

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2022**

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 26 May 2022 at 8:30am

**Emma Bradbury**  
Chief Executive Officer

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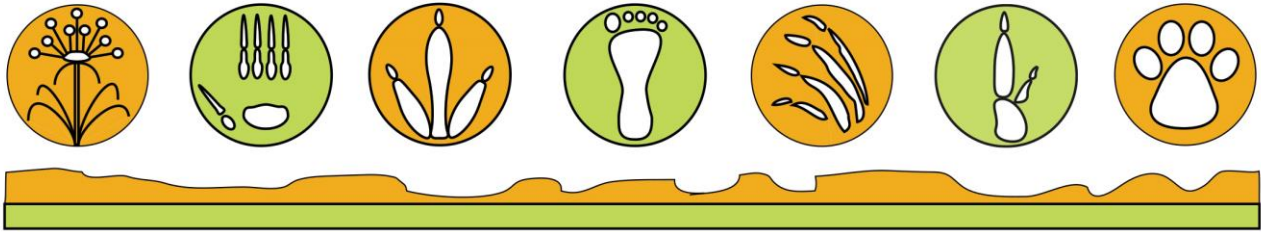
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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

## COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen

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### 18.1 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (d) (d) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.*

### 18.2 Confidential Action List

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### 18.3 Request for Civic Hall Hire Fees Waiver

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### 18.4 Notification of Material Risk

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### 18.5 Local Authority Nominations

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- 18.6 Tender Pre-assessment "BRC 002-22 Tennant Creek Shared Path Construction"

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- 18.7 BRC 010-21 Tennant Creek Swimming Pool - Supply and Delivery of Dangerous Goods Containers - Cost and Time Variation

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- 18.8 Decline and re-scope Tender BRC001-22 Tennant Creek Peko Park - Replacement of fully automated unisex accessible complaint WC

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- 18.9 Tender Assessment of BRC 003-22 Tennant Creek Lake Mary Ann Public Toilet Upgrade

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- 18.10 Draft Operating Plan (Regional Plan) 2022-2023

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

*Nil*

## **20 CLOSE OF MEETING**

## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 2.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** 349374  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

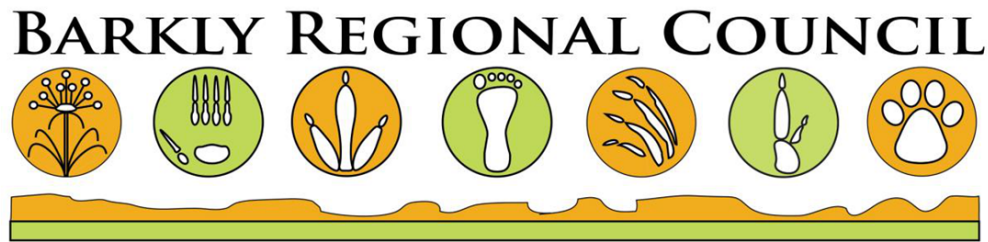
- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### **SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 [↓](#) April Ordinary Council meeting.pdf



## MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 28 April 2022 at 8:30am.

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The meeting commenced at 8.54 AM with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

**1.1 Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr Ronald Plummer
- Cr Jack Club - Phone
- Cr Noel Hayes
- Cr Hal Ruger
- Cr Lennie Barton
- Cr Pam Corbett
- Cr Russell O'Donnell
- Cr Heather Wilson

**1.2 Staff Members Present**

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services - Phone
- Santosh Niraula – Director of Infrastructure
- Troy Koch – Director of Operations
- Sharen Lake – Director of Community Development
- James Sanders – Acting Finance Manager
- Millicent – Rushwaya – Quality & Governance Officer - Phone
- Renjith Kollakkombil – Record and Compliance

**1.3 Visitors Present**

**1.4 Apologies**

- Cr Greg Marlow
- Cr Derek Walker
- Cr Anita Bailey
- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes - Resigned

**1.5 Absent Without Apologies**

Nil

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

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

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### MOTION

**That Council:** confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 75/22*

Discussion on:

- Cultural Competency Advisory Committee meetings are to recommence scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.
- Reconciliation Action Plan

### STANDING AGENDA ITEM ON MONTHLY UPDATES ON ALL DIPL PROJECTS.

#### MOTION:

**That Council:**

- a) note the Purkiss Reserve Project Control Group is meeting on weekly basis and reflect the regular update by a standing Agenda item on all DIPL projects; and
- b) invite DIPL to provide a monthly update to Council on shared projects as a standing Agenda Item.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 76/22*

### 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 3.1 ACTION ITEMS

##### MOTION

##### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Motion Tracker and Action Items table.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr Pam Corbett

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 77/22*

##### Items Discussed,

**OC 47/22 (Item 4.1)** – Presentation from Australian Electric Vehicle Association:  
Not a priority currently

**OC 50/22 (Item 6.1)** - CEO to write to mining companies to address Traffic Management:  
Clarification was provided to the CEO that Council is seeking the Traffic Management Plan from ELMO.

**Item 3.1 Sacred Site List:**  
Inform LA to consult on

**Item 9.1 Ali Curung Youth Centre:**  
Priority – report back with more detailed action

**Item 9.1 Tender process report** - Identify and encourage Local Businesses:  
Need to discuss with 3 Governments about everyone's level of responsibility  
Prepare a responsibility "cheat sheet" explaining who is responsible and for which area

**OC 51/52 NT Liquor Commission:**  
Write to the Federal Government about the need for proper consultation to regionalise the Alcohol Management Plan and request information on the process.

**OC 64/22 (Item 9.1) Infrastructure Directors Report:**  
Locate and follow up on the old correspondence from the Go Kart club

**OCCS 71/22 (Item 18.2) Send a letter expressing thanks to Anyinginyi Health:**  
Starting to rebuild the relationship with Anyinginyi CEO and invited for Anzac Day Chair.  
Need to write a letter to reaffirm that the Council encourage acceptance of diverse cultures.  
Youth Centre is to increase engagement and also aimed at reducing kids going into prison.

#### 4. MAYOR'S REPORT

##### 6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

###### MOTION

**That Council:** receive and note the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for April as printed in the Agenda.

###### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Cr Jack Club

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 78/22*

*Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 09:53 AM*

##### REVIEW OF RATING STRATEGY FOR 2021-2022

###### MOTION:

**That Council:** circulate review of the concessional mining and pastoral rating strategy for 2021-2022 proportional to QLD.

###### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 79/22*

#### 5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

##### 7.1 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

###### MOTION

**That Council:** receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for April.

###### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Heather Wilson

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hays

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 80/22*

*Cr Pamela Corbett left the meeting, the time being 10:25 AM*

*Cr Pamela Corbett returned to the meeting, the time being 10:26 AM*

*Cr Jack Club went offline for 5 minutes at 10:27 AM*

*Cr Hal Ruger returned to the meeting, the time being 10:52 AM*

**BREAK FOR MORNING TEA****MOTION**

**That Council:** break for morning tea

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 81/22*

**RESUME FROM MORNING TEA BREAK****MOTION**

**That Council:** resume from morning tea.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Councillor Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 82/22*

**6. ADDRESSING THE MEETING****SENATE CANDIDATE PRESENTATION****MOTION**

**That Council:** note the Senate Candidate presentation by Jacinta Price representing CLP.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Pam Corbett

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 83/22*

**Ms price addressed the Council and spoke of her commitment to:**

- Encourage decisions to be explained and heard
- Represent everybody, for all voices to be heard and involved
- The family connection with Territory and hence: Heard of, learned and addressed remote communities' concerns.



<b>4.1 AGRIBUSINESS PRESENTATION</b>		
<b>MOTION</b>		
<p><b>That Council:</b> receive and note the presentation from Agribusiness Fran Kilgariff AM, Chloe Sullivan and Natalie Fries.</p>		
<b>RESOLVED</b>		
<b>Moved:</b> Cr Ronald Plummer		
<b>Seconded:</b> Cr Lennie Barton		
<b>CARRIED UNAN.</b>		
<i>Resolved OC 84/22</i>		
<p><b>Presentation by Chloe Sullivan and Natalie Fries on:</b></p> <p>Progress of the Project - Stage1 was the Project extended for 3 years</p> <p>Cultural value assessment</p> <p>The scientific investigation by the government</p> <p>Pastoral lease review</p> <p>EPA assessment</p> <p>Community consultation</p> <p>Planned production - citrus, mandarin, grapes and vegetables</p> <p><u>Addressing:</u></p> <p>Improve fresh food dependency in adverse situations – Example: recent road closure</p> <p>Infrastructure to be improved – cold storage, internet etc.</p> <p>Report by Agribusiness yearly as public documents.</p> <p>Estimated 100 permanent jobs, picking period 1000 jobs – local jobs</p>		
<b>DISCUSSION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND PRESENTATIONS</b>		
	<b>Discussions on:</b>	<b>Explanations</b>
1	Market sustainability	MoU for dry fruits
2	Effect on Ti Tree grape farmers	Economic impact assessment
3	Water quality and quantity (water table)	Evaluation and monitoring by project and NTG
4	Burial grounds in the area	CLC is studying the site for the sacred value
5	National Farmers Federation	National Farmers Federation was conducting a study on jobs
6	Water quality and water table	Independent review of scientific study and evaluation of water allocation, salinity, etc. 30 years of water allocation
7	Employment options for vulnerable kids, from the correctional facilities, work camps, etc.	Currently, no plan is in place. But, the social impact assessment is aimed at addressing and mitigating negative factors, and enhancing opportunities such as part-time employment, etc.
8	Area	8000 footy fields area

9	Scholarships program for children for scientific study	Ongoing water studentship accreditation and leadership as an international standard At the beginning of May for further consultation
10	Need of establishing a Committee	
11	Need of establishing accreditation and policies to manage a project of such high intensity by the Council	

Cr Ronald Plummer left at 11:50

Cr Ronald Plummer returned at 11:51

## 7.2 DEPUTY MAYOR RESIGNATION

### MOTION:

**That Council:** receive and note the resignation of the Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Hal Ruger

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 85/22*

Councillors decided that currently there is no need to elect a temporary Deputy Mayor

## 7.3 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

### MOTION

**That Council:** ratify the execution of the following document under the Council's Common Seal:

Extension of the Commonwealth Grant Agreement under the Drought Community Program from 01 September 2020 to 31 March 2022, between the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources and BRC.

### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Cr Heather Wilson

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 86/22*

CEO explained that the improved use of reporting template enhanced the communication with Councillors

**7.4 RE-LOCATION OF PEOPLE & CULTURE DEPARTMENT.****MOTION**

**That Council:** approve realignment of the People & Culture department to report to the Office of the CEO.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Pam Corbett

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 87/22*

Improvement in communication and collaboration to align with Council's strategic objectives

**7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS****8.1 GRANTS****MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the Grants Report for the period to March 31, 2022, by Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 88/22*

More discussions are needed between government agencies to:  
realign of 3 Governments for better coordination in grants and funding programs

**8.2 CORPORATE SERVICE REPORT****MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note Corporate Service Report the report for April by Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Jack Club

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 89/22*

Discussion on:

- Funding for People and Culture department consultancy on OHS
- Documented work plan to address gaps between directors
- Underemployment

Cr Ronald Plummer left at 12:24 PM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned at 12:27 PM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 12:33 PM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 12:37 PM

**8.3 MARCH FINANCE REPORT COMMENTS****MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the Finance Reports for April by James Sanders – Acting Finance Manager.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 90/22*

**BREAK FOR THE LUNCH BREAK AT 12:41 PM****MOTION**

**That Council:** break for the lunch break.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Heather Wilson

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 91/22*

Cr Jack Club left the meeting, the time being 12:43 PM

**RESUME FROM LUNCH BREAK****MOTION**

**That Council:** resume from lunch break.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Lennie Barton

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 92/22*

## 8. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### 9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

#### MOTION

**That Council:** receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate Report for April by Santosh Niraula – Director of Infrastructure

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 93/22*

#### Discussions:

- Tender variation to be updated in May meeting
- There is no allocated budget for tyre removal so, need ongoing allocation
- Requirement of Framework for the waste management plan
- Go Kart - Tyres are dumped at the private property. So, Council decides to involve or not.
- Council doesn't have any recycling facility.
- Transporting to the nearest facility in Darwin is expensive

### TYRE REMOVAL

#### MOTION

**That Council:** request to prepare a detailed report by the Director of Infrastructure. Detailing all options at the next Council meeting or circulated as the time allows.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Hal Ruger

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 94/22*

## 9. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

### 10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH REPORT

#### MOTION

**That Council:** receive and note the Community Development report for April.

#### RESOLVED

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 95/22*

#### Discussions:

- Look at options to obtain a temperature chart for water at Swimming Pool

- Discuss with LA changing the working hours to encourage Elliott library recruitment
- Ali Curung Safe House – contractor to verify local employment
- Options to track local employment using Tech1

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 01:49 PM

#### 10. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

##### 11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

###### MOTION

###### That Council:

- receive and note the Local Authority Report for April;
- receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority March Meeting;
- receive and note the minutes from the Alpururulam Local Authority March Meeting; and
- approve the allocation of \$1000.00 of Alpururulam Local Authority funding to invite Simon Storey to host stage play and workshops in Alpururulam.

###### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 96/22*

###### Discussions:

- Formation of new TCLA – Chairs and shade areas, footpaths etc.
- Waiting time at Centrelink is too long up to 5 hours with only one frontline staff to attend.

###### MOTION

**That Council:** write to Minister addressing concerns of Council on safety and wellbeing of residents in obtaining the essential service from Centrelink:

- Waiting time at Centrelink is too long, up to 5 hours with only one frontline staff to attend; and
- Chairs and shade areas during waiting.

###### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 97/22*

**11. OPERATIONS****15.1 APRIL DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT****MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the *Operations Director's* report by Troy Koch – Director of Operations.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 98/22*

**Discussions:**

- Noticed improvement in staff wellbeing, behaviour and environment.
- Mayor congratulated on Anzac day preparation work.

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS****16.1 SUN CABLE PROJECT LEGISLATION****MOTION**

**That Council:** Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 99/22*

**Discussions:**

- Energy shift – Validate benefit to Territory and Council
- BRC wants one on one consultation due to extensive exposure.
- Also, BRC encourages discussion with other Councils and NTG

**16.2 PROPOSAL FOR TENNANT CREEK PRAYER FACILITY****MOTION**

**That Council:**

- receive and note the request from the Tennant Creek Muslim Community;
- affirm BRC's support for a Mosque or other dedicated place of worship for Muslims in Tennant Creek;
- decline request for use of the Civic Hall; and
- explore a range of options to provide alternative support or advice.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 100/22*

**13. CORRESPONDENCE****17.1 CORRESPONDENCE****MOTION**

**That Council:** receive and note the correspondence for April.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Pam Corbett

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 101/22*

**14. DECISION TO MOVE INTO THE CLOSED SESSION****MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL****MOTION**

**That Council:** move into confidential session.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Noel Hayes

**Seconded:** Cr Lennie Barton

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 102/22*

**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 99(2)* of the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Regulation 51* of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;
- (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;
- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
  - (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
  - (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
  - (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or
  - (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;



- (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;
- (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

### 18.3 REQUEST FOR CIVIC HALL HIRE FEE WAIVER

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

#### MOTION

##### That Council:

- a) receive and note the request from Catholic Care NT;
- b) approve the request for Civic Hall hire fee waiver for the "Dolly's Day" event to be held; and
- c) move into ordinary.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr Pam Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 103/22

### MOVE OUT OF CONFIDENTIAL

#### MOTION

That Council: move out of Confidential.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 104/22

**15. RESUMPTION OF MEETING****RESUME ORDINARY SESSION****MOTION**

**That Council:** resume the ordinary session.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell

**Seconded:** Cr Noel Noel Hayes

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved OC 105/22*

**16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at 3:30 PM

This page and the proceeding 15 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 28 April 2022 and are unconfirmed.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Council Mayor

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Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.1  
**TITLE** Action Items  
**REFERENCE** 349375  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- b) Move the following items into Complete:

#### **SUMMARY:**

Tabled is the action list from the April 2022 Council Meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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Meeting Date	Item No.	Resolution	Item Description	Actioning Officer	Resolution/Action	Status (Completed/ in progress/ not commenced)	Comment
31.03.2022	6.1	OC 50/22	Mayor's Report	CEO	c) Invite TC mining to address council	Completed	
24.02.2022	1.1		Strategic planning	CEO	Commence planning for the strategic planning (5 year plan) workshop for Council	Completed	22.03.2022 Item included in separate agenda paper. - Strategic Planning in progress
31.03.2022	18.5	OCCS 72/22	Approved nominations of Tennant Creek LA	CEO	Inform the approved nominations of Tennant Creek LA members	Completed	First Meeting held on 26/04/2022
24.02.2022	18.1		LGANT motions	CEO	Submit the following motions for the LGANT meeting to be held in April 2022: 1) Funding for COVID recovery. Less people to come out bush and less options for contractors etc. – staff attraction and retention. 2) Lack of voter turnout – a way forward to encourage voter participation. 3) councilor allowance entitlements – e.g. tax, super.	Completed	
31.03.2022	3.1	OC 46/22	Action Items	Governance Officer	c) Dissolve Purkiss Reserve Committee	Completed	
28/04/2022		OC 79/22	REVIEW OF RATING STRATEGY FOR 2021-2022	CEO	circulate review of the concessional mining and pastoral rating strategy for 2021-2022 proportional to QLD.	Completed	E mail circulated to all Councillors
31.03.2022	18.6	OCCS 73/22	Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Chair	CEO	Inform Mackenzie Godson of the appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Chair	Completed	Sent the letter on 11/05/2022
28/04/2022	7.1	OC 80/22	Location of Youth Justice facility is confirmed	CEO	Location of Youth Justice facility is confirmed: Write to Territory Families for the consultation details and request to present at the next Council meeting.	Completed	Presented at April Meeting
31.03.2022		OC 51/22	MOTION: NT Liquor Commission	CEO	A) Write to NT Liquor Commission for a permissible combination of beer and wine.	Completed	28/04/2022 - OCT7/22 - Write to the Federal Government of the need of proper consultation to regionalise Alcohol Management Plan and request information on the process Ray Briefing to CEO on Friday Correspondence has been emailed on 16/05/2022
31.03.2022	18.9	OCCS 75/22	Rate wavier request	CEO	Inform Council decision on application from Artists of Amplatwatja that the Council: Decline the rates concession application.	Completed	
28/04/2022		OC 97/22	Centrelink	CEO	residence in obtaining the essential service from Centrelink: • Waiting time at Centrelink is too long, up to 5 hours with only one frontline staff to attend; and • Chairs and shade areas during waiting.	Completed	
28/04/2022		OC 97/22	Centrelink	CEO	Write to Minister addressing concerns of Council on safety and wellbeing of residence in obtaining the essential service from Centrelink: • Waiting time at Centrelink is too long, up to 5 hours with only one frontline staff to attend; and • Chairs and shade areas during waiting.	Completed	
28/04/2022	16.2	OC 100/22	PROPOSAL FOR TENNANT CREEK PRAYER FACILITY	CEO	Write Letter in regards to: b) Affirm their support for a Mosque or other dedicated place of worship for Muslims in Tennant Creek; and c) Explore a range of options to provide support.	Completed	
28/04/2022	18.3	OCCS 103/22	Request from Catholic Care NT	CEO	Write Letter in regards to: b) approve the request for Civic Hall hire fee waiver for the "Dolly's Day" event to be held; and	Completed	Correspondence has been emailed on 16/05/2022
24.02.2022	15.1		Purkiss reserve	CEO/Director of infrastructure	CEO to create a briefing for Cr O'Donnell to have all the relevant information to take back to residents about the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee.	Completed	22.03.2022 CEO gathering the required information: 05/05/2022 - Meeting of Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee called for 9/05/2022
31.03.2022	9.1	OC 64/22	Infrastructure Directorate	Infrastructure Director	b) Council request determination from the TC Gun Club to obtain clarity of the tyres at Go Kart facility.	Completed	28/04/2022 - OCT7/22 - Locate and follow up the old correspondence form Go Kart club - Draft Report to CEO by 15/05/2022. See report to Council – May 2022 Agenda
31.03.2022	15.1	OC 67/22	Director of Operations report	Director of Operations	Card making machine: Troy Koch will work with Ray Hocking (Area Manager Elliott), for all options to bring further insight to Council.	Completed	Draft Report to CEO by 9/05/2022. Draft Report to CEO by Friday. See report to Council – May 2022 Agenda
28/04/2022	2.1	OC 75/22	Cultural Competency Advisory Committee meetings	CEO	Cultural Competency Advisory Committee meetings are to recommence schedule for last Wednesday of the month	Completed	Cultural Competency Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday 25/05/2022
28/04/2022		OC 77/22	Send a letter expressing thanks to Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation for their support in maintaining and processing the Gym transfer with Barkly Regional Council.	CEO	Council to send a letter expressing thanks to Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation for their support in maintaining and processing the Gym transfer with Barkly Regional Council.	Completed	31.03.2022 - OCCS 71/22 Item 18.2 - Starting to rebuild relationship with Anyinginyi CEO and invited for Anzac Day Chair. Need to write a letter to reaffirm that the Council encourage acceptance of diverse cultures. Youth Centre is to increase engagement and also aimed at reducing kids going into prison.
28/04/2022	10.1	OC 95/22	Elliott - LA - in changing the Library working hours	Director of Operations	Discuss with LA in changing the working hours to encourage Elliott library recruitment	Completed	Report to CEO by the end of next week. See report to Council – May 2022 Agenda
27.01.2022	7.1		Department of Infrastructure, Planning and logistics	CEO	Invite Sarah Fairhead from DIPL to come and give an update to council regarding the lack/slow progress of all the DIPL projects in the Barkly.	In progress	22.03.2022 Meeting had been scheduled for 24/03, but rescheduled due to bush trip. Report to be provided at April meeting.

27.01.2022	7.1		Department of Infrastructure, Planning and logistics	CEO	Create standing agenda item for progress update of all DIPL projects to come to council at each meeting. Circulate Work in Progress report to councillors listing DIPL projects, its progress and questions for each project, to send to DIPL by mid-March. Questions to also go to Andrew- DIPL.	In progress	22.03.2022 Meeting had been scheduled for 24/03, but rescheduled due to bush trip. Report to be provided at April meeting.
27.01.2022	8.2		Department of Infrastructure, Planning and logistics	CEO	Email Damian to confirm that the contract has been signed with the artists for the point of entry statement.	In progress	22.03.2022 Letter has been sent to Damian. Draft Report to CEO by 10/05/2022
27.01.2022	9.1		Abandoned Cars	Director of Infrastructure	Follow up on advertising for free metal scaping for cars in Tennant Creek. Do some visual advertising about the car removal program.	In progress	22.03.2022 Director of Infrastructure to update
24.02.2022	3.1		Contractor Agreements	CEO	Review contractor engagement protocol regarding sacred sites and relationship between council and CLC/NLC. Bring item back to council once council has liaised with concerned councillors who can assist with the process	In progress	22.03.2022 CEO had written to Les Turner - Chair of CLC, and scheduled a meeting on further information and to establish protocol-final report to the April meeting.
24.02.2022	9.1		Tender process	Director of Infrastructure	Identify local businesses and encouraged to tender for BRC Projects.	In progress	22.03.2022 Director of Infrastructure to update by August
24.02.2022	3.1		Agenda item	CEO/ Governance	Create ongoing agenda item for concerns raised to Councillors from residents and general public.	In progress	22.03.2022 Expensive work on agenda format and template being completed. Final work to be put in the April agenda.
24.02.2022	16.1		Tennant Creek Vet	CEO/ Director of Community Development	CEO and Directors to put together a report/proposal for best way forward to support animal management and local vet, including all the relevant information to make an informed decision	In progress	22.03.2022 CEO has received detailed briefing. Report and recommendation to be given at the April meeting; Prioritise for July/August
24.02.2022	16.3		Sat phones	Director of Operations	Ensure all communities have 2 or 3 SAT Phones or something to allow other BRC departments to have communication access if we lose power for days at a time.	In progress	22.03.2022 – Director of operations currently liaising with communities to identify existing capacity - Revise Small Cell Technology
24.02.2022	17.1		Housing capacity	CEO	Write to the Chief Minister to invite him to contribute to a strategy to increase housing capacity in Tennant Creek	In progress	22.03.2022 – Letter to be sent 30 <sup>th</sup> of March 2022.
24.02.2022	8.2		Electronic ID cards	Director of Corporate Services	Issue Councillors with sign in ID cards for the electronic sign in, or have the app installed onto their phones.	In Progress	
24.02.2022	16.3		Authorised officer tasks	Director of Community Development	Authorised Officer – to check people using verges as private property & overgrown properties and issue notices where needed. Track the number of notices issued.	In Progress	Note: Extreme damage to storm water drains. Costs for fixing the damages? Brief provided to commence progress of notification by the Enforcement Officer. Updates will be provided
24.02.2022	9.1		Tender process	Director of Infrastructure	Provide councillors with a report on the Barkly Regional Council tender process, and the current process for notifying local companies on upcoming tenders	Not commenced	Draft Report to CEO by 12/05/2022
24.02.2022	9.1		Tender process	Director of Infrastructure	Provide a pathway for notification of unsuccessful tenders to receive feedback.	Not commenced	28/04/2022 - OC77/22 - Item 9.1 - Identify and encourage Local Business: Need to discuss with 3 Governments about everyone's level of responsibility Prepare responsibility "cheat sheet" explaining who is responsible and for which area
31.03.2022	6.1	OC 50/22	Mayor's Report	CEO	b) Council write to Tennant Creek mining services to proseed movement of products between mining site and fright station.	Not commenced	b) 28/04/2022 - OC 77/22 (Item 6.1) - CEO to write to mining companies to address Traffic Management: Clarification was provided to the CEO that Council is seeking the Traffic Management Plan from ELMO. ELMO - Magnetite from Peko in production; Tennant Creek Mining and Tennant Minerals - TMS
31.03.2022	6.1	OC 50/22	Mayor's Report	Director of Operations/CEO	d) Request power and water to maintain the Backup generator at Ali Curung as a community concern from Local Authority. • Request the Local Member to lobby and support the application;	Not commenced	
31.03.2022	6.1	OC 50/22	Mayor's Report	Director of Operations	• Council to evaluate internal requirement of our ESO capabilities	Not commenced	
31.03.2022		OC 52/22	MOTION: Road services division and a green team	Director of Operations	a) Request a report on options to structure our work Depot to create a road services division and a green team to optimise road services and explore revenue and capacity building opportunities	Not commenced	CEO to notify Karen/CDRC 2022/2023
24.02.2022	8.1		Barkly Historical Events	CEO/EA	Request the National Trust Museum to provide council with a calendar of Historical Events for the Barkly.	Not commenced	
31.03.2022	17.1	OC 68/22	Correspondence	Infrastructure and Operations Director	b) Inventory to be taken for all council items in all facility	Not commenced	Ray and Santhosh to do a scoping visit / Report by next week
28/04/2022	10.1	OC 95/22	Temperature clock for water at Swimming Pool	Infrastructure Director	Look at options to obtain a temperature clock for water at Swimming Pool	Not commenced	Report to CEO by the end of next week
28/04/2022	10.1	OC 95/22	Ali Curung Safe House	Director of Community Development / Infrastructure Director	Contractor to verify local employment; and • Options to track local employment using Tech1	Not commenced	
28/04/2022		OC 94/22	Tyre removal	Infrastructure Director	Detailed Report	Not commenced	Meeting with Darrin Whatley
27.01.2022	9.1		Ali Curung Youth Centre	Director of Infrastructure	Write a paper for the Ali Curung Local Authority regarding the youth centre in Ali Curung and land access issues.	Not commenced	28/04/2022 - OC77/22 - Item 9.1 - Priority – report back with more detailed action
27.01.2022	8.3		Finance report	Director of Corporate Services	Circulate to councillors the timeline for the budget so that they are aware of what is due when.	Not commenced	

## **ADDRESSING THE MEETING**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** DIPL Presentation to Council  
**REFERENCE** 349727  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council receive and note the presentation from DIPL.**

### **SUMMARY:**

DIPL will give a verbal presentation to Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

Council resolved at its February meeting to invite DIPL Regional Director Sarah Fairhead to address an upcoming council meeting to update the Mayor and Councillors on the progress of current DIPL projects in the Barkly, and any that may be planned or scheduled.

Council also requested a standing agenda item for progress updates of all DIPL projects to come to council at each meeting, and would welcome attendance and input from Damien on a quarterly basis.

Council recognises the value and importance of a strong partnership with DIPL and a clear understanding of how things are progressing.

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Nil

### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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

Nil

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Mayor's Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349684
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- a) Receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for the month of April.

**SUMMARY:****Crisis Youth Support Accommodation Workshop**

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> I met with Ben Campion of the regional deal team and many other stakeholders at the Barkly House to discuss a proposed design and options for Crisis Youth Support Accommodation in Tennant Creek. Carol and Brenden from Territory Families in Darwin travelled down to present to myself and the other stakeholders

**“Do It for Dolly Day” March and Event**

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was the annual “Do it for Dolly” march. This march strives to bring awareness to and change the culture of bully by addressing the impact of bully, anxiety and depression in the youth.

**Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Darwin**

Thursday I travelled up to Darwin making a brief stop in Elliott to update their LA on the Elliott Accommodation project being run by Northern Interest.

**BACKGROUND****MAYORS CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH**

<b>May 2022</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Nobles Nob Site Tour
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Federal Election Campaign – Sean Holden
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	TCA Visitor Services – Danial Rochford
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Crisis Youth Support Accommodation Workshop – Ben Campion
	Neighborhood Watch board meeting
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Visitor Park Update – Ben Campion
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Dolly's Day Community Event
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Working Together for Our Communities – Linda Weatherhead
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	LGANT Executive Meeting – Suzie Goodman
	Turbocharging Tourism – Chrissy Gorey
	Tennant Creek Local Authority
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Barkly Tourism Action Group – Danial Rochford
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Drive to Darwin
	Elliott LA
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Music NT – Sean Holden
	Neighborhood Watch Meeting Darwin

**ATTACHMENTS:**

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	The Chief Executive Officer's Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349728
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council** receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of April.

### REPORT:

April has been a busy month with many exciting developments both across the Barkley, and internal to our organisation.

I am excited to present the Barkly Regional Council Annual Operating Plan (Regional Plan) 2022 – 2023, and the Budget 2022-2023 for your feedback, providing a clear pathway to achieve the work required in the year ahead.

Preparation of both the Annual Operating Plan (Regional Plan) 2022 – 2023, and the Budget 2022-2023 has been a Herculean effort by all of our staff, working in an environment of change and new direction. Producing these requirements with acute staff shortages and in less than 3 months since the change of CEO is evidence of a whole of Council commitment.

I am incredibly proud of the performance of the BRC staff during this high demand time. I have seen so many examples of individuals and whole teams stepping in and stepping up, to embrace changing standards and practices, elevating the culture and performance of your Organisation.

There are other examples of staff staying back to complete tasks, embracing a culture of continuous improvement. The clean-up of the depot, new processes for the recruitment of personnel, more active closing out and reporting on the Resolutions of Council all indicate a developing culture of accountability and commitment.

There are still many challenges to meet. We have an ambitious but essential scope of work outlined in the Annual Operating Plan in the coming year, including the review of our organisational structure and some significant capacity building within our finance department to better support the existing team.

With the commitment and professionalism being demonstrated by our staff, I am confident that these often disruptive changes will be embraced with enthusiasm for the benefits and rewards they will bring, leading to enhanced performance, retention and job satisfaction for our staff.

External meetings have included those with Tennant Mining, Suncable and the Bureau of Meteorology, providing an opportunity to ensure that investment projects coming into the town align with council's vision and values and can continue to engage locally for the long term benefit of our Communities.



**BACKGROUND**

The following table presents a snapshot of some of the engagement highlights for the month.

Date	Event/Meeting	Location
April 21	Strategic Plan – Karen Legg	Teams
April 22	TC Highschool ANZAC Service	High School
April 26	Meeting with Craig Kelly & Soana Vaihu	41 Peko
	Noble Nob Site Visit – Michael Tennant	Nobles Nob Mine
April 27	Meeting with Marion – Labour Candidate	Telephone
April 29	Tennant Mining DCM & DITT	Barkly House
	NT Strategic Water Plan – John Gaynor	Teams
	Hall & Wilcox meeting	Teams
May 3	BRD Employment & Traffic light Report	41 Peko
	Tennant Creek Street Scape – Ryan Francis	Teams
May 4	Community Housing and Rates catch up – Maree De Lacey	Teams
May 5	Learning Circle – Ben Champion	1/163 Paterson
	Tyre Shredding and Recycling – Michael Tennant	Teams
May 6	LCPF Assessment Application – Ben Champion	Barkly House
	Barkly Regional Coordination Committee	Barkly House
May 9	Purkiss Reserve Meeting	41 Peko
May 10	Regional Workforce Strategy Meeting	Barkly House
May 11	Council Biz Meeting – Daniel Findley	Teams
May 12	Strategic Planning Meeting – ELT + Karen	Teams
May 13	Mulga Camp Leadership Committee	Anyinginyi Office
	Do It For Dolly Day	Civic Hall
May 17	Bill Allen Lookout Discussion -	41 Peko
	Turbocharging Tourism Infrastructure – Chrissy Gorey	Teams
	Tennant Creek Local Authority	41 Peko
May 18	DILP & Barkly Fortnightly Progress Meeting	
	DMP PIT Meeting – Chrissy Gorey	Teams
	Road Side Barriers Inspection – Senior Sargeant Crispin Gargan - NTP	41 Peko
May 19	Meeting with Suncable – Stefan Hladenki	41 Peko
	Extention of Contracts for Elliott and Ali Curung Safe House – Shirley Ann Blundell	Teams

[END REPORT]

**ATTACHMENTS:**

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Ratification of Common Seal
REFERENCE	349480
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. Occupational License No 4083 for Bike Path construction for the Lots 2148, 1573 and 2168 at Tennant Creek, between Department of Infrastructure Planning and a Logistics and BRC for 5 years.

### SUMMARY:

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

- a. The Licenced Area is Crown land held by Territory.
- b. BRC has requested that, the Territory grants the right to enter upon the Licenced Area for the purpose of the Licenced Activities.
- c. The Territory has agreed to allow BRC to occupy and use the Licensed Area as per the terms and conditions.

### BACKGROUND

Construction of the new Bike Path requires access to the Crown land held by Territory.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Associated legal liability

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

From commencement, BRC is responsible for the maintenance of usage area.

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

### ATTACHMENTS:

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.3
<b>TITLE</b>	People & Culture - May 2022 Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349658
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Neil Jones, People and Culture Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the People & Culture Monthly Report for the month of April

#### SUMMARY:

This month has been extremely busy, ensuring that the People & Culture Department achieves their set monthly objectives for our employees and the organisation. The People & Culture Department has relocated to the Office of the CEO and has worked closely with the CEO to ensure that our key vacancies are in the process of being recruited.

Our People & Culture Advisor (Dumesh Don) had a great opportunity this month, acting in the People & Culture Manager position, whilst the manager was on Annual Leave. Dumesh experienced a number of the management operations relating to our Human Resources and this provided the work experience that was aligned with his Qualification training. Thank you for this Dumesh.

### Environmental Scan:

As of the 19 April 2022 the Barkly Regional Council Workforce consists of:

<b>Total Employees:</b>	<b>218</b>	
<b>ATSI Employees:</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>(56%)</b>
<b>Non-ATSI Employees:</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>(44%)</b>
<b>Male Employees:</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>(62%)</b>
<b>Female Employees:</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>(38%)</b>
<b>Full-Time Employees:</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>(50%)</b>
<b>Part-Time Employees:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>(21%)</b>
<b>Casual Employees:</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>(29%)</b>



This report provides Council with an insight of the Human Resources (HR) functions that have been delivered for the month.

### BACKGROUND

**Recruitment:**

As of the 19 May 2022, our Recruitment consists of the following:

Position	Status	Closing/Interview Date
Community Safety Team Leader	Pending Interview	23 May 2022
Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer - Elliott	Pending Interview	20 May 2022
Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer - Ampilatwatja	Pending Interview	23 May 2022
Community Care Officer X 3 - Ampilatwatja	Advertised	6 June 2022
Community Safety Officer - Ali Curung	Shortlisting	24 May 2022
Community Safety Team Leader - Ampilatwatja	Shortlisting	24 May 2022
Community Safety Officer X 2 - Arlparra	Shortlisting	24 May 2022
Community Safety Officer – Tara	Advertised	24 May 2022
Community Safety Officer – Imangara	Advertised	24 May 2022
Community Care Zone Manager	Advertised	15 June 2022
Senior Administration Officer	Advertised	15 June 2022
Media & Communications Officer	Advertised	8 June 2022
Library Coordinator	Advertised	30 May 2022
Learning & Development Coordinator	Advertised	24 May 2022
Quality & Governance Officer	Advertised	8 June 2022
Regional Community Development Manager	Shortlisting	25 May 2022

**Workplace Health & Safety: (Justin Hankinson)**

(period 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 to 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022)

- Council will be receiving a visit from NTWorksafe on 24 May 2022, to consult with the organisation on the reported incident (Lacerated Fingers of a Municipal Officer) and to complete a site inspection of the Tennant Creek Depot.

The Tennant Creek Municipal team have exceeded our expectations and have had a major 'clean-up' and organisation of the Depot site in preparation of this visit.

These activities have provided a positive cultural change in the depot, and the Municipal team enjoyed their participation in completing this project. Thank you to all of the Tennant Creek Municipal Team.

The team held their first Tool Box meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, and were inducted on the use of SOPs (Safe Operating Procedures) as a means of documenting and implementing safer work practices.

- The Bi-Monthly inspections commenced on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. To date 6 out of a possible 61 have been received.

- People & Culture representatives are continuing to work with all Directorates to ensure that Hazards within the work place are identified in a timely manner and properly documented.
- An in house Ticketing System for reporting Hazard has been introduced. It has yet to be fully realised to all staff
- The People and Culture department have successful in their bid to obtain funding to have an independent consultant undertake a complete audit of the BRC WHS systems. The external work place audit will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022. A Report to Council will be submitted in the June 2022 Council Meeting.

## Incident and Hazards Statistics.

Running Totals for Year 2022 ongoing and since last report.

	Incident	Hazards	Incident	Hazards
Rating	Running Total Year 2022		Since Last Report	
Risk Rating Low	7	2	0	1
Risk Rating Medium	14	2	4	0
Risk Rating High	6	4	0	2
Risk Rating Extreme	0	0	0	0

Running Totals for Year 2022, Classification

	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
Classification		
Injury	8	0
Property	18	8
Misc.	0	0
Near Miss	0	0

Number of Incident and Hazards by Calendar month

Month of 2022	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
January	8	1
February	7	1
March	5	1
April	4	2
May	3	3

## SUMMARY INCIDENT AND HAZARD REPORT REGISTER

Number of Incident Reports to Date 2022	26
Number of Hazard Reports to Date 2022	8
Number of Reports Involving Police 2022	8

Lost Time Injuries	3
Medical Treatment Required	4

<b>First Aid Treatment Required</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Reportable to NT Worksafe</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Worker Compensation Claims Processed</b>	<b>2</b>

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

There are two key future vacancies that are currently being addressed. These staff shortages may cause an impact of the People & Culture Department and the services that the team provides throughout the organisation. These positions are as follows:

- People & Culture Manager.
- Learning & Development Coordinator

The recruitment process for the above two positions are currently in place, to ensure a minimal impact to both the People & Culture Department and the organisation.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Nil

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Corporate Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349677
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sid Vashist, Director of Corporate Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council** receives and notes the Corporate Services Report.

**SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the activities and services of the Director of Corporate Services for the months of April - May 2022

**BACKGROUND**

The Corporate Services directorate provides professional support to Council's service delivery across the Barkly region through the provision of administrative, information technology (ICT), human resources (HR), accounting and finance, media and communications and governance.

The activities of the Corporate Services directorate ensure that Council and its Local Authorities have a strong governance framework and are compliant with the Local Government Act, other relevant legislation and related regulations and guidelines.

Corporate Services director has been working closely with the CEO in providing administrative support in the planning and delivery of the 'Annual Regional Plan' and the Strategic Plan towards "**Better Barkly 2030**".

As the elected members will be aware last month Council approved and relocated 'People & Culture' team under the office of the CEO. In addition to that, CEO & the Executive Leadership team are currently working on identifying gaps amongst each directorate as well as working through our jobs & responsibilities and assessing how they will fit/realign to each directorate that will value add to the service delivery of the Council. Good regional planning and supportive organizational re-structure can only achieve this.

Re-alignment within corporate services structure will allow the directorate to provide consistent and accurate secretariat support for Council and Local Authority meetings, training for Councillors and Local Authority members, and the development and review of a wide range of policies to guide Council operations and services in communities. Strong financial management and reporting systems, and IT management, enable and provide critical support for these operations and services.

Detailed reports for each team within the directorate are as follows:

**ICT Report April/May****Bikash Karki – ICT Coordinator**

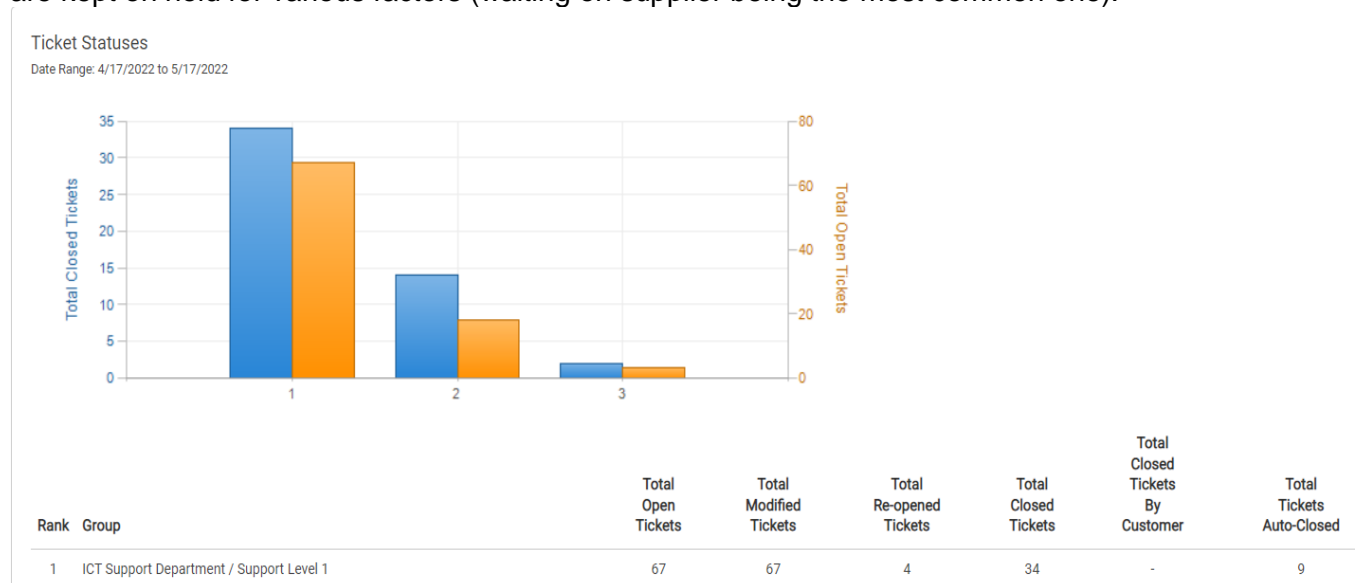
The Information Communications Technology and Records department consists of two people as of April 2022: the ICT Coordinator and ICT Officer, which support all operational aspects of ICT across BRCs 10 locations.

April/May has been an extremely busy month, due to the IT officer being on his long Easter Break. With a limited team within ICT department, we have managed to ensure that we have serviced the organization in all aspects of our IT functions, and still move forward in our

internal projects. This includes ensuring connectivity through close relations with providers such as Telstra and CouncilBiz and continuous enhancement of the IT operating environment through equipment improvements while reducing capital and ongoing costs.

### **Day-to-Day Ticket Status:**

In a month, 43 out of 67 tickets were ticketed and other 24 tickets has been attended and are kept on hold for various factors (waiting on supplier being the most common one).



### **Completed Projects:**

- Hazard Reporting Ticket System established and implemented

Any identified hazards can now be reported via ticketing system through our Council's InfoXpert module, enabling prioritized job listings for our WHS Officer.

- Barkly Fitness & Wellness Centre Project Completion

We have finally completed this project and at the date of writing this report have 165 members.

### **Ongoing Projects:**

- Telstra Fibre

There is no major update against the pending sites of WUTUNUGURRA & AMPILATWATJA as NT government access permission is still not available. Fibre team is expecting to get access tentatively by end-May-22.

- MDM (Mobile Device Management)

We have to finalize on using the Jamf or Meraki MDM software. Once finalized, MDM primarily deals with corporate data segregation, securing emails, securing corporate documents on devices, enforcing corporate policies, and integrating and managing mobile devices including laptops and handhelds of various categories. MDM implementations may be either on-premises or cloud-based.

- Fleet Management Software

Three software Teletrac Navman, Netstar, and Fleet Complete have been taken in consideration. Our current existing software is Teletrac Navman, which is predominantly used by our Night Patrol fleet. Once we get the revised quotes from all three software, we will make the selection and advise the Council, as required.

- Waste Facility Reporting Solutions

Cooee is the only waste management online solution so far. We have requested for the demo on this particular software system and its benefits towards its implementation.



- Meraki (MX100) Device Installation

Installation test has been successfully completed in Darwin. BRC will start rolling out the MX devices in month of June-22 in Tennant Creek, and the wider region with the support of CouncilBiz.

**Future Projects:**

- Office 365 Migration with CouncilBiz

ICT is working with CouncilBIZ on five-staged process with the full rollout to be complete in the next two financial years. This rollout will require upgrade to some of the computer hardware in the Barkly communities and will be the last step before we start the migration.

Phase 1 – Installation of new data links and Meraki hardware.

Phase 2 – Deployment of O365 E1 plans which will include Exchange Online, OneDrive and Teams

Phase 3 – Migration of TIPT to Teams Calling and Teams Video Conferencing

Phase 4- Expansion of O365 E1 to E5 plans with the introduction of SharePoint Online  
This will only commence once phases 1-3 have been completed for all Councils as there is substantial work that is required to ensure that SharePoint Online meets Local Government Records compliance and if Magiq documentation system was to be replaced then file versioning and metadata will also need to be migrated as part of the process, which will require reverse engineering of the database structure.

Phase 5 – ERP Cloud migration

**Media, Communications & Events April/May**

The Media and Communications department consists of one person as of April 2022: the media and communications officer, which support all operational aspects of this department and working closely with the office of the CEO, Corporate Services directorate and with the Mayor.

Media and Communications officer position currently remains vacant. Directorate and HR has reviewed the position description, to best realign the role to current operational requirements. Media and Communications Officer Role has been advertised and we hope to finalize recruitment by mid-June.

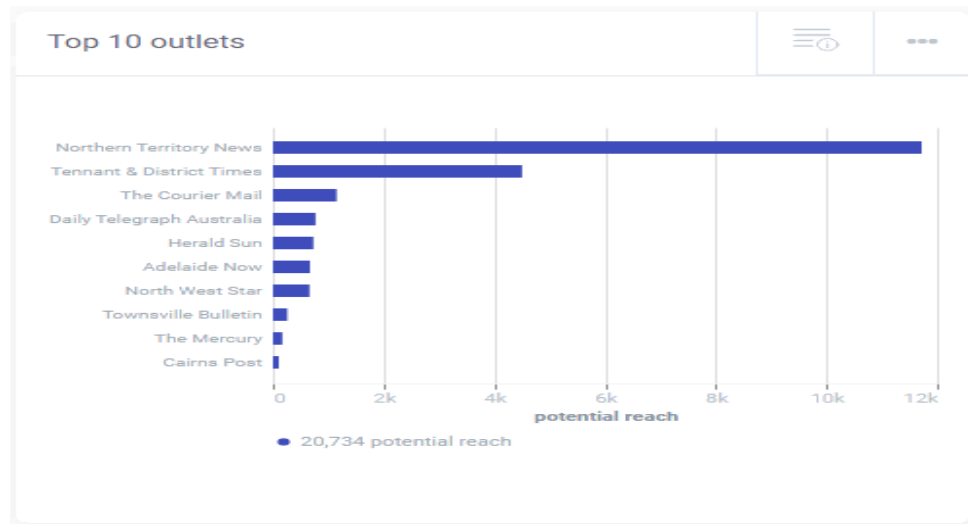
**Events – Assisted by the directorate**

- Youth Service Providers – Meet & Greet at newly built Tennant Creek Youth facilities
- Volleyball & BBQ hosted by the Mayor at the town pool – supported by Barkly Sports Hub
- Hosting ABC Alice Springs team at BRC Office @ 58 Peko Rd
- Basketball for Juniors and Adults - supported by Barkly Sports Hub
- Do it for Dolly March
- Nguku Festival in Elliott

**Internal Media/Communications** – Snakes Alert notification/WHS announcement  
Media Mentions for the Barkly Region or the Barkly Regional Council – 26

**Media Sentiment –**

Positive: 15  
Negative: 1  
Neutral: 10



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## Media Report April/May

<b>BUSINESS BOOMS ON THE BARKLY</b> Territory Q (page 62) on 1 May 2022. <a href="#">View Original</a> <a href="#">View Full Text</a>	<b>Federal election 2022: How and when to pre-poll vote, polling booths sites</b> NT Independent on 8 May 2022 1:51 PM.
<b>Barkly regional council mentioned on Breakfast at 07:21</b> Stewart Brash at ABC Alice Springs, Alice Springs, Breakfast on 29 Apr 2022 7:21 AM. Barkly Regional Council (1)	<b>Dianne to be a remote voice</b> Northern Territory News (page 4) on 10 May 2022. <a href="#">View Original</a> <a href="#">View Full Text</a>
<b>Early voting: Where and when Territorians can cast their ballot</b> Thomas Morgan at Adelaide Now on 29 Apr 2022 1:56 PM.	<b>TENDERS   BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL</b> Northern Territory News on 12 May 2022 12:29 AM.
<b>Early voting: Where and when Territorians can cast their ballot</b> Thomas Morgan at Cairns Post on 29 Apr 2022 2:08 PM.	<b>Barkly, Barkly regional council and Barkly regional mentioned on Breakfast at 08:30</b> Stewart Brash at ABC Alice Springs, Alice Springs, Breakfast on 12 May 2022 8:30 AM. Barkly (7) Barkly Regional Council (2) Barkly Regional (2)
<b>Early voting: Where and when Territorians can cast their ballot This website tells you what your--</b> Thomas Morgan at The Courier Mail on 29 Apr 2022 3:30 PM.	<b>Barkly regional council mentioned on Breakfast at 08:48</b> Stewart Brash at ABC Alice Springs, Alice Springs, Breakfast on 12 May 2022 8:48 AM. Barkly Regional Council (1)
<b>Barkly regional council mentioned on Drive Show at 16:43</b> Alex Barwick at ABC Radio Alice Springs, Alice Springs, Drive Show on 29 Apr 2022 4:43 PM. Barkly Regional Council (1)	<b>Come and give volleyball a go with the Barkly Sports Hub</b> Tennant & District Times (page 13) on 13 May 2022. <a href="#">View Original</a> <a href="#">View Full Text</a>
<b>Barkly regional council mentioned on Afternoons at 14:19</b> Lyrella Couzens at ABC Radio Darwin, Darwin, Afternoons on 2 May 2022 2:19 PM. Barkly Regional Council (1)	<b>Labor has a plan for a better future for Tennant Creek and the Barkly</b> Tennant & District Times (page 2) on 13 May 2022. <a href="#">View Original</a> <a href="#">View Full Text</a>
<b>Also broadcast from the following 1 station:</b> ABC Alice Springs (Alice Springs)	<b>Barkly and Regional deal mentioned on Breakfast at 09:16</b> Stewart Brash at ABC Alice Springs, Alice Springs, Breakfast on 17 May 2022 9:16 AM. Barkly (2) Regional Deal (1)
<b>Barkly bilby discovery highlights need for feral cat exclusion sanctuary</b> Dave Hall at Tennant & District Times on 6 May 2022 7:31 AM.	<b>Barkly regional council mentioned on Outback NT Rural Report at 06:15</b> Dan Fitzgerald at ABC Alice Springs, Alice Springs, Outback NT Rural Report on 19 May 2022 6:15 AM. Barkly Regional Council (1)
<b>Barkly bilby discovery highlights need for feral cat exclusion sanctuary</b> Tennant & District Times (page 7) on 6 May 2022. <a href="#">View Original</a> <a href="#">View Full Text</a>	<b>Gulf to NT road could be sealed</b> Samantha Campbell at North West Star (page 3) on 19 May 2022. <a href="#">View Original</a> <a href="#">View Full Text</a>

## Quality & Governance April/May 2022

Millicent Rushwaya

The Quality & Governance department consists of two people as of April 2022: the Quality & Governance Officer and Records & Compliance Officer, which support all operational aspects of the department.

As the Council was already aware, we are currently recruiting for a new Governance Officer. Millicent's last working day being Tuesday 24 May.

I will like to note my thankyou to Millicent for her service to the BRC and for the support provided to the Council in best transitioning this department with business continuity strategies in place.

We have reviewed Quality and Governance officer position description, to best realign the role to current operational requirements and are hopeful for the recruitment to be finalized by mid-June. Governance officer has been busy working with the CEO and the director in handover of the role and continue to provide the operational support to Records & Compliance Officer.

We are pleased to inform to the Council that during this period Tennant Creek Local Authority was successfully formed and two meetings of TCLA have occurred during the reporting period.

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Not Applicable

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Nil

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Council must adhere to the Local Government Act 2019.

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Council  
A/Finance Manager  
People & Culture Manager  
Quality & Governance Officer  
ICT Officer  
Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Grants
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349088
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Susan Wright, Grants Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

That council

a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the period to April 30, 2022

### SUMMARY:

This report is to update Council on the current Grants situation.

### BACKGROUND

Barkly Regional Council receives around 65 grants per year in tied and untied funding to run its programs and services.

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

The following is a synopsis of grants in progress, grants applied for, successful and unsuccessful applications for this month.

#### Applications In Progress

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details
Recycling Modernisation Fund	NTG	GP-Mini & GP-05L system.	\$115,000	<b>IN DISCUSSION</b> Funding for glass pulveriser

#### Successful Applications

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details
Aged Care Workforce Retention	Department of Health	Workforce retention bonus funding	\$12,720.00	Bonus payment for Aged Care Staff based on service
NAIDOC	NAIDOC	NAIDOC Celebrations across the Barkly	\$21,000**	Funding for NAIDOC activities across the 6 remote communities
Tourism Town Asset	NTG	Upgrade to Lake Mary Ann Toilet Block	\$100,000	Upgrades to the male and female toilet blocks at Lake Mary Ann

\*\*Asked for \$30,000 for NAIDOC but only received \$21,000

**Applications Submitted**

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details
Regional Sport Events Fund	Sport Australia	Multi Sport Come and Try in Tennant Creek	\$50,000	Funding to re-engage sport across communities. Come and try soccer, tennis, basketball, softball. Funding for 2 days, bringing community members to Tennant Creek

**Awaiting Outcome**

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details
Healthy Lifestyle Grant	NTG	Tennant Creek Fitness and Well-being	\$30,000	Wages for staff at the gym
BBRF	DITRDC	Staff Housing Civic Building and Administration Upgrades	\$4M	Staff housing to be built for Council employees Upgrades to the civic hall and administration buildings

**Unsuccessful Applications – none in this period****Grants Acquitted – none in this period**

GrantName	AgencyName
Remote Sport Program	Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities
Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Municipal and Essential Services - Town Camps 2018/2023

Municipal and Essential Services 2018/2023

Homelands Jobs 2018/2023

Municipal and Essential Services 2018/2023

Homelands Jobs 2018/2023

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**Financial Reporting Overdue**

Acquitt Type	GrantName	AgencyName
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Financial Statemen	Barkly Core Youth Services	Department of Territory Fam
Annual Audited Financial	Public Library Funding	Department of Territory Fam
Financial Statemen	Barkly Regional Council - Aboriginal Environmental Health Program	Department of Health
Financial Statemen	Barkly Regional Council - Aboriginal Environmental Health Program	Department of Health
Financial Statemen	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Fam
Acquittal Form	Barkly Regional Flexible Grants	Department of the Chief Min
Financial Statemen	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Fam
Financial Statemen	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Fam
Financial Statemen	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Fam
Report	Remote Sport Voucher Scheme	Department of Territory Fam
Acquittal Form	Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Prevention Grants	Department of Territory Fam
Annual Audited Financial	Homelands Jobs 2018/2023	Department of Territory Fam
Annual Audited Financial	Municipal and Essential Services 2018/2023	Department of Territory Fam
Annual Audited Financial	Municipal and Essential Services - Town Camps 2018/2023	Department of Territory Fam
Annual Audited Financial	Barkly Regional Council - Aboriginal Environmental Health Program	Department of Health
Annual Audited Financial	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence - Accommodation Services - Southern Region	Department of Territory Fam
Annual Audited Financial	Remote Sport Program	Department of Territory Fam
Funding Acquittal	Remote Sport Program	Department of Territory Fam

## **GRANTS UNIT**

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

Following up outstanding issues with reporting.

Preparing for the next financial year-end.

Collating AAI variations as their reporting dates are changed but not changed in GrantsNT portal.

## **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Some grant reports are overdue which is a high risk to council funding, present and future. Some grants payments are conditional on receiving reports (narrative and financial). Unresolved reporting can also lead to future funding bodies' lack of confidence in BRC's abilities to adhere to the terms of reference of a grant agreement. This may result in unsuccessful applications affecting Council's ability to attract future funds.

Council may not be eligible to apply for a grant if they have an outstanding report or acquittal.

Some financial year end audited acquittals have not been received and the new FYE is only 2 months away.

Transparency and open communication with funding bodies as well as preparation for the upcoming year is a mitigating factor. Project owners need to be identified and open and transparent communication needs to happen between Grants and Project Owners as well as the Executive.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Overdue reporting can result in scheduled payments not being received in the timeline determined and expected through the grant agreement leaving operational funding to be used at the time.

Loss of funding due to unresolved reporting issues can lead to loss of programs, services and staff.

Unresolved reporting and improper expense reporting can lead to Council having to absorb costs.

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

Progress and Narrative reporting needs to be completed by the Project and/or Program owner as they are dealing with the whole scope of the project. This is then passed on to Grants to upload to the various funding portals.

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Elected Member Allowances 2022-2023
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349661
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sid Vashist, Director of Corporate Services

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. sets the Elected Member's Allowances for the 2022/2023 financial year as per Maximum Council Members Allowances authorized by the Ministers Guidelines.
2. Instructs the CEO to amend policy "Elected Member Allowances Policy (CP55)" and "Extra Meeting Allowance Policy (CP11)" as appropriate

### SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to set the Elected Member and Local Authority Allowances for the 2022-2023 financial year.

### BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 2019 refers to the payment of allowances to elected members under chapter 7 which states:

#### Part 7.1 Allowances and expenses

##### Section 106: Allowance for members of council

- (1) A member of a council is entitled to be paid the allowance or allowances determined by the Remuneration Tribunal under section 7B of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*.
- (2) The allowances payable under this section are to be paid by the council.
- (3) The council must publish the amounts of the allowances payable by the council on its website.
- (4) If there is no determination that applies to a council, the allowances are to be as determined by the Minister.
- (5) For subsection (4), the Minister may determine any of the following:
  - (a) differential allowances for principal members, deputy principal members and other members of a local government council;
  - (b) a fixed amount, a minimum amount or a maximum amount of an allowance;
  - (c) different categories of allowances;
  - (d) that an allowance should be indexed and the basis of, and method for, indexation;
  - (e) any rules that apply to eligibility for, or payment or application of, an allowance.
- (6) If the Minister determines a minimum amount of an allowance under subsection (5)(b), the Minister must also determine a maximum amount of that allowance.



- (7) If the Remuneration Tribunal or the Minister determines an allowance for members of a council that is not a fixed amount, the council may fix the amount of that allowance payable to members in respect of each financial year as part of the council's budget.
- (8) Subject to a determination referred to in subsection (1) or under subsection (5), the allowances fixed by a council for a financial year under subsection (7):
- (a) must not be increased during the financial year; and
  - (b) may be decreased during the financial year.
- (9) If a council fixes an allowance at a rate less than the maximum amount in a determination referred to in subsection (1) or under subsection (5), the allowance payable must be proportionate for all council members.

### **Section 107 Allowance for members of local authority**

- (1) A member of a local authority is entitled to be paid the allowance or allowances determined by the Remuneration Tribunal under section 7E of the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006*.
- (2) The allowances payable under this section are to be paid by the council.
- (3) The council must publish on its website the amounts of the allowances payable by the council.
- (4) If there is no determination that applies to a local authority, the allowances must be determined by the council in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make and that apply in the relevant financial year.

### **Under Clause 10.1 Local Authorities 2021 Guideline 1**

#### 10 Local authority payments

### **10.1 Council members and council staff are not eligible to a local authority payment in relation to attending local authority meetings or provisional meetings.**

**Guideline 2A: Council member allowances** includes table of maximum Council Member Allowances across the NT provided by the Minister for Local Government, who has set Council Member Allowances for 2022-23.

Allowance rates for 2022-23 have been set at the same levels as the 2021-22 financial year. The Barkly Regional Council Allowances are listed under Category 3 of the table.

Elected Member Allowances			
Allowance	Mayor	Deputy-Mayor	Councillors
Base Allowance	\$75,116.61	\$27,776.12	\$13,509.96
Electoral Allowance	\$19,771.29	\$4,943.73	\$4,943.73
PD Allowance	\$3,753.17	\$3,753.17	\$3,753.17
Maximum Extra Meeting Allowance	-	-	\$9,006.64
Total Claimable	\$98,641.07	\$36,473.02	\$31,213.50

Acting Principal Member Allowance		
Allowance	Amount	The maximum Acting Principal Member Allowance is 90 days per Acting Principal Member.
Daily Rate	\$261.34	
Maximum Claimable	\$23,520.60	

### Local Authorities (LA) Member Sitting Fees

In accordance with Section 107 (Chapter 7) of the Local Government Act 2019, Minister for Local Government has established the below Local Authority Allowances for 2022/23, which are based revenue units as follows:

- Chair, if eligible, 143 revenue units
- Other eligible members 107 revenue units.

For Regional Councils, Guideline 1- Local Authorities, eligible members of local authorities are entitled to sitting fees based on revenue units.

The 2022-23 LA sitting fees budget is to be based on the revenue units for 2022-23, which is yet to be published (but is expected to be available soon). This will be applied to the 2022-2023 revenue to determine the monetary value of the allowance to be paid, when the information is released.

For the purposes of this report, the values for 2022-2023 have been based on assumption of 3% increase indexed on notation of underlying Inflation - **\$1.27 per unit** (TBA).

Local Authority Allowances		
Allowance	Chairperson	Member
Revenue Units	143	107
Current Base Allowance per Meeting 2021-2022	\$177.00	\$132.00
Base Allowance per Meeting (Estimates 22/23)	<b>\$182.00</b> TBA	<b>\$136.00</b> TBA
Maximum 12 meetings per year 2021-2022	\$2124.00	\$1584.00
Maximum 12 meetings per year (Estimates 22/23)	<b>\$2,184.00</b> TBA	<b>\$1,632.00</b> TBA

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Not Applicable

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

The budget for Elected Member's Allowances for 2022/2023 financial year will be the same as that set for 2021/22.

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

- Council is required to adhere to the LGA and therefore cannot increase the Elected Member's Allowance once set, however there are a few options in respect of the setting of the level and payments of allowances;
- In line with the Minister's Guidelines Council can opt to pay less than the maximum allowance if so desired.

- In addition each Councillor could choose to pay some or all of their allowance into a superannuation fund.

## **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Council  
Acting Finance Manager  
Executive Leadership Team  
Quality and Governance Officer

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

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## Table of Maximum Council Member Allowances for 2022-23

Amounts applicable 1 July 2022

## Refer to Guideline 2A: Council member allowances

Ordinary Council Members other than Principal Member and the Deputy Principal Member				
	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:
	Darwin	Alice Springs	Katherine	Belyuen
		Palmerston	Litchfield	Coomalie
			Barkly	Wagait
			Central Desert	
			East Arnhem	
			MacDonnell	
			Roper Gulf	
			Tiwi Islands	
			Victoria Daly	
			West Arnhem	
			West Daly	
Base Allowance	22,515.39	15,761.63	13,509.96	4,503.32
Electoral Allowance	8,238.34	5,767.68	4,943.73	1,647.90
Professional Development Allowance	3,753.17	3,753.17	3,753.17	3,753.17
Max extra meeting allowance	15,010.25	10,508.15	9,006.64	3,003.01
<b>Total Claimable</b>	<b>\$49,517.15</b>	<b>\$35,790.63</b>	<b>\$31,213.50</b>	<b>\$12,907.40</b>

Principal Member				
	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:
	Darwin	Alice Springs	Katherine	Belyuen
		Palmerston	Litchfield	Coomalie
			Barkly	Wagait
			Central Desert	
			East Arnhem	
			MacDonnell	
			Roper Gulf	
			Tiwi Islands	
			Victoria Daly	
			West Arnhem	
			West Daly	
Base Allowance	125,192.75	87,635.66	75,116.61	25,039.28
Electoral Allowance	32,950.94	23,065.90	19,771.29	6,590.44
Professional Development Allowance	3,753.17	3,753.17	3,753.17	3,753.17
<b>Total claimable</b>	<b>\$161,896.86</b>	<b>\$114,454.73</b>	<b>\$98,641.07</b>	<b>\$35,382.89</b>

Table of Maximum Council Member Allowances for 2022-23

Acting Principal Member				
	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:
	Darwin	Alice Springs	Katherine	Belyuen
		Palmerston	Litchfield	Coomalie
			Barkly	Wagait
			Central Desert	
			East Arnhem	
			MacDonnell	
			Roper Gulf	
			Tiwi Islands	
			Victoria Daly	
			West Arnhem	
			West Daly	
Daily Rate	433.16	304.91	261.34	87.11
Maximum claimable (90 days)	\$38,984.40	\$27,441.90	\$23,520.60	\$7,839.90

Deputy Principal Member				
	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:
	Darwin	Alice Springs	Katherine	Belyuen
		Palmerston	Litchfield	Coomalie
			Barkly	Wagait
			Central Desert	
			East Arnhem	
			MacDonnell	
			Roper Gulf	
			Tiwi Islands	
			Victoria Daly	
			West Arnhem	
			West Daly	
Base Allowance	46,292.69	32,405.27	27,776.12	9,259.53
Electoral Allowance	8,238.34	5,767.68	4,943.73	1,647.90
Professional Development Allowance	3,753.17	3,753.17	3,753.17	3,753.17
Total claimable	\$58,284.20	\$41,926.12	\$36,473.02	\$14,660.60

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Infrastructure Directorate Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349642
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate Report for the month of May 2022.

### **SUMMARY:**

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from Mid-April 2022 to mid-May 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

1. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Building construction has completed. Power connection delayed by Power & Water's contractor and final handover inspection is due to be completed by 15 June 2022
2. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Construction in progress (85%) – expected completion Late June 2022
3. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Design Consent Authority (DCA) have put the advertisement (purple signs) for display for 28 days. Then the DCA will do the assessment of planning application and give approval in two weeks. The project can only resume after the DCA approval which is expected to be received by 21 June 2022
4. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure – Construction in progress (90%) – project delayed due to additional scope of works, expected handover inspection on 15 June 2022.
5. Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill – The delivery of the demountable is scheduled for 20/05/2022. Installation will be kept in hold. As per DCA, council need to finalize the rezoning of the additional land (lot 2161) to be able to get the DCA approval for construction. Rezoning of 2161 is in progress and expected to be finalized by 30 June 2022.
6. Dangerous Good Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool – to be discussed in confidential meeting.

#### **PROCUREMENT:**

##### **Current Tenders:**

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Tender closed on 14 April 2022. Further report in confidential section.
2. Replacement of toilet facility in Peko Park: Tender closed on 24 March 2022. Further report in confidential section.
3. Upgrading toilet facility in Lake Mary Ann Dam, Tennant Creek: Funding approved by Tourism NT. Further report in confidential section.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Item No	Item Description	Resolution/Action	Status	Comment
9.1	Ali Curung Youth Centre	Write a paper for the Ali Curung Local Authority regarding the youth centre in Ali Curung and land access issues.	Completed	Development Consent Authority (DCA) had requested for Land Owner's Authority for the lot 163 where the Youth Centre is supposed to be built. Central Land Council (CLC) has provided the Authority on 22.02.22 and there is no more land issue
9.1	Abandoned Cars	Follow up on advertising for free metal scaping for cars in Tennant Creek. Do some visual advertising about the car removal program	Completed	
9.1	TC Go Kark Club Tyres	Council request determination from the TC Gun Club to obtain clarity of the tyres at Go Kart facility.	Completed	Refer to Infrastructure Director's Report "Dumping of tyres in Go Kart Club, Tennant Creek"
9.1	Temperature clock for water at Swimming Pool	Look at options to obtain a temperature clock for water at Swimming Pool	In Progress	Assets and Contracts coordinator is has been tasked to get the quotations from suppliers. Due to be completed by 15 June 2022

**PLANNING:**

1. Street lighting in Karuru Road, Tennant Creek: Design and tender documents preparation in progress, due be complete by 15 June 2022
2. Weighbridge in Landfill site, Tennant Creek: This project is put on hold. As per DCA, council need to finalize the rezoning of the additional land (lot 2161) to be able to get the DCA approval for construction. Rezoning of 2161 is in progress and expected to be finalized by 30 June 2022.
3. Street Lighting in front of Football Oval, Elliott: Design and tender documents preparation in progress, due be complete by 15 June 2022
4. Refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road: Applied for BBRF funding.
5. Refurbishment of CIVIC hall: Applied for BBRF funding

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Infrastructure directorate oversees major and minor council projects that are subject to industry specific risk assessment and management.

Organization has his of losing the reputation and community back lash due to delays in the projects. There is also risk of losing funding if the projects are delayed significantly without any addressable reason.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

All aforementioned projects follow the allocated capital and operational budget. Due to the price rise of some materials, there may be some price increments on some projects. These will be noted to council in the event that it occurs.

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

The current pandemic environment, delay in supplies and unavailability of skilled trades has contributed to delays in the rollout of some infrastructure projects.

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

All projects are bound to individual based assessments and reporting.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.



**INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Illegal Dumping of Tyres in Go Kart Club, Tennant Creek
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349656
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the request for help to remove tyres from Go Kart track Tennant Creek.
- b) **Option 1:** Council remove the tyres from the property and dump in Tennant Creek Landfill Site at no cost
- c) **Option 2:** Decline the request for help and provide a quote to the property owner for removal and disposal of those tyres.

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents the request for help to remove the tyres from Go Kart track in Tennant Creek.

**BACKGROUND**

On 03 May 2022, the council received a letter from Tennant Creek Gun Club asking for help to remove dump tyres from the Go Kart Track in Tennant Creek. The infrastructure director visited the site for assessment. It was revealed that approx... 400 car tyres and 100 truck tyres were dumped on side of the track. Based on the charges for truck hire and labor, it is estimated to cost approx... \$4,500.00 for removal and transport to TC landfill site. As per council's standard rate, it will cost \$12,500.00 for disposal of those 500 tyres. Total cost of removal of those tyres from the Go Kart track dumping in TC landfill site is estimated to be approx... \$17,000.00

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

Barkly Regional Council does not have statutory obligation to remove, transport or dispose waste from a private property premises with no cost. Once the council provides the services addressing one such issue/request, it is anticipated that the council will receive several such requests in the future.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

**Option 1:** Council will have to allocate approx... \$17,000.00 from the council budget

**Option 2:** No implication in budget.

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES****CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Option 1: Council need to allocate budget for this work. The removal and disposal works will take 4 to 6 weeks.

Option 2: One week

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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1 [↓](#) TC Gun Club Letter.pdf



## Tennant Gun Club Inc.

Tennant creek Gun Club Inc.  
Peko road  
Pobox 1002 N.T

To Hal Ruger

On behalf on the Tennant creek gun club I am asking the town council for the help to remove the dump tyres on the Go Kart track.

As you know the club has been reformed with Jim Matthews as the President, with myself as the current secretary and vice president.

We have been progressing slowly in the reform, and we have been trying to come up with a solution as to dispose for the tyres that have been placed at the track, over the past few years.

If possible that the Council could help with removal of the tyres, we the club, will help on a designated day to help load the tyres into a semi-truck to cart to the dump for disposal.

Your help with this matter will be greatly appreciated from all members of the club, and also will help out The new go kart club in the midst of being formed.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Allen". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Greg Allen vice president Tennant creek gun club

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development April Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349711
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council Receive and Note this report**

### SUMMARY:

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – April 2022 Report

### COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

The Community Safety Program worked well throughout April with a focus from the Management Team on recruitment and driver training to ensure Staff were up to date with drivers licences and were able to support 5 staff obtain their driver's license.

Ali Curung deserves a special mention for their efforts in assisting the Community and Police with several incidents over the school holiday period. (Email from Ali Curung Police attached) We were also pleased to see one of our Staff members Cynthia Smith pass the NT Police Aboriginal Liaison Officer course in Darwin.

Cynthia has resigned from Community Safety to take up the position and whilst we were sad to see her leave, our loss is a gain for the NT Police and Ali Curung Community. (Photo below)

Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja and Tara continue to be affected by Staff absences and a lack of suitable applicants, however we are working with Area Managers, the Community and LA members to fill vacancies in those Communities.

The Director of Community Development and Regional Manager continue to liaise with NIAA to seek approval to roll over our underspends and we are still waiting on confirmation to use these much needed funds to further enhance our Program.



## YOUTHLINX

Participant numbers for this month were very high this month as we had the school holiday program running at the pool and Youthlinx building.

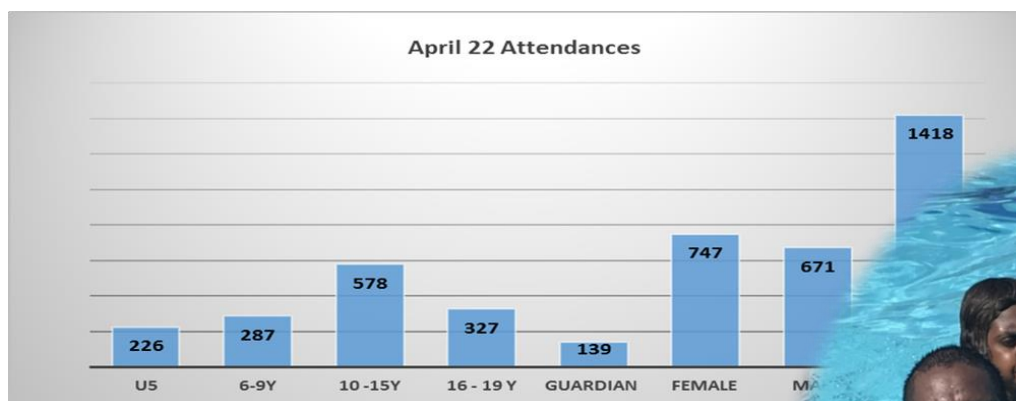
One of our main events was the Easter Brunch Party at the pool which saw roughly 120 children with the families attending. This event was organised in collaboration with Julalikari playgroup, Catholic CareNT, Moriarty Foundation and Steven Edgington our local Member. Staff prepared 200 boxes of hot food with popper juice and 200 chocolate Easter baskets, we thank Julalikari Council very much for supporting this event with their donations of eggs. Working in collaboration provides our community with great experiences and supports resources.

**ABC TV BACK ROADS SHOOT** – Visited our Youthlinx Program, both at the Youthlinx Building and Pool.

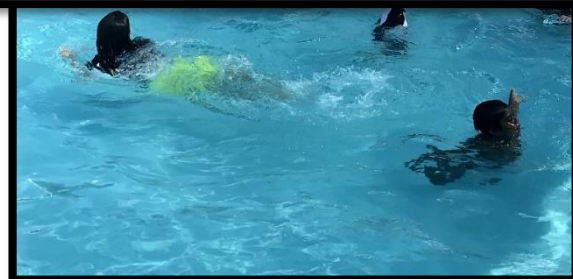
Australian Icon and Media Personality, Kurt Fearnley, (sports commentator, One Plus One host, public speaker) and a former Paralympian Gold Medallist, along with ABC staff filmed an episode with the focus on positive steps that our local community is taking to turn around the largely negative image from which Tennant Creek suffers

On Saturday April 9, 6pm-8pm, they filmed:

- Kurt at the Youth Links disco – which included our dance group doing hip-hop
- Interview with Ade Rizal the Youthlinks Coordinator who provided a summary on what the Youthlinks Program offers, challenges and successes
- Kurt throwing around the ball on a basketball court with some of the kids there.
- Kurt having a chat with two staff (Andrew Peckham and Pashya Rizal) about being youth mentors and role models.







## REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION, OUTSIDE SCHOOL CARE HOURS

Over the school holidays, the Ali Curung staff took their kids on a number of day bush trips, which included collecting bush tucker, watermelons, looking for wildlife and swimming in the waterhole.

Elliott Sports and Rec delivered a wide range of sports throughout the month, with a packed school holiday program and basketball competitions which were very popular amongst the youth. Wade Nish our Team Leader also cooked up a storm, leaving no children hungry throughout the activities.

Numbers in Ampilatwatja were a bit lower than normal this month due to many families leaving community of the holidays. Activities at Ampilatwatja during the school holidays included decorating eggs and Easter baskets. Elise run an Easter egg hunt which provided a lot of festive fun for the kids.

Staff members from Arlparra, Elliott and Ali Curung come into Tennant Creek to undertake Sports and Recreation Certificate training delivered by Charles Darwin University. It provided a good opportunity for some of the staff to meet each other, building relationships and team building. With a new trainer for CDU, the feedback from staff was very positive, with Andy Rae from Arlparra finishing his certificate 4 in Sport and Recreation.

### Challenges:

April had a number of public holidays and many staff went on leave throughout the month and additionally with other staff attending training in Tennant Creek, saw a decrease in delivery and numbers this month with Sport and Rec closed for a number of nights across the communities.

### **Attendance:**

Community	5 – 14 Year Olds	15 – 24 Year Olds	Total	Previous Month Total
Ali Curung	387	45	432	720
Alpurrurulam	81	13	94*	231*
Ampilatwatja	262	22	284	318
Arlparra	50	77	127	343
Elliott	428	19	447	644
Epenarra	NA	NA	NA	89**

\* Only have data for 3 weeks due to no TL.

\*\* Only have data for 2 weeks due to no TL.

(Numbers were lower across the communities throughout the month due to staff going on leave and being in Tennant Creek for training)





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

Dogs Impounded: 4

Dogs Rehomed: 3

Dogs Returned: 2

Snake Callouts/Captures: 1

Euthanized: 0

Feral Cats: 5

We are currently holding 8 dogs in the pound and staff are working on an Animal Adoption campaign and we successfully had 3 dogs adopted this month. April has seen an increase in the number of dogs abandoned, with many families heading out bush for Easter and the holiday period.

**Pending:** Haddock Street –Regulatory order issued for flammable undergrowth and removal of structural fire debris. Proprietor has made contact with Local Laws and are cooperating to have block cleared. Fire Hazard audits are continuing and will be reported back to council once completed.



Both staff have been working with the local vet and AMRICC delivering de-sexing programs and animal wellbeing throughout the region. These services are scheduled for delivery in May.

**A Good News Story: Complaint received** - (Whippet St) Lucifer (the dog) had gotten into the neighbour's yard and killed their chickens. The Owner and neighbour compromised. They had previously talked about the neighbour taking on Lucifer; the owner surrendered Lucifer and the neighbour has now taken him to live in the industrial area, far away from chickens...



#### AGED CARE & NDIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER REPORT

##### Summary of Consumer Numbers compared with previous month (TM = This Month, PM = Previous Month)

FLEXI Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	6	8	5	8	6	33
Number Previous month (PM)	6	8	5	8	5	32
CHSP Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	6	11	15	2	4	38
Number Previous month (PM)	6	11	16	2	4	39

NDIS Participants	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	1	4	8	10	3	26
Number Previous month (PM)	1	4	8	10	4	27

##### Comment on overall FLEXI & CHSP:

There had been a lot of client movement this month due to funerals in other communities, long weekends, and religious convention at Epenarra.

CHSP – will be transitioning next year to the Support at Home Program so the CHSP agreement needed to be varied. Funding will stay the same for now and there is 100% flexibility to move funds between different service categories. Regional Manager has requested an increase in unit costs for meals and transport. This will reduce outputs but increase the unit costs.

We are still awaiting the new funding agreement from the Department.

Regional Manager to attend a WEB EX meeting with the Support at Home Program Transition Team to put forward our concerns about the new program and advocate for remote delivery providers.

NDIS - Community visits have commenced and reports and updates are on the way fulfilling NDIS requirements. Change of circumstances and requests for Assistive technology have been applied for 2 participants in Alpururulam and 1 in Elliott. BRC NDIS COS has engaged with participants in Alpururulam and Tennant Creek. Progressing through all outstanding 'Plan Review and Evaluation reports.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

School holiday activities were provided during the April school holiday period. There were age appropriate activities from colouring in Easter Bunny's to decorating eggs. Easter books were read and we had a good number of participants. Figures are slightly lower than last month due to public holidays.

Statistics	
Adults:	218
Children:	48
Computer users/Hours used:	5 / 5
Wi-Fi users/Hours used:	3 / 5
Total patronage:	266
Daily Average:	12
Item Circulation:	428
New Items:	15
Total Members:	766

## Recruitment continues for the Elliott Library position

## SAFE HOUSES

Elliott Safe House	
Accommodation:	3 adult, 4 children
Outreach:	1
Visitors:	4
Meetings:	2
Steak-holders:	2
Days in Training:	4
Referrals:	2

Ali Curung Safe House	
Accommodation:	7 adult, 7 children
Outreach:	11
Visitors:	37
Meetings:	9
Steak-holders:	3
Days in Training:	0
Referrals:	4

## Summary

The new Coordinator at Elliott Safe House has commenced. Bonita has attended the Tennant Creek office for induction and has been to a number of service providers while in town and attended meeting pertaining to DV. There has been a great deal of networking and planning for service providers to visit Elliott and provide education and fun woman self-care days and strong collaboration with service providers in Elliott such as supporting clients attend FaFT (Families as First Teachers) activities.

*Funding of \$56,675.00* has been approved by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities to support security upgrades at both Elliott and Ali Curung, allowing for the installation of new CCTV (security cameras) and intercom systems.

Ali Curung Safe House is looking great, inviting and refreshed. They have received a great deal of donations ranging from books to clothing. Programs delivered have now begun to increase (after covid) with a number of key stakeholders attending the safe house and information sharing sessions running regularly.

We have submitted a proposal to the NT Government for an AAI (Alcohol Action Initiative) Grant of \$20,000 to run a program with woman and children over a period of 10 weeks. This will include collaboration with our Youth Sports and Recreation Team Leader and other key stakeholders.



## SWIMMING POOL

It was a great Month for the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool. Being the start of our cooler months of the year, we had a decrease in our pool attendance by community patrons. Although, this did not stop our youth... Youth links reached a total of 1418 entries over April 2022.

During this month, the pool was a hive of activity with many events and training, these include:

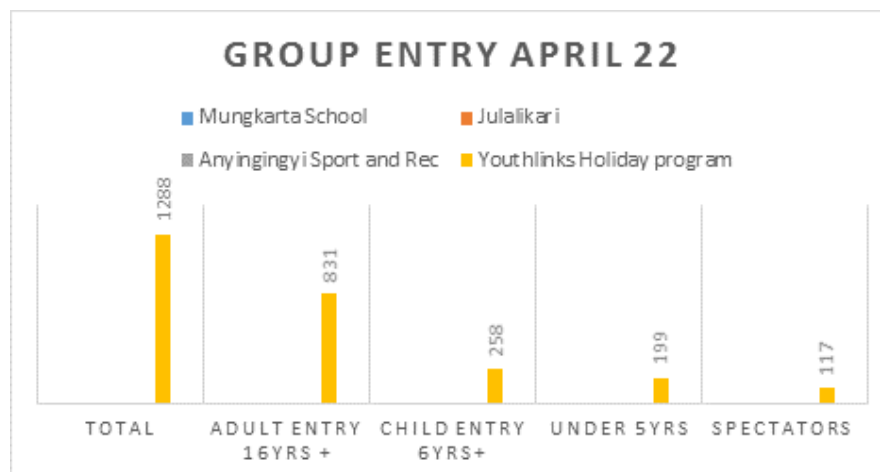
- Annual Tennant Creek High School Swimming Carnival;
- Royal Life Saving First Aid Course;
- Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion & Resuscitation Course;
- Royal Life Saving Pool Lifeguard & Oxygen Resuscitation Course;
- Royal Life Saving Under 5 Years Swimming Lessons; and,

- Youth links After School & School Holiday Program.

We thank Royal Life Saving for coming to Tennant Creek to run courses which ensure our Barkly Regional Council Pool Staff are accredited with their credentials up-to-date, they fit and ready to respond to any Aquatic situation and our patrons are in good hands.

We also welcome our new Full-Time Lifeguard Dilan Andrea. Dilan joins us from Katherine where he worked at the Tindal Base Swimming Facility. He has been a great addition to our team and since commencing he has shown great leadership and confidence with all scenarios.

**\*\*Group and individual entrance numbers = 2,693 patrons attending the pool during April.**



## Regional Sports Program (BRD)

### Successes

- The Gym Open Day
- Gym Staff training
- Developing fitness classes at the gym
- Opening for half a day on the public holidays proved to be very popular
- Junior sports program and Basketball delivered for community



### Sports on Going

Term one sports finished on the first week of April, for the two weeks school holidays, returning for term two sports on the last week of April.

#### Soccer

Ran through the whole month, even through the holidays. It's self-sustainable and ran by community members and they wanted to keep playing.

#### Tennis

Returned in the last week of April with a great turnout of 8 players.

#### Yoga

Started back up on 3<sup>rd</sup> May as the instructor was away.

### Basketball Social Competition

EOI was put out to community and a messenger group set up on our Facebook page to gauge interest for a social competition. Sessions have been set up on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm and the first session in April had 12 players. Last week 17. We have 4 teams currently registered for a social competition to start next week. Additionally we have 12 names of players who need to be allocated a team or to set up their own.

### Gym

The Gym open day saw over 60 people walk through the doors, with 30 people registering on the Open day. We received very positive feedback regarding the cleanliness, spaciousness and set up of the gym equipment and fresh new look.

Gym operational hours are 6am – 10am and 3pm – 8pm on Monday to Friday and Saturday Mornings from 8am – Midday.

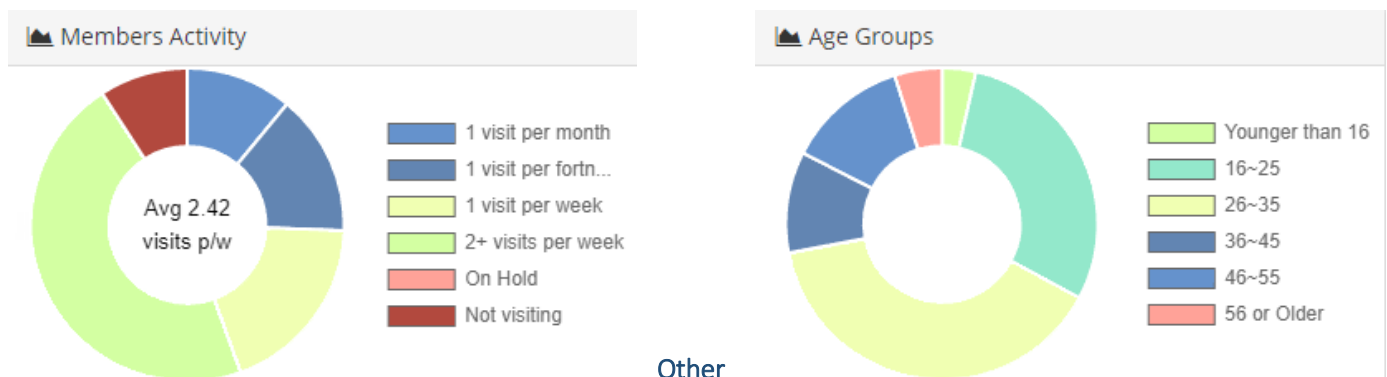
Community feedback has focused around the gym opening times being too short. However this was always going to be an issue with the gym having to be opened as soon as possible for community, whilst building our capacity at the same time, and with no funding to support this activity yet as we are still awaiting on funding responses from NTG and NIAA who previously funded the programs.

Currently there are 168 registered members, who have all taken out monthly registrations as we are not yet able to offer anything other until after June 2021 and pending funding.

The whole month of April has been a learning experience for the staff, with early starts and new activities introduced to support the community needs. One of our rooms has been transformed into a space for community members to get weighed, measured and a fitness plan put in place to support their health and wellbeing, including weight loss.

Our Finance department have provided support with teaching staff how to complete the financials each day and managing our database system.

***\*Easter Monday saw 50+ members attend the gym over a four hour period.***



The Speedway has started back up and the BMX Club had a race competition over the Easter weekend.

We held a meeting with the Barkly Sports Hub committee and unfortunately, it has not gained the momentum we all hope for. This committee had members elected but attendance at meetings has been very poor.

## BACKGROUND

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## ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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## BUDGET IMPLICATION

Approval of funding has been received from NTG for CCTV Security Camera's and intercom system for Safe Houses at Elliott and Ali Curung. This funding provides an increase to budget of \$56,675.00

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Elliott Library
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349527
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Ray Hocking, Elliott Area Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report on the Elliott Library**
- b) Seek applicants for the Elliott Library until the position is filled.**

### SUMMARY:

This report is to urge council to have a discussion about the Elliott Local Authority regarding changing the Elliott Library hours.

### BACKGROUND

The Elliott Library has been closed due to lack of staff. This closure now exceeds fifteen months.

To encourage applications the Director of Community Care and the Elliott Area Manager agreed in October 2021 to offer applicants flexible operating hours.

The position is advertised regularly at the council office, and also with CDP, however with numerous stakeholder positions also unfilled gaining suitable applicants is an unknown. Council will continue to advertise and work with CDP until the position is filled.

The Area Manager regularly visits the site to ensure that the free wifi provided at the library is turned on and working.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Some community members have concerns that with the radio station within the library building, the radio waves may have an adverse impact on health for library staff.

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

Use of allocated salary budget.

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Elliott Area Manager consulted with the School principal (also an Elliott L.A. Member) who agreed any opening was preferred to none.

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Elliott Alcohol Management Plan Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349525
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Ray Hocking, Elliott Area Manager

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council close item on the purchase of a card machine for Elliott as the card machine is no longer required to be purchased by the Local Authority**

### SUMMARY:

This report is an update to council from the Elliott Local Authority for their previous request for the purchase of a card machine in Elliott.

### BACKGROUND

The Elliott Local Authority proposed the purchase of a card machine to produce permits in the form of plastic cards, as Local Authority members felt the permits which are paper may be lost or damaged.

This likelihood led to the L.A. requesting council approve the purchase of a machine to provide residents with a plastic credit card type permit.

Since the card machine was initially requested by the Elliott Local Authority, the Federal Government has indicated the alcohol provisions of the Stronger Futures Act will expire on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2022, and with NT Licensing no longer issuing permits, the need for the machine no longer exists.

The Northern Barkly Alcohol Permit Committee had been working with Council and NT Licensing to establish a program where Wilyuku, Gurungu and Marlinja residents could obtain a permit which allowed them to drink alcohol in the comfort of their homes. These permits are paper in origin, and the Local Authority in consultation with NT Licensing wanted something more resilient for community members.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.



## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349735
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of April;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority May Meeting;

### SUMMARY:

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

Local Authority	Last meeting	Next Meeting	Notes
Ali Curung	May 9 <sup>th</sup> Minutes Attached	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Minutes Attached
Arlparra	June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2021	To be determined	Lack of appointed members means unable to convene
Alpururulam	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Special meeting held to allocate unspent funds.
Elliott	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Minutes not included due to meeting time so close to council meeting
Ampilatwatja	June 16 <sup>th</sup> 2021	To be determined	Members awaiting appointment, forms attached to separate report
Wutunugurra	June 8 <sup>th</sup> 2021	To be determined	Lack of appointed members means unable to convene
Tennant Creek	May 17 <sup>th</sup>		Minutes not included due to meeting time so close to council meeting

### BACKGROUND

All 4 operating local authorities met this month with Ali Curung and Alpururulam intending to hold a special meeting to allocate unspent funding before they are unable to use it anymore.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Ali Curung May LA Minutes.pdf



### OUR VISION

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

### The Way We Will Work

**We will make it happen!**

**We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.**

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

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

**We are a responsible Council.**

**We will be a responsive Council.**

**We want to empower local decision making.**

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

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

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

**We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.**

## MINUTES ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Ali Curung Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Ali Curung Council Office - Conference Room on Monday, 9 May 2022 at 1:00pm.

**Emma Bradbury**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Meeting commenced at 1:16 PM with Noel Hayes as chair.

## **1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

### **1.1 Elected Members Present**

Mayor – Jeffrey McLaughlin – via phone link

Cr Noel Hayes

Cr Derek Walker

LA Member – Cynthia Smith

LA Member – Andrew Tsavaris

LA Member – Jerry Rice

LA Member – Ned Kelly

LA Member – Cysila Rose

LA Member – Peter Corbett

### **1.2 Staff And Visitors Present**

Tim Hema – BRC

Vicky McCoy – BRC

David Lightowler – BRC

Adrian Chong – BRC

Elisabeth Storer – Centre farm

Peter Wood – Fortune Agribusiness

Fran Kilgariff – Fortune Agribusiness

Harry Price

Chloe Sullivan

### **1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted**

LA Member – Lucy Jackson

### **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 CONFIRMAITON OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

#### **MOTION**

#### **That the Authority**

- (a) Confirm and Note the previous minute's as a true and accurate record.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Cynthia Smith**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ACLA 10/22*

### **3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- (a) Receive and note the report.
- (b) Remove completed items.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ACLA 11/22*

### **4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT**

##### **MOTION**

**That Council**

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

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**Seconded: LA Member Cynthia Smith**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ACLA 12/22*

### **5. FINANCE**

#### **5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

##### **MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

##### **RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Cynthia Smith**

**Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ACLA 13/22*

*Area Manager Tim Hema raised issue of \$28,429.00 of unspent funds that needed to be committed before 31 June 2022. Cr Hayes asked the LA to consider spending this money in Murray Downs in which they agreed to. LA approved to use the money toward a secure garage to be built for the storage of the tyre machine and compressor already purchased for the community. Area Manager*

tasked with getting quotes for works. Cr Hayes advised that there will need to be a special LA meeting to approve the quote prior to sending to Council.

## 6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

### 6.1 ALI CURUNG AREA MANAGERS REPORT - MARCH - APRIL 2022

#### MOTION

That the Authority  
(a) Receive and note the report.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Cynthia Smith

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved ACLA 14/22

Area Manager Tim Hema read the report, special mention was made during the YSR report as to an incident involving community members been aggressive/abusive to BRC staff around Band equipment use. It was agreed that any further incidents regarding band equipment would result in the equipment been returned to Tennant Creek for storage until the New Recreation Hall has been built.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority  
a) Receive and note the update from the BRD team.

Due to no representation from BRD Team this will be added into the next LA Agenda

### 7.2 ALI CURUNG POLICING UPDATE.

#### MOTION

That the Authority  
(a) Receive and note the report.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Cynthia Smith

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved ACLA 15/22

OIC – Kyle Godwin gave a Policing update for Ali Curung. Special Mention was made for Cynthia Smith who recently completed her training as ALO for the Police. Cr Hayes also congratulated her on behalf of the community.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

## 9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

*Nil*

**10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

*Nil*

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

*Nil*

**12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

**12.1 VISITORS PRESENTATION - FORTUNE AGRIBUSINESS**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

(a) Receive and note the presentation.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Cynthia Smith**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ACLA 16/22*

*Peter Wood and Fran gave presentation on current situation regarding the proposed Horticulture Farm at Singleton Station.*

**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 held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Cynthia Smith**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved ACLA 17/22*

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING at 2:58PM**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Monday, 9 May 2022 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 1 June 2050.

Chair

Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer





## GENERAL BUSINESS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 16.1  
**TITLE** LGANT meeting minutes  
**REFERENCE** 349505  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receive and note the Minutes of the LGANT Annual General Meeting 2022.**

### SUMMARY:

The LGANT draft minutes from the AGM are attached

Please note that the amendment has already been requested to change the name “Denise Stokes” to “Dianne Stokes”.

### BACKGROUND

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

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### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

### CONSULTATION & TIMING


Nil

### ATTACHMENTS:

1 [1](#) 2022-04-07 GM Minutes - Draft.pdf

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**MINUTES**  
**General Meeting of LGANT**  
**Thursday 7 April 2022**  
**The Grand Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade, Darwin**



The meeting commenced at 1:00 pm.

# 1. PERSONS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

DELEGATES	
Mayor Matt Paterson	Alice Springs Town Council
Robert Jennings CEO	Alice Springs Town Council
Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin	Barkly Regional Council
Emma Bradbury CEO	Barkly Regional Council
President Adrian Dixon	Central Desert Regional Council
Councillor Cyril Tasman	Central Desert Regional Council
Leslie Manda A/CEO	Central Desert Regional Council
President Sharon Beswick	Coomalie Community Government Council
Anna Malgorzewicz CEO	Coomalie Community Government Council
Alderman Peter Pangquee	City of Darwin
Alice Percy	City of Darwin
Drosso Lelekis	City of Darwin
Chris Kelly	City of Darwin
President Lapulung Dhamarrandji	East Arnhem Regional Council
Councillor Bobby Wunungmurra	East Arnhem Regional Council
Councillor Constantine Mamarika	East Arnhem Regional Council
Dale Keehne CEO	East Arnhem Regional Council
Mayor Elisabeth Clark	Katherine Town Council
Deputy Mayor Kym Henderson	Katherine Town Council
Ingrid Stonhil CEO	Katherine Town Council
Mayor Doug Barden	Litchfield Council
Matt Salter	Litchfield Council
President Roxanne Kenny	MacDonnell Regional Council
Deputy President Dalton McDonald	MacDonnell Regional Council
Jeff MacLeod CEO	MacDonnell Regional Council
Mayor Tony Jack	Roper Gulf Regional Council
Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane	Roper Gulf Regional Council
Councillor Samuel Evans	Roper Gulf Regional Council
Marc Gardner A/CEO	Roper Gulf Regional Council
Mayor Pirrawayingi	Tiwi Islands Regional Council
Harsha Wijesinghe	Tiwi Islands Regional Council
Mayor Brian Pedwell	Victoria Daly Regional Council
Deputy Mayor Shirley Garlett	Victoria Daly Regional Council
Councillor Georgina Macleod	Victoria Daly Regional Council
Councillor Yvette Williams	Victoria Daly Regional Council
Russell Anderson CEO	Victoria Daly Regional Council
Councillor Peter Clee	Wagait Shire Council
Renita Glencross CEO	Wagait Shire Council
Mayor Matthew Ryan	West Arnhem Regional Council
Councillor Ralph Blyth	West Arnhem Regional Council

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Kim Sutton A/CEO	West Arnhem Regional Council
Mayor Ralph Narburup	West Daly Regional Council
Deputy Mayor Wilfred Harris	West Daly Regional Council
Matthew Eastham CEO	West Daly Regional Council
Andrew Everingham	West Daly Regional Council
Renae McGarvie	West Daly Regional Council
James Cartwright	West Daly Regional Council
Rebecca Fauntleroy	West Daly Regional Council

<b>GUESTS:</b>	
Mark Monaghan	Assistant Minister Territory Economic Recovery
Maree De Lacey	Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
Kym McNerney	Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
Hugh King	Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
Ethan Redshaw	Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
Nick Sloan CEO	WALGA
Kelly McManus	WALGA
Stephen Goodall	Chamber of Commerce NT
LTCOL Stephen Medlin	Australian Army North-West Mobile Force
Sharon Ryan	Local Buy
Jeaneen McLennan	Northern Land Council

<b>SPONSORS:</b>	
James Sheridan	JLT Public Sector
Regina Laurs	Statewide Super
Mick Murray	Statewide Super
Scott Mead	Mead Perry Group
John Perry	Mead Perry Group
Steve Handley	Commonwealth Bank
Dominic Natoli	Commonwealth Bank
James Cho	Commonwealth Bank
Angelo Nardi	IT Vision
Kate Peake	RDANT
Barb Shaw	RDANT

<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	
Sean Holden CEO	LGANT
Peter McLinden	LGANT
John Robins	LGANT
Sindy Chea	LGANT
Acaila Tucker	LGANT

**2. APOLOGIES**

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis	City of Darwin
Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes	Barkly Regional Council
Simone Saunders A/CEO	City of Darwin
Councillor Mark Sidey	Litchfield Council

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**RESOLUTION**

THAT delegates:

1. accept the acknowledgements from officers and delegates that they are unable to attend the meeting;
2. approve the applications from delegates for leave of absence from the meeting.

**Moved**            **Coomalie Community Government Council**  
**Seconded**      **Katherine Town Council**  
**Carried**

**3. DISTRIBUTION OF VOTING CARDS**

LGANT staff distributed voting cards to delegates.

**4. NOTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS – Nil****5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****RESOLUTION**

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 November 2022 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Moved**            **Roper Gulf Regional Council**  
**Seconded**      **Katherine Town Council**  
**Carried**

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS****RESOLUTION**

That delegates:

1. accept that the agenda provided is the agenda to be dealt with at the meeting
2. acknowledge they understand what the agenda is about
3. agree to give notice now of items to be raised in general business that are only minor or are capable of being given proper attention at the meeting
4. accept the recording of the meeting.

**Moved**            **Roper Gulf Regional Council**  
**Seconded**      **MacDonnell Regional Council**  
**Carried**

**7. DECISIONS DELEGATES ARE BEING ASKED TO MAKE THIS MEETING****7.1 LGANT 2022-2023 Draft Budget Including Member Subscriptions****RESOLUTION**

That delegates adopt the LGANT 2022-2023 draft Annual Budget and Membership Subscriptions in line with the LGANT constitution.

**Moved**            **Tiwi Islands Regional Council**  
**Seconded**      **Coomalie Community Government Council**  
**Carried**

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## 7.2 New LGANT Constitution and Incorporation

**RESOLUTION**

That delegates endorse the new LGANT Constitution and Incorporation.

**Moved** Wagait Shire Council

**Seconded** Victoria Daly Regional Council

**Carried**

**Recommendation**

Constitution to be reviewed between April and November 2022 AGM

## 7.3 Council Motion – Recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils

**RESOLUTION**

That LGANT continues to progress calls on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal controlled entity across Australia at all levels of Government. Indigenous Local Government being a Local Government Council with a majority representation of both Elected Officials and Constituency of Indigenous Australians.

**Moved** East Arnhem Regional Council

**Seconded** Victoria Daly Regional Council

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION**

That LGANT calls on the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to review their official procurement and funding guidelines to recognise and enable Indigenous Local Governments to apply for and be provided funding to help address significant social, economic, infrastructure, environmental and cultural needs.

**Moved** East Arnhem Regional Council

**Seconded** Victoria Daly Regional Council

**Carried**

**RESOLUTION**

That LGANT calls on the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to recognise the role of councils in the Northern Territory, because of their role and capacity to engage and deliver outcomes with Indigenous people, for their direct inclusion if they desire, with representation of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, in significant reform processes including the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan, Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making and the Australian Government's Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice.

**Moved** East Arnhem Regional Council

**Seconded** Victoria Daly Regional Council

**Carried**

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**7.4 Council Motion – Draft Burial and Cremation Bill – Funding of Services****RESOLUTION**

That LGANT facilitates in collaboration with member councils and the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet a Forum to update members on the draft Burial and Cremation Bill (2022) and information on proposed grant funding.  
This will also provide Councils with opportunity to seek clarification on any points of concern, Including on-going funding.

**Moved** Victoria Daly Regional Council  
**Seconded** Roper Gulf Regional Council  
**Carried**

**7.5 Council Motion – Local Government Election Voter Participation****RESOLUTIONS**

That LGANT collaborate with the NT Electoral Commission and Northern Territory Government to develop a fit-for-purpose Local Government Voter Participation Strategy and supporting resource kit for use by Territory councils to increase voter participation in Local Government Elections in time for the 2025 local government election.

**Moved** Barkly Regional Council  
**Seconded** Coomalie Community Government Council  
**Carried**

**7.6 Council Motion – Elected Member Council Allowances****RESOLUTIONS**

That LGANT:

- a) Consider options for the provision of a payroll-type service through which Councillor Allowances can be processed to meet withholding obligations including taxation.
- b) Elevate this as a discussion to the Australian Local Government Association.

**Moved** Barkly Regional Council  
**Seconded** West Arnhem Regional Council  
**Carried**

**7.7 Council Motion – Barkly Regional Council****RESOLUTIONS**

That LGANT work on behalf of local government to identify pathways to create greater alignment between legislation governing Local Government and Land Councils to improve outcomes for all Territorians.

**Moved** Barkly Regional Council  
**Seconded** Roper Gulf Regional Council  
**Carried**

**RESOLUTIONS**

That LGANT lobby for COVID Recovery Funding for Local Government to support councils meet crippling costs incurred as a result of loss of staff, project delays, extended leave and challenges in service delivery experienced as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.

**Moved** Barkly Regional Council  
**Seconded** Roper Gulf Regional Council  
**Carried**



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**8. REPORTS ON ACTIONS REQUIRED TO BE DONE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS****8.1 Council Motion – Rates Waivers to Not of Profit Organisations****Status**

The affected councils and LGANT have made it clear to the Local Government and Regional Development unit (LGRD) of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and the Department of Territory Families Housing and Communities (DTFHC) that there will be no waivers of rates to community housing providers. The LGRD are still working on the options, and this is taking longer than anticipated as TFH&C works on modelling that will show the scale, location, and pace of the transfer of public housing stock to the community housing sector, which is key information needed for the development of informed options.

The Minister and the Northern Territory Government are working on this as a priority, consistent with the principles that the policy options will address the unintended impact on councils' revenue base, as well as supporting the Government's agenda for community housing in the NT.

We were meant to have an update early in the New Year, but this has not occurred and LGANT is working with the NTG to set up a meeting to explore the options.

**8.2 Council Motion – Social Services Coordination and Social Infrastructure Planning, Prioritising and Funding****Status**

Awaiting response from Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

**8.3 Council Motion – Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan****Status**

LGANT to investigate a framework to engage with member councils to feedback through the steering committee. LGANT to continue to address the three commitments in the NT Closing the Gap Implementation Plan around procurement and employment.

**8.4 Council Motion – Status of Coomalie Shire and Region****Status**

LGANT in the process of developing the next steps in consultation with LGRD.

**8.5 Council Motion – Council Cost Index****Status**

In the past funds from the NTG were used by LGANT to appoint consultants to produce Local Government index annually. These funds have been expended. LGANT secretariat has approached the DCM&C regarding them doing this piece of work as a service to the sector given, they have all the financial statements of councils. The NTG has declined to perform this work for LGANT so it will now need to be done in-house or by a consultant.

**RESOLUTION**

That members receive and note the reports on actions required to be done from the last meeting.

<b>Moved</b>	<b>Wagait Shire Council</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Katherine Town Council</b>
<b>Carried</b>	

**9. BUSINESS WHICH ONLY REQUIRES DELEGATES TO RECEIVE AND NOTE INFORMATION****9.1 LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan****9.2 Member Engagement Project Report****9.3 Code of Conduct Panel Charter and Nomination Process for the Code of Conduct Panel****9.4 Call for a Safe Drinking Water Act and Submission on the NT Strategic Water Plan: Directions Paper****9.5 Conditional Rating of Pastoral and Mining Leases**

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**RESOLUTION**

That delegates receive and note reports 9.1 to 9.5.

<b>Moved</b>	<b>Katherine Town Council</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>East Arnhem Regional Council</b>
<b>Carried</b>	

**10. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS THAT IS NOT YET FINISHED****10.1 Council Motion – Rating of Aboriginal Land****Status**

This is a Commonwealth legislation issue that has been taken up by ALGA and we are awaiting an update.

**10.2 Council Motion – Improving Voter Turnout at Council Elections****Status**

With unspent funds from the DCM&C LGANT will conduct to a review of 2021 NT Local Government election campaign to gain lessons and strategies for the next election in 2025.

**10.3 Council Motion – Development of Emergency Management Plans****Status**

LGANT Secretariat is advocating to the National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRA) for the development of Resilience Plans for all 17 councils that would include; BCPs, Emergency Management Plans and Climate Adaptation Plans. Letter to be sent to the Hon Shane Stone AC QC, Coordinator General, NRRA.

LGANT is advocating for funding to house an Emergency Management Coordinator and for \$50M over five years for a cyclone shelter and cyclone evacuation centre construction program. The Emergency Management Coordinator would have carriage of the sourcing of funding for Emergency Management Plans for member councils.

**10.4 Fair Superannuation and Remuneration for Mayors, Presidents, Aldermen and Councillors in the Northern Territory****Status**

The Northern Territory Government is seeking to pass the Local Government Legislation Amendment (Remuneration) Bill 2022 (Serial 41) through the Northern Territory Parliament, with the next sittings due 22-24 and 29-31 March 2022.

This Bill amends the following:

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006, the Local Government Act 2019, and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

This legislation is to broaden the scope of the Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal), established under the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006, to determine allowances for members of local government councils and to enable the Tribunal to determine the allowances of members of local authorities.

Unfortunately, this new Bill does not include a direction to the Remuneration Tribunal to set the level of superannuation to be paid by councils to Elected Members, nor enforce same.



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### **10.5 Council Motion – NT Government Homelands Policy**

#### **Status**

Invite the Department Territory Families, Housing and Communities to address the Regional and Community Council Forums in April 2022 on the 2022 – 23 Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant capital funding and 2021 – 23 Homelands Program Guidelines.

### **10.6 Mandatory Training Program for Elected Members**

#### **Status**

The Local Government and Regional Development Division of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet have rolled out the first six modules of the Governance and Mandatory Training for councils.

### **10.7 Council Motion – Unreliability of Telecommunications and Internet Services in Regional and Remote Areas**

#### **Status**

Telstra will present at the April LGANT Mayors/Presidents Forum.

LGANT to include the issue of unreliability of telecommunications and internet services in regional and remote areas as a Federal Election advocacy issue.

### **10.8 Behavioural Issues in Communities**

#### **Status**

LGANT has included advocacy for the funding of \$150M towards the Alice Springs Regeneration Plan in the Federal Pre-Budget Submission and the NT Pre-Budget Submissions.

LGANT, through ALGA, with other state associations, has applied for funding to the Commonwealth Government employ a Domestic Violence Project Officer.

### **10.9 Council Motion – Closing the Gap**

#### **Status**

Secretariat to update Policy Manual (Policy Statements) by June 2022 including a review of the principles, partnerships, priority areas and actions within the National Agreement on Closing the Gap signed July 2020.

### **10.10 Council Motion – Amalgamation and De-amalgamation of Councils**

#### **Status**

At the last meeting of the Transition Committee Groote Eylandt LDM Agreement the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement Local Government - Financial Assessment Report was considered along with the Deloitte Project Archipelago Financial Assessment Report Review.

### **10.11 Council Motion – Review of the Local Decision-Making Policy Framework**

#### **Status**

Awaiting the review report from the Northern Territory government.

### **10.12 Council Motion – Inquiry into Homelessness in Australia**

#### **Status**

No further action required.

### **10.13 Local Authority Desktop Review**

#### **Status**

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The Local Government and Regional Development Division of DCM&C have concluded their Desktop Review with findings were forwarded to all councils 10 March 2022. Councils have been given the opportunity to provide feedback prior to the final report being submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

### 10.14 ALGA Federal Election Advocacy

#### Status

ALGA has supplied LGANT with a "how to" guide including tips for taking photos, short videos and adapting their "Don't Leave Local Communities Behind" campaign collateral to include local images and projects.

### 10.15 Council Motion – Economic Development and Land Availability

#### Status

LGANT President and CEO to meet with Mr Dick Guit for an update.

#### RESOLUTION

THAT delegates receive and note the reports on business from previous meetings that are not yet finished.

<b>Moved</b>	<b>Roper Gulf Regional Council</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Coomalie Community Government Council</b>
<b>Carried</b>	

## 11. BUSINESS NOT YET FINISHED BUT INACTIVE

<b>11.1</b>	Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples
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#### RESOLUTION

THAT delegates receive and note the reports on business from previous meetings that is not yet finished but inactive.

<b>Moved</b>	<b>Central Desert Regional Council</b>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Katherine Town Council</b>
<b>Carried</b>	

## 12. MEMBER QUESTIONS

**12.1 With Notice – Nil**

**12.2 Without Notice – Nil**

## 13. COMPLETED BUSINESS

<b>13.1</b>	2021 Local Government Elections
<b>13.2</b>	Cost of Delivering Services to Remote Communities
<b>13.3</b>	Remote Sports Program – Implementation of Forum
<b>13.4</b>	City of Palmerston Resignation from LGANT
<b>13.5</b>	LGANT Constitution and Incorporation
<b>13.6</b>	Local Government 2030 Strategy Steering Group
<b>13.7</b>	Council Motion – NT Government Employment Housing

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<b>13.8</b>	Submission to the Inquiry into Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence
<b>13.9</b>	5G Access Rights and Responsibilities
<b>13.10</b>	Council Motion – Accountability for the Management of Invasive Weeds
<b>13.11</b>	National Recovery and Resilience Agency – National Futures Map 2025 Project Update

**ACTION****RESOLUTION**

THAT delegates approve the items of completed business be removed from the General Meeting agenda for the next meeting.

**Moved** East Arnhem Regional Council  
**Seconded** Coomalie Community Regional Council  
**Carried**

**14. GENERAL BUSINESS****14.1 Sun Cable****RESOLUTION**

LGANT to convene a meeting with Sun Cable to discuss route, proposed start date, etc.

**Moved** Coomalie Community Government Council  
**Seconded** Katherine Town Council  
**Carried**

**15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – Nil****16. NEXT MEETING**

The next LGANT General Meeting will be held on a date in November 2022 in Darwin.

**17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

There being no more business, the Chair closed the meeting at 4:35 PM.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	16.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Barkly final individual council report 2021 Local Government elections
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349517
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Millicent Rushwaya, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- a) **Receive and note the report from Northern Territory Electoral Commission report finding.**
- b) Does not allocate resources to fining or pursuing non-voters.
- c) Support proactive strategies to increase voter participation in the Barkly Region in the future.

### SUMMARY:

This report contains the final report from NTEC regarding the 2021 local government elections.

### BACKGROUND

The NTEC has finalised the report for the Northern Territory Electoral Commission. This contains finalised reports of draft information Council has received in the past- particularly non-voter information.

The full report is attached for council's information.

Previously, at the November 2021 meeting council resolved to write a letter to the Hon. Chancey Paech MLA regarding why the fine was reduced down to \$25, and what to do to increase voter turnout in the region. The response from the minister was that the NTEC was conducting a review of the election, whose outcome may result in reform.

### ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

### BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

### CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

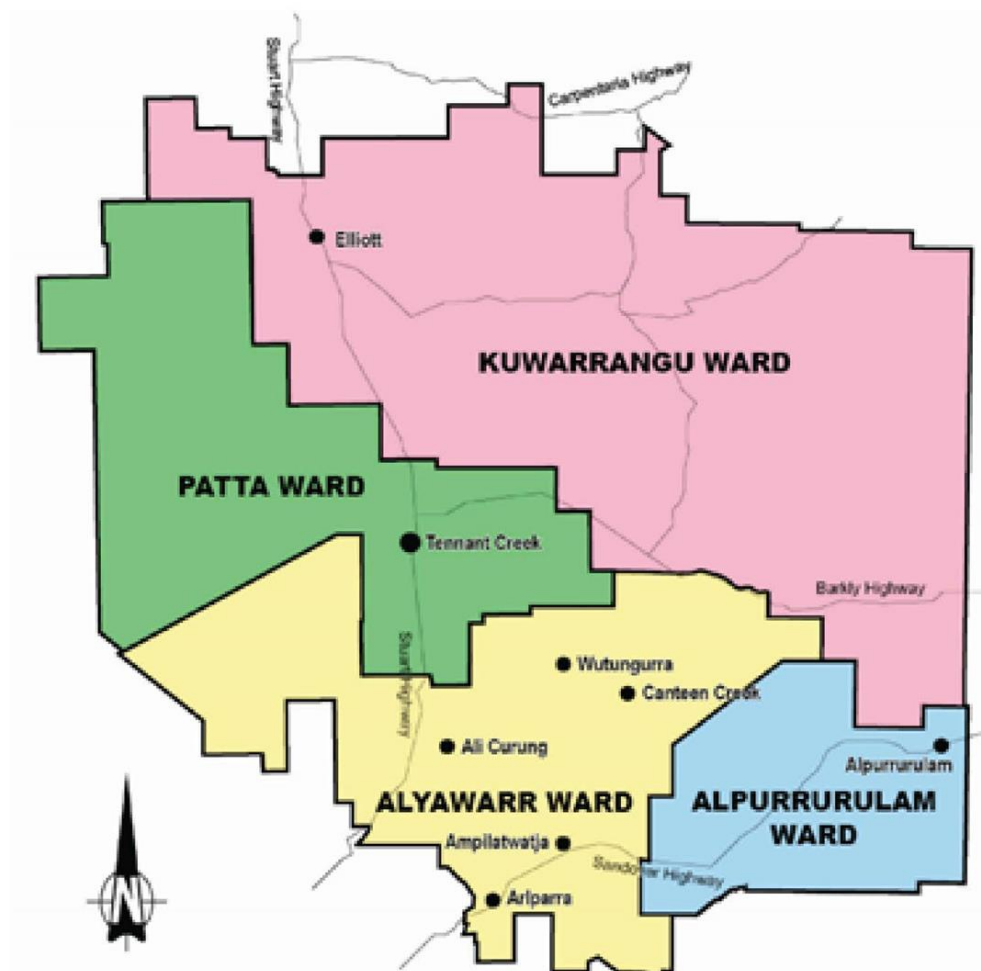
### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Barkly Regional Council report 2021 v1-1.pdf](#)



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## Barkly Regional Council Election Report



## 2021 Local Government Elections - Barkly Regional Council report

**NTEC version control****2021 Local Government Elections - Barkly Regional Council report**

Version Number	Purpose/change	Author	Date
1.0	Final version approved by K. Kelly	K. Kelly NTEC	08/02/2022
1.1	Addition of version control Removal of blank page	M. O'Brien	12/04/22

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## 2021 Local Government Elections - Barkly Regional Council report



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**Election timetable****2021 Local Government Elections****28 August 2021**

Date	Time	
Friday 16 July		Nominations open
Tuesday 27 July	5:00 pm	Electoral roll closes
Thursday 5 August	12:00 noon	Nominations close
Friday 6 August	12:00 noon	Declaration of nominations, draw for position on ballot papers
Monday 9 August		Postal vote mail-out commences
Monday 16 August	8:00 am	Early voting commences
		Mobile voting commences
Tuesday 24 August	6:00 pm	Overseas postal voting despatches cease
Thursday 26 August	6:00 pm	All postal voting despatches cease
Friday 27 August	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases
Saturday 28 August	6:00 pm	Primary counts of postal, mobile and early votes commence
		<b>Election day</b>
	8:00 am	Election day voting commences
	6:00 pm	Election day voting ceases
		Mobile voting ceases
		Primary counts of ordinary, postal and early votes commence
Monday 30 August	9:00 am	Declaration vote verification checks, commence recheck of all counts
Thursday 2 September	9:00 am	Primary counts of accepted declaration votes, further postal counts
Friday 10 September	12:00 noon	Deadline for receipt of postal votes
		Final counts of postal votes commence
	6:00 pm	Distribution of preferences
Monday 13 September	10:00 am	Declaration of the election result

Correct as at 22 November 2021



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**BACKGROUND****Elections**

Election day for the 2021 Local Government Elections was Saturday 28 August. Local government general elections in the Northern Territory cover 17 local government areas and include 60 separate elections for 159 positions. For Barkly Regional Council, there were 5 elections: one for mayor, and one for each of the 4 wards:

- Alpururulam Ward – 1 councillor
- Alyawarr Ward – 4 councillors
- Kuwarrangu Ward – 2 councillors
- Patta Ward – 5 councillors.

**Legislation**

This was the first general election under the new *Local Government Act 2019* (which commenced 1 July 2021), with further electoral legislative and regulations changes included in amendments passed in May and June 2021.

The key changes relating to local government elections resulting from these amendments are:

- Changes to declaration voting that allows electors who turn up at a voting centre, but are not enrolled (or are enrolled for an interstate address) to still cast a vote that can be admitted to the count. The declaration envelope acts as an enrolment form which is forwarded to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for processing. If the person is able to be enrolled, their vote is added to the count. Previously, declaration votes would result in updated enrolments, but their ballot papers would not be included in the count.
- Financial disclosure requirements were simplified so that only candidates who receive reportable donations and loans are required to complete a return, and disclosure timeframes were generally aligned to those in the *Electoral Act 2004*. (The financial disclosure requirements do not come into effect until 1 July 2022, so were not relevant to the 2021 Local Government Elections.)
- Other amendments included changes to the election timetable and nomination requirements.

**Service Charter**

The service charter (one document for all councils) provided an overview of service commitments and associated standards that councils could expect from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC). The charter also described how councils could assist in the delivery of the elections and thereby offset some of their costs. These are detailed in individual service level agreements that the NTEC had with each council.

**Service Level Agreement**

As part of its service level agreement signed 17 June 2021, Barkly Regional Council opted to provide or facilitate the following for its elections:

- voting services in agreed council delivery centres from 23 August 2021 to 27 August 2021
- council staff and premises for the council delivery centres
- council staff training including the requirement to provide council delivery centre managers face-to-face training in Alice Springs by NTEC
- delivery and return to communities of election materials and ballot papers in a secure and safe manner
- security of used and unused ballot papers, ballot boxes, and netbook machines
- mobile voting to minor communities if required in conjunction with NTEC

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- council owned accommodation (if required) and voting premises at no cost
- promotion of the election through social media and council sites throughout the council area
- receive and forward nominations to the NTEC for official processing

All other electoral services were provided by the NT Electoral Commission.

**BOUNDARY CHANGES**

There were no boundary or representative structure changes as a result of the representation review of Barkly Regional Council conducted prior to the election.

**ENROLMENT**

At the close of the electoral roll on Tuesday 27 July at 5:00pm there was a total of 4,072 electors enrolled in the Barkly Regional Council. This was a 4.7 per cent decrease in enrolment from the previous local government general elections in 2017. The enrolment numbers per ward were as follows:

- Alpururulam Ward – 181 (down from 214 in 2017)
- Alyawarr Ward – 1,555 (down from 1602 in 2017)
- Kuwarrangu Ward – 449 (down from 487 in 2017)
- Patta Ward – 1,887 (down from 1,961 in 2017)

**PUBLIC AWARENESS****Campaign overview**

The public awareness campaign for the 2021 Local Government Elections was implemented in two broad phases. The first phase focused on awareness and enrolment. The second was a call to action for all eligible Territorians to vote.

The roll out of the public awareness campaign for the 2021 Local Government Elections commenced on 21 June and continued through until the declaration of the results on 13 September 2021. Social media was the primary channel used to promote the election Territory wide. Television, radio, digital and print media were also integral parts of the media mix.

In-language radio, TV and social media content was also created to promote the election throughout remote areas and communities in the Territory. Based on recommendations from the Aboriginal Interpreter Service and Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia, content was developed in 9 Aboriginal languages which were geo-targeted to the regions where the languages are spoken.

Broadly understood Aboriginal languages such as Kriol and Arrernte were used right across the northern and southern parts to the Territory respectively to ensure that content developed in at least one relevant language other than English was available Territory wide.

**Website**

The website for the 2021 Local Government Elections was launched early June and provided comprehensive information for candidates and electors. The site was designed to be the primary source of information for voters about enrolment and voting options, times and locations and results.

For candidates, the site provided information about nominating, campaigning, voting and scrutineering processes.

The following table shows website engagement for the election period (21 June through to 13 September) as well as specific Barkly Regional Council results and information page engagement, prior to and post election day.

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<b>Total website page views</b>	<b>865,814</b>
Barkly mayor results page views	4,786
Barkly councillor results page views (all wards)	4,882
Barkly list of mayoral candidates	917
Barkly list of councillor candidates (all wards)	1,949
Other Barkly content related page views	4,454
<b>Total Barkly content related page views</b>	<b>16,988</b>

## Newsletters



A total of 10 election specific newsletters were emailed to stakeholders including councils and candidates, from 28 May through to 9 September. The newsletters kept stakeholders up to date with topics ranging from nomination information through to details of vote counting. The newsletters were also available on the NTEC website and links were shared on the NTEC's Facebook page.

## Advertising – radio, television, social media

NTEC branded advertisements of 15 seconds were developed for radio, television and social media. The advertisements carried simple, concise messages such as: 'check your enrolment', 'are you correctly enrolled?', 'early voting has started', and 'vote now'.

All advertisements promoted the NTEC website as the prime source of information for electors to 'find out more'.

These advertisements were also translated into 9 Aboriginal languages and broadcast on the CAAMA, Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia, Yolngu Radio and TEABBA radio networks throughout the Territory.

In-language versions were also broadcast on Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia TV and ICTV channels and were geo-targeted to their respective language areas on social media.

The stock advertisements were run on social media in conjunction with a series of video logs (vlogs) featuring well-known Territorians such as Charlie King, who promoted key election messages on behalf of the NTEC.

A number of social media advertisements were developed in collaboration with Bellette Media featuring Territorians raising awareness about the elections.

Facebook engagement statistics show that the vlog format advertisements proved highly successful. In total, 8 of the 42 social media advertisements were produced in either a vlog or light-hearted format. Those 8 advertisements accounted for 152,988 video views from the campaign total of 377,810 views.

English language radio advertisements were broadcast on Hot 100 and Mix-FM stations in the Top End and Sun FM and 8HA in Central Australia.

English language television ads were broadcast on Channel 7, Channel 9 and Imparja networks. Placement of the ads was focused on 'event' TV, or high-rating programs and popular sports such as AFL and NRL matches.

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**Direct digital and print advertising**

With a large decline in print media options since the 2017 general elections, newspaper advertising for the 2021 Local Government Elections was largely restricted to statutory advertising requirements as prescribed under the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations 2021. These advertisements ran in the NT News as the Territory's primary, widely-circulated newspaper.

However, further publications with a digital presence such as Alice Springs News Online, Tennant Creek and District Times and Katherine Times were also engaged for location targeted aspects of the campaign.

Direct digital advertising placements on millennial, tech-savvy platforms such as EA Games and NewsXtend, proved highly successful in terms of campaign awareness.

From 92,893 video impressions served on EA Games, a view through rate of 89.9 per cent was achieved, or put another way, there were 83,486 complete through plays of the two, 15 second ads run across the campaign.

The NewsXtend platform also served 298,501 impressions Territory-wide and achieved 30,805 fully played video views of awareness advertisements.

The following tables outline relevant statistics for different advertising channels and platforms.

**Television**

Network	Dates aired	Number of advertisements
Channel 7 Darwin	04/07/2021 – 28/08/2021	202
<b>Channel 7 Central</b>		<b>228</b>
Channel 9		78
<b>Imparja</b>		<b>127</b>
<b>ICTV</b>		<b>120</b>
<b>ABA</b>		<b>124</b>
<b>Bold:</b> Channels aired throughout Barkly Regional Council area		<b>Total</b>
		<b>879</b>

**Radio**

Network	Dates aired	Number of advertisements
Hot 100	04/07/2021 – 28/08/2021	158
Mix FM		157
CAAMA		168
TEABBA		109
ABA		141
Yolngu Radio		104
Sun FM		104
8HA		104
Bold: Channels aired throughout Barkly Regional Council area		Total 1,045

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**Social Media**

Campaign	Reach	Impressions	Click through rate
<b>2021 Local Government Elections – overall</b>	168,472	2,825,293	1.07%*
<b>Barkly geo-targeted ads#</b>	28,584	129,843	1.2%

\*Industry standard 0.89%

#Includes only ads targeted to run in Central Australia, which included the Barkly Regional Council area. Includes in language ads run in Warlpiri and Arrernte. Does not include Territory wide targeted ads

**Call centre**

A call centre was established on Monday 2 August and ran until 6:00, Saturday 28 August, election day. Staff assisted electors with a variety of enquiries related to the election during this period.

Enquiry type	Enquiry numbers
Total phone calls	1,522
Emails to ntec@nt.gov.au	261
Front counter	88
Formal complaints	43

**Street banners**

The NTEC placed large banners of 8 metres x one metre in high traffic locations around Tennant Creek to promote awareness of the 2021 Local Government Elections.

The following table details where and when those banners were located and what message they carried.

Banner location	Message	Display dates
Bluestone Motor Inn	ENROL TO VOTE	12/07 – 26/07
	VOTE EARLY NOW	09/08 – 23/08
	VOTE SATURDAY	23/08 – 28/08
Eldorado Motor Inn	ENROL TO VOTE	12/07 – 26/07
	VOTE EARLY NOW	09/08 – 23/08
	VOTE SATURDAY	23/08 – 28/08

**Candidate information sessions**

The Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT) contacted every council to offer candidate information sessions which the NTEC would also present at. There were no candidate information sessions held for Barkly Regional Council, but online resources for candidates were available from both LGANT and NTEC.

**Email and SMS**

Electors who have provided either their mobile phone number or email address or both are able to be contacted directly by the NTEC. Those electors in the Barkly Regional Council area received 4 messages before election day, 28 August. Details of those messages were:

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Message	No. of emails sent	Date sent	No. of SMS sent	Date sent
Enrolment	697	19-07-2021	954	22-07-2021
Voting suspended (COVID-19)	43*	16-08-2021	887	16-08-2021
Vote now, early voting (post lockdown)	634	19-08-2021	672 (Tennant Creek)	23-08-2021
Community specific message sent 2 days before remote team visit			138	21-08-2021 – 24-08-2021
Last day/s to vote#	340	26-08-2021	357	28-08-2021
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,714</b>		<b>3,008</b>	

\*Sent only if no SMS contact and if elector had not already voted

#Sent only to electors who had not yet voted

### Other promotional activities

The NTEC hosted stalls on the show circuit promoting the upcoming 2021 Local Government Elections in Katherine and Darwin only. Stalls were ready to be run in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek but these shows were cancelled due to a COVID-19 lockdown.

## VOTING SERVICES

### Nominations

Nominations opened Friday 16 July and closed on Thursday 5 August at 12:00 noon. For Barkly Regional Council, there were a total of 19 accepted nominations for 12 council vacancies and 4 nominations for mayor. One nomination for Kuwarrangu Ward was rejected due to not being enrolled in the council area.

The declaration of nominations was held at the NTEC's Central Australia election office at the Arid Zone Research Institute, 519 Stuart Hwy, Kilgariff. The event was attended by candidates, the general public and council representatives. A random number generator selected the ballot paper position for each candidate and results were uploaded onto the NTEC website and Facebook page as soon as the draw was completed.

### Barkly Regional Council – summary of accepted nominations/candidates

<b>Mayor (1 vacancy)</b>	Russell O'DONNELL
	Brian COLEMAN
	Jeffrey MCLAUGHLIN
	Hal RUGER

Ward	Nominations
<b>Alpururulam Ward (1 vacancy)</b>	Pam CORBETT



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<b>Alyawarr Ward (2 vacancies)</b>	Derek WALKER
	Noel HAYES
	Anita BAILEY
	Jack CLUB
	Lucy JACKSON

<b>Kuwarnangu Ward (2 vacancies)</b>	Lennie BARTON
	Kevin Raymond GASKIN
	Sharon BILL
	Heather WILSON

<b>Patta 5 Vacancies</b>	Ronald PLUMMER
	Brian COLEMAN
	Catherine GRIMLEY
	Russell O'DONNELL
	Karan HAYWARD
	Kelly WHITE
	Dianne Seri STOKES
	Hal RUGER
	Greg MARLOW

**Electronic mark-off**

An electronic voter mark-off system is now used in all voting centres across the Northern Territory. The system records when someone has voted anywhere in the NT in real time. Where there is no internet coverage, each netbook stores the voter mark off information until such time as there is internet coverage which allows the netbooks to synchronise and send the information to NTEC offices.

Voting centres are issued paper copies of the certified lists as an emergency backup option in case of complete failure of the electronic mark off system.

The system also prevents multiple voting, as a voter who is marked off electronically in one voting centre or who has completed a postal vote will appear in all voting centres as already voted.

**ELECTION**

At the close of nominations the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies in the Alpururulam Ward, therefore an election was not required for this ward.

**Council delivery centres**

Within the Barkly Regional Council area, early voting services were offered over four days across 5 council delivery centres. The table below shows the location of the council delivery centre and the number of votes issued at each one.

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**Council delivery centre statistics – Barkly Regional Council**

Location	Votes issued
Ali Curung	126
Alpururulam	75
Ampilatwatja	32
Elliott	131
Wutunugurra	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>459</b>

**Early voting**

Within the Northern Territory, early voting services were offered for two weeks (from Monday 16 August to Friday 27 August) at 7 early voting centres, and for one week at the Tennant Creek early voting centre (Monday 23 August to Friday 27 August). However, from 12 noon, Monday 16 August to 12 noon, Thursday 19 August, early voting was suspended Territory wide due to a COVID lockdown. To offset the loss of service to electors, early voting times were extended. The table below shows those early voting centres (EVCs) that issued votes to Barkly Regional Council electors.

**Early voting statistics – Barkly Regional Council**

Location	Votes issued
Alice Springs EVC	30
Casuarina EVC	3
Coolalinga EVC	1
Darwin EVC	1
Katherine EVC	4
Palmerston EVC	1
Tennant Creek EVC	601
Yarrowonga EVC	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>646</b>

**Remote mobile voting**

Remote mobile voting teams visited 12 communities in the Barkly Regional Council area. The teams issued 55 votes.

**Mobile voting – urban institutions**

Mobile voting teams visited the Tennant Creek Hospital, Pulkapulka Kari Nursing Home and Barkly Work Camp. These teams issued 3 votes to Barkly Regional Council electors.

**Postal voting**

All electors have the option to postal vote. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, postal voting services were provided to all residents of urban aged care facilities (rather than in-house mobile voting as provided previously) throughout the Territory. As Australia Post could not guarantee the delivery and return of postal votes to overseas addresses within the legislated timeframes, due to the impact of COVID-19 on international flights, no postal votes were sent overseas. The table below provides further details about postal votes for Barkly Regional Council electors.



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**Postal voting statistics – Barkly Regional Council**

Description	Number
Number of postal vote applications received	166
Number of postal votes issued	149
Number of postal vote applications rejected	17
Number of postal votes returned	116
Number of postal votes added to the count	66
Number of postal votes rejected	50

The reasons for rejecting postal vote applications were:

- multiple applications received from same the elector (14)
- postal address overseas (2)
- application received too late (1)

The reasons for rejecting returned postal votes were:

- vote received too late (24)
- ordinary vote issued (i.e. elector marked off as having voted in person) (10)
- postal vote not signed (9)
- return to sender (6)
- postal vote dated too late (1)

**Declaration votes**

A person who cannot be found on the electoral roll, but is entitled to vote, can be issued with a declaration vote after completing and signing a declaration envelope. Their ballot paper is placed in the envelope and a scrutiny of all declaration envelopes commences the day after election day.

Legislative amendments passed in May 2021 created a savings provision that allows eligible electors who are unenrolled at the close of roll date, a chance for their vote to be admitted to the count. During the declaration scrutiny process, all declaration envelopes are forwarded to the AEC and eligible electors are added to the roll using the envelope as an enrolment form. Where voters are unable to be enrolled, their declaration vote is rejected.

For Barkly Regional Council the table below shows the declaration votes admitted to the count and those rejected.

**Declaration vote statistics – Barkly Regional Council**

Accepted	Rejected	Total
79	5	84

The reason for rejecting the declaration votes was because 3 electors were enrolled for a different local government area to the one they completed the ballot paper for. Electors must vote for the area they are enrolled in at the close of electoral roll, even if they have since moved to another NT address. A further 2 declaration votes were not signed.

**Election day voting centres**

Election day was Saturday 28 August 2021. For the Barkly Regional Council area, there was one election day voting centre in Tennant Creek which was open from 8:00am to 6:00pm. This voting centre issued votes for all council areas.

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## Election day voting statistics – Barkly Regional Council

Election day voting centre	Location	Votes taken
Tennant Creek	Barkly Regional Council Chambers, Peko Rd	344*

\*includes declaration votes issued

## Participation

Turnout for the Barkly Regional Council election (based on mayoral ballot papers counted) was 41.3% with 1,680 electors voting out of a total enrolment figure of 4,072. The turnout rate was less than the previous elections in 2017 where the council had a turnout rate of 49.9% (2,128 electors out of 4,264 enrolled).

Turnout across the 3 wards that had elections was varied. Alyawarr Ward had a turnout rate of 25.0% (388 electors out of 1,555), Kuwarrangu Ward had 43.7% (196 electors out of 449) and Patta Ward had 54.2% (1,022 electors out of 1,887).

Comparatively, at the 2017 NT Council Elections, Kuwarrangu Ward had a turnout rate of 42.3% and Patta Ward was 60.8% (Alyawarr Ward did not go to election that year).

The following table details the total number of vote types for those votes admitted to the count.

## Number of votes counted by voting centre type – Barkly Regional Council

Voting centre	Number of votes counted	% of total votes
Council delivery centres	459	27.3%
Remote and urban mobile voting	58	3.5%
Tennant Creek EVC	601	35.8%
Tennant Creek election day voting centre*	318	18.9%
Postal voting	66	3.9%
Declaration voting	79	4.7%
Absent voting	99	5.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Staffed by and treated as a remote mobile team for NTEC purposes

## Non-voters

There were 2,464 identified non-voters across the council area. The table below shows the age and gender demographics of these non-voters.

## Non-voter statistics – Barkly Regional Council

Gender	18-29 years	30-49 years	50-69 years	70+ years	Total
<b>Female</b>	251	537	309	120	<b>1,217</b>
<b>Male</b>	247	585	310	103	<b>1,245</b>
<b>Gender undisclosed</b>	2				<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2,464</b>

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**Informality**

Of the 1,680 ballot papers counted for mayor, 81 were considered informal and so not counted. This is an informality rate of 4.8%. For each of the wards, the informality rates for the councillor elections were:

- Alyawarr Ward – 5.7%
- Kuwarrangu Ward – 6.6%
- Patta Ward – 8.3%

**Informal vote statistics – Barkly Regional Council**

Location	Intentional	Unintentional	Total
Mayor	49	32	<b>81</b>
Alyawarr Ward	12	10	<b>22</b>
Kuwarrangu Ward	8	5	<b>13</b>
Patta Ward	61	24	<b>85</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>201</b>

**Voting system**

The voting system for local government elections is proportional representation (PR):

- Electors must number all the boxes on their ballot paper sequentially starting with the number one for their first choice.
- First preference votes for each candidate on formal ballot papers are counted, then a quota is calculated.
- The quota is calculated using the following formula: (total number of formal votes / (number of vacancies + 1)) + 1.
- The candidates with votes equal to or greater than the quota are elected. If all vacancies are filled, the election is complete.
- If not, preferences are distributed to the other candidates until all vacancies have been filled.

To learn more about the PR system, go to the vote counting page on the NTEC website.

**Vote counting – election night**

Vote counting began immediately after the close of voting at 6:00 pm on election day. A count of first preference votes for mayor and councillor was undertaken at the Tennant Creek election day voting centre. First preference votes cast at the Tennant Creek early voting centre were also counted on the night. Votes issued by council delivery centres and mobile teams were counted at the Alice Springs scrutiny centre.

**Post-election night scrutinies**

- A count of postal votes returned by election day were counted followed by a re-check of first preferences for the mayor vacancy was conducted during the week following election day. Counts of declaration and postal votes returned during the counting period were undertaken over the 13 days following election day.
- As the mayoral position was a single-vacancy election, all counts were done manually.
- Votes received for the councillor vacancies were entered into an electronic count system that the NTEC uses to count votes using proportional representation (Easy count). All votes are then re-entered for verification purposes.

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- Using this system alleviates the need to undertake a fresh re-check of ballot papers as each paper is entered and verified by two different data operators.
- Following the deadline for the receipt of postal votes at 12 noon on Friday 10 September, a distribution of preferences for the Barkly mayor was required as the leading candidate did not secure more than 50 per cent of the first preference votes. This count was done manually. The distribution of preferences for the councillor positions was conducted electronically using the Easy Count software.

### ELECTION OUTCOMES

There were 4 candidates for the mayor vacancy and 19 candidates contesting 12 councillor vacancies. The successful candidates and first preference votes received are detailed in the tables below.

#### Election of mayor

At the close of nominations there were 4 candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

Candidate	First preference votes
Russell O'Donnell	310
Brian Coleman	123
Jeffrey McLaughlin	772
Hal Ruger	394
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,599</b>

The number of votes required to win as per the preferential voting system (more than half) was 800, which no candidate received.

Following the distribution of preferences, and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations, **Jeffrey McLaughlin** was duly elected as mayor.

#### Election of 1 councillor – Alpururulam Ward

At the close of nominations the number of candidates was not more than the number of vacancies and **Pam CORBETT** was duly declared elected.

#### Election of 4 councillors – Alyawarr Ward

At the close of nominations there were 5 candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

Candidate	First preference votes
Derek WALKER	97
Noel HAYES	84
Anita BAILEY	81
Jack CLUB	56
Lucy JACKSON	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>

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The quota required under the proportional representation voting system was 74. Following the distribution of preferences, and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations, the results were as follows:

- **Derek WALKER, Noel HAYES and Anita BAILEY** received the quota at count 1
- **Jack CLUB** received the quota at count 4

**Derek WALKER, Noel HAYES, Anita BAILEY and Jack CLUB** were duly elected.

#### Election of 2 councillors – Kuwarrangu Ward

At the close of nominations there were 4 candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

Candidate	First preference votes
Lennie BARTON	104
Kevin Raymond GASKIN	25
Sharon BILL	13
Heather WILSON	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>

The quota required under the proportional representation voting system was 62. Following the distribution of preferences, and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations, the results were as follows:

- **Lennie BARTON** received the quota at count 1
- **Heather WILSON** received the quota at count 3

**Lennie BARTON and Heather WILSON** were duly elected.

#### Election of 5 councillors – Patta Ward

At the close of nominations there were 9 candidates. An election was duly held and the first preference votes were recorded as follows:

Candidate	First preferences
Ronald PLUMMER	169
Brian COLEMAN	43
Catherine GRIMLEY	9
Russell O'DONNELL	115
Karan HAYWARD	96
Kelly WHITE	16
Dianne Seri STOKES	199
Hal RUGER	165
Greg MARLOW	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>937</b>

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The quota required under the proportional representation voting system was 157. Following the distribution of preferences, and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Local Government (*Electoral*) Regulations, the results were as follows:

- **Dianne Seri STOKES, Ronald PLUMMER and Hal RUGER** received the quota at count 1
- **Russell O'DONNELL** received the quota at count 15
- **Greg MARLOW** received the quota at count 23

**Dianne Seri STOKES, Ronal PLUMMER, Hal RUGER, Russell O'DONNELL and Greg MARLOW** were duly elected.

### Declaration of the election results

The declaration of election results took place at the Central Desert Regional Council on Bagot St, Alice Springs at 10:00am on Monday 13 September 2021.

### Declared election results for Barkly Regional Council

<b>Mayor</b>	Jeffrey MCLAUGHLIN
<b>Alpururulam Ward</b>	Pam CORBETT
<b>Alyawarr Ward</b>	Derek WALKER Noel HAYES Anita BAILEY Jack CLUB
<b>Kuwurrangu Ward</b>	Lennie BARTON Heather WILSON
<b>Patta Ward</b>	Dianne Seri STOKES Ronald PLUMMER Hal RUGER Russell O'DONNELL Greg MARLOW

A copy of the full distribution of preferences is available on the 2021 Local Government Elections [results page](#) of the website.

### ELECTION COSTS

#### Estimate of cost – Barkly Regional Council

<b>Election area</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
Public awareness	\$9,219
Staffing	\$44,647
Operational	\$38,368
Sub total	\$92,234
10% GST	\$9,223
<b>Total estimated cost</b>	<b>\$101,457</b>

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**Actual cost – Barkly Regional Council**

<b>Election area</b>	<b>Actual cost</b>
Public awareness	\$5,855
Staffing	\$33,163
Operational	\$8,747
Sub total	\$47,765
10% GST	\$4,776
<b>Total actual cost</b>	<b>\$52,542</b>

**POST ELECTION DE-BRIEF**

- A de-brief session of the election activities and outcomes took place between Barkly Regional Council and NTEC on 30 September where the council noted it would be willing to provide similar assistance in future election events.
- The council also noted that it did not feel that they, nor NTEC, could do anything further to provide voting opportunities and increase participation. However, it was noted that remote stores and other well-attended facilities in communities might make more effective voting centre locations. Barkly Regional Council also noted it would like to see voting centres open at 10.00am and remain for one or 2 days in larger communities rather than the period offered during this election.
- The council did however want to see awareness and advertising (on the ground) in the lead up to elections. They also suggested that candidate specific awareness and/or training would be beneficial for the candidates and might have a positive impact on voter awareness and turnout. The council found that some candidates lacked an understanding of their responsibilities and some did not provide enough contact details (with their nomination) to be able to maintain effective communication or for voters to find out more about them.
- Barkly Regional Council also held an internal debriefing following the election and provided NTEC with a copy of the minutes where they noted the following:
  - The council delivery centre and shared resourcing model helped to reduce overall election costs for the council
  - Need to increase the awareness of voting times and locations communities, outstations and stations. There was an increase in voting once council staff used social media to help promote the voting times and locations.
  - Consider reducing voting timeframe from 4 days to one or 2 days, and hold a BBQ at the voting centres in community to promote voter turnout
  - Training for council delivery centre staff to be more practical and hands-on, where staff can use the systems and materials in scenario based contexts.
  - Consider training opportunities for candidates to include information about early voting, scrutineers and protocols for visiting communities.
  - Consider mobile voting location options in Queensland, as well as extending the public awareness campaign to cover certain areas. For example a rodeo in Mount Isa took many people away from their communities.
  - Consider adding Marlinja to the mobile voting schedule.

**ISSUES OF NOTE**

- Early voting was provided over a two week period in most urban local government locations throughout the Northern Territory. The Barkly Regional Council requested to deliver early voting services in Tennant Creek for a 5 day period from 23 August to 27 August 2021. A total of 601 votes were cast during this period as compared to a 1,251



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voter turnout in the 2020 Territory Election 12 months earlier. With a low voter turnout in the Barkly Regional Council area, a longer early voting period may need to be considered in future electoral events.

- Connectivity issues were experienced in a number of voting locations, however systems can be used in an offline mode with data being uploaded when connectivity resumes. In one council delivery centre a discrepancy was found between the number of votes marked off compared to the number of ballot papers counted, with the amount issued being considerably lower than the number counted. After an investigation by NTEC, it was concluded that the ballot papers were likely to have been issued without the voter being marked-off due to connectivity issues. The ability to mark-off voters while in offline mode will need to be reinforced during future training for council delivery centres. Certified lists are also available should the system not be available, and these were used in Elliott.
- Feedback on the planning and delivery of remote mobile voting services provided by Department of Local Government and Regional Development staff suggested that the voting schedules attempted to visit too many communities within the day and not enough time was dedicated to each community.
- Complaints were received via the Department of Local Government and Regional Development staff from the public querying the advertised scheduling of community voting periods. It was unknown to the NTEC that some scheduling adjustments had occurred with changes to community voting days and times. Unfortunately this resulted in the NTEC website and social media advising of incorrect voting times.
- Identifying and obtaining suitable qualified casual staff to undertake electoral functions in early and election day voting centres in Tennant Creek was again a major issue for NTEC. Prior to the next election alternative recruitment strategies will need to be considered.
- The NTEC periodically placed a returning officer in Tennant Creek to facilitate various election milestones and provide remote mobile voting leadership and election day functions including election night count and scrutiny. This officer returned to Alice Springs post-election day to assist in post-election Barkly Regional Council scrutinies.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Council to consider providing early voting services in Tennant Creek for a minimum of 2 weeks.
- NTEC to consider options for election resourcing in Tennant Creek including the feasibility of a returning officer being located in Tennant Creek for the election period.
- Voting schedule changes must be advised to the NTEC immediately for approval and to ensure changes are documented and communicated within the community. NTEC to ensure all councils continue to be aware of this requirement and establish clear procedures in instances where there are changes to voting schedules.



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	16.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Changes to Conditional Rates - Motion OC 79/22
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349506
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Sid Vashist, Director of Corporate Services

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) receive and note the report on the changes to conditional rates.
- b) accept the changes to relevant interest rates for BRC.
- c) instruct the CEO to implement the changes to 'Rates Exemption and Concession Policy (CP38)'.

**SUMMARY:**

This report contains communication from the Northern Territory Government regarding changes to conditional rates that are determined by the Minister for Local Government.

**BACKGROUND**

Under the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act), land held under a pastoral lease or occupied under a mining tenement in the Northern Territory is conditionally rateable (Section 219). The Minister for Local Government is responsible for setting the level of conditional rates and the local government council in whose area the pastoral lease or mining tenement is located collects the rates each year. The Minister for Local Government must set the level of conditional rates at least two months before the commencement of the financial year in which the rates are to be collected.

In other Australian jurisdictions, the council for that area sets rates for pastoral and mining properties for each local government area. The levels of rates payable on pastoral properties in other jurisdictions are generally many times higher than those imposed in the Northern Territory. This anomaly has limited the capacity of regional local governments to provide local services and infrastructure and has generally been detrimental to the financial sustainability of those local governments.

In order to mitigate those historical issues the Minister for Local Government has determined that conditional rates will increase by 36 percent on 1 July 2022 and for each of the two subsequent financial years. The cumulative impact of these changes will result in a total increase in conditional rates of 151 percent over the three financial years.

In setting the level of conditional rates the Minister has consulted with the Minister responsible for the administration of pastoral matters and the Minister responsible for the administration of mining matters, as required under the Act.

The increase, although significant in percentage terms, will have a relatively modest impact on individual ratepayers in real terms and will retain the Territory's position as a low rates jurisdiction. Individual councils must also have policies for granting concessions to alleviate financial hardship.

Under the instrument, the minimum rate for mining tenements will increase from around \$890.96 to \$1211.71 in 2022-23. The minimum rate for pastoral leases will increase from \$376.45 to \$511.97 in 2022-23.

## Penalty for Late Payment

Pursuant to Section 245 of the Local Government (No 39 of 2019), Council determines the relevant interest rate which accrues on overdue rates.

Last change to the 'Relevant Interest Rate' was set as 10% in Aug 2018, and implemented by the Council (Prior to that it was set as 9% in April 2016).

Factoring in the Inflation and 5% CPI, it is recommended to increase the '*Relevant Interest Rate*' to **15%**.

## ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Failure to follow the Local Government Act and ministerial guidelines will be a breach to the Council.

## BUDGET IMPLICATION

Currently, Council has '19' active mining leases and '54' pastoral leases within the Barkly LGA. Based on current rateable properties in the financial year 2021/22 - Council has levied a total of \$21,529 from mining leases and \$109,770.

Proposed changes to conditional rates will see a 36% increase, yielding at total increase:

Mining Lease	Total Increase	Total Amount
36% in 2022	7,750.58	29279.95
36% in 2023	10,540.78	39820.74
36% in 2024	14,335.47	54156.20

Pastoral Lease	Total Increase	Total Amount
36% in 2022	39,517.47	149288.23
36% in 2023	53,743.76	203032.00
36% in 2024	73,091.52	276123.52

## ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Conditional rates are the subject of a Gazette Notice. A copy of the Gazette notice must be made available on the Council website.

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## CONSULTATION & TIMING

Council  
Senior Rates Officer  
Governance Officer  
A/Finance Manager  
Executive Leadership Team

## ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	16.4
<b>TITLE</b>	National General Assembly - 19 to 22 June
<b>REFERENCE</b>	349703
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council**

- a) Nominate councilors to attend the annual NGA in Canberra alongside the CEO and Mayor.

### **SUMMARY:**

During a council meeting some months ago it was discussed which councillors would like to attend the National General Assembly in Canberra for 3 days along with the CEO and Mayor.

With the meeting happening soon and travel and accommodation needing to be booked it is important to determine which councillors will be attending this event.

The event is scheduled to run 19 – 22 June 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

### **BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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**ITEM NUMBER** 17.1  
**TITLE** Correspondence  
**REFERENCE** 349526  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Operations Administration Officer

## RECOMMENDATION

### That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence for the month of April.

### SUMMARY:

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 2022.05.13 - Letter Request to revise the permissible combination of beer and wine.pdf
- 2 2022.05.13 - Letter Application for waiver of the Civic Hall Hire Fees for Dolly Day.pdf
- 3 2022.05.12 - Letter to Senator Linda Reynolds Centrelink Access Tenant Creek.pdf
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13/05/2022

Document Ref: 31032022 OC51/22

Mr Robert Coates  
Chairperson of the Northern Territory Liquor Commission  
Level 3 NAB House  
71 Smith Street  
DARWIN NT 0800

Dear Mr Coates,

**RE: Request to revise the permissible combination of beer and wine**

Currently the limitations that are imposed within the Barkly Region only allow for the following combinations of alcohol purchases per customer per day

- 30 cans or stubbies of mid strength or light beer; or
- 24 cans or stubbies of full strength beer; or
- 12 cans or bottles of Ready-To-Drink mixes; or
- One two litre cask of wine; or
- Two x 750ml bottles of wine; or
- One 750ml bottle of spirits

During the Barkly Regional Council meeting held on April 26<sup>th</sup> Council considered the matter of the current alcohol purchasing limitations in place in the Barkly Region. Council resolved to write to you with the request of a revision to the permissible alcohol purchasing limit to consider allowing a combination of beer and wine.

For households who like to enjoy a variety of beverages, these restrictions can be inconvenient. It requires multiple persons from the same household to be allowed to purchase more than one type of alcohol. If a person would like to purchase a larger amount for a private function in their own homes, they are required to purchase the alcohol over multiple days.

Council would like to put forward a request to revise these limitations to consider the total units of alcohol purchased, allowing for a permissible quantity that can be a combination of beer and wine.



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On behalf of Council I would welcome the opportunity for myself and Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin to discuss this matter with yourself or one of your team. Could you please advise a convenient time to meet, I can be contacted on 08 8962 0020 or at [emma.bradbury@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:emma.bradbury@barkly.nt.gov.au).

I look forward to hearing from you, and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer  
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13/05/2022

Document Ref: 28042022 OCCS103/22

Marcella Rankine  
Team Leader for Taking Action to Tackle Suicide  
CatholicCare NT  
PO Box 1134  
TENNANT CREEK NT 0861

Dear Miss Rankine,

**RE: Application for the waiver of the Civic Hall Hire Fees for “Dolly’s Day”**

Barkly Regional Council would like to thank you for your application to waive the Civic Hall hire fees for your event “Dolly’s Day”.

During the Council meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> Council considered your waiver applicant. Council resolved to approve your application to waive the fees and hold your event at the Civic Centre.

Council would like to thank you for your continued support of our community and the hard work you have put into making the event a success.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Bradbury  
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12/05/2022

Document Ref: 28042022 OC97/22

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC  
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister for Government Services  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

To the Hon Linda Reynolds,

**RE: Residents' concerns over access to Centrelink services**

During the Barkly Regional Council meeting held on April 26<sup>th</sup> Council received a report from the Tennant Creek Local Authority noting that customers waiting to access services at the Centrelink branch in Tennant Creek were experiencing long wait times in the outdoors with no adequate shade or seating. Council resolved to write to you to raise these concerns and seek your support for a solution.

Residents have reported that there is only one frontline staff attending to customers and there is a limited number of people allowed into the building a time. As a result, wait times have been reported to be up to five hours long. As the customers cannot enter the building to wait this leaves the majority of customers standing outside with no shelter from the weather. There are currently no seats or shade near the building to relieve this.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with yourself or one of your team. Could you please advise a convenient time to meet, I can be contacted on 08 8962 0020 or at [emma.bradbury@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:emma.bradbury@barkly.nt.gov.au).

I look forward to hearing from you, and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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11 May 2022

File Reference: OCCS75/22

Ms Mackenzie Godson  
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Dear Ms Godson

*Mackenzie***Re: Appointment to Chair of the Barkly Regional Council Audit and Risk Committee**

Barkly Regional Council would like to thank you for providing your cv and application in response to chair the Audit and Risk Committee

I am pleased to inform you that at the Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022, Council accepted your nomination and resolved to appoint you to chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee.

The point of contact for any correspondence relating to the meeting dates and any changes to those dates will be the Barkly Regional Council Director of Corporate Services Mr. Sid Vashist. You can contact Mr. Vashist (08) 8962 0001 or via email at [sid.vashist@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:sid.vashist@barkly.nt.gov.au).

A calendar invitation and Agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting dates.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on (08)8962 0000, or on email [Emma.bradbury@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:Emma.bradbury@barkly.nt.gov.au).

On behalf of the Mayor, Councilors and our council, I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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6 May 2022

Dear Ms Bradbury,

On 24 March 2022 you received correspondence from the Local Government Representation Committee (the committee) informing you that the 2022 Representation Reviews had begun.

This correspondence provided a number of useful resources for persons who might wish to know more and participate, including:

- a link to the reviews website
- a copy of the information guide
- advice about how and where to lodge a submission
- contact information for the committee

Further to this, the committee would like to draw attention to page 11 of the information guide, which identifies 'areas of focus' for each council. Please refer to the attached PDF for a copy of this table which outlines, in general terms, topics the committee may consider.

The guide has not identified any areas of focus for your council.

This does not necessarily mean the committee will not consider any changes to representation in your council. If you would like to inform the committee of any factors impacting representation not identified in the guide, you are welcome to do so by contacting the secretariat or providing a submission.

All proposed changes will be documented in the draft proposal scheduled to be published mid this year. Councils will be notified when the draft is released and will have a further 60 days to provide comments. The committee will then review these comments before making a determination that is scheduled to be finalised before the end of the year.

Email: [secretariat.ntec@nt.gov.au](mailto:secretariat.ntec@nt.gov.au)

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If you would like more information on the representation reviews or more information about making a submission, please visit the [2022 Local Government Representation Reviews website](https://www.ntec.gov.au/representation-reviews).

If you have any questions, please contact the committee secretariat on (08) 8999 7641 or at [Secretariat.NTEC@nt.gov.au](mailto:Secretariat.NTEC@nt.gov.au).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Holden".

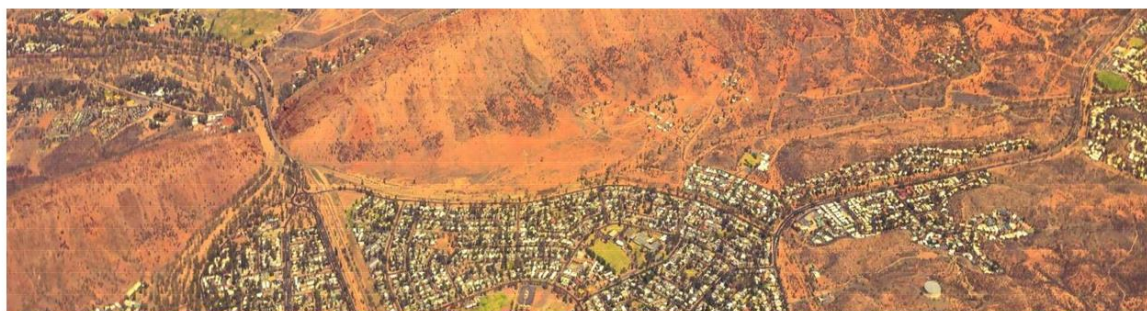
Sean Holden  
Chair of the Local Government Representation Committee

6 May 2022

## Local government representation reviews

### INFORMATION GUIDE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	AREAS OF FOCUS
Alice Springs Town Council	Possible introduction of wards
Barkly Regional Council	No identified areas of focus
Belyuen Community Government Council	High number of representatives given the small population
Central Desert Regional Council	Representation in Akityarre ward – is there too many representatives for the population and number of electors?
Coomalie Community Government Council	High number of members given the small population
Darwin, City of	No identified areas of focus
East Arnhem Regional Council	Progress towards creation of separate Anindilyakwa regional council already begun – how will this impact remaining wards?
Katherine Town Council	Possible introduction of wards
Litchfield Council	No identified areas of focus
MacDonnell Regional Council	No identified areas of focus
Palmerston, City of	Possible introduction of wards
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Jodetluk community is located within boundary of Katherine Town Council but representation is via Roper Gulf Regional Council
Tiwi Islands Regional Council	No identified areas of focus
Victoria Daly Regional Council	No identified areas of focus
Wagait Shire Council	No identified areas of focus
West Arnhem Regional Council	No identified areas of focus
West Daly Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tyemirri Ward has small enrolment numbers (98), the smallest of all NT local government wards</li> <li>Emu Point homeland has links with Peppimenarti community, but they are in different wards</li> </ul>







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Local government councils in the Territory are responsible for more than 13,000km of roads.

# Don't leave local govt behind



**SEAN HOLDEN**

A WEEK is a long time in politics, so is three years. With the Chief Minister resigning on Tuesday, a new one installed on Friday and only six days until we elect a new Australian government, the one constant is local government.

Since 1840 local government councils have weathered droughts, bushfires, floods and cyclones, survived a depression and a recession, withstood wartime bombings – and now it is cost and responsibility shifting from the other two spheres of government.

Local government is not only the three Rs of roads, rates and rubbish – there is a fourth R: everything else!

We are not complaining, and we are getting on with the job of ensuring the best outcomes for all Territorians, but we need some assistance.

Local government councils look after matters close to our homes, including local roads, street signage, lighting, footpaths, parking, cycle ways, parks and playgrounds, sporting fields and swimming pools, pet control, land and coast care programs, libraries, waste management and community programs, such as child and aged care – and, in some places, act as Centrelink and Australia Post!

Local government councils are made of elected members who, after consultation with their communities, set the strategy and community plans. Staff are employed to achieve the outcomes of the plans, through allocating the scarce resources and providing

services. It is, of course, not as simple as that, however.

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, on behalf of its member councils, is lobbying federal politicians and candidates of all persuasions for a raft of "asks" that will address Aboriginal disadvantage, domestic violence, emergency management, cyclone evacuation centres, housing, roads and road safety, connectivity, waste management, anti-social behaviour, and crime.

Recognising the role of local government councils, the Australian government provides funding through general purpose financial assistance grants but, over time, these grants have eroded from 2 per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue down to only 0.55 per cent of revenue currently. LGANT is asking all candidates to commit to restoring the general purpose financial assistance grants to at least 1 per cent.

These grants are "untied", allowing Territory local government councils to spend the funds according to the needs of their local communities and are particularly important for those local government councils in the Territory with small rate bases.

If restored to 1 per cent, local government councils would have almost double the money to expend on the wants and needs of constituents. This would bring the untied funding to about \$5bn nationally. For the Territory it would go from about \$17m to \$34m.

Just as importantly, instead of being directed by the Australian and Territory governments on what the money has to be spent on, local government councils could exercise their local voice and decide for themselves. Locals making local decisions.

Local government councils in the Territory collectively employ almost 3000 Territorians. They are the largest employer of First Nations people in remote and regional areas, manage and control assets and infrastructure valued at \$2.57bn, are responsible for more than 13,000km of roads and receive and expend more than \$505m in the Northern Territory annually. Local jobs and local investment.

Constituent participation in local government councils is an important part of democratic Australia. Like the upcoming federal election, constituents are required to vote for who will represent them on their local government council.

This representation is vital in ensuring the voices of people are heard and the needs of the area are advocated to the other two spheres of government.

The need for this representation is why LGANT has a longstanding policy (since 2004) of supporting the inclusion of the whole of the Territory into local government council areas and is therefore supportive of the Northern Territory government's proposal to include the Cox-Daly and Marrakai-Douglas Daly Areas into

a local government area(s).

These areas are currently unincorporated, meaning there is no local council, so the residents do not get the benefit of local government funding for the services, facilities, and programs that others in local government council areas do – and importantly do not have the representation needed to advocate on important issues to the other two spheres of government.

This is not a money grab. It will be an expensive exercise to determine boundaries and set up the councils but becoming incorporated would mean all landowners contribute fairly to community planning and services and that there is appropriate representation for advocating the needs of the area to the other spheres of government.

This will mean a more democratic process for those communities.

Thankfully, Australia is not an autocracy, and we have the privilege to vote.

Exercise your democratic right next Saturday and vote. Vote for a candidate who will not leave locals behind.

**SEAN HOLDEN IS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NT CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## Health must be election platform

**SCOTT BOWMAN**

AS the federal election rapidly approaches on May 21, there has never been a better time for our political candidates to impact health outcomes for the Territory.

We are the only state or territory without any Commonwealth-supported medical places. This must change.

Now is the time for a commitment to Commonwealth-supported places for a Territory-based undergraduate medical program.

CDU is the only university headquartered in the NT, and we are deeply committed to improving the quality of life and educational opportunity for all Territorians.

Menzies, a close partner of CDU, is a leader in research to improve health, working with rural and remote communities, First Nations peoples and communities across our global region.

Together, we have formed the CDU Menzies School of Medicine, and our ambition is to deliver an undergraduate medical program.

We know that one of the most significant barriers to providing quality health care services, especially in regional and remote areas, is attracting and retaining a well-qualified health workforce. Experience demonstrates this is best done by training the health workers locally.

The CDU Menzies medical program will be designed by Territorians, taught by Territorians, for Territorians.

The curriculum will be designed to meet the needs of Territorians in our cities, our regions and our remote communities and will include medical school campuses in Central Australia in Alice Springs and in Darwin in Northern Australia and training will occur right across the NT.

Every week, we speak with young people who are passionate about staying close to home and becoming qualified practitioners so they can give back to the community and create a better future.

A local medical school will give these young people hope that they have a bright future in the Territory, and they no longer need to leave home to pursue their passion.

CDU, in partnership with Menzies, is in a unique position to establish an authentic, autonomous medical program focused on meeting the needs of the NT medical workforce and addressing the health needs of Territorians.

But establishing a medical program requires support.

That's why we ask our Territory candidates to consider the Territory of the future. We ask you to deeply think about the health challenges confronting us and we implore you to support us in addressing this.

Now is the time to make a significant impact on health outcomes and educational opportunities for people in the Territory.

Now is not the time for telling us you support us, that time has passed. We now need real action.

**SCOTT BOWMAN IS THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY**

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