
3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly
4. Promote and advocate to address social inequality within the Barkly
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

Goal	Objective
Goal 1. Become the employer of Choice in the Barkly.	Objective1. Reduce staff turnover to 10% per annum <u>for</u> of full and permanent part time employees
	Objective 2. Develop a workforce plan incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and development plans •
	Reduce recruitment costs by 5% per year
	Objective 3. Improve staff engagement <u>and morale</u>
	Objective 4. Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region
	Objective 5. Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%
Goal 2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate & respectful relationship with all residents, Government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region	Objective 1. Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities
	Objective 2. Obtain regular feedback from residents, Government agencies and stakeholders
	Objective 3. Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment
	Objective 4. Develop <u>an</u> internal and external communication strategy
Goal 3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly	Objective 1. Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Footbaths • Lighting in public spaces and council properties • Council properties including council owned houses • Public parks and gardens • Landfills • Plant and equipment

	Objective 2. Develop Maintain a five year infrastructure plan
	Objective 3. Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs
	Objective 4. Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure
Goal 4. Provide services, facilities and programs to advance the region	Objective 1. Provide employment opportunities for Barkly residents.
	Objective 2. Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly
	Objective 3. Create and maintain a positive living environment for our Communities
	Objective 4. Develop Maintain a five year infrastructure plan
	Objective 5. Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly
Goal 5. Supporting and promoting the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors	Objective 1. Attract new investment into the Barkly
	Objective 2. Gain additional government spending in the Barkly region
	Objective 3. Increase tourism in the Barkly Region
	Objective 4. Have partnerships with organisation based in the Barkly
Goal 6. Be the leading council through maintain best practice in governance and financial management	Objective 1. 100% compliance with the Local Government Act.
	Objective 2. Zero incidents of fraud and no Audit qualifications
	Objective 3. Elected members are fully aware of their role and responsibilities
	Objective 4. Implement an integrated planning framework that provides financial stability

	Objective 5. Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly Region.
Goal 7. Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly	Objective 1. Stop illegal dumping in the Barkly
	Objective 2. Have environmentally sound waste management practices
	Objective 3. Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly
	Objective 4. Protect the natural beauty and cultural heritage in the Barkly

ACTIONS LIST

Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
Goal 1 – Become the employer of choice within the Barkly			
Objective 1. Reduce staff turnover to 10% per annum for full and permanent part time employees	Action 1. Introduce/Continue 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-Annual staff get together for each locality 	Annually	
	Action 2. Document robust and timely recruitment procedures to ensure consistent recruitment standards	Dec 2018	COMPLETE
	Action 3. Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing COMPLETE
	Action 4. Conduct annual staff surveys	Annually	
	Action 5. Conduct bi-annual staff performance appraisals	Bi-annually	
Objective 2. Develop/Maintain a workforce plan -including	Action 1. Develop Individual training and development plans to align with strategy	June 2019 June 2022	

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	Action 2. Bi-annual staff performance appraisals to incorporate employee career paths	Bi-annually	ONGOING
	Action 3. Identify current gaps between current staffing and workforce needs	June 2018	ONGOING
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
	Action 4. Creating employee career paths	Dec 2018	
	Action 4. Review the Workforce Management Plan	Annually	
Objective 3. Improve staff engagement and morale	Action 1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-Annual staff get together for each locality 	Annually	
	Action 2. Public-Organisation wide acknowledge staff who perform well above expectation		Ongoing
	Action 3. Implement an employee of the month program	Feb 2019	
	Action 4. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		Ongoing
	Action 5. Conduct Exit interviews for resigning staff		
	Action: Annual Staff Survey	Annual	ONGOING
Objective 4. Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region	Action 1. Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	Dec annually	
	Action 2. Maximise the use of CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent or part time employment		Ongoing
	Action 3. Advertise staff vacancies on local notice boards locally through electronic media i.e. social media, website.	June 2018	Ongoing
	Action 4. Implement an annual open day for the general public Action 4: Use Tennant Creek Show Day and Careers Day to promote Council to the public	March 2019	Ongoing
Objective 5 Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	Action 1. Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback.	Bi-annually	

	Action 2. Streamline and document the recruitment process	Dec 2018 June 2022	
	Action 3. Accurately track contract completion date		Ongoing
	Action 4. Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy		Ongoing
	Action 5. Maximise the use of recruitment software		
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
Goal 2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate & respectful relationship with all residents, Government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region.			
Objective 1. Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	Action 1. Ensure Local Authorities meet as scheduled.		Ongoing
	Action 2. Rigorously enforce the LA attendance policy		Ongoing
	Action 3. Hold a minimum of one public forum in each community annually	Annually	
	Action 4. Conduct resident satisfaction surveys annually in each community	Aug annually	
Objective 2. Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	Action 1. Conduct satisfaction surveys at least once per year	Aug annually	
	Action 2. Hold a minimum of one public forum per community each year	Annually	
	Action 3. Hold regular meeting with government agencies and external stakeholders		Ongoing

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Objective 3. Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment	Action 1. Develop individual training and development plans for each employee	Mar-2019 June 2023	
	Action 2. Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	Action 3. Introduce a program for Councillors & LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history	Mar-2019 ONGOING	
	Action 4. Develop-Make wider use of a community and culture induction booklet	Mar-2019 ONGOING	
	Action 5. New identified staff to attend and participate in cross-cultural training.		
Objective 4. Develop an internal and external communication strategy	Action 1. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		Ongoing
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
	Action 2. Increase-Continue the use of social media platforms by 1 per year		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop-a-program-to-keep-council-notice-boards-current-and-relevant Keep Council's website current and relevant	June-2018 Sept 2021	
	Action 4. Monthly email updates to staff	May-2018 ONGOING	COMPLETE
Goal3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly			
Objective 1. Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roads Footpaths Lighting in public spaces and council properties 	Action 1. Develop-Maintain a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure	June-2018 ONGOING	COMPLETE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council properties including council owned housing • Public parks and gardens • Landfills • Plant and equipment 			
	Action 2. Engage local contractors when work loads are above staffing numbers		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop and implement <u>Maintain</u> a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damage.	<u>May 2018</u> <u>Ongoing</u>	<u>COMPLETE</u>
	Action 4. Develop and implement an audit <u>maintain a ticketing</u> system to identify faulty/damaged property.	<u>May 2018</u> <u>Sept 2021</u>	
Objective 2. Develop <u>Maintain</u> a five year infrastructure plan	Action 1. Identify new infrastructure projects that need to be completed <u>Complete commenced infrastructure projects in a timely manner:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Two new Youth Centres – Ali Curung, Tennant Creek</u> • <u>Bike path in Tennant Creek</u> • <u>Priority 1 Road Resealing – Tennant Creek</u> • <u>Refurbishment of Civic Hall – Tennant Creek</u> • <u>Construct Cemetery Chapel – Tennant Creek</u> • <u>Complete Lake Mary Ann Playground upgrade – Tennant Creek</u> • <u>Complete Skate Park – Alpururulam</u> • <u>Construct Basketball Court – Alpururulam</u> • <u>Construct Ablution Block – Ampilatwatja</u> • <u>Complete Sports and Rec Centre Refurbishment – Ampilatwatja</u> • <u>Construct Football Oval Change rooms – Elliott</u> • <u>Construct BMX Track - Wutunugurra</u> 	<u>Bi-Annually</u> <u>June 2022</u>	
	Action 2. Identify <u>priority</u> maintenance needs of existing infrastructure		Ongoing
	Action 3. Budget to meet infrastructure requirements within the budgeting framework	Annually	
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
Objective 3. Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	Action 1. Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community	<u>Annually</u> <u>Ongoing</u>	<u>COMPLETE</u>

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	Action 2. Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA		Ongoing
	Action 3. Conduct at least one survey in each community each year.	July annually	
Objective 4. Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	Action 1. Develop Maintain a workforce plan	June 2018 Ongoing	
	Action 2. Annual maintenance budgets to be sufficient to cover basic maintenance needs	Annually	
	Action 3. Develop Maintain asset management plan and review annually	July 2018 Ongoing	
	Action 4. Update asset management plan and review annually	Annual	Ongoing
	Action 4. Develop and implement maintenance plan as part of the asset management plan Action 5. Complete and execute annual planned maintenance plan	July 2018 Annual	Ongoing
Goal 4. Provide services, facilities and programs to advance the region			
Objective 1. Provide employment opportunities for Barkly residents.	Action 1. Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	Dec annually	
	Action 2. Develop individual training and development plans		
	Action 3. Introduce Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to programs grow-our-own-staff	April 2018	
	Action 4. Identify new funded programs that fit within councils strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities		Ongoing
Objective 2. Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly	Action 1. Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents		Ongoing
	Action 2. Increase positive media coverage of the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 3. Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly		Ongoing

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Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
Objective 3. Create and maintain a positive living environment for our Communities	Action 1. Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented (grass, graffiti and light)		Ongoing
	Action 2. Improve-Deliver efficient and effective Municipal service delivery	Sep-2018	Ongoing
	Action 3. Participate in the annual tidy towns competition	April-2019 Annual	
Objective 4. Develop-Maintain a five year infrastructure plan including	Action 1. List-of-new-infrastructure-required-in-each-community-Grow the five year infrastructure plan to 10 year plan.	Annually	
	Action 2. Effectively maintain new infrastructure required in each community		
	Action 3. A plan for maintaining Effectively maintain current infrastructure	June-2018	
Objective 5. Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly	Action 1. Identify new funded programs that fit within councils strategic objectives		Ongoing
	Action 2. Implement a grants working group to better support the grants officer	May-2018	
Goal 5. Supporting and promoting the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors			
Objective 1. Attract new investment into the Barkly	Action 1. Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Actively participate in the REDC Barkly Regional Deal Economic Development Working Group		Ongoing
	Action 3. Identify new business opportunities through public consultation		Ongoing
	Action 4. Engage with Government and business to identify new business opportunities		Ongoing

Objective 2. Gain additional government spending in the Barkly region	Action 1. Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to effectively support the Barkly Region through filling current funding gaps		Ongoing
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
	Action 3. Promote the needs of the Barkly to the wider community (media)		Ongoing
Objective 3. Increase tourism in the Barkly Region	Action 1. Develop a Promote and support the regular updating of the Tourism mMaster pPlan	June 2018	
	Action 2: Participate in the Barkly Tourism Action Group		
	Action 3 2 . Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media sites.	June 2018	
	Action 4 3 . Support and promote community events		Ongoing
	Action 5 4 . Provide an annual budget to support community events	Annually	
Objective 4. Have partnerships with organisation based in the Barkly	Action 1. Establish partnerships with organisations that promote the Barkly- Work with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Establish- Maintain partnerships to make greater use of council assets		Ongoing
	Action 3. Partner with local business and the REDC Barkly Regional Deal Economic Development Working Group to identify new business opportunities for the Region		Ongoing
Goal 6. Be the leading council through maintain best practice in governance and financial management			
Objective 1. 100% compliance with the Local Government Act.	Action 1. Undertake internal compliance- Conduct annual reviews and periodic audits in all locations to ensure compliance with internal policies and LG legislation	July 2018 Annually	ongoing
	Action 2- Implement a Maintain the risk management strategy and policy via the (Audit and Risk Committee to oversee)	July 2019 Annually	

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	Action 3. Conduct an annual review of the finance manual policies	Annually	Ongoing
Objective 2. Zero incidents of fraud and no Audit qualifications	Action 1. Review-Maintain all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures are in place	Dec-2018	ongoing
	Action 2. Continuous improvement of policies and procedures ensuring relevance and identifying where additional policies are required.		ongoing
	Action 3. Develop-an-internal-audit-framework-with-appropriate-annual-audit-plan Appoint independent chair to the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure best practice and financial controls are in place	June-2019	ongoing
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
Objective 3. Elected members are fully aware of their role and responsibilities	Action 1. Conduct regular annual governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with Elected Members	Annually	
	Action 2. Following the Local Government Election in August 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induct new Councillors Deliver governance training to new Councillors Call for new nominations for Local Authorities Call for new nominations for Council Committees and Sub-Committees Training of new Local Authorities 		
	Action 3 2 . Ensure Elected Members are aware of changes in Government applicable Government legislation including changes to the Act .		Ongoing
	Action 4 3 . Develop-a Maintain Local Authorities handbook and training program for LA members	Aug-2019	
Objective 4. Implement in integrated planning framework that provides financial stability	Action 1. Complete annual and five year cash flows and review quarterly	July-2018 Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	Action 2. Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	May-yearly Bi-Annually	
	Action 3. Implement-and-monitor-annual-community-plans-Work with Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team to assist with development of Community Plans	Annually	

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	Action 4. Review strategic planning processes to better integrate community plans	Annually	Ongoing
	Action 5. Move from five year to ten year forward planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial planning Asset management plans Infrastructure planning Strategic planning Workforce plans 	Dec 2019 Dec 2022	
Objective 5. Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly Region.	Action 1. Complete accurate annual operating, cash flow and capital budgets and review twice yearly	Annually	Ongoing
	Action 2. Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget and acquitted on time with funding agreements		Ongoing
	Action 3. Liaise with external stakeholders to promote council's interest and share services where possible to maximise return on financial investment		Ongoing
Goal/Objective	Action	Date due	Complete
	Action 4. Improve-Monitor financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management	Dec 2018	Ongoing
Goal 7. Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly			
Objective 1. Stop-Reduce illegal dumping in the Barkly	Action 1. Fully develop and implement a public awareness campaign Stop illegal dumping on Council land with rigorous enforcement.	Sep 2018	Ongoing
	Action 2. Work with stakeholders and the EPA to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers		Ongoing

	Action 3. Review annual dump fees <u>annually</u>	<u>May</u> annually	
	Action 4. Regularly monitor illegal dump sites to catch offenders		Ongoing
	<u>Action 5. Maintain and promote Snap, Send, Solve app</u>		<u>Ongoing</u>
Objective 2. Have environmentally sound <u>Improve</u> waste management practices	Action 1. Review-Monitor all Barkly Land fill sites	<u>Aug-2018</u> <u>Quarterly</u>	
	Action 2. Develop <u>and implement some basic a</u> -recycling program for TC, Elliott and major communities	<u>2020Dec</u> <u>2022</u>	
	<u>Action 3. Lobby NTG to better support Council's Waste Management Activities</u>		
Objective 3. Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly	Action 1. Support appropriate, environmentally friendly mining development proposals within the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Promote the regions natural beauty and cultural heritage		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop the <u>Promote and support regular updates of the</u> tourism NT Master Plan for the Barkly	<u>July-2018</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>
	<u>Action 4. Actively support renewable energy opportunities for the Barkly</u>		
	<u>Action 5. Commence program to introduce solar power for Council assets</u>		
	<u>Action 6. Lobby Power Water for more solar for assets on communities</u>	<u>Annually</u>	
Objective 4. Protect the natural beauty and cultural heritage in the Barkly	Action 1. Promote responsible, environmentally friendly mining in the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Develop waste management plans	<u>Aug-2018</u>	

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COMPLETED ACTIONS

GOAL #	OBJECTIVE #	COMPLETED ACTION
1	1	1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year 2. Document robust and timely recruitment procedures to ensure consistent recruitment standards 3. Recruit only those people suitable for the position
	2	1. Develop a workforce plan
	3	1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year
	4	1. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year
	5	1. Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback
2	1	1. Ensure Local Authorities meet as scheduled 2. Hold minimum of one public forum in each community annually
	2	2. Hold minimum of one public forum per community each year 3. Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders
	3	2. Recruit only those people suitable for the position 3. Introduce a program for Councilors and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history 4. Develop a community and culture induction handbook
	4	1. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch 2. Increase the use of social media platforms 4. Monthly email updates to staff
3	1	1. Develop a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure 2. Develop and implement a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damaged property
	2	1. Develop a five year infrastructure plan
	3	1. Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community 2. Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA 3. Conduct at least one survey in each community each year
	4	1. Develop a workforce plan 3. Develop asset management plan and review annually
4	1	1. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year 3. Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to grow our own staff
	3	1. Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented 2. Improve municipal service delivery

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		3. Participate in Tidy Towns competition
	4	1. Develop a five year infrastructure plan

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5	3	1. Develop a Tourism Master Plan
	4	2. Establish partnerships to make greater use of Council assets
6	1	2. Implement a risk management strategy and policy (Audit and Risk committee to Oversee)
	2	1. Develop a Local Authorities handbook and training program for LA members
	3	2. Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly
	4	2. Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget with funding agreements
	5	4. Improve financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management
7	1	1. Fully develop and implement a public awareness campaign
	2	2. Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers
	3	3. Review annual dump fees
	2	1. Review all Barkly Land fill sites
	4	2. Develop waste management plans



Barkly Regional Council Strategic Plan 2021 - 2026



BRC Strategic Plan 2018-2023 1.0.0 03.03.2021

Barkly Regional Council has developed the 2018-2023 five year Strategic Plan to assist Council Members, Management, Staff and Stakeholders to focus resources towards the common goals outlined in the plan. This plan contains the goals, objectives and actions set by Council for the next five years.

The Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually to measure progress in achieving the goals and the plan undated to reflect the changing environment Council operates in.

Who we are

BRC is a regional council, providing infrastructure, services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children's groups, schools, businesses and agencies across the Barkly Region.

Purpose of a Strategic Plan

A strategic plan is developed to:

- Set priorities
- Focus energy and resources
- Strengthen operations
- Ensure that employees and stakeholders are working towards common goals
- Establish desired outcomes/results
- Assess and adjust the organisations direction in response to a changing environment

Effective strategic planning articulates not only where an organization is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.

Our Strategy will:

- Set seven goals
- List objectives to aid in achieving those goals
- Establish actions and timeframes that need to be achieved towards the overall strategy.



BRC Strategic Plan 2018-2023 1.0.0 03.03.2021

OUR GOALS

- 1. Become the employer of choice in the Barkly**
- 2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate & respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stake holders within the Barkly Region.**
- 3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly**
- 4. Promote and advocate to address social inequality within the Barkly**
- 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**



OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: BECOME THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE IN THE BARKLY	
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time employees	
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating:	
• Training and Development Plans	
OBJECTIVE 3: Improve staff engagement and morale	
OBJECTIVE 4: Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region	
OBJECTIVE 5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	
GOAL 2: HAVE A STRONG, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE BARKLY REGION	
OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	
OBJECTIVE 2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	
OBJECTIVE 3: Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment	
OBJECTIVE 4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy	
GOAL 3: IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE BARKLY	
OBJECTIVE 1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including:	
• Roads	
• Footpaths	
• Lighting in public spaces and council properties	
• Council properties including Council owned houses	
• Public parks and gardens	
• Landfills	
• Plant and Equipment	
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	
OBJECTIVE 3: Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	
OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	



GOAL 4: PROVIDE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE REGION

- OBJECTIVE 1: Provide employment opportunities for Barkly Residents
- OBJECTIVE 2: Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly
- OBJECTIVE 3: Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities
- OBJECTIVE 4: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan
- OBJECTIVE 5: Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly

GOAL 5: SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE BARKLY FOR THE BENEFITS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

- OBJECTIVE 1: Attract new investment into the Barkly
- OBJECTIVE 2: Gain additional government spending in the Barkly Region
- OBJECTIVE 3: Increase tourism in the Barkly Region
- OBJECTIVE 4: Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly

GOAL 6: BE THE LEADING COUNCIL THROUGH MAINTAINING BEST PRACTICE IN GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- OBJECTIVE 1: 100% compliance with the Local Government Act
- OBJECTIVE 2: Zero incidents of fraud and no Audit qualifications
- OBJECTIVE 3: Elected members are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities
- OBJECTIVE 4: Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial stability
- OBJECTIVE 5: Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly Region

GOAL 7: PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE BARKLY

- OBJECTIVE 1: Stop illegal dumping in the Barkly
- OBJECTIVE 2: Have environmentally sound waste management practices
- OBJECTIVE 3: Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly



ACTIONS

GOAL 1: BECOME THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE IN THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time employees	ACTION 1: Continue staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-annual staff get together for each locality 	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct annual staff surveys	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Conduct bi-annual staff performance appraisals	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Continue to convert casual staff to permanent		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and Development Plans 	ACTION 1: Develop individual training and development plans to align with strategy	June 2022	
	ACTION 2: Bi-annual staff performance appraisals to incorporate employee career paths	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Identify current gaps between current staffing and workforce needs		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Review Workforce Management Plan	Annually	
OBJECTIVE 3: Improve staff engagement and morale	ACTION 1: Continue staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-annual staff get together for each locality 	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Organisation wide acknowledgment of staff who perform well above expectation		Ongoing



	ACTION 3: Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		
	ACTION 4: Conduct exit interviews for resigning staff		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Conduct annual staff survey	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	December Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maximise the use of CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent or part time employment		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Advertise staff vacancies locally through electronic media i.e. social media, website, talent propeller and paper		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Use Tennant Creek Show Day and Careers Day to promote Council to the public		
OBJECTIVE 5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	ACTION 1: Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Streamline and document the recruitment process	June 2022	
	ACTION 3: Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Maximise the use of recruitment software		Ongoing



GOAL 2: HAVE A STRONG, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE BARKLY REGION			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	ACTION 1: Ensure Local Authorities (LA) meet as scheduled		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Rigorously enforce LA attendance policy		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Hold minimum of one public forum in each community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Conduct resident satisfaction surveys in each community	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	ACTION 1: Conduct satisfaction surveys once per year	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Hold minimum of one public forum per community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment	ACTION 1: Develop individual training and development plans for each employee	June 2023	
	ACTION 2: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Maintain a program for Councillors and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Make wider use of the community and culture induction booklet		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: New identified staff to attend and participate in cross-cultural training		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy	ACTION 1: Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch	Quarterly	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Continue the use of social media platforms		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Keep Council's website current and relevant	Sept 2021	
	ACTION 4: Monthly email updates to staff	Monthly	Ongoing



GOAL 3: IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roads Footpaths Lighting in public spaces and council properties Council properties including council owned housing Public parks and gardens Landfills Plant and Equipment 	ACTION 1: Maintain a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Engage local contractors when workloads are above staffing numbers		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Maintain a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damage.		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Develop and maintain a ticketing system to identify faulty/damaged property	Sept 2021	
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	ACTION 1: Complete commenced infrastructure projects in a timely manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new Youth Centres – Ali Curung, Tennant Creek Bike path in Tennant Creek Priority 1 Road Resealing – Tennant Creek Refurbishment of Civic Hall – Tennant Creek Construct Cemetery Chapel – Tennant Creek Complete Lake Mary Ann Playground upgrade – Tennant Creek Complete Skate Park – Alpururulam Construct Basketball Court – Alpururulam Construct Ablution Block – Ampilatwatja Complete Sports and Rec Centre Refurbishment – Ampilatwatja Construct Football Oval Change rooms – Elliott Construct BMX Track - Wutunugurra 	June 2022	
	ACTION 2: Identify priority maintenance needs of existing infrastructure		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Budget to meet infrastructure requirements within the budgeting framework	Annually	Ongoing



OBJECTIVE 3: Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	ACTION 1: Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct one survey in each community each year	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	ACTION 1: Maintain a workforce plan		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Annual maintenance budgets to be sufficient to cover basic maintenance needs	Annually	
	ACTION 3: Maintain asset management plan and review annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Update asset management plan and review annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Complete and execute annual planned maintenance plan	Annually	Ongoing



GOAL 4: PROVIDE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE REGION			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Provide employment opportunities for Barkly Residents	ACTION 1: Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	Dec. Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Develop individual training and development plans		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to programs		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities	ACTION 1: Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Deliver efficient and effective Municipal services		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Participate in the annual tidy towns competition	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	ACTION 1: Grow the five year infrastructure plan to a 10 year plan		
	ACTION 2: Effectively maintain new infrastructure required in each community		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Effectively maintain current infrastructure		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 5: Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly	ACTION 1: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives		Ongoing



GOAL 5: SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE BARKLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Attract new investment into the Barkly	ACTION 1: Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Actively participate in the Barkly Regional Deal Economic Development Working Group		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Identify new business opportunities through public consultation		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Engage with Government and business to identify new business opportunities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Gain additional government spending in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to effectively support the Barkly Region through filling current funding gaps		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote the needs of the Barkly to the wider community with the use of various media		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Increase tourism in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Promote and Support the regular updating of the Tourism Master Plan		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Participate in the Barkly Tourism Action Group		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media sites		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Support and promote community events		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Provide an annual budget to support community events	Annually	
OBJECTIVE 4: Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Work with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly		Ongoing



	ACTION 2: Maintain partnerships to make greater use of Council assets		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Partner with local business and BRD Economic Development Working Group to identify new business opportunities for the Region		Ongoing



GOAL 6: BE THE LEADING COUNCIL THROUGH MAINTAINING BEST PRACTICE IN GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: 100% compliance with the Local Government Act	ACTION 1: Conduct annual reviews and periodic audits to ensure compliance with internal policies and Local Government legislation	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maintain the risk management strategy and policy via the Audit and Risk Committee	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct an annual review of the finance policies	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Zero incidents of fraud and no audit qualifications	ACTION 1: Maintain all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures are in place		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Continuous improvement of policies/procedures to ensuring relevance and identifying where additional policies are required		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Appoint an independent chair to the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure best practice and financial controls are in place		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Elected members are fully aware of their role and their responsibilities	ACTION 1: Conduct annual governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with Elected Members	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Following the Local Government Election in August 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induct new Councillors Deliver governance training to new Councillors Call for new nominations for Local Authorities Call for new nominations for Council Committees and Sub-Committees Training of new Local Authority members 	Dec 2021	
	ACTION 3: Ensure Elected Members are aware of changes in applicable Government legislation including changes to the Act.		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Maintain Local Authorities handbook and training program for Local Authority members		Ongoing



OBJECTIVE 4: Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial stability	ACTION 1: Complete and annual and five year cash flows and review	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Provide support to the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team to assist with development of Community Plans		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Move from five year to ten year forward planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Planning Asset Management Plans Infrastructure Planning Strategic Planning Workforce Plans 	Dec 2022	
OBJECTIVE 5: Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Complete accurate operating, cash flow and capital budgets and review twice yearly	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget and acquitted on time with funding agreements		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Liaise with external stakeholders to promote Council's interest and share services where possible to maximise return on financial investment		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Monitor financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management		



GOAL 7: PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce illegal dumping in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Stop illegal dumping on Council land with rigorous enforcement		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Work with stakeholders and the EPA to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Review dump fees annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Regularly monitor illegal dump site to catch offenders		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Maintain and promote Snap, Send, Solve app		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Improve waste management practices	ACTION 1: Monitor all Barkly land fill sites	Quarterly	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Develop and implement some basic recycling for Tennant Creek	Dec 2022	
	ACTION 3: Lobby NTG to better support Council's Waste Management activities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Support appropriate, environmentally friendly mining development proposals within the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Promote the regions natural beauty and cultural heritage		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote and support regular updates of the Tourism NT Master Plan for the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Actively support renewable energy opportunities for the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Commence program to introduce solar power for Council assets		
	ACTION 6: Lobby Power Water for more solar assets on communities	Annually	



COMPLETED ACTIONS

GOAL #	OBJECTIVE #	COMPLETED ACTION
1	1	1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year 2. Document robust and timely recruitment procedures to ensure consistent recruitment standards 3. Recruit only those people suitable for the position
	2	1. Develop a workforce plan
	3	1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year
	4	1. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year
	5	1. Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback
2	1	1. Ensure Local Authorities meet as scheduled 2. Hold minimum of one public forum in each community annually
	2	2. Hold minimum of one public forum per community each year 3. Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders
	3	2. Recruit only those people suitable for the position 3. Introduce a program for Councilor's and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history 4. Develop a community and culture induction handbook
	4	1. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch 2. Increase the use of social media platforms 4. Monthly email updates to staff
3	1	1. Develop a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure 2. Develop and implement a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damaged property
	2	1. Develop a five year infrastructure plan
	3	1. Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community 2. Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA 3. Conduct at least one survey in each community each year
	4	1. Develop a workforce plan 3. Develop asset management plan and review annually
4	1	1. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year



4	1	2. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year 3. Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to grow our own staff
	3	4. Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented 5. Improve municipal service delivery 6. Participate in Tidy Towns competition
	4	2. Develop a five year infrastructure plan
5	3	3. Develop a Tourism Master Plan
	4	2. Establish partnerships to make greater use of Council assets
6	1	4. Implement a risk management strategy and policy (Audit and Risk committee to Oversee)
	3	3. Develop a Local Authorities handbook and training program for LA members
	4	2. Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly
	5	2. Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget with funding agreements 4. Improve financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management
7	1	3. Fully develop and implement a public awareness campaign 4. Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers 3. Review annual dump fees
	2	3. Review all Barkly Land fill sites
	4	4. Develop waste management plans



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.2
TITLE	Priorities for the year
REFERENCE	315224
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Provide feedback on the attached priorities prior to the April Council meeting 2021.

SUMMARY:

In preparation for the 2021-2022 Regional Plan the Executive team have prepared a list of draft priorities for the new financial year.

The attached draft list is based on the updated five year strategic plan with the addition of two key items.

The first item is the Local Government Election scheduled for August 2021. Councillors may be aware that we have to pay the electoral commission to conduct the election so the more we do ourselves the lower the bill from the commission will be. For this election we are being permitted to run remote polling ourselves, this will extend the time polling booths are in remote communities giving people more opportunity to vote while reducing the cost to council. The budget for the 2021 Local Government Election will be \$100,000.

The second item is our current list of infrastructure projects. As you are aware we have a large number of capital projects either already under construction or with construction about to commence. Our top priority for the first half of the year will be to complete these project before kicking off any new projects budget for in the new year.

On top of the attached priorities we will endeavour to budget for another \$3m capital spend in the new year. The priority will continue to be equipment upgrades and infrastructure improvements.

BACKGROUND

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ATTACHMENTS:

1 [Regional Plan 2021 - Goals, Objectives and Actions.pdf](#)

GOAL 1: BECOME THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE IN THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time employees	ACTION 1: Continue staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-annual staff get together for each locality 	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct annual staff surveys	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Conduct bi-annual staff performance appraisals	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Continue to convert casual staff to permanent		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating: Training and Development Plans	ACTION 2: Bi-annual staff performance appraisals to incorporate employee career paths	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Identify current gaps between current staffing and workforce needs		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Review Workforce Management Plan	Annually	
OBJECTIVE 3: Improve staff engagement and morale	ACTION 1: Continue staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-annual staff get together for each locality 	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Organisation wide acknowledgment of staff who perform well above expectation		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		
	ACTION 5: Conduct annual staff survey	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region	ACTION 2: Maximise the use of CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent or part time employment		Ongoing

	ACTION 3: Advertise staff vacancies locally through electronic media i.e. social media, website, talent propeller and paper		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Use Tennant Creek Show Day and Careers Day to promote Council to the public		
OBJECTIVE 5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	ACTION 1: Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Streamline and document the recruitment process	June 2022	
	ACTION 3: Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Maximise the use of recruitment software		Ongoing

GOAL 2: HAVE A STRONG, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE BARKLY REGION			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	ACTION 1: Ensure Local Authorities (LA) meet as scheduled		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Hold minimum of one public forum in each community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Conduct resident satisfaction surveys in each community	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	ACTION 1: Conduct satisfaction surveys once per year	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Hold minimum of one public forum per community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment	ACTION 2: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Make wider use of the community and culture induction booklet		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: New identified staff to attend and participate in cross-cultural training		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy	ACTION 1: Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch	Quarterly	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Continue the use of social media platforms		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Keep Council's website current and relevant	Sept 2021	
	ACTION 4: Monthly email updates to staff	Monthly	Ongoing

GOAL 3: IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Footpaths • Lighting in public spaces and council properties • Council properties including council owned housing • Public parks and gardens • Landfills • Plant and Equipment 	ACTION 1: Maintain a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Engage local contractors when workloads are above staffing numbers		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Maintain a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damage.		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Develop and maintain a ticketing system to identify faulty/damaged property	Sept 2021	
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	ACTION 1: Complete commenced infrastructure projects in a timely manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new Youth Centres – Ali Curung, Tennant Creek • Bike path in Tennant Creek • Priority 1 Road Resealing – Tennant Creek • Refurbishment of Civic Hall – Tennant Creek • Construct Cemetery Chapel – Tennant Creek • Complete Lake Mary Ann Playground upgrade – Tennant Creek • Complete Skate Park – Alpururulam • Construct Basketball Court – Alpururulam • Construct Ablution Block – Ampilatwatja • Complete Sports and Rec Centre Refurbishment – Ampilatwatja • Construct Football Oval Change rooms – Elliott • Construct BMX Track - Wutunugurra 	June 2022	
	ACTION 1: Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community	Annually	Ongoing

OBJECTIVE 3: Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	ACTION 2: Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct one survey in each community each year	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	ACTION 1: Maintain a workforce plan		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Annual maintenance budgets to be sufficient to cover basic maintenance needs	Annually	
	ACTION 3: Maintain asset management plan and review annually	Annually	Ongoing

GOAL 4: PROVIDE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE REGION			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Provide employment opportunities for Barkly Residents	ACTION 3: Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to programs		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities	ACTION 1: Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Deliver efficient and effective Municipal services		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Participate in the annual tidy towns competition	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	ACTION 1: Grow the five year infrastructure plan to a 10 year plan		
	ACTION 3: Effectively maintain current infrastructure		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 5: Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly	ACTION 1: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives		Ongoing

GOAL 5: SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE BARKLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Attract new investment into the Barkly	ACTION 1: Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Actively participate in the Barkly Regional Deal Economic Development Working Group		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Gain additional government spending in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote the needs of the Barkly to the wider community with the use of various media		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Increase tourism in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Promote and Support the regular updating of the Tourism Master Plan		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Participate in the Barkly Tourism Action Group		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media sites		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Support and promote community events		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Work with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maintain partnerships to make greater use of Council assets		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Partner with local business and BRD Economic Development Working Group to identify new business opportunities for the Region		Ongoing

GOAL 6: BE THE LEADING COUNCIL THROUGH MAINTAINING BEST PRACTICE IN GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: 100% compliance with the Local Government Act	ACTION 1: Conduct annual reviews and periodic audits to ensure compliance with internal policies and Local Government legislation	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maintain the risk management strategy and policy via the Audit and Risk Committee	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct an annual review of the finance policies	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Zero incidents of fraud and no audit qualifications	ACTION 1: Maintain all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures are in place		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Appoint an independent chair to the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure best practice and financial controls are in place		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Elected members are fully aware of their role and their responsibilities	ACTION 1: Conduct annual governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with Elected Members	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Following the Local Government Election in August 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Induct new Councillors Deliver governance training to new Councillors Call for new nominations for Local Authorities Call for new nominations for Council Committees and Sub-Committees Training of new Local Authority members 	Dec 2021	
	ACTION 3: Ensure Elected Members are aware of changes in applicable Government legislation including changes to the Act.		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Maintain Local Authorities handbook and training program for Local Authority members		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial stability	ACTION 1: Complete and annual and five year cash flows and review	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	Bi-Annually	Ongoing

	ACTION 3: Provide support to the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team to assist with development of Community Plans		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Move from five year to ten year forward planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Planning 	Dec 2022	
OBJECTIVE 5: Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Complete accurate operating, cash flow and capital budgets and review twice yearly	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget and acquitted on time with funding agreements		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Liaise with external stakeholders to promote Council's interest and share services where possible to maximise return on financial investment		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Monitor financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management		

GOAL 7: PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce illegal dumping in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Stop illegal dumping on Council land with rigorous enforcement		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Review dump fees annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Maintain and promote Snap, Send, Solve app		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Improve waste management practices	ACTION 1: Monitor all Barkly land fill sites	Quarterly	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Develop and implement some basic recycling for Tennant Creek	Dec 2022	
	ACTION 3: Lobby NTG to better support Council's Waste Management activities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly	ACTION 2: Promote the regions natural beauty and cultural heritage		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Actively support renewable energy opportunities for the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 6: Lobby Power Water for more solar assets on communities	Annually	

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.3
TITLE	Committee Nominations
REFERENCE	315383
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Nominate a senior council officer (non-elected) to the Northern Territory Planning Commission.
- c) Nominate an Aboriginal elected member to the LGANT Reconciliation Plan working group
- d) Nominate Cr. Hayward to the Women's Safety Taskforce

SUMMARY:

1. LGANT is calling for nominations to **the Northern Territory Planning Commission**. Government's policy is for members of the Commission to be non-elected members, so this position is only open to senior council officers.

Please find attached a letter from the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, nomination form and procedures for LGANT representatives on Committees. For more information on the Commission please visit:

<https://planningcommission.nt.gov.au/home>

2. This is a call for nominations from **Aboriginal Elected Members** to join a LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. There are two positions available – one from the Top End, the other from Central Australia and the Barkly.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  2021-01-19 Request for Nomination to the NT Planning Commission.pdf
- 2  LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan.pdf
- 3  ALGA Application Womens Safety.pdf



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Mr Sean Holden
Chief Executive Officer
Local Government Association of the Northern Territory
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PARAP NT 0820

Dear Mr ~~Holden~~ *Sean*

I am seeking a nomination for a representative of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory to join the board of the NT Planning Commission.

The NT Planning Commission is an independent statutory authority established under the *Planning Act 1999*. The Planning Commission plays an important role in setting the strategic framework for integrated land use, transport and infrastructure planning in the Territory; while working to deliver more sustainable and cost-effective outcomes for the community that reflect environmental and heritage values.

The *Planning Act 1999* requires the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to appoint a number of members to the Planning Commission, including one representative of the Local Government Association. Government's policy is for members of the Planning Commission to be non-elected representatives.

Mr Robert Jennings is the current Local Government Association representative to the Planning Commission, having served in this role since July 2017. Mr Jennings' current term of appointment to the Planning Commission is due to expire on 11 July 2021.

It is noted that the *Planning Act 1999* does not prevent the Local Government Association from re-nominating the current representative, if they so choose.

An appropriate nominee to the Planning Commission would be a person with demonstrated expertise or a special interest in the continuing growth and development of the Northern Territory, consistent with good planning principles.

Please advise me of your nominated representative by Friday 30 April 2021.

Yours sincerely


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6. DECISION THE EXECUTIVE IS BEING ASKED TO MAKE AT THIS MEETING

Subject:	6.7 LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan	
Action Officer:	Peter McLinden	Date: 22 February 2021

What decision is the Executive being asked to make?

Recommendation
<p>That the Executive approves the development of a LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)</p> <p>That the Executive endorses the LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group comprising the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – nominated from LGANT Executive • LGANT Executive Member • Chief Executive Officer • Senior Policy Adviser (Project lead) • Call for a nominated Indigenous elected member from member council. <p>That the Executive approve a Budget allocation of \$3,000 excl GST to assist in facilitating the process.</p>

What is the recent history on this issue?

- Executive Meeting – LGANT Secretariat was asked to bring a discussion paper on a LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to the next General Meeting 8/12/20.
- The first step is a business paper to this Executive Meeting 23/02/21.

What is it about?

At the LGANT Executive meeting 8 December 2020, there was discussion on the role of local government in “Closing the Gap” and how LGANT will engage with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

For the first time, the Commonwealth, states and territories, local government (ALGA) and the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations will be jointly accountable for ensuring the outcomes of closing the gap are achieved.

It was agreed that the first step for LGANT is to have a Commonwealth Government recognised, best practice RAP as a first meaningful step to be active participants in improving Closing the Gap targets. A LGANT RAP be presented for information at the LGANT General Meeting.

RAPs provide a framework for organisations to realise their vision for reconciliation. They are practical plans for action built on relationships, respect, and opportunities. They are commitments made within our spheres of influence with the aim to make an impact and improve the lives and experiences of Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

There is a formal process of expression of interest and guidance leading to endorsement by *Reconciliation Australia*. This ensures that in writing the RAP organisations do not go outside their scope of direct influence in their deliverables. It is proposed that LGANT adhere to this advice.

Reconciliation Australia's RAP program provides a common framework to develop plans that outline practical actions the organisation will take to build strong relationships and enhance respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Across Australia 385 organisations have developed RAPs through Reconciliation Australia of which 37 out of 537 are local councils.

In the Northern Territory three councils have endorsed RAPs:

- East Arnhem Regional Council
- Alice Springs Town Council
- City of Darwin

West Arnhem Regional Council formalised a working group in 2020 and is working through the plan with elected members and communities.

Some councils nationally have opted for Aboriginal engagement plans and strategies of various forms rather than the formal RAP process through *Reconciliation Australia*.

There are three key pillars to a RAP:

- Relationship
- Respect
- Opportunities

and four types of RAPs for an organisation to choose from that best suits their stage in the reconciliation journey:

- Reflect
- Innovate
- Stretch
- Elevate

Discussion points for consideration by the LGANT Executive

The formation of a LGANT RAP working group who with the LGANT Secretariat will progress the initiative.

RAP Working Group:

- Chair – nominated from LGANT Executive
- LGANT Executive Member
- Chief Executive Officer
- Senior Policy Adviser (Project lead)
- Nominated elected member from member council

For clarification, the RAP will be for the LGANT Executive and Secretariat and not the local government sector in the Northern Territory as a whole. The RAP is to be approved by the LGANT Executive before going to Reconciliation Australia for endorsement. Upon endorsement, the RAP will be presented to a General Meeting of members for information.

LGANT RAP working group to lead the process through Reconciliation Australia by the following steps:

- Expression of interest (EOI):
 - RAP is right for our organisation
 - RAP development process
- Register with Reconciliation Australia
- Submit draft RAP for review and development process.

Draft LGANT budget for 2020-2021 will allow \$3,000 incl GST for a facilitator to speak with existing LGANT Staff and Executive and facilitate the first meeting of the LGANT RAP Working Group.

The Secretariat's initial assessment is that we already have policies and activities that would be captured by a RAP.

Below is a suggested project plan that serves to inform the Executive as to how the RAP could be developed.

DRAFT PROJECT PLAN**Relationship**

Action	Deliverables
LGANT RAP Working Group	<p>Establish a working group made up of the LGANT Executive and Senior Officers.</p> <p>LGANT Senior Policy Adviser appointed Project Officer for the RAP Project.</p> <p>Working Group will oversee the development, Executive approval, Reconciliation Australia endorsement, and launch of the RAP at a LGANT General meeting on completion and approval.</p> <p>After the launch, the Working Group to meet biannually to monitor progress and report back to the LGANT Executive.</p> <p>Working Group to provide a report to be published during National Reconciliation Week and then included in the Association annual report on activities and progress on the RAP.</p>
Establish relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and peak organisations	Identify within our sphere of influence, peak organisations representing the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander that will enhance and assist in the LGANT RAP journey.
Celebrate National Reconciliation Week	<p>LGANT to promote <i>National Reconciliation Week</i> with members and LGANT employees.</p> <p>Support and encourage LGANT employees in attending <i>National Reconciliation Week</i> events.</p> <p>Circulate Reconciliation Australia <i>National Reconciliation Week</i> resources and material to staff and member councils.</p>
Raise internal awareness of the RAP	<p>Publish, disseminate, and make accessible to all staff and member councils the LGANT RAP.</p> <p>Include information on the LGANT RAP in induction packages for employees.</p>

Respect

Action	Deliverables
Demonstrate respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples by observing cultural protocols	<p>Recognition of local traditional owners:</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGANT Executive meetings • Reference Group meetings • Major documents: Annual reports/directory <p>Welcome to Country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General meetings (budget implications to be taken into account) • Major forums/seminars
Investigate cultural development needs within the organisation	<p>Conduct a review of cultural awareness training needs of organisation staff.</p> <p>Investigate the story and message of the Aboriginal art piece hanging in the LGANT Board room and promote.</p>
Build the understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres	Raise awareness and share information amongst our staff about the meaning of NAIDOC week.

Strait Islander cultures by celebrating and promoting National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week	Promote NAIDOC week celebrations. List events that member councils wish to promote in their regional areas.
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Opportunities

Action	Deliverables
Investigate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier diversity	Assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders suppliers to engage with Local Government and LGANT to feature and promote their supply opportunities and participate in preferred suppliers' panels. Investigate <i>Supply Nation</i> membership/partnership. Continue to work with and build capacity of Aboriginal Corporations in the delivery of civil work services on LGANT Managed road network. Regional economic development and aspirations of Aboriginal Communities and Corporations to be considered when upgrading and improvements on roads managed by LGANT.
Improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives through policy and advocacy with local government in the NT (member councils)	Active participants through the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in "Closing the Gap" implementation and actions.
Continuous improvement and implementation of the LGANT RAP	LGANT RAP to be reflected through the LGANT Strategic Plan.

Does the issue comply with policy or should it be drafted as new policy?

This issue was identified during the review of the LGANT Strategic Plan 2021-2022:

"Promote engagement between local governments and Aboriginal people to support community aspirations and achieve better outcomes".

Will the decision impact upon LGANT's budget or member councils' budgets?

This will impact on LGANT's budget but there will be no impact on member council budgets.

Resolution

That the Executive approves the development of a LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

That the Executive endorses the LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group comprising the following members:

- Chair – nominated from LGANT Executive
- LGANT Executive Member
- Chief Executive Officer
- Senior Policy Adviser (Project lead)
- Call for a nominated Indigenous elected member from member councils.

That the Executive approve a Budget allocation of \$3,000 excl GST to assist in facilitating the process.

Attachments: Nil

APPLICATION

Australian Local Government Association ALGA Panel of Mayors (Councillors) to support NFRC Taskforce on Women's Safety

Full Name: Ms Karan Joan Hayward (MAICD)

I am a Councillor of the Patta Ward in Barkly Regional Council.

Date: 8th of March 2021

1. Experience in Local Government (200 words)

I am relatively new to being a Councillor (only took office in December 2020), but previously have been the Chairperson of the Local Authority for several years and a member and Chairperson of several other bodies. I am currently the CEO of a large Aboriginal Corporation (Papulu Apparr-kari Aboriginal Corporation) for the past 28 years and believe I have the skills to aid this committee. I have work with in the sphere of local and federal government for many years and have valuable knowledge of all aspects of them. I am a passionate advocate for all issues involving my community and serve on many committees and working groups to ensure I can do what I can to advance the people and women of my community and beyond. I will have no issues with advocating and representing the interest of local government in an active, effective manner and will be a value to this panel.

2. Commitment to Women's Safety (200 words)

I have a passion for improving the lives of women in the workplace and ensuring they strive to be the best they can be in all aspects of their lives. Whether they are a stay home mother, a single parent or a person on their own. My life was not an easy one and have experienced many issues that many women face daily and I believe if I can aid others to overcome the issues, we face than I do so. I work for the benefit of all people that I represent and always to the best I can in whatever role I take on, be it professional or personal. I am currently serving on or have been serving on several working groups or committee over many years within my region and nationally. Some being Tennant Creek Women's Refuge, Alcohol Reference Group, No more Violence Committee and advocate, Regional Economic Development Committee, Barkly Safety Committee, Combined Aboriginal Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Indigenous Economic Committee, Western Australia and Northern Aboriginal Languages Alliance, founding member of the Aboriginal Interpreter Service, etc.

3. Knowledge of ALGA policies (200 words)

My knowledge of the Australian Local Government Association's policies on Women's Safety is of a hands-on basis, as through my various roles I have had to refer to policies to deal with issues that have arisen. I look at these policies as a living document and as such need to refresh myself with items from time to time. I usually get updates to changes made from time to time, when and if updates are made. I would state that I have strong willingness to engage with ALGA on these matters that will benefit my region and beyond. I can at present not name or quote all relevant policies in regard to Women's safety but what I don't know I will quickly learn. I am a person that is always learning and making sure I know what I am talking about before I engage my voice.

4. Support from your Council (This may need a Council resolution) (200 words)

Support from your Council to participate in the Panel and, if called on, provide advice to the National Federation Reform Council Taskforce on Women's Safety, noting that any Panel meetings are expected to be via teleconference or videoconference. ALGA will reimburse travel costs for any meeting attendance if required.

5. Commitment to the position (Yes/No)

Yes

CORRESPONDENCE



ITEM NUMBER 17.1
TITLE Correspondence
REFERENCE 315371
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT<<Enter Text>>

BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Infrastructure Australia list - Sun Cable.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Letter to Minister Lawler (from MLA).pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Response from Minister Lawler 15.02.21 (from MLA).pdf
- 4 [↓](#) Letter to Minister Fyles 08.02.21 (from MLA).pdf
- 5 [↓](#) Response from Minister Fyles (to MLA).pdf
- 6 [↓](#) Letter to Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- 7 [↓](#) Rates Method of Payment.pdf
- 8 [↓](#) Letter to the Mayor



26 February 2021

SUN CABLE MEDIA RELEASE

ENERGY TRANSFORMATION A PRIORITY INITIATIVE

The potential for large-scale solar generation to transform the energy landscape in Northern Australia has been recognised by the Australian Government's independent infrastructure advisor, Infrastructure Australia.

The initiative, proposed by Australian renewable energy company Sun Cable, was today included in Infrastructure Australia's Annual Infrastructure Priority Initiative List, joining 3 other projects within the NT.

Specifically, Infrastructure Australia has recognised the opportunity that the Northern Territory has to produce large-scale renewable energy due to its large land mass, solar resource and proximity to energy intense markets in the Indo-Pacific region.

This presents an opportunity to harness the Northern Territory's competitive advantage by developing large-scale, dispatchable renewable energy generation, supported by transmission infrastructure to supply domestic and export markets.

The aim of its priority project list is to highlight a pipeline of nationally significant infrastructure projects and promote government and private sector investment in critical infrastructure with strong economic and community benefits.

As Infrastructure Australia notes in the Priority List, "In light of the planned retirement of some Northern Territory gas-powered generators, large-scale solar energy generation and storage may provide an opportunity to enhance generation for the Darwin-Katherine Integrated System, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce electricity prices, which currently are subsidised by the Northern Territory Government."

Northern Territory Chief Minister, Michael Gunner welcomed the inclusion of large-scale solar generation on the priority project list saying "Sun Cable's Australia-ASEAN Power Link project will see up to \$8 billion invested in the Territory – a massive boost for local jobs and businesses and will make the Territory a renewable energy superpower."

"Renewable energy from Sun Cable delivered at scale into Darwin will be the catalyst for growth in existing and emerging industries, including low-emissions manufacturing and zero-emissions data centres and digital services, Michael Gunner said.

Welcoming the Infrastructure Australia announcement, Sun Cable CEO, David Griffin said "there is an opportunity to harness abundant renewable energy resources for domestic electricity supply, growing Australia's capacity to contribute to the whole global value chain of renewable electricity, including zero emissions manufacturing, as well as creating an intercontinental renewable electricity transmission export industry for Australia," he said.

Placing this on the Infrastructure Priority is consistent with the 2019 Australian Infrastructure Audit, which found that Australia could develop new industries based on affordable and abundant new sources of energy, including large-scale solar and wind.



"Sun Cable's vision is to create a world-class renewable electricity grid across the Indo-Pacific region, which will decouple economic growth from global greenhouse gas emissions," Mr Griffin said.

Sun Cable's Australia-ASEAN Power Link (AAPL) project has Major Project Status with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments. Sun Cable signed a Project Development Agreement with Hon Michael Gunner, Chief Minister and the Hon Eva Lawler, Minister for Renewables and Energy, and Infrastructure on Thursday 28 January. It is working on a Territory Benefits Plan.

The 70-year, \$22B project will generate, store and transmit renewable electricity to Australian and overseas markets. This will create about 1500 jobs during construction and 350 during operations.

The project includes:

- 13 GW solar farm (the world's largest) on a 12,000-hectare site at Powell Creek, near Elliott in the NT
- 27 GWh of critical battery storage (the world's largest) at the solar farm, in Darwin and in Singapore
- a high voltage direct current (HVDC) submarine transmission cables from Darwin to Singapore, via Indonesia
- a 750-kilometre overhead transmission line from the solar farm to Darwin

The Australia ASEAN Power Link financial close will be in late 2023, with the first electricity to Darwin by 2026 and Singapore from 2027.

Sun Cable will now pursue the next stage of the process with Infrastructure Australia, identifying the proposed solution and providing details including the business case.

Project and initiative summaries for the Infrastructure Australia Priority List are detailed here: https://www.infrastructureaustralia.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-02/IFA_301237_2021%20Infrastructure%20Priority%20List%20FA2%20Navigable%20WEB%20Flat%20EXT%20FINAL.pdf

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Infrastructure Priority List

Priority Initiatives

Northern Territory large-scale solar generation

Location
Northern Territory

Geography
Developing regions and northern Australia

Category
Energy transformation

Opportunity timeframe
Medium term (5–10 years)

Proponent
Sun Cable

Date added to the IPL
February 2021

Opportunity

The Northern Territory has a comparative advantage in producing renewable energy, due to its vast land mass, low population density, solar resource and proximity to energy-intensive markets in the Indo-Pacific region.

There is an opportunity to harness this advantage by developing large-scale, dispatchable renewable energy generation in the Northern Territory, with transmission infrastructure to supply domestic and export markets.

In light of the planned retirement of some Northern Territory gas-powered generators, large-scale solar energy generation and storage may provide an opportunity to enhance generation for the Darwin–Katherine Integrated System. This could reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce electricity prices, which are currently subsidised by the Northern Territory Government.

There is also an opportunity to export this renewable energy to South East Asian markets, such as Singapore.

The 2019 *Australian Infrastructure Audit* found that Australia could develop new industries based on affordable and abundant new sources of energy, including large-scale solar and wind.

Proposed initiative

Potential options to address the initiative include large-scale solar generation and storage, coupled with appropriate transmission infrastructure, to service domestic and potentially overseas markets.

This opportunity is contingent on further investigation and market testing.

Next steps

Proponent to identify initiatives and develop options (Stage 2 of Infrastructure Australia's Assessment Framework).



11 February 2021

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

Dear Minister,

At the Estimates Committee Hearing held in Darwin on Tuesday 8 December 2020 I raised concerns directly with you about the ongoing closure of the Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) in Tennant Creek.

After raising a number of questions about the operation of the MVR, I was advised that the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) were looking into improving service delivery and would consider what cross-skilling could be undertaken to ensure other staff were always available to assist when the MVR staff member was absent.

Since raising these concerns over two months ago, I continually receive a number of complaints about the MVR being closed and, when it is open, it often closes at 3:00pm.

Tennant Creek is the hub of the Barkly with residents travelling from remote areas into town to attend to a range of issues including MVR business. Locals and residents that travel into town have had enough and are asking for a consistent MVR service similar to that in Alice Springs, Darwin and Katherine to be available.

Can you please advise what your government is doing to ensure that the MVR is adequately staffed and open during normal business hours (8:30 to 4:30) Monday to Friday and when the people of the Barkly can expect the current problem to be resolved?

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

Yours sincerely,

STEVEN EDGINGTON MLA
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Dear Mr Edgington

Thank you for your letter dated 11 February 2021 regarding the Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) in Tennant Creek.

The MVR staff in regional offices work very hard to ensure people living and working in these regional centres have access to services when they need them.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is taking the necessary steps to ensure adequate staffing cover is available for the MVR office in Tennant Creek so that office working hours can be maintained.

This process is now underway to resolve this matter and my office will provide you with an update in the coming weeks.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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

EVA LAWLER

15 FEB 2021





8 February 2021

Hon Natasha Fyles
Minister for Health
GPO Box 3146
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister,

I am writing in regard to the current restructure underway in the Department of Health and ask that you consider returning the position administering the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) to the Tennant Creek Hospital.

Since the PATS position was moved to Alice Springs, residents have complained about the time taken to receive their reimbursement of costs which they have stated have blown out to anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks and sometimes up to 11 weeks rather than a few days when managed in Tennant Creek.

During the 2019-20 financial year, 1830 patients accessed the PATS to travel from Tennant Creek to access medical services, claiming on average six nights of accommodation.

I've heard stories of appointments being cancelled because travel has not been arranged, the number of patients allowed to have a support person travel with them has been reduced and that reimbursement of any out of pocket expenses for a family member travelling as a support person with women having a second baby has now ceased.

From the stories that I often hear, it now seems that anything to do with patient travel from Tennant Creek now sits in a pile in Alice Springs with thousands of other applications from around Central Australia waiting to be processed.

The PATS position needs to be reinstated immediately at the Tennant Creek Hospital so that medical appointments, travel, accommodation and reimbursements can be managed in a timely fashion.

A number of concerns have also been raised since your announcement that work is underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity. Residents have asked whether this may impact on the construction of a new \$1.277 million administration building listed in this year's infrastructure program and what changes the restructure will bring for services, such as Dental, Podiatry, Optometry, Barkly Mental Health, Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse.

I have no doubt you are aware that people including staff and residents react to change in many different ways and for very individual reasons. This can directly impact the dynamic and efficiency of a team and can create anxiety and uncertainty regarding loss of employment and services in a place such as Tennant Creek and the Barkly region as a whole.

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So that I am in a position to update the residents of Tennant Creek and the Barkly region about the status of the position administering the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, the restructure of the Department of Health and the status of the new \$1.277 million administration building listed in this year's infrastructure program, can you please advise:

1. Can you please confirm that the position administering the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme is no longer based in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, what are the reasons for moving this position and on what date were the functions and responsibilities of this position transferred to Alice Springs?
2. What is the average wait time for a patient to receive their reimbursement of costs associated with travel from Tennant Creek?
3. Since moving the PATS position to Alice Springs, have there been any claims for reimbursement that have blown out to anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks and sometimes up to 11 weeks before payment is made to the patient? If so, what are the reasons for this and what is being done to prevent this from happening?
4. Under what circumstances is a patient allowed to have a support person travel with them and have out of pocket expenses reimbursed?
5. In accordance with the PATS policy, is a pregnant patient allowed to have a support person or family member travel with them to Alice Springs and stay with them while waiting to give birth? If not, why not? If so, what costs are covered by the PATS under these circumstances?
6. Will the position administering the PATS be returned to Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, on what date is this happening?
7. Is the construction of a new \$1.277 million administration building listed in this year's infrastructure program on target to be delivered this year? If not, why not? If so, on what date will construction commence and whereabouts will it be located?
8. Has there been any consultation with staff at the hospital about the proposed location of the new administration building? If not, why not? If so, how and when was the consultation conducted and what was the nature of the feedback from staff?
9. What work is underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity and how will this benefit the Tennant Creek Hospital and health services in the Barkly region?
10. How many staff from the Tennant Creek Hospital and across the Barkly region are involved and what is their role in the change management process?
11. What changes will the restructure bring for services such as Dental, Podiatry, Optometry, Barkly Mental Health, Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse in Tennant Creek?
12. Are there any plans to change the service delivery location for Barkly Mental Health, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse in Tennant Creek? If so, what changes are planned, what are the reasons for changes and are the staff affected involved in the change management process?
13. Given the work underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity, will you be undergoing a consultation process with the people in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly region? If not, why not? If so, when will the consultation commence and is your government's Local Decision Making Framework or the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy being used? and

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14. Any other information to assist residents to better understand the PATS, plans for construction of the new \$1.277 million administration building and the work underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity?

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

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Edgington *Steve*

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 February 2021, regarding the administration of the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PATS) in Tennant Creek, the status of a new facility at Tennant Creek Hospital, and the restructure of the Department of Health.

In July 2020, the Central Australia Health Service (CAHS) trialled processing all PATS requests through the office located at the Alice Springs Hospital (ASH). During and following the successful trial, a number of important efficiencies were achieved and continue to be achieved, including strengthening operational capacity, particularly in the COVID-19 environment, streamlining processes, consistent interpretation and implementation of guidelines and minimising budgetary overspend.

Currently, the average wait time for a patient to receive PATS reimbursement is 14 business days, providing all relevant documentation has been submitted correctly. A small number of delays did occur during the second wave of COVID-19 restrictions and one reimbursement was delayed for a period greater than six weeks due to an administrative error. Internal processes have now been reviewed to minimise unnecessary delays.

It is important to note that PATS provides a financial subsidy to cover a portion of out-of-pocket expenses only. In line with the PATS Guidelines, automatic approval for an escort is granted in the following circumstances:

- If a patient is travelling interstate for surgery or intensive treatments;
- Patient who is a child under 18 years of age and travelling for treatment or an appointment is eligible for one escort. The escort should preferably be the child's parent, guardian or primary care giver;



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- When the patient is a child under the age of 18 and has a condition that is considered life threatening two escorts (usually both parents) can be approved. A life threatening condition is defined as any illness or condition developed in childhood whereby the child is likely (probability of greater than 50 per cent) to die prematurely; and
- If a mother is travelling for treatment or obstetric confinement, and has one or more children under the age of two who she wishes to travel with her, the child or children travel can be approved. There is also automatic approval for one escort to assist. Children older than two years but less than 18 years must not be classified as escorts to circumvent the age limit.

There is some discretion in assessing applications and I refer you to the PATS guidelines (attached) for further information. Under the guidelines, there is no provision for an escort for pregnant patients, however, CAHS recognises the concerns for first time expectant mothers and provides 'outside of guidelines approval' for an escort for their first pregnancy confinement.

Construction of a new \$1.277 million building will commence on 15 February 2021, which will create a health hub at the Tennant Creek Hospital campus. The new building will be located in the courtyard north of the Community Corridor Ward and south of the service block. The new infrastructure will ensure services are co-located, enabling clients to access all of their health needs in the one location. Throughout the period March 2018 to September 2020, consultation with staff occurred via teleconference and onsite meetings, with feedback both constructive and informative.

The NT Health Better Together Program will guide a new integrated health system, focussing on embedding regional leadership into system-wide governance and decision making. This program will provide important benefits to all Territorians, including Tennant Creek and the Barkly region. Work on the integration of the health system through the Better Together Program is in its early stages, with structural changes to be determined. These changes will be shaped in collaboration with staff and stakeholders from the Tennant Creek and Barkly region to ensure they are responsive to local needs and priorities.

Thank you for bringing the concerns of Tennant Creek and Barkly residents to my attention. NT Health including Central Australia Health Service is committed to better business processes and communication with stakeholders, as well as, improving all health services in this important region of the Northern Territory.

Kind regards



NATASHA FYLES

18 FEB 2021



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Mr Jeffrey McLaughlin
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Dear Mr McLaughlin

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2021 to the Hon Eva Lawler MLA, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, regarding future management of the Battery Hill Mining Centre site, NT Portion 565. Given Tourism NT has been leading discussions pertaining to future use of the site, I have been asked by Minister Lawler to respond to you.

You would be aware that following handback of the site from the Battery Hill Mining Centre Association Inc. to the Northern Territory Government in 2018, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) requested Jacobs Consulting to develop a comprehensive study on possible uses of the whole 91 hectare Battery Hill Mining Centre site.

The study (the Jacobs Report) concluded that the most appropriate future use of the site was for tourism, and potentially could include new accommodation and other innovative visitor experiences.

I am aware that DITT has recently been working in close consultation with the Barkly Regional Council, Tourism Central Australia and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to develop an application to the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) for resourcing to undertake development of the site, including the Visitor Information Centre as recommended in the Jacobs Report.

It is unfortunate the full package of required documentation could not be developed in time to meet the BBRF submission timeframe.



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I encourage key stakeholders to continue to further refine the initiatives proposed in the Jacobs Report and develop the best operational model to ensure the future sustainability of any development on the site. The draft work completed for the recent BBRF submission will be valuable material that can be used for any future BBRF or other submissions for funding that may arise.

I recommend the Council's Chief Executive Officer continues to work with the Barkly Region's Turbocharge Project Implementation Team to refine the Council's request to lease the Battery Hill Mining Centre site in alignment with future funding opportunities.

Thank you for your support in ongoing collective efforts to develop a facility at Battery Hill which the community is proud of in addition to meeting expectations of visitors to the Barkly Region.

Kind regards



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15 MAR 2021



From: Declan O'Gallagher <declanogallagher@icloud.com>
Date: 17 March 2021 at 8:59:27 pm ACST
To: Jeffrey McLaughlin <Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Subject: Rates Method of Payment

Hello Jeffrey

Congratulations on your Mayor position... It does look like
you are enjoying your work and getting things done.

I would like to make a request on behalf of all rate payers, to make an additional options in
payment of rates. It is a method already adhered to by Alice Springs Council and Darwin City
Council This method is less administration for rate payers and
less administration for Barkly Council... Yes, one of those a win-win situations... It is the ability to pay
rates continuously.
An account is set so rates automatically come out of everyones' account so rate payer does not have to put
in the payments manually.

It is a time saver for everyone.

Please ask Alice Springs or Darwin how good this is... ,

Kind regards,

Declan O'Gallagher... The new youth club plans look great..



The Hon Nola Marino MP

**Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories
Federal Member for Forrest**

Ref: MC20-010176

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
PO Box 821
TENNANT CREEK NT 0861

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2020 regarding youth services in the Barkly region. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was pleased to learn that the Building Better Regions Fund Youth Infrastructure project is progressing, with construction commencing shortly. I visited the project site during my visit to Tennant Creek in November 2019 and understand the significant difference it will make in providing social support networks for youth in the region. I appreciate your Council's key role in delivering this project.

Thank you for putting forward Council's views regarding the Government Investment and Service System Reform project. I agree that the youth-related challenges you identify are critical and require a combined response from all stakeholders across government, service providers and the community. Supporting and building up young people is at the heart of the Barkly Regional Deal. Gauging the current footprint of youth services in Tennant Creek and the wider Barkly region is a key first step to addressing these challenges.

I understand implementation arrangements for the Government Investment and Service System Reform project are still being settled with the Governance Table, including ensuring there is strong community involvement. As you note, the Governance Table has endorsed the project beginning with the early childhood sector. It is my expectation the project is designed and delivered in a way that encourages collaboration and flexibility, including leveraging related Deal projects and Working Groups, such as the Crisis Youth Support Working Group.

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I have asked my officials to continue working with Council, alongside the NT Government and Governance Table, to ensure the Australian Government supports a beneficial response to these issues at the local level. I have also copied this response with your letter to the Governance Table for its awareness, given its role in overseeing the implementation of initiatives.

I appreciate you bringing forward your concerns to my attention and I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Nola Marino

cc: Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table

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