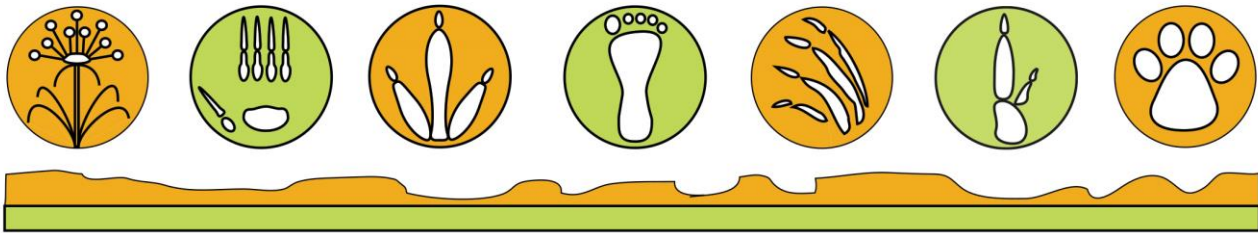


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AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2019

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 8:30 AM.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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- 17.1 Workers Compensation Update
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.
- 17.2 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Council Meeting Minutes
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
- 17.3 Confidential Action List
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.
- 17.4 Delegation Manual Update
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.
- 17.5 Review of Confidential Motions
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.
- 17.6 Local Authority Nominations and Resignations
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.
- 17.7 Environmental and Sustainability Sub-Committee Nominations
The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

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- 17.8 Organisational Review - Presentation update by aaX Technologies - Paul Rogers and Michelle Blackburn

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential (Organisational Review may disclose sensitive information about internal Council matters and/or employees work.).

- 17.9 Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association MOU's - Elliott and Alpururulam

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

- 17.10 Rates Interest Waiver Request

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

- 17.11 Use of Lease Payments from The Department of Education for the Juno Lease

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- 17.12 Agistment Agreement

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

18 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	280975
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29 August 2019 as a true and accurate record; and
- b) Confirm the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting held 21 October 2019 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held in Council Chambers on 29 August 2019 as a true and accurate record and confirm the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held 21 October 2019 as a true and accurate record.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

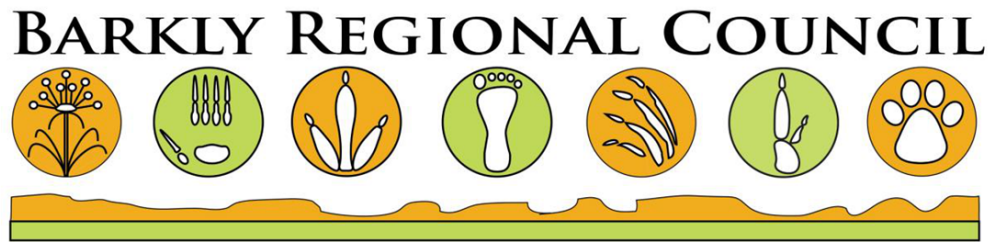
NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Ordinary Council 2019-08-29 \[280642\].pdf](#)
- 2 [OC_21102019_MIN_560_EXTRA.pdf](#)



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MINUTES

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 29 August 2019 at 8:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8:43am with Mayor Steven Edgington as Chair.

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

Mayor Steve Edgington
Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese
Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Ronald Plummer – arrived at 8:46am
Cr. Hal Ruger – via phone
Cr. Jeffery McLaughlin – until 5:20pm.
Cr. Ricky Holmes
Cr. Sid Vashist
Cr. Lucy Jackson
Cr. Jennifer Mahoney – via phone, until 1:37pm.
Cr. Jane Evans
Cr. Ray Aylett – via phone

1.2 Staff Members Present

Mark Parsons – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Gary Pemberton – Finance Manager
Vanessa Goodworth – Executive Assistant to the CEO and the Mayor
Andrew Scoffern – Governance and Quality Officer

1.3 Apologies

Cr. Jack Clubb
Steve Moore – Chief Executive Officer

1.4 Absent Without Apologies**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Accept the Apologies of Cr Clubb and Chief Executive Officer Steve Moore.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 159/19

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

- Mayor Steve Edgington – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Institute of Managers and Leaders - Associate Fellow
 - Australian Institute of Company Directors - Member
 - Law Society Northern Territory - Associate Member
 - Tennant Creek Regional Consumer Advisory Group
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee - Member
 - Tennant Creek Economic Development Committee – Member

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- Rotary – Member
 - Bizspeak Pty Ltd– Director
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Alcohol Reference Group - Committee Member
 - Regional Development Australia - Chair
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors – Senior Manager
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association - Member
 - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Tennant Creek Primary School – Member
 - Christmas Tree Committee - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council - Member
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – Member
 - First Persons Disability Network
 - Tennant Creek Primary School – Teacher
 - Tennant Creek High School – Teacher
 - Music Northern Territory – Board Member
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Cr. Jane Evans - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Committee Member

Councillors McLaughlin and Vashist noted changes in their disclosures of interest in the Christmas Tree Committee to be President and Vice President respectively and Deputy Mayor Civitarese amended his existing Disclosure of Interest in T&J Contractors from T&J

Contractors – Senior Manager to T&J Contractors. The Disclosures of Interest above have been amended to reflect these changes.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Move out of Ordinary Council at 8:47am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 160/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume Ordinary session at 9:36am.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 161/19

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume Ordinary session at 12:13pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 162/19

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Confirm the Minutes from Council Meeting held 25 July 2019 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 163/19

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION LIST

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action List; and
- b) Remove completed Items 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30 from the Action List.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 164/19

Item D – Change PMC to NIAA

Item E - Change PMC to NIAA

Cr Sid Vashist left the meeting, the time being 12:28 PM

Cr Sid Vashist returned to the meeting, the time being 12:33 PM

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Break for lunch at 12:46pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 165/19

Cr Jennifer Mahoney left the meeting, the time being 01:37 PM

Cr Sid Vashist left the meeting, the time being 01:38 PM

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Resume Ordinary session at 1:39pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 166/19

3.2 RATES EXEMPTIONS

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the update on the request for further information on rates

exemptions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 167/19

3.3 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and adopt the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Sub-Committee Nomination Form;
- b) Receive and adopt the revised Environment and Sustainability Advisory Sub-Committee Terms of Reference as requested by Council; and
- c) Call for nominations onto this Committee.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 168/19

3.4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION POLICY

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Note and consider this Policy against the NTG Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy and bring back to next Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 169/19

Cr Sid Vashist returned to the meeting, the time being 01:58 PM

3.5 ALTERNATIVE TO DOB IN A DUMPER APP

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Endorse the use of the "Snap, Send, Solve" app in place of the Dob in a Dumper app;
- b) Request the CEO create a communication strategy regarding the newspaper, website and social media advertising of the usage of Snap, Send, Solve app throughout the region; and
- c) Request the CEO to provide a report on the amount of complaints and incidents in the preceding month.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese <i>Resolved OC 170/19</i>	CARRIED UNAN.
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3.6 PROGRESS FOR REGIONAL DEAL MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 171/19

3.7 LIGHTING AUDIT AND QUOTES

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Note the report and request the Tennant Creek light audit be redone and presented at the next Council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 172/19

Lighting at Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja is proceeding and funding is being sought for the remainder

Cr Kris Civitarese left the meeting, the time being 02:42 PM

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY TREATY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the address from the Northern Territory Treaty Commission.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 173/19

Council welcomed the attendance of NT Treaty Commissioner Professor Mick Dodson, NT Treaty Deputy Commissioner Ursula Raymond and Director Steve Rossingh

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Break for Morning Tea at 10:07am.

RESOLVED**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese**Seconded:** Cr. Ricky Holmes**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 174/19***MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Resume Ordinary Session at 10:30am.

RESOLVED**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese**Seconded:** Cr. Noel Hayes**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 175/19***5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC***Nil***6. MAYOR'S REPORT****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Move out of Ordinary at 2:47pm.

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr. Noel Hayes**Seconded:** Cr. Ronald Plummer**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 176/19***MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Resume Ordinary at 2:52pm.

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr. Noel Hayes**Seconded:** Cr. Ricky Holmes**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 177/19*

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT	
MOTION That Council: a) Receive and note the Mayor's verbal update. RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Jane Evans Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson <i>Resolved OC 178/19</i>	
CARRIED UNAN. The Mayor congratulated David Reed on his 25 years of service at Council and expressed his satisfaction with the longevity of many employees' employment at Council.	

Cr Kris Civitarese returned to the meeting, the time being 02:59 PM

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 CEO REPORT	
MOTION That Council: a) Receive and note the CEO Report. RESOLVED Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer <i>Resolved OC 179/19</i>	
CARRIED UNAN. Contact Regional Director of DIPL about the lack of progress of Hilda Street Park Briefing on No More Domestic Violence Action Plan to be provided at the next Council meeting	

Cr Ray Aylett left the meeting, the time being 03:13 PM

Cr Jane Evans left the meeting, the time being 03:29 PM

Cr Jane Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 03:33 PM

MOTION That Council: a) Move out of Ordinary at 3:34pm. RESOLVED Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist <i>Resolved OC 180/19</i>	
CARRIED UNAN.	

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Resume Ordinary session at 3:52pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 181/19

7.2 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
1. Deed Of Variation - Standard Grant Agreement - NT Job Package for the employment of aboriginal aged care workers - 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020 - Department of Health and BRC;
 2. Funding Acceptance - Local Government (LG) Funding Levels - Indigenous Job Development Funding - 2019 - 2020 - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and BRC;
 3. Funding Acceptance - LG Funding Levels - Local Authority Project Funding - 2019 - 2020 - DHCD and BRC; and
 4. Funding Acceptance - LG Funding Levels - NT Operational Subsidy - 2019 - 2020 - DHCD and BRC.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 182/19

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Break for Afternoon Tea at 4:08pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 183/19

Cr Jane Evans left the meeting, the time being 04:33 PM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 04:33 PM

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 04:33 PM

Cr Jane Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 04:36 PM

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 04:36 PM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 04:36 PM

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Move into Confidential at 4:15pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 184/19

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Resume Ordinary session at 4:44pm.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 185/19

7.3 PARTNERING WITH THE CLONTARF FOUNDATION

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Instruct the CEO to present policy options to Council in November 2019 regarding use of lease payments from the Department of Education; and
- b) Instruct the CEO to write back to Clontarf indicating Council has deferred the decision on the partnership agreement until further options have been considered.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 186/19

7.4 CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL REQUEST TO JOIN GOVERNANCE TABLE

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Support the request for the CEO's of the Central Land Council and Northern Land Council to have a seat at the Governance Table;
- b) Write to the Federal and Northern Territory Government's outlining Council's support of the request.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 187/19

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 05:20 PM

7.5 LGANT REGISTRATION TO ATTEND: AICD GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
MOTION	
That Council:	
a) Approve the registration of Councillors Hayes, Holmes and Jackson to attend the AICD course in Alice Springs on 10 and 11 October.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese	
Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved OC 188/19</i>	

7.6 YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITY WORKING GROUP UPDATE	
MOTION	
That Council:	
a) Receive and note the report in regards to the Barkly Youth Justice Facility and Service Model Working Group.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes	
Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved OC 189/19</i>	
The Communique will be appended to the Minutes	

7.7 HUMAN RESORCES REPORT JULY 2019	
MOTION	
That Council:	
a) Receive and note the HR report; and	
b) Instruct the CEO to table the Induction Policy at the next Council meeting.	
RESOLVED	
Moved: Cr. Jane Evans	
Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved OC 190/19</i>	
PR and Events position has been readvertised	

7.8 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR	
MOTION	
That Council:	

- a) Receive and note the report; and
- b) Elect Councillor Ruger as Deputy Mayor for a period of 12 months.

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 191/19***MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Move out of Ordinary and into Confidential at 10:33am.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Jane Evans****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 192/19***7.9 GOVERNANCE TABLE REPORT****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the verbal update on the Governance Table Meeting;
- b) Note the Interim Governance Table meeting from 22 August 2019 and instruct the CEO to raise with the Governance Table the absence of information arising from the meeting.

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 193/19***4. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS****8.1 FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2019****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the month ended 31 July 2019.

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 194/19*

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT FOR JULY 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report of activities within the Infrastructure Directorate;
- b) Instruct the CEO to compile a full and complete lighting audit for Tennant Creek;
- c) Instruct the CEO to prepare a report outlining the progress of the Procurement Committee's review of the Procurement Policy;
- d) Develop a process to report all instances of crime including graffiti to police;
- e) Request from police a complete list of all crimes reported by BRC for the last 12 months; and
- f) CEO to prepare a list of all infrastructure projects completed over the last 12 months.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 195/19

Cr Ricky Holmes left the meeting, the time being 06:15 PM

Cr Ricky Holmes returned to the meeting, the time being 06:17 PM

Cr Noel Hayes left the meeting, the time being 06:35 PM

Cr Noel Hayes returned to the meeting, the time being 06:35 PM

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 AUGUST LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the minutes from the Elliott Local Authority;
- b) Instruct the CEO to invite Tim Candler to the next Elliott Local Authority Meeting and to all other LA Meetings to provide an update on his role in the Barkly Regional Deal;
- c) Instruct the CEO to contact Power Projects and the NTG to discuss the condition of roads in the town camps in Elliott and the likelihood of resealing those roads; and
- d) Table Sponsorship and Community Grant Policies at each LA so each community has access to those policies.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 196/19

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS*Nil***9. NOTICES OF MOTION***Nil***10. RESCISSION MOTIONS***Nil***11. GENERAL BUSINESS****15.1 POLICY REVIEW****RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and approve the reviewed Confidentiality Policy, Code of Conduct – Members Policy and Smoke Free Policy.

*Deferred until September meeting***15.2 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Director of Operations report; and
- b) Instruct the CEO to contact the CEO of the EPA and request a copy of the investigation report into the dumping of asbestos pipes at the Elliott landfill.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Jane Evans****Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 197/19***15.3 SUBMISSIONS INTO THE BURIAL AND CREMATION BILL 2019****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report; and
- b) Instruct the CEO to locate previous submission and submit to the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee by September 4.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes****Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 198/19*

15.4 DRAFT TENNANT CREEK STREET SCAPE PROJECT PLAN**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Instruct the CEO circulate project plan and attachments to Council for feedback.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 199/19

15.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Community Services report for August 2019;
- b) Instruct the CEO to meet with the Rangers, NTG and Department of Parks and Wildlife to discuss the situation regarding feral cats.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 200/19

Deputy Mayor Civitarese noted his conflict due to his association with Barkly Arts

15.6 COMMUNITY BLUE PRINTS**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 201/19

12. CORRESPONDENCE**16.1 INQUIRY IN THE ADEQUACY OF NEWSTART AND RELATED PAYMENTS AND ALTERNATE MECHANISMS TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS IN AUSTRALIA.****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Instruct the CEO contact CEO of LGANT to determine the status of the submission;

<p>and</p> <p>b) Instruct the CEO request the retraction of the Barkly Regional Council submission.</p> <p>RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans <i>Resolved OC 202/19</i></p>	<p>CARRIED UNAN.</p>
<p>Councillor Vashist noted his dissatisfaction with the submission and did not support the submission when made</p> <p>Council expressed their concern over some of the language made in the submission</p>	

16.2 CORRESPONDENCE FOR AUGUST 2019

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence for the month of August 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes

Resolved OC 203/19

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Note the invitation from the Mental Health Foundation Australia.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Resolved OC 204/19

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the attached correspondence from the Place Names Committee; and
- b) Instruct the CEO to table at the Tennant Creek Local Authority to consider for any future place names in Tennant Creek.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

Resolved OC 205/19

CARRIED UNAN.

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN*Nil***14. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION****15. RESUMPTION OF MEETING****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) CEO to contact Power and Water to follow up on the letter regarding the generator at Ali Curung.

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 206/19***17.3 PRESENTATION FROM RISE/NGURRATJUTA**

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and sign the proposed agreement between RISE/Ngurratjuta and Barkly Regional Council; and
- b) Move this item out of Confidential.

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 207/19*

Chief Operating Officer of Ngurratjuta Kelvin McCann provided Council with a brief overview of Ngurratjuta and outlined the intention of the proposed agreement and outlined the desire to work with a key stakeholder in the Barkly region in Council. Questions were raised about identifying the land that is owned by either Council or Ngurratjuta and understanding the potential of establishing work in a specific location. Councillor Hayes noted his personal desire of completing works in Ali Curung and queried whether people actually completing the work in the communities are based in that community; RISE confirmed that local people would complete the job and would be mentored by the suitable people. McCann clarified that Ngurratjuta's intention was to collaborate with Council and not act in any way that jeopardises community efforts.

Concerns were in relation to the annual increases under the proposed EBA and under each respective commercial lease. Schedule to refer to each respective commercial lease in Ali Curung and Elliott. Will be adjusted to meet CPI requirements and to have separate commercial leases, they will be removed from the MOU and identified in their separate commercial leases. Council set prices

annually and MOU are to reflect the changes, at present no clauses indicating this. Insert 'subject to annual review on the anniversary date of the contract'.

Council should maintain the right to charge travel if necessary and under certain circumstances. Intention was to utilise local resources but Ngurratjuta confirmed all reasonable travel expenses may be charged

Invitations monthly/quarterly should be sent out to RISE/Ngurratjuta to inform Council on the activities and progress of the agreement

Council should have a seat on the Advisory Board which would be in each community in the Barkly; McCann agreed to this on the condition the working reads Elected Member. RISE noted this can be included as a standing Agenda Item as an 'Advisory Board'.

Regular attendance at LA Meetings and communication with the LA's should be maintained

17.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Accept the nominations of Rosalene Rusty and Lulu Teece and the resignation of Donald Simpson from the Ampilatwatja Local Authority; and
- b) Move this item out of Confidential.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 208/19

17.7 TELSTRA - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Note the Expression of Interest from Telstra;
- b) Instruct the CEO to have further negotiations with Telstra to indicate that the lease will commence immediately and tower is disassembled and removed at the end of lease or if no longer used or replaced by other technology; and
- c) Move out of Confidential.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 209/19

No cessation term in lease requesting Telstra to remove the property once project completed and term outlining obligation to remove fencing and/or property once it is no longer required
Lease commences once Telstra enter Council land

17.8 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSIONS - ORGANISATIONAL EXTERNAL REVIEW 2019

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Instruct the CEO to approve the submission from allaboutXpert Technologies Australia to carry out external review of Council's Organisational Structure and Internal Processes;
- b) Instruct the CEO to identify the milestones of the contract;
- c) Instruct the CEO organise a startup meeting;
- d) Request the CEO to notify allaboutXpert Technologies Australia by COB Friday 30 August 2019;
- e) CEO to locate previous review of Council and contact Peter Matthews if unable to find the review; and
- f) Move this Item out of Confidential.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 210/19

Deputy Mayor Civitarese noted Guard Solutions used T&J as a reference but he has no knowledge of their association with T&J or their business model

Negotiable fee structures

A governance structure should be in place to monitor milestones and compliance with the contracted terms. Steering group to be formed to oversee management of the Review. CEO, Jenna and 3 Councillors to be involved in the Steering Committee. Potential standing invitations for the Audit and Risk Committee to utilise existing Council Committees

17.9 REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY - ELLIOTT ARTS CENTRE

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Approve the appointment of KPMG to carry out a feasibility study to assess the commercial viability of establishing an Arts Centre in the town of Elliott;
- b) Request the CEO to notify the winning service provider by COB Friday, 30 August 2019;

- c) Request the CEO to convene a startup meeting; and
- d) Move this item out of Confidential.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 211/19***16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

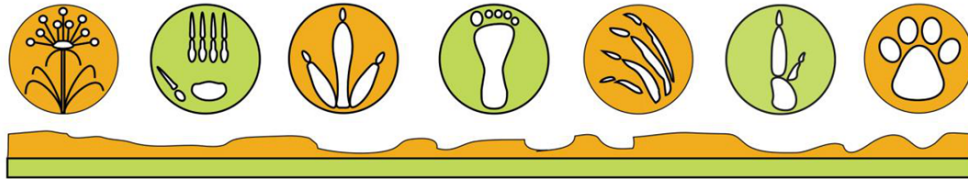
The meeting terminated at 9:25pm.

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Steven Edgington
Council Mayor

Mark Parsons
Acting Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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

The Special Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Monday, 21 October 2019 at 10am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:15am with Mayor Edgington as Chair.

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

Mayor Steve Edgington
Deputy Mayor Hal Ruger
Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Kris Civitarese
Cr. Jeffery McLaughlin
Cr. Sid Vashist
Cr. Lucy Jackson
Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
Cr. Jack Clubb

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore – Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Scoffern – Governance and Quality Officer

1.3 Apologies

Cr. Ray Aylett
Cr. Ricky Holmes
Cr. Jane Evans
Cr. Ronald Plummer

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Accept the apologies of Councillors Aylett, Holmes, Evans and Plummer.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Dep Mayor Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 212/19

1.4 Absent Without Apologies**1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff**

- Mayor Steve Edgington – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Institute of Managers and Leaders - Associate Fellow
 - Australian Institute of Company Directors - Member
 - Law Society Northern Territory - Associate Member
 - Tennant Creek Regional Consumer Advisory Group
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee - Member
 - Tennant Creek Economic Development Committee – Member
 - Rotary – Member
 - Bizspeak Pty Ltd– Director
 - Battery Hill – Member

- Alcohol Reference Group - Committee Member
 - Regional Development Australia – Chair
- Deputy Mayor Hal Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association - Member
 - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Tennant Creek Primary School – Member
 - Christmas Tree Committee – Vice President
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council - Member
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – President
 - First Persons Disability Network
 - Tennant Creek Primary School – Teacher
 - Tennant Creek High School – Teacher
 - Music Northern Territory – Board Member
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Cr. Jane Evans - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Committee Member

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

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES*Nil***4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING***Nil***5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC***Nil***6. MAYOR'S REPORT***Nil***7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS****7.1 NOMINATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report; and
- b) Nominate Councillors Civitarese and Vashist as members of the Development Consent Authority with Deputy Mayor Ruger as the alternate.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin****Seconded: Cr. Noel Hayes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 213/19*

Council noted that attendance of this Authority is important and the meetings are on an ad hoc and informal basis. There are two Councillors and two community members from the Barkly on the Authority.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS*Nil***9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS***Nil***10. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE***Nil***11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS***Nil***12. COMMITTEE REPORTS***Nil***13. NOTICES OF MOTION***Nil***14. RESCISSION MOTIONS***Nil***15. GENERAL BUSINESS***Nil*

16. CORRESPONDENCE*Nil***17. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN***Nil***18. CLOSE OF MEETING****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Close the Special Council Meeting at 10:24am.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 214/19*

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Steven Edgington
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Action List
REFERENCE	282891
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action List; and
- b) Endorse the removal of all completed items

SUMMARY:

Item 4: Ongoing
 Item 5: Complete, paper included in this Agenda
 Item 9: Ongoing, Mayor to update
 Item 11: Ongoing, general communication sent out
 Item 12: Complete - in agenda
 Item 14: Complete
 Item 19: Complete
 Item 20: Complete
 Item 22: Complete
 Item 23: Complete
 Item 27: Verbal update – Finance Manager to update
 Item 28: Complete, paper included in this Agenda
 Item 29: Complete
 Item 30: Complete
 Item 31: Complete
 Item 32: Complete – verbal report
 Item 33: Complete – in agenda
 Item 34: Complete – in agenda
 Item 35: Complete
 Item 36: Complete
 Item 37: Complete – has been raised with Taskforce
 Item 38: Complete – in agenda
 Item 39: Complete
 Item 40: Complete
 Item 41: Complete – in agenda
 Item 42: Complete
 Item 43: Ongoing
 Item 44: Complete
 Item 45: Complete – in agenda
 Item 46: Complete
 Item 47: Complete
 Item 48: ongoing
 Item 49: ongoing
 Item 50: Complete
 Item 51: Complete
 Item 52: Complete
 Item 53: Ongoing, Finance Manager to update
 Item 54: Complete – presentation in Council agenda
 Item 55: Complete
 Item 56: Complete – no response at the time of writing

Item A: Ongoing

Item B ongoing – in agenda

Item D: no further information

Item E: discussions continuing

Item F: Ongoing

Item G: Ongoing

Item H: Update in Agenda

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST

Meeting for 30 October 2019

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Resolution	Status
4	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Elliott BBQ-Opening of Football Oval	Elliott Councillors and Elliott LA Members are to be invited to the BBQ opening of the Elliott football oval. Grants are to be sourced as soon as the opportunity arises	CEO		30.05.2019 Ongoing 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
5	Confidential Council Meeting 30 May 2019		Juno	Draft policy relating to Juno indicating that all relevant licences, permits etc. have been obtained prior to work commencing.	Governance Officer		27.06.2019 Ongoing 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Complete
9	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2019		Funding Shortfall	Mayor to write to Chief Minister regarding inadequate funding and funding shortfalls for Sport and Rec	CEO		25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
11	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 June 2019		Staff Behaviour	Discuss the issue of staff behaviour on traditional and/or sacred land at the next Cultural Competency Committee Agenda	CEO		25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
12	Confidential Council Meeting 30 May 2019		NDRRA	Compile road condition report	Director of Infrastructure		29.08.2019 Complete
14	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 July 2019		Invitation Request	Invite the Local Member for Barkly to attend our next Council meeting to respond to the questions that were raised with the Chief Minister on the 13th June	CEO		Complete
20	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 July 2019		Civic Hall	Authorise quotes to be sourced regarding Civic Hall roof and cease all additional work besides air conditioning until a plan for the future of Civic Hall is developed	Director of Infrastructure		Complete
22	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 July 2019		Governance Table Infrastructure Recommendation	CEO table a recommendation from Council to prepare a Master Plan for Tennant Creek outlining the best possible locations for all infrastructure constructed under the Regional Deal and all proposed developments at the Governance Table	CEO		Complete
23	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 July 2019		Induction Policy	Induction Policy to be updated, CEO to table the Induction Policy at the next Council meeting	HR Manager		Complete
27	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 July 2019		Tennant Creek Mob	CEO commence formal discussion with Mob to determine what assistance they can provide regarding the beautification of the Tennant Creek Cemetery in the context of the CDP activity	CEO		Verbal Update - Gary
28	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Community Consultation Policy	Consider this Policy against the NTG Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy and bring back to next Council Meeting	Governance Officer		Complete, in Agenda
29	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Communication Strategy	the CEO create a communication strategy regarding the newspaper, website and social media advertising of the usage of Snap, Send, Solve app throughout the region	CEO		Complete, to be tabled at the meeting
30	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Reports on complaints and incidents	Request the CEO to provide a report on the amount of complaints and incidents in the preceding month	CEO		Complete
31	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Tennant Creek Light Audit	request the Tennant Creek light audit be redone and presented at the next Council meeting	Director of Infrastructure		Complete

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No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Resolution	Status
32	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Hilda Street Park	Contact Regional Director of DIPL about the lack of progress of Hilda Street Park	CEO		Complete
33	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		No More Domestic Violence Action Plan	Briefing on No More Domestic Violence Action Plan to be provided at the next Council meeting	CEO		Complete, in Agenda
34	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Policy Options	CEO to present policy options to Council in November 2019 regarding use of lease payments from the Department of Education	CEO		Complete, in Agenda
35	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Clontarf Partnership Proposal	CEO to write back to Clontarf indicating Council has deferred the decision on the partnership agreement until further options have been considered	CEO		Complete
36	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		CLC/NLC Governance Table Request	Write to the Federal and Northern Territory Government's outlining Council's support of the request to have CEO's from CLC and NLC on the Governance Table	CEO		Complete
37	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Lack of Information	Instruct the CEO to raise with the Governance Table the absence of information arising from the meeting	CEO		Complete – Tim to address Council
38	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Progress of Procurement Policy Review	CEO to prepare a report outlining the progress of the Procurement Committee's review of the Procurement Policy	Director of Infrastructure		Complete, in Agenda
39	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Process of Reporting Crime	Develop a process to report all instances of crime including graffiti to police	CEO		Complete
40	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		List of Crimes in BRC last 12 months	Request from police a complete list of all crimes reported by BRC for the last 12 months	CEO		Complete
41	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Completed Infrastructure Projects	CEO to prepare a list of all infrastructure projects completed over the last 12 months	Director of Infrastructure		Complete
42	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Tim Candler Invitation	Instruct the CEO to invite Tim Candler to the next Elliott Local Authority Meeting and to all other LA Meetings to provide an update on his role in the Barkly Regional Deal	CEO		Complete
43	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Elliott Town Camp Road Conditions	Instruct the CEO to contact Power Projects and the NTG to discuss the condition of roads in the town camps in Elliott and the likelihood of resealing those roads	CEO		30/10/2019 - Ongoing
44	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Tabling of Sponsorship/Community Grants Policy	Table Sponsorship and Community Grant Policies at each LA so each community has access to those policies	CEO		Complete
45	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Elliott Landfill Asbestos	Instruct the CEO to contact the CEO of the EPA and request a copy of the investigation report into the dumping of asbestos pipes at the Elliott landfill	CEO		Complete

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST

Meeting for 30 October 2019

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Resolution	Status
46	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Burial and Cremation Bill Submission	Instruct the CEO to locate previous submission and submit to the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee by September 4	CEO		Complete
47	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Tennant Creek Streetscape	Instruct the CEO circulate project plan and attachments to Council for feedback	CEO		Complete
48	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Feral Cat Meeting Request	CEO to meet with the Rangers, NTG and Department of Parks and Wildlife to discuss the situation regarding feral cats	CEO		Ongoing – 30/10/2019
49	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Community Blueprints	CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council meeting	CEO		Ongoing – 30/10/2019
50	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Newstart Submission	Instruct the CEO contact CEO of LGANT to determine the status of the submission and request the retraction of the Barkly Regional Council submission	CEO		Complete
51	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Place Names Committee	CEO to table Mary Alice Ward MBE at the Tennant Creek Local Authority to consider for any future place names in Tennant Creek.	CEO/Governance Officer		Complete
52	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Ali Curung Generator	CEO to contact Power and Water to follow up on the letter regarding the generator at Ali Curung.	CEO		Complete
53	Confidential Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Telstra Expression of Interest	CEO to have further negotiations with Telstra to indicate that the lease will commence immediately and tower is disassembled and removed at the end of lease or if no longer used or replaced by other technology	CEO		30/10/2019 - Ongoing, Gary to update
54	Confidential Council Meeting 29 August 2019		External Review	That Council: Instruct the CEO to approve the submission from allaboutXpert Technologies Australia to carry out external review of Council's Organisational Structure and Internal Processes; Instruct the CEO to identify the milestones of the contract; Instruct the CEO organise a startup meeting; Request the CEO to notify allaboutXpert Technologies Australia by COB Friday 30 August 2019; CEO to locate previous review of Council and contact Peter Matthews if unable to find the review; and Move this Item out of Confidential.	CEO		Complete
55	Confidential Council Meeting 29 August 2019		Feasibility Study	The CEO to convene a startup meeting KPMG to carry out a feasibility study to assess the commercial viability of establishing an Arts Centre in the town of Elliott	CEO		Complete
56	Confidential Council Meeting		Jacana Invitation	Invite Jacana to the next Ordinary Council Meeting to discuss community concerns	CEO		Complete, waiting on response


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST

Meeting for 30 October 2019

Ongoing Action Items							
No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Action/Task	Completed Status
A	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white	CEO		31.08.2018 commenced 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
B	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 March 2019		Confidential Audit	Undertake audit of what is in Confidential that should be moved	Governance Officer		28.03.2019 Ongoing 30.05.2019 Ongoing 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
D	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Tara Play group	CEO to meet with NIAA in regards to accommodating the Tara play group. Housing are working through the logistics of the existing area, concerns around castings if it were to fall to Council to maintain. Tara playgroup funded by Education Department	CEO		28.06.2018 Ongoing 25.10.2018 Discussed with PM&C no further information 31.01.2019 Ongoing- discussions held with Housing to repair the house on Lot 55 30.05.2019 Ongoing 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
E	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwatja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampilatwatja	CEO		28.06.2018 Ongoing 25.10.2018 Initial meetings held – No further progress 31.01.2019 added to 3 levels of Gov priorities 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing
F	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018		Policies and Procedures	All Policies are to be standardised. Add to all Policies, Legislation Standards, Related Policies, Responsibilities and Delegation and Evaluation and Review			2.05.2019 – standing item until complete

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No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Action/Task	Completed Status
G	Confidential Council Meeting 30 August 2018		Ali Curung Library	CEO to look into a library for Ali Curung	CEO		27.09.2018 Ongoing 25.10.2018 Requested 31.01.2019 potential location identified 25.07.2019 Ongoing
H	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure		30.05.2019 Ongoing 25.07.2019 Ongoing 30.10.2019 Ongoing

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Community Consultation Policy
REFERENCE	280872
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and approve the marked-up Community Consultation Policy.

SUMMARY:

Council requested a marked-up version of the Community Consultation Policy for review at the 30 May 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting and resolved that the Northern Territory Government's Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy be considered in the drafting of this Policy. The marked-up Policy and Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy are attached for Council's consideration and Council are asked to approve this Policy.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Community Consultation Policy Final Marked Up \(002\).pdf](#)
- 2 [Community Consultation Policy Final Marked Up.pdf](#)
- 3 [Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy.pdf](#)

POLICY



TITLE:	Community Consultation Policy		
DIVISON:	Public Relations		
ADOPTED BY:	Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	October 2019	DATE OF REVIEW:	October 2022
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:	CP04		
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All employees and Elected Members of the Barkly Regional Council (Council)

SUMMARY

This Policy outlines Council's commitment to maintaining strong community consultation and engagement, particularly with the remote communities within the Barkly region and establishes the principles by which the Council will undertake community consultation. By providing a quality level of community consultation in line with Council's Remote Communication Policy and the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy, Council will provide a more efficient communication network and ensure that all voices within the region are heard and considered.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy aims to:

- Promote an efficient two-way communication network with the effective exchange of important information;
- Ensure Council's commitment to maintaining sound community consultation, particularly in the Barkly communities;
- Clearly establish when and how community consultation will occur;
- Accurately identify the true issues raised at each consultation; and
- Outline how the consultation process will be managed.

BACKGROUND

Council recognises the challenges associated with remote communication in the Barkly region due to the many cultural groups, languages and cultural practices within the region and acknowledges that the understanding and respect of these different ways is critical to successful work in these communities.

Engaging with the community is part of Council's undertaking to operate with high standards of communication, transparency and openness. This undertaking ensures that Council is open and accountable to the community and provides sufficient opportunity for feedback. Council recognises that the community are knowledgeable and passionate about their communities and intends to involve the relevant community in the decision making process in decisions that affect their interests.

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Community consultation allows Council access to wider sources of information, points of view and potential solutions. It gives the community a better understanding of the issues behind the decision making process and the related constraints or opportunities that exist. Council acknowledges that by involving a cross section of the community in a consultative process, it can make better decisions.

This Policy is based on the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy and the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) model as amended from time to time. This Policy aims to complement the existing IAP2 model and in the event of an inconsistency between this Policy and the IAP2 Model, the provisions of the Model takes precedence. The link for the IAP2 is provided in the Reference section of this policy.

BEST PRACTICE GUIDE

While many aspects of engagement and coordination are universal, some are specific to the work that takes place in remote areas. Council will consider the below when seeking community consultation:

1. Community

Each community has its own cultures and own dynamics and these must be considered when providing information to and receiving information from remote communities.

2. Project

The project and the reasons for the project's inception must be clearly communicated in a mode and method suitable to that community's needs. The community must be involved in the inception of the project idea and the design scope and must be clearly informed of the process leading up until the completion of the project.

3. Relationships

Council is committed to maintaining sound relationships with the local people of our communities. These relationships will be facilitated by the Area Managers and Team Leaders and through the Local Authorities of each community. Particular emphasis will be placed on ensuring that the projects up for discussion are made with the free informed consent of the local constituents of the location the project is proposed to be undertaken.

4. Time

Council will allow for as much time as reasonably practicable given the circumstances to ensure that the topics up for discussion are discussed in a considered and structured way. There will be no time constraints on the decision-makers to decide on a project unless a date is clearly specified and communicate to those people.

5. Communication

Communication is a critical aspect of the community consultation process. Council will ensure that once a decision has been made on a particular issue, that community will be fully informed of the actions arising and the follow up steps. Particular attention will be given to the manner in which the feedback is provided to the community.

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PRINCIPLES

Council will:

- Involve and inform the relevant community in a manner and method relevant to them about key decisions that may affect them and consider all reasonable suggestions raised;
- consult with the Local Authority of a particular community prior to making a decision if a decision may affect that community;
- Ensure the best interests of the community prevail over individual or vested interests; and
- seek to balance community views and interests with other influences such as budgetary constraints.

LEGISLATION, TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) - <http://www.iap2.org.au/spectrum.pdf>
Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy
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IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION

The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for implementation of the Policy.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years or at other times at the discretion of Chief Executive Officer.

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TITLE:	Community Consultation Policy		
DIVISION:	Public Relations		
ADOPTED BY:	Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	21-August-2014 2019	DATE OF REVIEW:	1-August-2018 2022
MOTION NUMBER:	159/14		
POLICY NUMBER:	CP000004		
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All employees, contractors and Elected Members and Elected Members of the Barkly Regional Council (Council)

PREAMBLE

The aim of all policy is for Councillors to provide strategic input into the effective operational framework of the organisation under S.11 of the Local Government Act

SUMMARY

This Policy identifies a framework for outlining Council's commitment to maintaining strong community consultation and engagement, particularly with the remote communities within the Barkly region and establishes the principles by which the Council will undertake community consultation. By providing a quality level of community consultation in line with Council's Remote Communication Policy and the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy, Council will provide a more efficient communication network and ensure that all voices within the region are heard and considered.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy will provide the community with a clear understanding of aims to:

- Promote an efficient two-way communication network with the effective exchange of important information;
 - Ensure Council's commitment to maintaining sound community consultation, particularly in the Barkly communities;
 - Clearly establish when and how community consultation will occur;
 - Accurately identify the true issues raised at each consultation; and
 - Outline how the consultation process will be managed.
- What level of consultation will occur?

BACKGROUND

Community consultation and engagement is a way of including the views of the community in the Council's planning and decision-making processes. The Council engages with its community to identify, understand and develop strategies to address and respond to community needs and concerns.

Council recognises the challenges associated with remote communication in the Barkly region

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IAP2 SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION¹

Increasing The Level Of Public Impact → → → →

Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
<u>Public Participation Goal:</u> To provide balanced and objective information to assist understanding of topic, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	<u>Public Participation Goal:</u> To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	<u>Public Participation Goal:</u> To work with the public throughout the process to ensure that concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	<u>Public Participation Goal:</u> To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including development of alternatives and identification of preferred solution.	<u>Public Participation Goal:</u> To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
<u>Promise to the Public:</u> We will keep you informed.	<u>Promise to the Public:</u> We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how input influenced the decision.	<u>Promise to the Public:</u> We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how input influenced the decision.	<u>Promise to the Public:</u> We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	<u>Promise to the Public:</u> We will implement what you decide.

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¹IAP2—refer website: <http://www.iap2.org.au/spectrum.pdf>

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Throughout the process of community engagement, there is likely to be movement back and forth along the Spectrum as the plan is implemented and/or before Council makes a final decision.

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THE PRINCIPLES

The CC Council will apply the following principles

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- ~~Involvement of the relevant community in a manner and method relevant to them about key decisions that may affect them and consider all reasonable suggestions raised; The community will be involved in and informed about key decisions that may affect them~~
- ~~Consultation will be structured to maintain a focus on the issue/s being addressed~~
- ~~The Council will identify potential stakeholders in each specific circumstance~~
- ~~Where an issue involves a specific community and it is both practical and appropriate to do so, the Council will consult with the Local Authority of that a particular community prior to making a decision if a decision may affect that community;~~
- ~~The Council will ensure information is easily understood and accessible~~
- ~~A range of appropriate opportunities will be provided for people to access information and to be involved, taking account of barriers due to language, disability or cultural issues~~
- ~~The Council will listen to community views~~
- ~~Ensure the best interests of the community will prevail over the individual or vested interests; and~~
- ~~The Council will seek to balance community views and interests with other influences such as budgetary constraints.~~

~~Reports to Council on matters requiring community input will recommend a consultation and engagement strategy and outline the actions and resources proposed for engagement with the public.~~

LEGISLATION, TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

~~In a number of areas the Council is required to comply with specific legislative requirements such as providing minimum periods for public comment and giving public notice by advertising in a newspaper. Consultation processes identified in this Policy should be seen as complementing any prescribed statutory requirements.~~
~~International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) - <http://www.iap2.org.au/spectrum.pdf>~~
~~Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy~~
~~Remote Communication Policy~~

IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION

The Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for implementation of the Policy.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every ~~four (4)~~ three (3) years ~~or, and may be reviewed at other times at the discretion of Chief Executive Officer.~~

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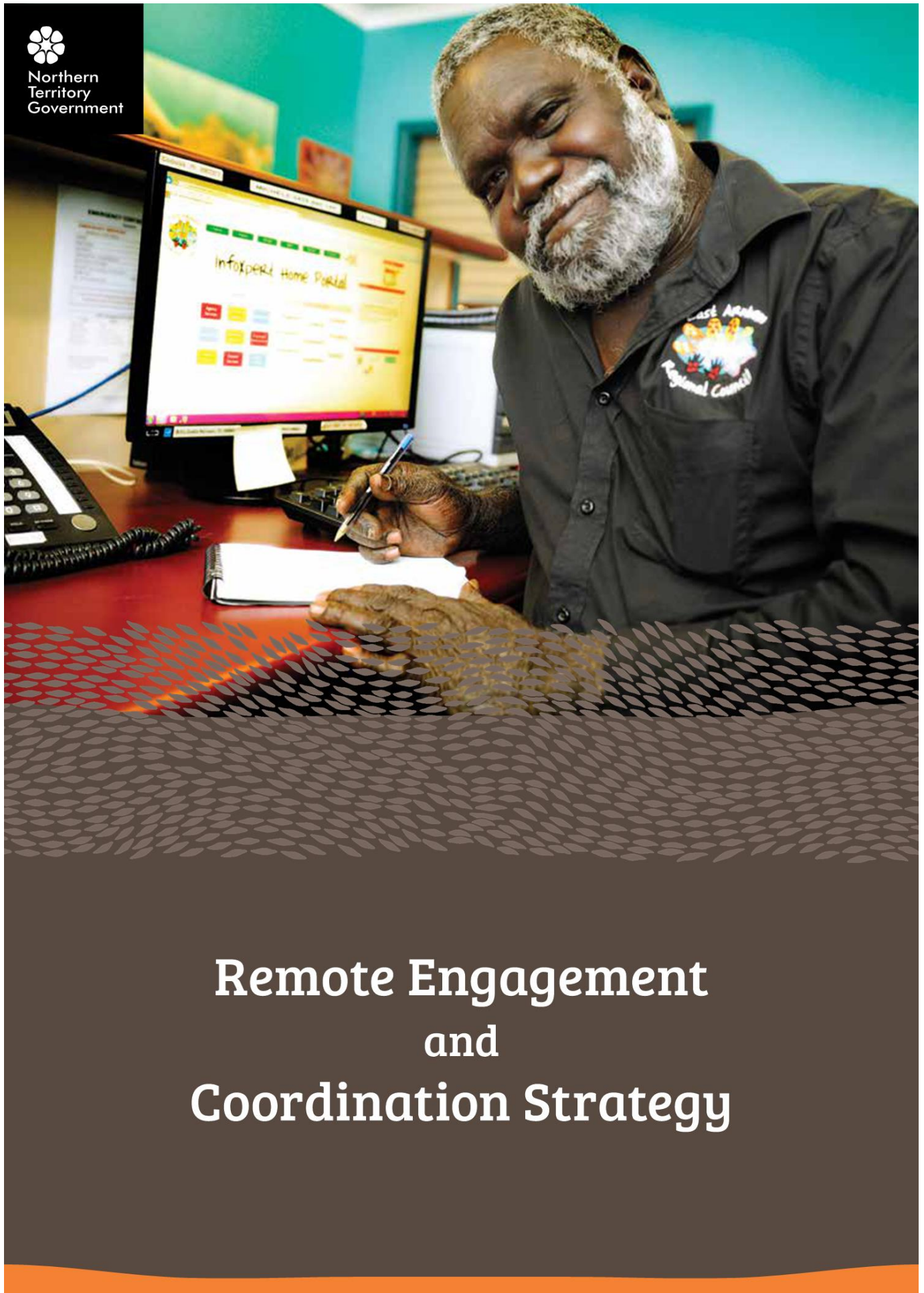
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Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy



“Aboriginal communities and government should negotiate through working together properly and respectfully – not rushing over the top of the other – but negotiating a way forward calmly together, with integrity.”

Gäwa Elder, Both Ways Engagement Workshops (2013)

1 REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

Introduction

The Northern Territory Government *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy (RECS or the Strategy)* responds to the need to improve the way we coordinate our services and engage with remote Aboriginal community members. This will not only lead to better outcomes, it will also improve our efficiency and ability to deliver in a tight fiscal environment.

The Strategy was designed by an Inter-Agency Working Group based in Alice Springs through a series of workshops. Working Group membership included representatives of agencies whose core work involves remote service provision, two Regional Councils and Charles Darwin University.

Additional feedback and input was sought from the broader Northern Territory Government (NTG) including regional staff to ensure the Strategy was informed by current and previous practice and experience of engagement in the Territory's unique physical and social environment. Ongoing development, including both agency and remote community input, will occur through implementation and evaluation.

The Working Group considered a wide range of recognised community engagement principles, practice, research and literature, particularly relating to Aboriginal communities. The Strategy also draws on key national and international best practice and rights declarations such as the *United Nations Declaration of Human Rights* (1948), *The Brisbane Declaration* (2005), *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (2007) and the *International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum*.

Overview

The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* defines remote engagement and coordination, is underpinned by values and principles and comprises six elements. The Strategy elements are: *Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination*, *Levels of Remote Community Participation*, *Remote Information and Coordination System (RICS)*, *Bush Ready* (induction and professional learning), an *Evaluation Framework*, and the *Online Toolkit*.

“It is not about more consultations but about listening to what the true message is. What is wanted is quality meetings that people act on.”

Gunbalanya community member (2010)



Celebrating community achievements, Numbulwar.

Context

The Northern Territory's remote communities are home to many different Aboriginal groups, most of whom continue to speak ancestral languages and follow traditional culture practices, including traditional forms of negotiation and agreement making under the authority of land owners and clan elders. Understanding of and respect for these different ways is critical to successful work in these contexts.

Challenges in practising good engagement and coordination in remote Northern Territory, are intensified by sparsely populated regions, long distances, a harsh climate, many different language and cultural groups, a history of fraught relationships with governments, multiple programs working in the same space with the same people and high staff turnover.



Purpose

The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* responds to the identified need for the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to work more effectively to achieve better outcomes for remote community members including:

- consistent and accountable remote engagement and coordination practice across the NTG
- coordination and collaboration within and between NTG agencies, communities, regions and head office in recording, tracking and responding to ideas and issues raised
- confidence that NTG agencies are aware of and responding to local issues
- informed, responsive and aligned policy, program and service delivery decisions
- improved job satisfaction and workload management for NTG staff
- cost-effective use of resources including visits by NTG staff to remote communities
- improved community experience of government service delivery
- greater transparency of decision making processes
- relevant and culturally appropriate communication, engagement and feedback
- a reduced burden of engagement on remote community members by avoiding duplication and unnecessary consultation.

“By listening to locals rather than deciding before they come what they want to hear... actually understanding what is happening in the community”

Ntaria community member (2010)

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REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

Users

The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* is designed for use by Northern Territory Government (NTG) staff whose work relates to remote Northern Territory. Other organisations may find it useful, or participate in its implementation.

“We have enough meetings already. What is bad is when government calls a meeting without plenty of notice and without telling us what it’s about ...”

Umbakumba community member (2010)

Impacts

Commitment to the *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* values, principles and practices should have the following impact at head office, regional and community levels:

- **NTG Executive Management** have confidence that agencies are responding effectively to ideas, issues and needs raised at community level, and that policy, program and service delivery decisions and development are well informed, inclusive and aligned.
- **NTG Regional Staff** are valued as an essential link between executive management, other stakeholders and remote communities and have input into NTG planning and processes.
- **Remote Community Members** influence policy and programs that affect them and receive services that are responsive to their needs, understood and coordinated.



NTG Barkly regional staff.

Remote Engagement and Coordination

Remote engagement is the two-way communication, exchange of information and deliberation that occurs between governments and people living in remote communities. It increases mutual understanding and enables community members to influence decisions that affect their lives.

Remote coordination is defined as processes by which government practices, policies, programs and services for remote communities are collaborative, integrated and aligned.

“Remote engagement and coordination are mutually dependent on each other – engagement will only work if there is good coordination and coordination will only work if there is good engagement. They must be understood and practised together, rather than separately.”

Professor Michael Christie, Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University (2015)



Values and Principles

The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* is underpinned by the following values and principles.

Respect and Integrity

- Engagement is genuine, open and honest
- Traditional authority and governance are respected by working with and being guided by local Aboriginal elders and leaders

Commitment

- *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* policy, processes and practice are endorsed, implemented and properly resourced
- Enough time is given for practices to change and outcomes to improve

Accountability

- Processes are agreed and adhered to and any changes are communicated
- Decision-making is sustainable (economically viable, technically feasible, environmentally compatible, publicly acceptable)
- Ongoing evaluation is used to inform and improve policy, practice and outcomes
- Close the loop – feedback is provided to keep the community informed of processes and outcomes

Clarity

- The purpose, scope and timeframes of the engagement are clear
- Decision-making processes and boundaries (government and other) are understood
- Information and communication is understood by all

Inclusion

- Enough time and space is allowed for dialogue, to reflect and to develop shared understanding

Working Together

- Relationships are established, maintained and based on trust
- Ways of engagement are place-based to suit local needs, language, time-frames and cultural protocols
- Participation is relevant and representative
- All points of view are freely expressed, heard and understood
- Effective engagement is based on dialogue and active listening
- Quality communication and coordination occurs within and across levels of government, other stakeholders and remote community members

“Government still has a lot of duplication... one department might come out one week to talk about something and the next week another department will come out to talk about the same thing.”

Wadeye community member (2010)

Elements

The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* comprises six elements that together provide comprehensive and practical guidance, mechanisms and tools for remote engagement work and the coordination of government policies and services for remote Northern Territory communities.

 <p>Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination</p>	<p>The Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination brings together universal aspects of best practice community engagement and coordination together with elements of practice tailored to the specific needs of remote Northern Territory communities.</p>
 <p>Levels of Remote Community Participation</p>	<p>The Levels of Remote Community Participation is designed to help identify the level of participation of remote community members in an engagement process as well as appropriate engagement tools and methods.</p>
 <p>Remote Information Coordination System</p>	<p>The Remote Information Coordination System is an electronic system to gather and document information, capture issues and facilitate a response and support coordination within and across levels of government, other stakeholders and remote community members.</p>
 <p>Bush-Ready</p>	<p>Bush-Ready identifies induction and professional learning components that will support staff to develop knowledge, skills and behaviour required to work effectively in remote communities in the Northern Territory.</p>
 <p>Evaluation Framework</p>	<p>The Evaluation Framework outlines the process for continuous improvement in remote engagement and coordination practices through ongoing review, evaluation and change.</p>
 <p>Online Toolkit</p>	<p>The Online Toolkit is a user-friendly website to support remote engagement and coordination. It includes useful information and tools including sample policies, processes and templates, stories and case studies, links to professional learning, the Remote Information Coordination System (RICS) and other relevant government systems.</p> <p>www.bushready.nt.gov.au</p>

Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination

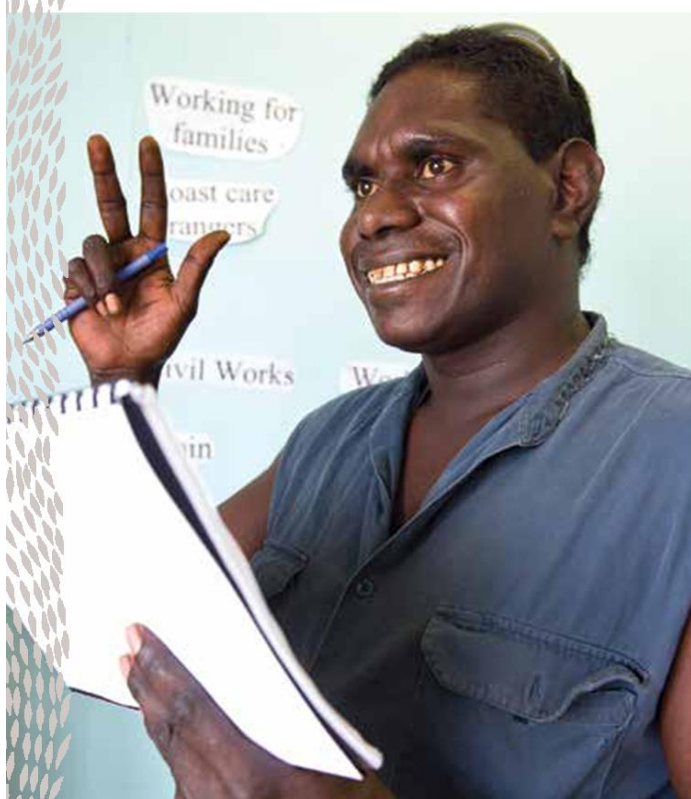
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This table is a *Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination* with remote community members and the coordination of actions related to this engagement.

The *Online Toolkit* expands the Best Practice Guide into factors to consider, at both operational and strategic levels, **BEFORE, DURING** and **AFTER** visiting and engaging with remote community members.

“We see the planes come in and go out and often we have no idea who came and why.”

Ngukurr community member (2010)



Focus	Engagement – Key Actions
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out about the community, Aboriginal restrictions, local dynamics and www.bushtel.nt.gov.au
Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the project, opportunity or outcomes Clarify the decisions being made related decisions already made Identify community and other stakeholders Identify the level and goal of engagement Identify the community engagement methods Plan and use methods and tools to ensure full participation of all stakeholders Identify risks and plan how to manage them
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good relationships are essential with Aboriginal authorities, community members and other stakeholders Respect and follow local cultural protocols
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid rushing – allow time and flexibility for maximum participation Allow time for community members to provide input into the project, opportunity or outcomes
Communication and Close-the-loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate in ways that are appropriate to the community Ensure community members are engaged during and after the engagement Follow up and close the loop with community members
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before you start, plan evaluation methods and process – from introducing the project to the community As you go along, document, monitor and evaluate engagement objectives and outcomes Ensure evaluation process is relevant to the community Use evaluation to continuously improve engagement
You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider your self-awareness, experience, skills and training and identify gaps Be aware of assumptions and cultural differences you are suited to remote work Stay open to learning and reflect on your experience

ons	Coordination – Key Actions
original governance, cultural protocols, any 'burning' issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Aboriginal authorities, other community members and regional staff who you should be informing, working with and learning from on the project or issue
issue as well as the objectives and and who will make them, as well as any <eholders agement for each stakeholder group ent purpose, objectives and outcomes that suit the engagement and ensure the rs nage them throughout the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out what is already known about the project, opportunity or issue, knowledge gaps, relevant history, level of interest and potential conflict or risk Use Remote Information Coordination System (RICS) for planning, documenting and evaluating engagement, coordination and visits Find out how to contact other stakeholders, and where opportunities for collaboration, coordination, challenges or conflicts may exist or arise Develop, support and use community-based and regional processes (e.g. Aboriginal governance groups, inter-agency meetings, Regional Coordination Committees) Facilitate community members' understanding of government processes and responses
– find ways to build understanding and trust unity members and other stakeholders protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work closely with community-based and regional staff and others who have well-developed relationships with community members Keep everyone well informed at every stage of the project/process
exibility to build relationships and enable rs and other stakeholders to understand and ortunity or issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base the negotiation of timing and timeframes on both community and government parameters Ensure all stakeholders are kept up to date and have time to respond when things change
ropriate and understood (e.g. interpreters) other stakeholders are informed before, community members and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help community members raise ideas and issues with the appropriate government agency Obtain and pass on responses to these
of the engagement objectives, outcomes re project, staying in touch and receiving itor and evaluate what happens, whether were met or not and any unplanned vant and meaningful to the stakeholders improve engagement practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate input into the ongoing evaluation and improvement of Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy and RICS from community and other stakeholders at regional and executive levels
igagement skills, cultural competency, basic ps in your knowledge and skills ltural bias you may bringing, or even whether on your performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, organise and promote professional support, learning or training opportunities you may need Record your reflections and evaluations in RICS or the relevant government system.

Levels of Remote Community Participation

The *Levels of Remote Community Participation* is a tool designed to help identify the level of participation of remote community members in an engagement process.

The higher the level of community participation in the engagement, the greater the influence community members have on the final decision.

This tool can also be used to identify the level of participation of other stakeholders. It is essential that all stakeholders have a clear understanding about their level of engagement and the say they have in decisions. The *Levels of Remote Community Participation* is based on the 'International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum'.

“We are sick of talking – no one’s listening – I won’t go to any more community meetings as it’s all just talk – people talk and talk – no one listens – it’s not worth coming along we have been saying the same thing for a long time, but nothing ever happens.”

Lajamanu community member (2013)



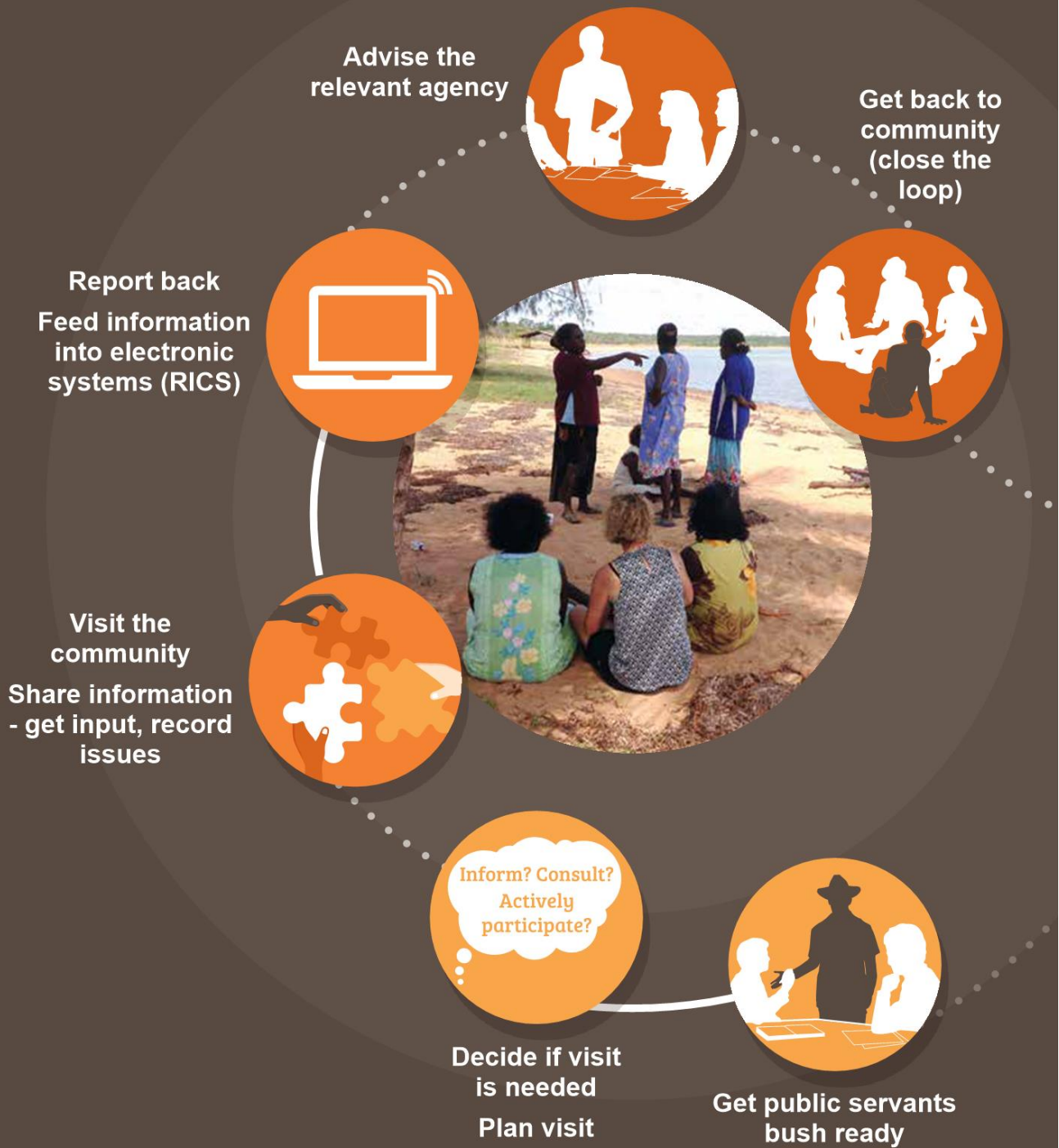
International Women's Day at Umbakumba.

Levels of Remote Community Participation

	Inform	Consult	Actively participate						
Goal of the engagement	Community members are well-informed .	Community members are well-informed and give feedback that government considers.	Community members are well-informed and actively contribute to decision-making						
Decision-making level of community members	Community members <u>don't</u> have a say in the final decision. The final decision is made by government.	Community members <u>might</u> have a say in the final decision. The final decision is made by government.	Community members <u>will</u> have a say in the final decision. Community can actively participate at one of three levels: <table><tr><td>Involve</td><td>Collaborate</td><td>Empower</td></tr><tr><td>Some say</td><td>High level or equal say</td><td>Total say and control</td></tr></table>	Involve	Collaborate	Empower	Some say	High level or equal say	Total say and control
Involve	Collaborate	Empower							
Some say	High level or equal say	Total say and control							
Government commitment to community members	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">provide information in the right way to the right people to help you understandensure you know the whole storykeep you informedenable you to ask questions.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">listen to you and make sure we understand what is important to youask you for ideas and feedbackconsider what you tell usgive you feedback on how you influenced the decision.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">work with you at each step of the processmake sure your ideas are included as much as possiblework with you to find different options and decide what the best decision will be.						
Example tools and methods	Posters, flyers, community noticeboards, walking around talking with people, use interpreters, newsletters, local radio, presentations, social media, websites, meetings, story-telling.	Surveys, interviews, use interpreters, story-telling, small group discussions (interest, family, clan, governance groups etc.), focus groups, workshops.	Discussions over a period of time, interviews, use interpreters, story-telling, group discussions (interest, family, clan, governance groups etc.), focus groups, workshops.						

11 REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

Actions



Evaluate, review
and improve
performance



Results

- Fewer unnecessary trips
- Reduced engagement burden
- More effective use of resources
- Communities get a response (closing the loop)
- Better relationships with community members
- Community residents have a better understanding of government
- Government is better informed about communities
- Communities have input to policy and program delivery

Inter-Agency Working Group

The NTG Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy Framework was developed in 2015 by an Inter-Agency Working Group through a series of workshops and research activities facilitated by Kaaren Smethurst and Juli Cathcart.

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Northern Territory Police

Kate Vanderlaan

Power and Water Corporation

Annette D'Emden

“... sometimes need to come back and talk a number of times to get it right.”

Ntaria community member (2010)



Representatives from MacDonnell and Central Desert Regional Councils, NTG & CDU discuss the Strategy.

Glossary

<i>Aboriginal authorities</i>	Leaders, Elders, Traditional Owners or other Aboriginal people who are recognised authorities in their community
<i>Executive management</i>	Decision makers in government – could include senior staff, agency executives or CEOs, Members of Parliament or Ministers
<i>Remote community members</i>	People living in remotely located communities, in particular, Aboriginal residents
<i>Regional Coordination Committee</i>	Regional Coordination Committee – regular meeting of senior staff from government departments (and sometimes other organisations) operating in a particular region
<i>Regional staff</i>	NTG staff based in regional centres
<i>Stakeholder</i>	A person or group with an interest, influence or concern (stake) in something

“... talk to the right people, not just the people who want to talk to them, the first ones they meet.”

Ntaria community member (2010)



Nyirripi community.

15 REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

Sources of Information

In addition to the documents named in the *Introduction*, the *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* has been informed by engagement strategies and documents produced by the Australian Government, State and Territory Governments and a number of local government councils from rural and regional Australia. Other useful information sources include community development practitioners and organisations with expertise in this area.

Quotes from community members were taken from a number of 'Governance and Engagement Maps'. These are reports from a research project undertaken by the Langford Team in 2010 - 2011 managed under the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government's Remote Service Delivery Partnership Agreement. Additional quotes are from the NTG Review of Regional Governance in

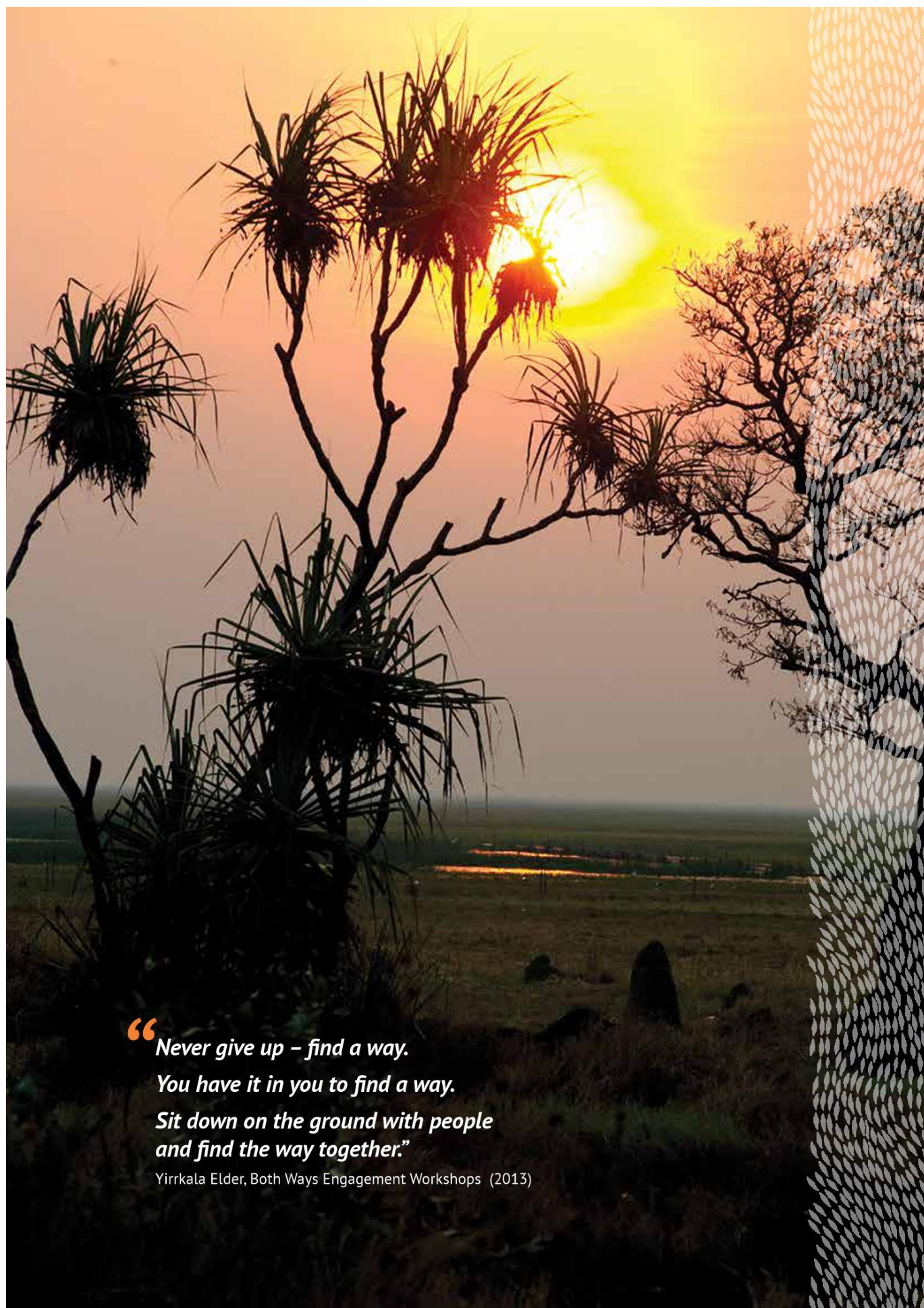
2013 (Department of Local Government and Regions) and from the Both Ways Engagement Workshops conducted by the Yolngu Aboriginal Consultants' Initiative (YACI) and CDU in 2013.

There is particular acknowledgement of Professor Michael Christie and Juli Cathcart from the Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University, who have provided invaluable advice and input using their vast wealth of knowledge and experience in engagement with remotely located Aboriginal community members.

A full list of information sources is available on the Online Toolkit at:
www.bushready.nt.gov.au



NTG officer and Central Desert Regional Council elected member workshopping the Strategy.



**“Never give up – find a way.
You have it in you to find a way.
Sit down on the ground with people
and find the way together.”**

Yirrkalá Elder, Both Ways Engagement Workshops (2013)

“Better they change the way they think. Listen to us... and... let us teach them in our community. We can show them.”

Yuendumu community member (2010)

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.3
TITLE	Juno Policy
REFERENCE	280916
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Juno Leasing Principles; and
- b) Receive and approve the Draft Juno Usage Policy.

SUMMARY:

Council requested the creation of a policy outlining the conditions associated with the usage of Juno. Council is requested to consider the adoption of the Juno Usage Policy in consideration of the Juno Leasing Principles

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- [1↓](#) Juno Leasing Principles.pdf
- [2↓](#) Juno Usage Policy.pdf

PRINCIPLES/GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR JUNO PROPERTY (PORTION 1918)

BACKGROUND:

1. Portion 1918 known locally as Juno Horse Farm was purchased by the Tennant Creek Town Council to provide community benefits specifically for Tennant Creek. This was approved at a general meeting of TCTC on 22nd August 2006 which resolved "That council authorises the Mayor and CEO to enter into negotiations with the view of purchasing freehold land outside the municipal area, but within the vicinity of the town, to further council's purposes". Moved: R. Swanson Seconded: P. Brahim
2. On 19th September, 2006 the TCTC Corporate Services Committee resolved "That council authorises the Mayor and CEO to finalise the purchase of the Juno property on the terms and conditions outlined in this report". Moved: R. Swanson Seconded: P. Brahim
3. On 18th December, 2006 settlement of the sale of Portion 1918 took place with Tennant Creek No 1. Pty Ltd. as the registered owner and with the Tennant Creek Town Council paying \$395,000 directly to the former owner, Mr. Malcolm McCaskill.
4. On 7th October, 2011, Portion 1918 was unconditionally transferred to Barkly Shire Council.
5. Since transfer to the shire, the local public has been canvassed for suggestions as to the ultimate use of the property. Various suggestions were made but the principal guideline to Council was that, as the property is the last large tract of freehold land in this area, it should be held for a future community use, not yet determined. On 17th January, 2013, Council resolved "Council to investigate possible leases and does not sell the land known as Juno at this time". Moved: H. Ruger Seconded: N. Bremner.
6. It is recognised that Portion 1918 was purchased using funds of the former Tennant Creek Town Council with the intention that it be utilised for the community benefit of the people of Tennant Creek. It is therefore considered to be a community property and any ultimate disposal should therefore only be carried out with the majority agreement of local people.

PRINCIPLES OF ONGOING MANAGEMENT FOR PORTION 1918:

1. The land, or any portion of same, is not to be sold.
2. Preference will be given to those proposals which provide a community or social benefit to the Barkly Region at large, in particular Tennant Creek. Consideration will be given to community benefits that include additional local employment, positive improvement to local economies, increased opportunities in local industry or the supply of additional services or facilities for local residents. All proposals will be considered to ensure there are no negative impacts on assisting local industry. Social and community benefits include an additional service, facility or recreational facilities for the direct benefit of local residents that previously might not have been available.
3. That all lessees maintain the land without harm or damage to the environment, land or infrastructure including introduction of noxious weeds or other pests, apart from fair wear and tear. No irreparable damage will be caused with all lessees entering into an agreement to be liable for any repair or rectification costs during and at the conclusion of their lease.
4. Provide Council with an annual income.
5. Proposals must be able to demonstrate financial sustainability for the lease period. All improvements to be the responsibility of lessees.
6. The length of lease agreements will be as agreed by both parties.
7. The Barkly Shire Council has the right to inspect the property at any time during the lease.

8. In considering multiple leases, consideration will be given to the intention of the various lessees and ensure that there is no interference or objection to the aims and objectives of neighbouring lessees.
9. The lessee to be responsible for all statutory rates and charges including undertaking fire mitigation practices and general maintenance.
10. No illegal substances to be consumed, manufactured, grown or taken onto the property with all lessees conforming to the provisions of the existing Tennant Creek Alcohol Management Plan.
11. The Barkly Shire Council reserves the right to commence and operate an enterprise or provide a facility in its own right. In so doing it will ensure that any such enterprise or facility will not be in direct competition to any similar privately operated enterprise or facility in Tennant Creek or the immediate area.
12. All facilities or improvements to be constructed on Portion 1918 to be of appropriate standard and solid construction meeting acceptable community standards. The Barkly Shire to have the right to pre-approve or reject all permanent structures being erected by a lessee. Preference will be given to those capital projects which are of a substantial nature rather than of demountable, transportable or other light construction.

POLICY



TITLE:	Juno Usage Policy		
DIVISION:	Corporate		
ADOPTED BY:	Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	September 2019	DATE OF REVIEW:	September 2022
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:	CP65		
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO: All Employees, Elected Members and Appointed Members of the Barkly Regional Council

SUMMARY

Council is committed to ensuring all Council land is used in a way that provides community benefits to Tennant Creek and the wider Barkly region. Juno is the largest block of freehold land in Tennant Creek and Council has long held the philosophy that the usage of this land will only be authorised on certain conditions. This Policy reflects these conditions and acts as a formal document indicating compliance with previously resolved Council decisions.

BACKGROUND

Juno was purchased using Council funds (of the former Tennant Creek Town Council) and Council is committed to ensuring that the property is utilised in a way that does not negatively impact on the community and that any ultimate disposal should only be carried out with the majority agreement of local people. Council has undertaken a variety of surveys and community consultation policies to gauge community interest and opinions on the future usage of Juno.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy aims to ensure:

- Juno is used in a way that provides a community benefit to Tennant Creek;
- Council is adequately protected in case of damage on Juno land;
- Only the appropriate lease options are considered;
- The community is adequately consulted prior to a formal arrangement being entered into; and
- Appropriate measures are taken to protect the land and maintain its heritage value within Tennant Creek.

POLICY

- The land, or any portion, is not to be sold without the approval of Council made by Council Resolution;
- Preference will be given to those proposals which provide a community or social benefit to the Barkly Region at large, in particular Tennant Creek;

POLICY



- All lessees maintain the land without harm or damage to the environment, land or infrastructure including introduction of noxious weeds or other pests, apart from fair wear and tear and must provide Council with documented insurance coverage prior to taking possession;
- The lessee must provide Council with an annual income to be determined in a separate Agreement between Council and the lessee;
- Proposals must be able to demonstrate financial sustainability for the lease period and all improvements to the land must obtain Council's prior written consent;
- The Barkly Regional Council has the right to inspect the property at any time during the lease;
- Consideration will be given to the intention of the various lessees and ensure that there is no interference or objection to the aims and objectives of neighbouring lessees;
- The lessee to be responsible for all statutory rates and charges including undertaking fire mitigation practices and general maintenance;
- No illegal substances to be consumed, manufactured, grown or taken onto the property;
- The Barkly Regional Council reserves the right to commence and operate an enterprise or provide a facility in its own right. In so doing, it will ensure that any such enterprise or facility will not be in direct competition to any similar privately operated enterprise or facility in Tennant Creek or the immediate area; and
- All facilities or improvements to be constructed on Portion 1918 to be of appropriate standard and solid construction meeting acceptable community standards. The Barkly Regional Council reserves the right to pre-approve or reject all permanent structures being erected by a lessee. Preference will be given to those capital projects which are of a substantial nature rather than of demountable, transportable or other light construction.

REFERENCES

Barkly Regional Council Principles/Guidelines for Consider Proposals for Juno Property (Portion 1918)
Community Consultation Policy
Disposal of Property Policy

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

The Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of this Policy with delegation granted to the Chief Executive Officer's delegate during their absence.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years or as requested by the Chief Executive Officer.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Elliott Arts - Feasibility Study - Presentation update by KPMG Darwin
REFERENCE	282726
AUTHOR	Jenna Walker, Executive Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Considers progress update on the Feasibility Study of an Arts Centre that is underway in Elliott as presented by KPMG Darwin.

SUMMARY:

Kristy Rees and Abbie Northwood, consultants from KPMG, will present a summary of initial findings and provide an update on the Elliott Arts Feasibility Study progress via video conference.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Mayor's Report - September 2019
REFERENCE 284166
AUTHOR Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Mayor's Report for September 2019.

SUMMARY:

The Mayor will provide a verbal update on his activities for the month of September 2019.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	283119
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Acting CEO report.

SUMMARY:

September was another busy month in Council, much has been achieved which has been very satisfying for the Management team.

I have attended numerous meetings during the month, key meetings have included a Regional Deal Governance table meeting, a Youth Justice Facility working group meeting and a Youth Council Meeting is scheduled to take place before the end of the Month.

At the Youth Justice Facility working group we have recommended three possible locations that will now go out for public consultation. Our Juno sight is one of these possible locations (subject to Council approval), a briefing has been provided for Council in the Confidential Council agenda.

We have implemented the phone app called snap, send, and solve to allow the public to report any issues that they may see around Tennant Creek and the Barkly Communities. This could include graffiti, potholes or stray animals. We have also established a procedure to deal with these incoming issues. A process has been implemented to ensure all reports are followed up on.

I attended a meeting with DIPL about future street scape of Patterson Street. Meetings are scheduled for early October to better understand the road blocks to completing these projects.

I was in a phone conference with the EPA, to discuss the continued licensing and expansion of our Tennant Creek Landfill. We have been directed to relocate all operations to the original licenced landfill Lot. A detailed report is included in the agenda.

I will be on leave from the 20th of September and once I return I will be back in my usual role as the Director of Operations. I would like to take the chance once again to thank Council for the opportunity to Act as the CEO. I must admit that It was daunting when 4 weeks turned into 10, it was challenging and rewarding experience to take on such a long relief. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the BRC staff for their extra efforts to help out while Steve was away. We really do have a great group of people working with us.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Barkly Regional Council Completed Infrastructure Projects
REFERENCE	283399
AUTHOR	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

Completed Projects:

1. Construction/repairs of sealed road at Alpururulam
2. New bus stop & bin outside IGA TC (local Authority funded)
3. Removal of Peko and Ambrose roundabout, application of 2 x coat seal and installation of speed bumps
4. Construction of COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) Shelter for Ali Curung and Wutungurra basketball courts
5. Construction of new Elliott Footy Oval
6. Installation of new solar lighting and reticulation in Elliott public parks
7. Construction on new Ecoloo (LA funded) and men's shed (ongoing)
8. Construction of Karguru Oval in Tennant Creek
9. Construction of TC new extension cemetery with capacity for 850 standard graves
10. Construction of ANZAC Hill fence and gates
11. Construction of Auto-gate and fences for 41 Peko Rd
12. Repairs of footpaths in TC
13. New refrigerated air conditioning system at the TC Civic Hall
14. Housing upgrades in Alpururulam
15. New shelter at Ali Curung Cemetery
16. Additional streetlights installed to augment CCTV coverage
17. New 4wd ages care bus and building upgrade for Arlparra
18. Additional shade and solar heating at TC swimming pool
19. Major communications infrastructure upgrade

Capital Purchases

1. New Hino for Ampilatwatja
2. Portable toilets and two industrial washing machines for Ampilatwatja (LA funded)
3. New tractor and slasher, new Hino tip truck and new backhoe for Alpururulam
4. Sports and Recreation building upgrade in Alpururulam
5. New backhoe, new fire trailer and new rubbish vacuum unit for Ali Curung
6. New street sweeper delivered for Tennant Creek

BACKGROUND

At the August 2019 Council meeting, Council requested to see a list of completed Infrastructure projects from the previous 12 months.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Finance Report - August 2019
REFERENCE	284080
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the two months ended 31 August 2019.

SUMMARY:

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

18 Financial reports to council

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

BACKGROUND

Council continues to maintain strong cash reserves with total cash holdings of \$9.92 Million at 31 August.

\$165 thousand was collected in outstanding rates debtors for August.

Council has expended \$528,761 on capital additions (including \$196,114 of funded capital) to 31 August. An itemized listing has been provided detailing the location, usage and budget utilized for each capital item.

For the two month period to 31 August 2019, Total Comprehensive Income of Council is reported at \$2.531 Million less than budget. Total expenditure is \$55K more than budget with employee costs reported at \$127K (5.29%) less than budget. Materials, contracts and other expenses were \$167K over-budget.

Operating grant revenues are \$2.4M less than budget. Major variances in funding recieved are detailed below:

Funding Stream	Receipts	Budget Shortfall
Aged & Community Care Funding		322,878
Financial Assistance Grant Subsidy (FAGS): General		218,526
Financial Assistance Grant Subsidy (FAGS): Road Funding		55,233
Night Patrol		1,209,496
Roads To Recovery Funding		165,568
Youth Services Funding		476,120

Capital grant revenues are \$610K less than budget. Major variances in funding are detailed below:

Funding Stream	Receipts	Budget
Capital Funding: BBRF		609,725

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil Matters

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil Matters

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil Matters

CONSULTATION & TIMING

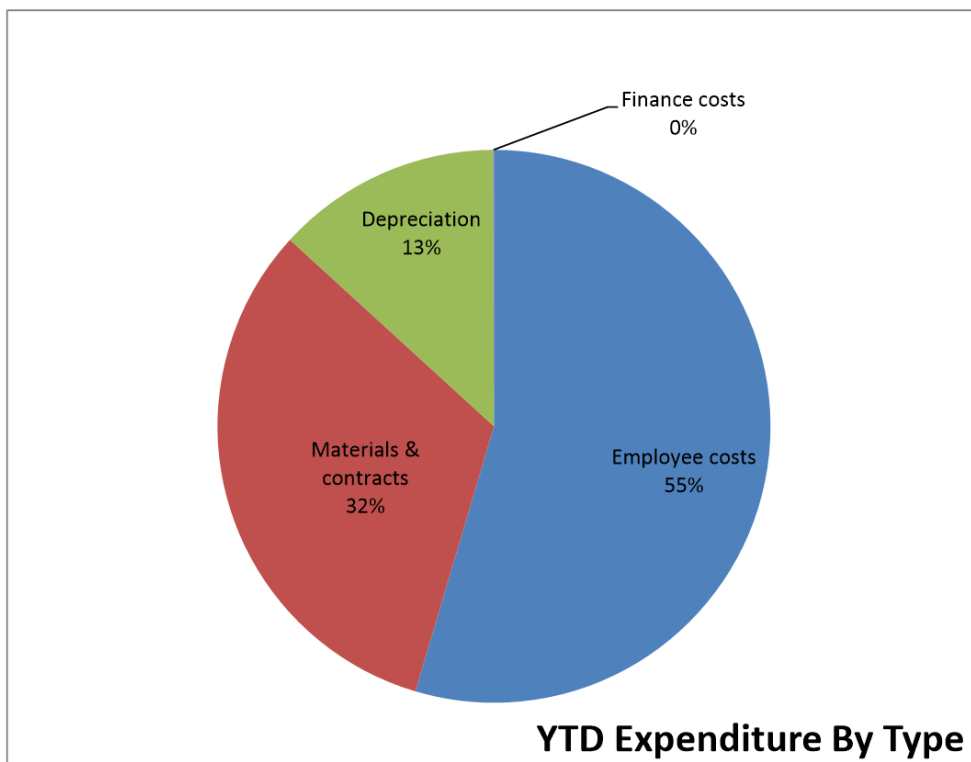
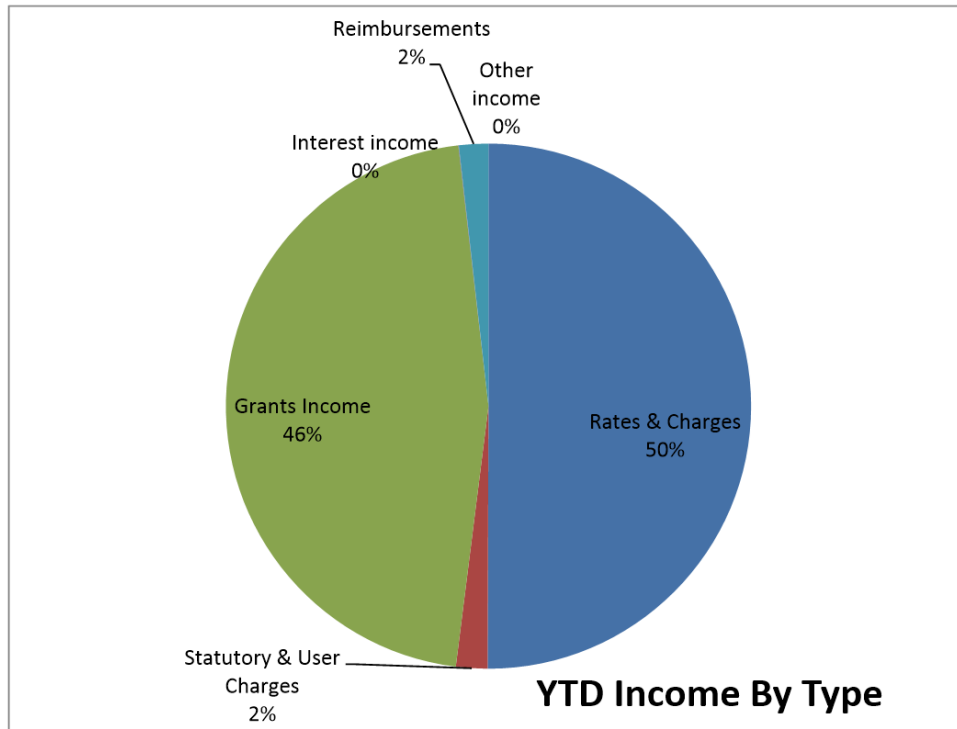
Nil Matters

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [Finance Report - August 2019](#)

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the two months ended 31 August 2019

	ACTUAL 2019 \$'000	BUDGET 2019 \$'000	Variance		ANNUAL BUDGET \$'000
			\$'000	%-age	
INCOME					
Rates	3,547	3,675	(128)	0.00%	3,666
Statutory charges	2	7	(5)	0.00%	87
User charges	135	189	(54)	-28.57%	1,126
Grants, subsidies and contributions	3,272	5,671	(2,399)	-42.30%	15,217
Investment income	2	15	(13)	-86.67%	92
Reimbursements/Private Works	128	225	(97)	-43.11%	1,475
Other income	-	1	(1)	-100.00%	16
Total Income	7,086	9,783	(2,697)		21,679
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	2,272	2,399	(127)	-5.29%	14,554
Materials, contracts & other expenses	1,340	1,173	167	14.24%	6,478
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	548	533	15	2.81%	3,200
Finance costs	2	2	-		12
Total Expenses	4,162	4,107	55		24,244
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,924	5,676	(2,752)		(2,565)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	19	-	19		-
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	610	(610)		3,049
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	2,943	6,286	(3,343)		484
Transferred to Equity Statement					
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2,943	6,286	(3,343)		484
Capital Expenditure					
- Grant Funded	196,114				
- Council Budgeted Capital	332,646				
	528,761	-			



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**
for the two months ended 31 August 2019

		Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
31 July 2019	Notes			
Balance at end of previous reporting period		24,662	23,788	48,450
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		2,943		2,943
Other Comprehensive Income				
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>				
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-	-
Impairment (expense) / recoupment offset to asset revaluation reserve				-
Balance at end of period		27,605	23,788	51,393
Budget July 2019				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		25,776	23,788	49,564
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		6,286		6,286
Balance at end of period		32,062	23,788	55,850

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL		
BALANCE SHEET		
as at 31 August 2019		
	ACTUAL July 2019 \$'000	BUDGET July 2019 \$'000
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,926	17,089
Trade & other receivables	4,565	1,195
Inventories	49	60
Total Current Assets	14,540	18,344
Non-current Assets		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	27,497	39,925
Other Non-current Assets	11,721	-
Total Non-Current Assets	39,218	39,925
Total Assets	53,758	58,269
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	946	975
Provisions	1,154	1,167
Total Current Liabilities	2,100	2,142
Non-current Liabilities		
Provisions	265	277
Total Non-Current Liabilities	265	277
Total Liabilities	2,365	2,419
NET ASSETS	51,393	55,850
EQUITY		
Accumulated Surplus	27,605	32,062
Asset Revaluation Reserves	23,788	23,788
TOTAL EQUITY	51,393	55,850

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the two months ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
<u>Receipts</u>				
Rates - general & other		110	3,675	(3,565)
Fees & other charges		545	421	124
Investment receipts		2	15	(13)
Grants utilised for operating purposes		3,517	5,671	(2,154)
Other operating receipts		(17)	1	(18)
<u>Payments</u>				
Employee Costs		(2,193)	(1,908)	(285)
Contractual services & materials		(2,088)	(1,173)	(915)
Finance payments		(15)	(2)	(13)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		(171)	6,700	(6,871)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
<u>Receipts</u>				
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-	610	
Sale of replaced assets		19		19
<u>Payments</u>				
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(529)	(1,441)	912
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(510)	(831)	931
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(681)	5,869	(5,940)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		10,607	11,221	(614)
Net cash assets transferred on restructure		-		
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		9,926	17,090	(6,554)

CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand and at Bank	6,815
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	3,111
	<u>9,926</u>

Cash on Hand and at Bank

- ANZ Operating Account	6,657,743
- Westpac Operating Account	156,052
- Cash Floats	1,000
	<u>6,814,795</u>

Investments

- ANZ Term Deposit	-
- Westpac Term Deposit	3,110,751
	<u>3,110,751</u>

Matured: 01-09-2019

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the two months ended 31 August 2019

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

		Not Yet Due			Overdue
		Instal Two	Instal Three	Instal Four	
RATES - GENERAL & OTHER		4,209,662			
	August	4,209,662	3,666,972	-	542,690
					12.89%
	July	707,324	-	-	707,324
					100.00%
		Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		99,786			
	August	99,786	32,396	5,945	13,468
			32.47%	5.96%	13.50%
	July	158,441	100,544	53,223	1,314
			63.46%	33.59%	0.83%

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number		Comment
00019	\$ 25,000.00	Contribution to Bus Stop
00268	\$ 12,301.34	Fuel
00314	\$ 3,100.00	Dog Infringements
	\$ 40,401.34	

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
 for the two months ended 31 August 2019

STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
Renovations Lot 134A	52,180.00	Alpurrurulam	Visitor Accomodation	2019-2020 Capital Expenditure Budget
Renovations Lot 134C	51,760.00	Alpurrurulam	Visitor Accomodation	2019-2020 Capital Expenditure Budget
Airconditioning: Civic Hall	199,763.66	Tennant Creek	Council Buildings	2019-2020 Capital Expenditure Budget
Cub Cadet Pro Z760 Ride-On Mower	28,942.73	Elliott	Municipal Services	2019-2020 Capital Expenditure Budget
Work In Progress - Basketball Court Cover	84,940.53	Wutungurra	Area Management	
Work In Progress - Solar Heating Pool	32,484.68	Tennant Creek	Pool	Dept Housing & Comm Serv
Crim Safe Screens Buchanan Street	6,304.58	Elliott	Area Management	Safe House Funding
Solar Hot Water Unit - Buchanan Street	8,916.36	Elliott	Area Management	Safe House Funding
Pool Shade for Toddler Play Area	35,750.00	Tennant Creek	Pool	Special Purpose Grant
Public Toilet Block - Elliott Park	12,232.50	Elliott	Area Management	Local Authority Funding
Work in Progress - Fencing - Staunton Street Oval	15,485.60	Tennant Creek	Parks & Gardens	SPG

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Australia Day Update
REFERENCE	283412
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Planning for Australia Day 2020 is well under way, sponsorship letters and grant applications have been sent off and a new PR and Events officer has finally been hired to organise and run the day.

We have confirm with Tourism Central Australia the use of Battery Hill for the Australia Day breakfast, Citizen of the Year and Citizenship Ceremonies. We will call for nominations for the Citizen of the Year awards in early November

As per last year, the 'Triathlon' will take place from the Tennant Creek Pool from 6am with Council staff providing management of the event and traffic control to keep participants safe. The Mayor (or his delegate) will be asked to present the winners awards.

The Family fun day from noon is not likely to proceed at Lake Mary Anne unless we get significant rainfall between now and then. With limited alternatives available and with Council approval, we will plan to hold the event at the Pool with additional space made available at the rear of the pool on Purkiss Reserve to accommodate the size of the crowd. We will need to develop new competitions for the day given the lack of space and the size of the pool.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	15.2
TITLE	Elected Member Entitlements
REFERENCE	282534
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the update on Elected Member entitlements.

SUMMARY:

A report outlining Elected Members' financial entitlements will be provided below. Ministerial Guideline Number 2 relating to Allowances for Council Members and the Council Elected Member Allowances Policy is attached for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

Guideline 2 of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development refers to Allowances for Council Members. Council also endorsed the Elected Member Allowances Policy in accordance with this Guideline.

Extra Meeting Allowance

- (1) A council must not pay extra meeting allowance unless the council has a policy which determines which meetings will attract the allowance.
- (2) For a principal member, deputy principal member and acting principal member, this allowance is not paid separately. It is provided for and included in the base allowance.
- (3) For other council members this allowance is paid only in accordance with council policy and after an approved claim is made.
- (4) The extra meeting allowance must not be paid for those meetings specified as covered by the base allowance.
- (5) The extra meeting allowance is capped for each financial year.

Council's Elected Member Allowance Policy

Council's current Elected Member Allowance Policy relevantly states that:

"Base Allowance and Electoral Allowance

The Minister's Guidelines detail the amounts claimable for the 2017/18 which are paid by the Council. The base allowance covers:

- (a) Agenda study and meeting preparation;
- (b) Attendance at regular Council meetings;
- (c) Attendance at social functions as a Council Representative
- (d) Constituency responsibilities; and

(e) Council representation outside the Local Authority area, including delegations interstate and overseas, unless such representation has extra meeting approval”

“In accordance with Section 2 (1) of the Local Government Act 2008 Ministerial Guideline No. 2, the Barkly Regional Council has determined only the following meetings will attract the allowance:

- (i) Council Committee Meetings;
- (ii) Council Advisory Group Meetings;
- (iii) Special Meetings of Council and Special Meetings of Council Committees;
- (iv) Council workshops or briefings;
- (v) Meetings of external agencies or organisations to which Council has formally appointed a council member to represent the Council or a member nominated through or with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory as a representative;
- (vi) Professional development courses / conferences that have approval and are in line with Council Policy.”

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) guideline-2-allowances-for-council-members (2).pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Elected-Member-Allowances-Policy-23.02.2018.pdf

ANNEXURE A - SCHEDULE
GUIDELINE 2

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Allowances for Council Members

(1) Background

Section 71(1) of the Local Government Act provides that, “a member of council is entitled to be paid an allowance by the council.” Section 71(2) qualifies this by providing that, “The allowance is to be paid at a rate fixed by council (subject to guidelines issued by the Minister) for the relevant financial year.”

(2) Definitions and Abbreviations

Approval

Means approval of the council or the CEO according to council policy.

Acting Principal Member

Refers to a person appointed pursuant to section 43(2)(b), section 43(2)(c), or section 43(3) of the Local Government Act.

Base Allowance

The base allowance covers those activities required of a council member in the performance of his or her role as an elected representative. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, the base allowance covers:

(a) agenda study and meeting preparation; (b)

attendance at regular council meetings;

(c) attendance at social functions as a council representative; (d)

constituency responsibilities; and

(e) council representation outside the municipality/shire area, including delegations interstate and overseas, unless such representation has extra meeting approval.

Electoral Allowance

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

Extra Meeting Allowance

(1) A council must not pay extra meeting allowance unless the council has a policy which determines which meetings will attract the allowance.

(2) For a principal member, deputy principal member and acting principal member, this allowance is not paid separately. It is provided for and included in the base allowance.

(3) For other council members this allowance is paid only in accordance with council policy and after an approved claim is made.

- (4) The extra meeting allowance must not be paid for those meetings specified as covered by the base allowance.
- (5) The extra meeting allowance is capped for each financial year (see tables at clause 8).

Ordinary council member

A council member other than the principal member, deputy principal member or, during the relevant period, an acting principal member.

Professional development allowance

An allowance payable to council members to attend appropriate and relevant conferences or training courses which sustain a member's professional competence by keeping the member informed of, and able to comply with, development in professional standards applicable to their role as a council member. Any such course or conference must have approval and be consistent with council policy in order to attract this allowance.

(3) Category of Council

- (a) Council member allowances will apply differently according to the category of the council.
- (b) Councils must apply to the Minister in order to move between categories.

(4) Categories**(a) Category 1**

City of Darwin

(b) Category 2

City of Palmerston
Alice Springs Town Council

(c) Category 3

East Arnhem Regional Council
Barkly Regional Council
Katherine Town Council
Litchfield Council
MacDonnell Regional Council
Roper Gulf Regional Council
Tiwi Islands Regional Council
Victoria Daly Regional Council
West Arnhem Regional Council
West Daly Regional Council

(d) Category 4

Belyuen Community Government Council
Coomalie Community Government Council
Wagait Shire Council

(5) Maximum Rates of Allowance

The amounts listed in the tables (see clause 8) are the maximum payable to council members depending on the resolution of council pursuant to section 71(3) of the Local Government Act. Councils may resolve an amount lesser than the maximum.

NOTE - Section 128(2) of the Local Government Act provides that once allowances for the members of the council for a particular financial year have been set, they cannot be changed by amendment.

The maximum amounts in the tables are to be indexed at 1 July each year by applying the December quarter Darwin consumer price index percentage amount of the previous year as published by Northern Territory Treasury.

(6) Rules Regarding Allowances**(a) Base Allowance Claims**

The base allowance is automatically paid to council members each month or at such frequency as resolved by council, in arrears.

(b) Electoral Allowance Claims

The electoral allowance is automatically paid to council members each month or at such frequency as resolved by council, in arrears.

(c) Acting Principal Member Claims

- (i) When the deputy principal member carries out the functions of the principal member as outlined in section 43(2)(b) and section 43(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, the deputy principal member is entitled to be paid an allowance as the acting principal member.
- (ii) If some other council member is acting as the principal member in accordance with section 43(3) of the Local Government Act, the member is entitled to be paid an allowance as the acting principal member.
- (iii) The acting principal member is entitled to be paid the daily rate, as outlined in the table of allowances. While a council member is acting principal member, the extra meeting and base allowances are suspended. In the case of base allowance, this is on a pro rata basis. The member is still entitled to their usual electoral allowance. The daily rate includes Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
- (iv) The maximum number of days (including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) that a council member may be paid as the acting principal member is an aggregate of 90 days in a financial year. A member may continue to hold the position for a longer period if council so resolves, however, the allowance reverts to the usual rate for that member.

(d) Extra Meeting Allowance Claims

- (i) Council members may only claim an extra meeting allowance for meetings referred to in the council policy.
- (ii) An extra meeting allowance may be claimed for up to a maximum of two meetings per day.
- (iii) Council members must not claim for an extra meeting more than once for the same meeting.
- (iv) When a council member is required to travel in order to attend an approved extra meeting, the council member may claim an extra meeting allowance for each full day of travel, unless that travel falls on the same day on which the meeting is held. In this context, a full day of travelling means at least four hours of travelling, which may include time in transit.
- (v) Claims must be made using the forms approved by council.
- (vi) Forms must include the date on which the meeting was held and indicate the period of time the member was present at the meeting.
- (vii) The member must have attended at least 75 per cent of the duration of the meeting to claim an extra meeting allowance.
- (viii) Claims for extra meeting allowance must be made by the second working day in the month following the meeting for which the claim is made, or as resolved by council. Payment of extra meeting allowance is monthly or as resolved by council.
- (ix) Claims for extra meeting allowance not made in accordance with (viii) will be regarded as a late claim and paid with the next monthly payment. However, if the claim is not made within three months of the meeting for which the extra meeting allowance is claimed, the right to an extra meeting allowance for that meeting is forfeited.
- (x) Claims forms must be submitted by the approved method.

(e) Professional Development Allowance Claims

- (i) The allowance is available to all council members.
- (ii) The professional development allowance may be claimed multiple times each year, but the total value of those claims must not exceed the maximum specified in the table (see clause 8).
- (iii) The professional development allowance is to be used to cover the cost of travel to the course or conference, course or

conference fees, meals and accommodation for the duration of the course or conference.

- (iv) Claims must be made using the forms approved by council.
- (v) Only approved courses/conferences consistent with council policy attract professional development allowance.

(7) Payment of Allowances

Payment shall be lodged with the council's bank for transfer to council members by no later than the fifth working day in each month, or as resolved by council.

Council members may choose to have some, or all, of their allowance paid into a superannuation fund according to council policy.

NOTE – Section 71(5) of the Local Government Act provides that allowances are not to be paid in advance.

(8) Maximum Council Member Allowances

Amounts as at 1 January 2010

Note 1: All amounts in the table are to be increased on the 1st of July each year by the December quarter Darwin CPI figure from the preceding year.

Note 2: A council must resolve allowances for the financial year when it adopts the budget for the financial year (section 71(3)). A council must adopt its budget on or before 31 July (section 128(1)). The amounts in these tables indicate the maximum level at which allowances may be set. Councils can resolve to pay less than the maximums. A council needs to consider allowances in the overall context of its budget. Once a council has resolved the level of allowances for a financial year they cannot be changed by amendment (section 128(2)).

Ordinary Council Members

Council Members other than Principal Member and the Deputy Principal Member	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:
	Darwin	Palmerston and Alice Springs	Litchfield Katherine, East Arnhem Barkly, Roper Gulf, MacDonnell, West Arnhem, Victoria Daly, Central Desert, Tiwi Islands, West Daly ¹	Belyuen, Coomalie, Wagait
Base Allowance	\$19,074.23*	\$13,352.68*	\$11,445.15*	\$3,815.05*
Electoral Allowance	\$6,979.23*	\$4,886.18*	\$4,188.15*	\$1,396.05*
Professional Development Allowance	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*
Max extra meeting allowance	\$12,716.15*	\$8,902.13*	\$7,630.10*	\$2,544.05*
Total Claimable	\$41,949.15*	\$30,320.53*	\$26,442.95*	\$10,934.70*

Acting Principal Member

	Category 1:	Category 2:	Category 3:	Category 4:
	Darwin	Palmerston and Alice Springs	Litchfield Katherine, East Arnhem Barkly, Roper Gulf, MacDonnell, West Arnhem, Victoria Daly, Central Desert, Tiwi Islands, West Daly	Belyuen, Coomalie, Wagait
Daily Rate	\$366.95*	\$258.30*	\$221.40*	\$73.80*
Maximum claimable (90 days)	\$33,117.75*	\$23,182.43*	\$19,870.65*	\$6,623.55*

¹ Note these guidelines amended on 1 July 2014 to provide for new West Daly Council which commenced 1 July 2014. These guidelines apply to West Daly council from that date to provide the same maximums as other category 3 councils.

Deputy Principal Member

	Category 1: Darwin	Category 2: Palmerston and Alice Springs	Category 3: Litchfield Katherine, East Arnhem Barkly, Roper Gulf, MacDonnell, West Arnhem, Victoria-Daly, Central Desert, Tiwi Islands, West Daly ²	Category 4: Belyuen, Coomalie, Wagait
Base Allowance	\$39,217.50*	\$27,452.58*	\$23,530.93*	\$7,844.33*
Electoral Allowance	\$6,979.23*	\$4,886.18*	\$4,188.15*	\$1,396.05*
Professional Development Allowance	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*
Total claimable	\$49,376.30*	\$35,518.30*	\$30,898.63*	\$12,419.93*

Principal Member

	Category 1: Darwin	Category 2: Palmerston and Alice Springs	Category 3: Litchfield Katherine, East Arnhem Barkly, Roper Gulf, MacDonnell, West Arnhem, Victoria-Daly, Central Desert, Tiwi Islands, West Daly	Category 4: Belyuen, Coomalie, Wagait
Base Allowance	\$106,058.80*	\$74,241.78*	\$63,636.10*	\$21,212.38*
Electoral Allowance	\$27,914.85*	\$19,540.60*	\$16,749.53*	\$5,583.18*
Professional Development Allowance	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*	\$3,179.55*
Total claimable	\$137,153.20*	\$96,961.93*	\$83,565.18*	\$29,975.10*

² Note these guidelines amended on 1 July 2014 to provide for new West Daly Council which commenced 1 July 2014. These guidelines apply to West Daly council from that date to provide the same maximums as other category 3 councils.



POLICY

TITLE:	Elected Member Allowances Policy		
DIVISION:	Governance		
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	23 February 2018	DATE OF REVIEW:	February 2022
MOTION NUMBER:	OC 52/18		
POLICY NUMBER:	CP000011		
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:
Elected Members

PREAMBLE

The aim of all policy is for Councillors to provide strategic input into the effective operational framework of the organisation under S.11 of the Local Government Act

SUMMARY

The Elected Members Allowances Policy is based upon the requirements of the Ministerial Guidelines: It addresses when Allowances may be claimed, the procedure for claiming them, method of payment and when an Extra Meeting Allowance may be claimed.

OBJECTIVES

- To establish Council's policy in relation to payment of allowances in compliance with the Minister's Guidelines on Allowances for Council's Members.
- To set out rates of allowances payable to Elected Members for the 2017/18 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Local Government Act the Minister has issued a Ministerial Guideline on Allowances for Council Members which the Council is required to comply with.

POLICY STATEMENT

The policy is based on the following principles set out in the *Local Government Act* (the Act) and the Ministerial Guideline on Allowances for Council Members (the Minister's Guidelines):

- The maximum allowances payable are limited to the value defined in the Minister's Guideline issued each year.
- Section 71(1) of the Act provides that, "a member of council is entitled to be paid an allowance by the council." Section 71(2) qualifies this by providing that, "The allowance is to be at a rate fixed by council (subject to guidelines issued by the Minister) for the relevant financial year."
- Section 71(5) of the Act states that "Allowances are to be paid as determined by the council but are not to be paid in advance."
- The Minister's Guidelines established a requirement for Council to have a policy in relation to payment of certain allowances.

BRC Elected Member Allowance Policy – 22/02/2018
Review Date: February 2022

POLICY



- Barkly Regional Council pay allowances to Elected Members in line with the Minister's Guidelines and this policy.
- A copy of the rates of allowances set by Council for 2017/18 year is included below
- Pursuant to Section 71 and 72 of the Local Government Act 2008 and the Local Government Act Ministerial Guidelines, this Policy clarifies the Allowances and Expenses to be paid to Elected Members, Professional Development and Council Approved Activities and travel.

PROCEDURE:

Base Allowance and Electoral Allowance

The Minister's Guidelines detail the amounts claimable for the 2017/18 which are paid by the Council. The base allowance covers:

- (a) Agenda study and meeting preparation;
- (b) Attendance at regular Council meetings;
- (c) Attendance at social functions as a Council Representative
- (d) Constituency responsibilities; and
- (e) Council representation outside the Local Authority area, including delegations interstate and overseas, unless such representation has extra meeting approval

Elected Members can choose to have some or all of their professional development or other allowances paid into a superannuation fund.

Extra Meeting Allowance

Section 2, of the Local Government Act Ministerial Guideline 2 states as follows:

1. For a principal member, deputy principal member and acting principal member, this allowance is not paid separately. It is provided for and included in the base allowance
2. For other council members this allowance is paid only after an approved claim has been made
3. In accordance with Section 2 (1) of the Local Government Act 2008 Ministerial Guideline No. 2, the Barkly Regional Council has determined only the following meetings will attract the allowance:
 - (i) Council Committee Meetings;
 - (ii) Council Advisory Group Meetings;
 - (iii) Special Meetings of Council and Special Meetings of Council Committees;
 - (iv) Council workshops or briefings;
 - (v) Meetings of external agencies or organisations to which Council has formally appointed a council member to represent the Council or a member nominated through or with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory as a representative;
 - (vi) Professional development courses / conferences that have approval and are in line with Council Policy.

Claims for Extra Meeting allowance should be made on an approved Member Allowance Claim form.

Professional Development Allowance

A Professional Development allowance will be paid to any Elected Member for reimbursement fees paid for courses/conference expenditure/professional membership, as defined in the Minister's Guidelines, where attendance has been approved by Council.

POLICY



Membership Type	Base Allowance	Electoral Allowance	Professional Development Allowance	Max Extra Meeting Allowance	Daily Rate	Total Claimable
Ordinary Council Member	\$13,151.83	\$4,812.67	\$3,653.68	\$8,767.88		\$30,386.06
Acting Principal Member					\$254.42	\$22897.80 (90 Days)
Deputy Principal Member	\$27,039.81	\$4,812.67	\$3,653.68			\$35506.16
Principal Member	\$73,125.37	\$19,247.18	\$3,653.68			\$96,026.23

The Local Government Act Guideline 2 definition:

An allowance payable to council members to attend appropriate and relevant conferences or training courses which sustain a member's professional competence by keeping the member informed of, and able to comply with, development in professional standards applicable to their role as a council member. Any such course/conference must have approval and be in line with council policy in order to attract this allowance.

- This allowance is available to all council members.
- The professional development allowance may be claimed multiple times each year, but the total value of those claims must not exceed the amount specified in the Guidelines.
- The professional development allowance is to be used to cover the cost of travel to the course/conference, course/conference fees, meals and accommodation for the duration of the course/conference.
- Claims must be made using approved forms.
- Only approved courses/conferences that are in line with council policy attract professional development allowance (payable for each day of attendance)

Pursuant to Section 2, 6 (e) of the Local Government Act Ministerial Guideline 2, use of the Professional Development Allowance must be:

- approved by the Chief Executive Officer, prior to attendance at a professional development activity;

In accordance with Section 71(5) of the Local Government Act 2008(As amended), these allowances will not be paid in advance except for course fees, conference registration costs, travel and accommodation which will be paid for by the Council to the provider of the relevant service in advance of attendance at the approved activity; and

- for an approved Course or Conference, requires the completion of relevant forms if claiming an 'Extra Meeting Allowance' during the period of attendance.

POLICY



Elected Members may access the annual Professional Development allocation by completing the appropriate form and submitting to the Chief Executive Officer for approval, prior to any commitments being made.

APPROVED COURSES

The Chief Executive Officer will approve such applications if the expenditure supports an Elected Member to:

- further his/her knowledge of Local Government;
- undertake courses of study in a discipline that would assist in the performance as an Elected Member;
- attend a course/conference on a topic or function related to Local Government;

The expenses may cover reasonable travel, accommodation, meals, course fees, conference fees and appropriate associated expenses.

Subject to the expense being approved in advance, payment will be made through the Council's purchasing system direct to the provider of the conference etc. or by the way of reimbursement being claimed by the Member and supported by receipts, tax invoices or other evidence of the expense being incurred.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

When Council Members are required to attend a conference, workshop or seminar organized by the Government authorities such as LGANT for their Annual Conferences, Bi-Annual Meetings, Government Briefings etc., the travel, accommodation and associated travel costs are to be covered at Council's expense prior to approval from the CEO.

In accordance with Section 71(2) and 72(b) of the Local Government Act 2008(As amended), when a Member of Council is required to travel outside the Barkly region to attend Council approved activities, the Council shall meet all reasonable travel, conference, meals and accommodation fees associated with that attendance.

In accordance with Section 7 (4) (d) of the Local Government Act Ministerial Guideline 2, when a Council Member is required to travel in order to attend an approved activity, the Council Member may claim an extra meeting allowance for each full day of travel, unless that travel falls on the same day on which the meeting is held.

In this context, a full day of travelling means at least four hours of travelling, which may include time in transit. The Council shall meet the cost of air travel where required for Aldermen attending a Council Approved Activity.

Flight Tickets

In normal circumstances the Council will purchase the most economical class of travel ticket available for Councillors. This might be a discounted ticket or an economy ticket. Business class tickets will not be purchased for Councillors. Should an Elected Member choose to change or alter bookings for personal reasons, the additional cost of these changes shall be met by the Elected Member.

Air travel arrangements are generally made through the Council purchasing system and approved travel agent. Reimbursement of travel expenses may be claimed in special circumstances, subject to satisfactory documentation Example: Tax invoice. The Council allows Elected Members to retain and make personal use of any frequent flyer points earned whilst travelling at Council's expense.

POLICY



EXTRA MEETING ALLOWANCE

Extra Meeting Allowance will be paid for attendance at the following meetings only:

- Local Board meetings where the Board is situated within the Ward represented by the Member
- Council Meetings other than the 12 ordinary meetings per year;
- Council Committee meetings;
- Meetings of the CEO Interview Panel;
- Bi-annual Meetings of LGANT; and
- Any other meetings where Council has by resolution determined to pay the Allowance;

Subject to the proviso that only one Extra Meeting Allowance can be claimed in respect to each calendar day.

LEGISLATION, TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

NT Local Government Act
Ministerial Guideline on Allowances for Council Members

The definitions as contained in the Minister's Guidelines are used for the following:

- Acting Principal Member
- Base Allowance
- Electoral Allowance
- Extra Meeting Allowance
- Ordinary Council Member
- Professional Development Allowance

IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION

The CEO has delegated authority to implement this policy

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every four (4) years, and may be reviewed at other times at the discretion of Chief Executive Officer.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	15.3
TITLE	Approval of Next Meeting Dates
REFERENCE	282596
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report; and
- b) Approve the recommended meeting dates for 2020.

SUMMARY:

The Christmas period is approaching and Council is requested to approve the change for the December Council Meeting from 26 December to 12 December 2019. Many Elected Members and Employees will be away for the Christmas period and Council is requested to attend a half day meeting before having Christmas dinner to farewell 2019.

Council is further requested to approve the meeting dates for 2020:

30th January 2020
 27th February 2020
 26th March 2020
 30th April 2020
 28th May 2020
 25th June 2020
 30th July 2020
 27th August 2020
 24th September 2020
 29th October 2020
 26th November 2020
 10th December 2020

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2020

Australia Day – Sunday 26th January
 Good Friday – 10th April
 Easter Monday – 13th April
 ANZAC Day – Saturday 25th April
 May Day – Monday 4th May
 Queen's Birthday – Monday 8th June
 Picnic Day – Monday 3rd August
 Christmas Day – Friday 25th December
 Boxing Day – Saturday 26th December

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	National Redress Scheme
REFERENCE	282426
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report; and
- b) Declares to participate in the National Redress Scheme.

SUMMARY:

Representatives from the National Redress Scheme have previously presented to Council and met with Management regarding the National Redress Scheme.

The attached papers outline the purpose of the scheme and Management recommends that Council commit to participating in the Scheme. There is no cost to Council and in the unlikely event that an incident has occurred in the past, the scheme offers council assistance to resolve any matters that arise.

BACKGROUND

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse estimated that around 60,000 people were sexually abused as children in Australian Institutions. A recommendation from the Royal Commission was that a National Redress Scheme be established as an opportunity for institutions to provide redress to survivors of the abuse that occurred under their care.

On 16 November 2018, NTG became fully participating in the scheme as the representative for the NT Group.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

All administrative support, coordination and training to be provided to local councils by the NT Government will not be at the expense of local councils. Costs associated with redress payments including counselling and administrative costs, set by the scheme operator, will be paid by NTG and invoiced back to the relevant responsible local council.



ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  National Redress Scheme Letter.pdf
- 2  National Redress Scheme_Extra Information.pdf



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Dear Mr Moore,

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

I am writing to invite the Barkly Regional Council to participate as part of the Northern Territory Government Group of institutions (the NT Group) in the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

Incorporating local government institutions as part of the Northern Territory Government participation in the National Redress Scheme will support Northern Territory survivors of institutional child sexual abuse to access trauma informed redress consistently across all levels of government. To assist you with further information regarding local government participation in the scheme please find enclosed a copy of a brief (*).

I understand that you have expressed your support for the participation of the Barkly Regional Council in the scheme and I encourage this to be formally ratified by Barkly Regional Council members through a declaration of participation in the National Redress Scheme as part of the NT Group.

Once this has occurred, please contact Yvette Nicholls from the NT Redress Coordination Team who can assist you with the next step in the process. Yvette's contact details are yvette.nicholls@nt.gov.au or 08 8924 4018.

Once local government councils have agreed to participate as part of the NT Group, the next step will be formalisation of arrangements and the declaration of Northern Territory local government councils as part of the NT Group of institutions under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018*. The NT Redress Coordination Team will keep you informed of the progress.

I thank you for your support regarding the National Redress Scheme and I am pleased for the opportunity to work collaboratively together on such an important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Shanahan".

Greg Shanahan
Chief Executive Officer

8 September 2019

Encl. (*) National Redress Scheme – Local Government Participating – Briefing for CEOs

justice.nt.gov.au



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BRIEFING INFORMATION FOR LOCAL COUNCIL CEOS

National Redress Scheme – Local Council's Participation

Purpose

The NT Government wish to formally invite individual local councils to participate in the National Redress Scheme into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (the National Redress Scheme) and be declared as part of the participating group of NT Government institutions (the NT Group).

Background

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) estimated that around 60,000 people were sexually abused as children in Australian Institutions. A recommendation from the Royal Commission was that a National Redress Scheme be established as an opportunity for institutions to provide redress to survivors of the abuse that occurred under their care.

The Scheme commenced on 1 July 2018 and will operate for 10 years and is established under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cth) (the Act). On 16 November 2018, the NT Government became fully participating in the Scheme, as the representative for the NT Group.

This is an Australian Government scheme with the scheme operator being the Commonwealth Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services.

Current Situation

The Nature of the National Redress Scheme

The National Redress Scheme provides eligible people with access to the following three things:

- a redress payment between \$10 000 and \$150 000;
- counselling and psychological care services available to the survivor throughout their life-time; and
- a direct personal response (apology) from an institution responsible for the abuse.

If a person receives an offer of redress they can accept any or all of these things. It is their choice.

Under the National Redress Scheme, an institution is considered responsible for child sexual abuse if it brought the child into contact with the person who abused them. Independent Decision Makers will determine responsibility under the National Redress Scheme using factors such as whether the:

- institution was responsible for the day-to-day care or custody of the person;
- institution was the legal guardian of the person;
- institution was responsible for placing the person in the institution;
- abuser was an official of the institution; or
- abuse occurred on the institution's premises or in connection with its activities.



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What is an Institution?

An institution is any service that provides services to children or a service in which children are able to access. Local council institutions may include:

- libraries;
- public pools;
- child or youth based activities;
- employment services;
- childcare centres;
- aged care centres; and
- services with waiting rooms and public access.

Locations such as public toilets or playgrounds are not considered to be institutions under the Scheme (unless the incident on these premises involved an official of the institution).

It should be noted that even though one of these factors may exist, the institution may not be responsible. For example, if the only connection to the institution is that the abuse occurred on the premises, the institution that owns the premises is unlikely to be found responsible.

Why Join the Scheme?

Organisations are motivated to participate in the National Redress Scheme for a number of reasons. These include:

- public expectation and a general moral obligation to provide redress to those who have experienced child sexual abuse while under their care;
- the Scheme provides a more efficient, less traumatic alternative to civil litigation for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse; and
- survivors who are made and accept an offer of redress give up their right to pursue civil litigation against the relevant institution for that particular experience of abuse.

The NT Group

The NT Jurisdiction is currently comprised of all relevant NT Government Departments and the institutions within the Departments (both past and present) that provide services to children. These institutions include departments and units within departments such as individual schools, hospitals, clinics, child protection, juvenile detention and many other units of government that have facilities for or provide services to children, even if incidentally.

The Department of the Attorney General and Justice holds administrative responsibility for the scheme with the NT Redress Coordination Team providing the coordination of all operational and policy based matters for the NT Group.

Local Government Participation

Since August 2018, the Australian Government policy position has been that it is 'preferable for all jurisdictions to declare local councils as [Territory] institutions, to achieve equal access to the National Redress Scheme for abuse that is the responsibility of all three levels of government'. Local councils have three main options regarding the National Redress Scheme:



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Option 1

The local council accepts the NT Government's offer of becoming part of the NT Group of participating institutions and administrative support is provided by the NT Redress Coordination Team in the participation of the scheme by local councils. The Team will provide:

- training in all aspects of the National Redress Scheme to key contacts;
- a central point of contact for all NT Group institutions;
- a central point of contact for the scheme operator regarding NT Group institutions;
- assistance with the development of the institutional list of local council institutions;
- coordination of requests for information from the scheme operator regarding claims;
- facilitation and training of CEOs in direct personal response apologies;
- statistical updates and reporting to local councils;
- the coordination of invoices; and
- the coordination and monitoring of counselling and psychological care services.

What is the Cost to Local Councils?

All administrative support, coordination and training provided to local councils by the NT Government will not be at the expense of local councils. Cost associated with redress payments including counselling and administrative costs, set by the scheme operator, will be paid by NT Government and then invoiced back to the relevant responsible local council.

Option 2

The local council declines the NT Government offer of becoming part of the NT Group of participating institutions and elects to join the National Redress Scheme as institutions separate to the NT Government. This would require:

- each local council to have an administrative team similar to the NT Redress Coordination Team, within the local government to coordinate the participation of the local council; and
- Local Councils would need to apply to the Ministers Redress Scheme Committee to have an amendment made to the rules declaring the local councils as a non-government institution (under the Act).

Option 3

The local councils decline participation in the scheme and the NT Government's offer to declare local council institutions as part of the NT Group.

There are a number of potential risks for each council if they do not voluntarily participate in the National Redress Scheme, these include:

- reputational risk and an impact on public expectations;
- the very real risk the Australian Government will override councils' wishes and refuse to agree to exclude them from the scheme; and
- increased risk of litigation, if there are any potential claims which are expected to have legal expenses and potentially much higher payments of compensation.



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Recommendation

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Greg Shanahan, Department of the Attorney General and Justice will be writing to individual Mayors and Council Members inviting local councils to be declared as participating institutions as part of the NT Group. It is recommended that local councils consider what their response will be.

In considering this it is recommended that:

- individual local councils are provided with the above information detailing their options in regards to participation in the National Redress Scheme; and
- consultation take place with local council's insurer to determine what, if any, level of cover the entity would have for civil claims or payments related to the National Redress Scheme.

The Option 1 is the preferred and recommended option for local councils to agree to. This option reduces the risks of litigation and the reputational risk associated with not participating. The first option also ensures that local councils are provided with quality support and advice in the operational and policy aspects of the scheme. In addition, the option reduces risks of potential conflict between local, territory and commonwealth governments and facilitates a collaborative approach in acknowledging the trauma experienced by survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

From onset the Victorian Government have declared local councils as part of the Victorian Group. Most other jurisdictions are also working towards declaration of local councils.

The Australian Government has recently published a list of institutions who were involved in the Royal Commission, but have not yet joined the scheme. The list is one way the Australian Government is encouraging institutions to participate in the scheme and can be viewed on the National Redress Scheme website. Organisations who choose not to join the National Redress Scheme may be publicly named in this manner.

Contact for further information or for a formal response regarding the participation in the scheme can be made with the NT Redress Coordination Team Senior Project Officer, Yvette Nicholls at redress.coordination@nt.gov.au or 08 892 44018.

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	16.2
TITLE	Correspondence for September 2019
REFERENCE	281442
AUTHOR	Andrew Scoffern, Governance and Quality Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the correspondence for the month of September 2019;
- b) Consider the support of the Light it up Red Campaign; and
- c) Consider the donation of bottled water for the Pink and Teal Day event.

SUMMARY:

Council receives a range of correspondence each month. This Report outlines the correspondence Council has sent and received for the month of September 2019.

Further attached is correspondence from Member for Barkly Gerry McCarthy in relation to an invitation request to attend the 29 August 2019 Council Meeting to update Council on the housing situation within the Barkly region.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Light it up Red Letter.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Pink and Teal Day Request.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Ali Curung Generator Response.pdf
- 4 [↓](#) Letter to Clontarf.pdf
- 5 [↓](#) Introduction to Roads Australia Letter.pdf
- 6 [↓](#) Letter from Deputy PM.pdf
- 7 [↓](#) Letter from Territory Families.pdf
- 8 [↓](#) Letter - To Barkly Regional Council - Superannuation.pdf
- 9 [↓](#) Letter to Stakeholder Barkly Regional Council re Barkly Review Delay - 6 September 2019.pdf
- 10 [↓](#) Letter to Chief Minister 30 September 2019.pdf

- 11** [↓](#) Letter to Chief Minister 30 September 2019 (2).pdf
- 12** [↓](#) Letter to Minister Marino 30 September 2019.pdf
- 13** [↓](#) Letter from DIPL RE Concept Master Plan.pdf
- 14** [↓](#) Drug Advisory Council of Aust Letter.pdf
- 15** [↓](#) Gerry McCarthy Letter to Mayor Edgington and Councillors.pdf
- 16** [↓](#) Barkly Region Overview Housing.pdf



September 14th, 2019

Dear Mr. McLaughlin

Subject: Light it Red for Dyslexia - 2019

From October 1 to November 15, 2019 the campaign 'Light it Red for Dyslexia' is again taking place nationally. This will be the 5th year for the campaign which is administered by NFP Charity Code REaD Dyslexia Network (Code REaD). Light it Red for Dyslexia started as a Volunteer initiative that promotes the lighting of significant monuments and landmarks across Australia in red for Dyslexia Awareness. Approximately 10% of Australians are Dyslexic (which is on a continuum from mild to severe) and Code REaD created the Light it Red for Dyslexia Campaign as an opportunity to help raise awareness for those who struggle to read, write and spell on a daily basis.

In previous years we have enjoyed the support of many locations nationally, including The Story Bridge in Brisbane, Luminous at Darling Quarter Sydney, Old Parliament House Canberra, Flinders Street Station Melbourne, Wrest Point in Hobart, The Adelaide Oval, The Bell Tower in Perth and the Darwin Convention Centre to name just a few.

Code REaD's vision is to help create a world where people impacted by dyslexia are acknowledged through early identification, understanding and inclusion; supported with evidence based teaching and access to assistive technology and accommodations and empowered with access to opportunity.

In support of Code REaD I would like to ask if Barkly Regional Council would consider lighting up the council office building to promote awareness of dyslexia, and promote the event on your social media using [#LightItRedForDyslexia](#) and [#LiR](#)?

Please visit the [Code REaD website](#) to learn more about the [Light it Red for Dyslexia](#) campaign and why it is so important. Please do not hesitate to contact me to learn more about [Light it Red for Dyslexia](#). You can also contact Code REaD via info@codereadnetwork.org if you have any questions about the work they do or the campaign as a whole.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind Regards,

Jocelyn Seamer
Ph: 0433 501 430

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation



"Pink & Teal Ribbon Day"



**BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS FAMILY
FUN DAY**



Attention: **All Service Providers**
Tennant Creek & Barkly Region

Your organisation is invited to participate at our **"Pink & Teal Ribbon Day"** which details are listed below:

Date: Thursday 14th November, 2019

Address: Stronger Families
Paterson Street
Tennant Creek

Time: 9:30 am – 1:30pm

High lights focused on the day will be early detection and educational material plus free raffles on the day, educational stalls from all local agencies, face painting for children, B.B.Q. Lunch, fruit, goody bags, etc. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate in this community focused event.

If you would like to have a stall on the day to promote your service please speak with Deb Cain or Mikeely Fraser, to ensure allocated space is provided. For any further details please call **Deb Cain on 0428 057 906** or **Mikeely Fraser (08) 89 632914**.

"Ngarunyurr Parlepuru Munjarlki"
Prevention is the Solution

Mark Parsons

From: Kennedy, John <John.Kennedy@powerwater.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 11:12 AM
To: Mark Parsons
Cc: Cirulis, Robert; Fleming, Martin
Subject: ali curung PWC generator

Mark.

Switching of the Ali Curung Generator to bring it on line is now under the control of Power Services and as such would require permission from that section of PWC and for a Power and Water electrician to go to site to perform the switching. Switching by the Eso will no longer be permitted.

Unless there was to be a known major power outage the generator will not be put online.

Regards,

John Kennedy (Jay)

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

5 September 2019

Shaun Cusack
Regional Manager Central Region
Clontarf Foundation

Via email: scusack@clontarffoundation.com.au

RE: Partnership between Clontarf and Barkly Regional Council

To Mr. Cusack,

Barkly Regional Council would like to advise the Clontarf Foundation that your proposal for a partnership with Barkly Regional Council was presented at the August 29th, 2019 meeting. It was decided that it is going to defer the possibility of engaging in a partnership until further options are considered and a budget review is undertaken.

Council would like to commend the Clontarf Foundation on the wonderful job they do in providing opportunities for our Indigenous male youth. We recognize that your program is successful and makes a difference to many children's lives and would like to thank you for the work that you do.

Although Council is not currently in a position to enter into a partnership with Clontarf Foundation, once all sponsorships of various organisations are considered Barkly Regional Council will write to you again to notify you if the Clontarf Foundation is the successful recipient of some Council sponsorship funding.

Sincerely,

Mark Parsons
Acting CEO

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12 September 2019

President Steve Edgington
President of Barkly Regional Council
PO Box 821
TENNANT CREEK NT 0861

Introduction to Roads Australia

Dear Steve

You would be aware that local government has many areas of common policy interest with Roads Australia.

By way of background, Roads Australia is the peak body for roads within an integrated transport system. Roads Australia brings industry, government and communities together to lead the evolution of Australia's roads, integrated transport and mobility networks.

The nation's only roads champion, Roads Australia's 150+ members include all of Australia's road agencies, major contractors and consultants, motoring clubs, service providers and other relevant industry groups.

Local government is an engaged and valued member within our comprehensive network, regularly represented at our events, and shares Roads Australia's goal of achieving the best possible road and transport outcomes for all Australians.

The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) Statistical Yearbook 2018 estimates the total road network coverage in Australia is 877,651km, of which 73 per cent is classified as local roads controlled by local governments.

This raises obvious issues for local government in ensuring our national road network is efficient, safe and well maintained.

I encourage you to register to our website www.roads.org.au to ensure you receive regular updates of Roads Australia's latest news and events.

Should you wish to discuss our areas of common policy interest, I can be contacted on 0418 627 995 or michael@roads.org.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Kilgariff', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

MICHAEL KILGARIFF
Chief Executive Officer

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The Hon Michael McCormack MP

**Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Federal Member for Riverina**

Ref: MC19-003113

06 AUG 2019

Cr Steven Edgington
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
PO Box 821
TENNANT CREEK NT 0861

Steven
Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2019 regarding the Barkly Regional Council's (Council) funding allocation for the Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program.

I can understand your concerns about the state of the roads within the Council's jurisdiction. I have frequently had such concerns expressed to me and it is for this reason that the Australian Government provides funding directly to councils through the R2R Program. The Government is providing \$6.1 billion to this program from 2013-14 to 2023-24. The Council received \$848,473 under the R2R Program from 2014-15 to 2018-19, and will receive \$1,034,800 under the next five-year program from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Individual council allocations are determined by a formula, based on population and road length, and is set by the Local Government Grants Commission in each state and territory. This is the same methodology that was used for previous R2R Programs and is strongly supported by the Australian Local Government Association.

Local government plays a crucial role in bringing local communities together and makes an important contribution to the national economy. The Government is committed to supporting local government through the Financial Assistance Grant program and a range of infrastructure programs which aim to help build and maintain local communities in partnership with local government. In 2019-20, the Government has allocated \$2.5 billion in untied funding under the Financial Assistance Grant program to local councils across Australia. To enable councils to commence work on projects and benefit from cash in the bank, the Government has paid half of that allocation in June 2019. As part of this process, your Council received \$1.05 million.

The Hon Michael McCormack MP
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Additionally, the Government has committed more than \$1.6 billion for land transport infrastructure projects in the Northern Territory over the next 10 years, from 2019-20 to 2028-29, as part of its \$100 billion commitment to transport infrastructure. Of this, \$888 million has been committed over the next four years, from 2019-20 to 2022-23, for projects in the Northern Territory. In addition, the Government has provided funding of more than \$730 million in the Northern Territory since July 2013.

The Australian Government funding has also contributed significantly to road works on key routes in the Barkly region at a cost in excess of \$170 million. This includes upgrades to the Stuart, Victoria and Tablelands Highways, which have strengthened and widened parts of these roads and delivered improvements in fatigue management and flood immunity. A further \$30 million in funding, under the Northern Australia Beef Roads Program, is delivering upgrades to sections of the Barkly Stock Route and the Tablelands Highway, with these works continuing.

The Australian Government will invest \$4.5 billion through the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative to help connect regional businesses to local and international markets, and better connect regional communities. ROSI corridors in the Barkly region include \$162.3 million for the Alice Springs to Darwin Corridor, and \$70 million to the Northern Territory section of the Tennant Creek to Townsville Corridor. This funding is available for feeder roads along the corridors and there may be roads within your council area that could benefit from this funding. Any enquiries regarding the allocation of this funding would need to be followed up with the Northern Territory's Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

As you know, the Barkly Regional Deal (Deal), Australia's first regional deal, was released in April 2019. The Deal is a \$78.4 million co-investment of the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and the Council that aims to improve the productivity and liveability of the region by stimulating economic growth and improving social outcomes. The Australian Government has committed \$45.4 million to support a range of projects included as part of the Deal, including a \$1.5 million contribution to the Barkly local community projects fund and \$7.62 million to deliver youth-focused infrastructure through a Building Better Regions Fund grant.

The Deal also commits to maximise the value of new and existing public investment through greater collaboration, alignment and coordination of regional investment priorities among the three tiers of government in response to community identified priorities. I look forward to seeing the region benefit from the delivery of projects over the 10-year lifespan of the Deal.

The Government is committed to the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program (AACAP), which is a collaboration between the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) (previously administered through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet) and the Australian Defence Force (Army). One AACAP project will be delivered each year in a remote indigenous community, with jurisdictions being invited to submit applications for an AACAP project by the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians.

As it is proposed that an AACAP project will be delivered in the Northern Territory in 2021, the Army and NIAA staff visited five remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory in June 2019, including Ampilatwatja, as part of the feasibility study for AACAP 2021. The Army observed the road conditions in Ampilatwatja and will include their findings in the feasibility study report, due for completion in the coming weeks.

The recipient community for AACAP 2021 will be approved by Minister Wyatt.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention and I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Michael McCormack



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Mayor Steve Edgington
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Dear Mayor Edgington

Steve

During Community Cabinet in Tennant Creek in July 2019 I visited the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge (TCWR) where the Chief Executive Officer Ms Marie Murfett outlined a number of capital and other improvements that could be made to the Refuge to improve service delivery, better attract professional staff and improve the amenity of the site. During the visit Ms Murfett also expressed to me her appreciation to the Barkly Regional Council for the provision of additional land for the use of the TCWR.

As the TCWR is the largest Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) service provider in the region I have committed a master planning approach be undertaken for the TCWR, so a future proof, strategic lens can be applied to potential improvements. Master planning for the TCWR will consider needs related to crisis and longer term accommodation for clients, staff accommodation (including accommodation for visiting specialists) and broader service need, for example regional servicing requirements and the intersection with the Alice Springs Women's Shelter, and the Ali Curung and Elliott Safe Houses.

Territory Families has also committed to develop a hub arrangement for DFSV service delivery in the Tennant Creek region. The specific action is 'Develop an integrated and specialist DFSV hub in Tennant Creek which will support women and children of the Barkly region to be safe, recover and thrive'. The master planning approach will consider the most effective way to action this commitment.

I understand that the TCWR master plan must align with other planning processes either on foot, or proposed, for the region and so you have line of sight of the master planning I have asked the TCWR to ensure you are involved in the joint oversight committee for this important initiative.



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If you would like any further information please feel free to contact Ms Helena Wright, Executive Director, Programs and Engagement on 08 8924 4215.

Yours sincerely

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24 September 2019

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Via email: steve.moore@barkly.nt.gov.au


Dear Mr Moore

Re: Superannuation for council members

During the recent consultation on the Local Government Bill 2019 a suggestion made by multiple stakeholders was that the new legislation should enable council members to receive the superannuation guarantee rate on member allowances.

I am writing to you to outline some relevant information regarding the superannuation guarantee being payable to members of local government councils. Please note that the following is not legal or financial advice.

The superannuation guarantee is provided for by Commonwealth law and cannot be legislated on by the Northern Territory.

For a council member to be eligible for the superannuation guarantee rate (currently 9.5%) on council member allowances, they must meet the extended definition of 'employee' under section 12 of the Commonwealth's *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

Section 12(9A) of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992* provides that "[s]ubject to subsection (10), a person who holds office as a member of a local government council is not an employee of the council". Subsection 12(10) provides that a "person covered by paragraph 12-45(1)(e) in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (about members of local governing bodies subject to PAYG withholding) is an employee of the body mentioned in that paragraph".

Paragraph 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* requires an amount to be withheld for pay as you go (PAYG) taxation purposes from the allowances of "a member of a local governing body where there is in effect, in accordance with section 446-5, a unanimous resolution by the body that the remuneration of members of the body be subject to withholding under this Part".

Paragraph 446-5 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* then sets out some specific requirements about the council resolution needed.

In summary, the default position is that a local government council member is not eligible to receive the superannuation guarantee rate on member allowances and a council is not required to make superannuation guarantee contributions on a member's behalf. However, with a unanimous resolution and the undertaking of some procedural steps with the Australian Taxation Office, the members of a council can enter into pay as you go taxation arrangements and receive superannuation guarantee contributions.

Should your council like further information on the above, I recommend that you contact the Australian Taxation Office. Alternatively, as I understand that the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory has an arrangement whereby the Western Australian Local Government Association provides advice to Northern Territory councils, you may wish to contact the Western Australian Local Government Association.

Yours sincerely



Maree De Lacey
Executive Director
Local Government and Community Development

Northern Territory LIQUOR COMMISSION

Ref: 2019/222

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer
Barkly Regional Council

Via Email: reception@barkly.nt.gov.au

Dear Steve Moore,

RE: NOTICE OF VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF LIQUOR LICENCES - REVIEW DELAY - BARKLY REGION

On 12 June 2018 the Northern Territory Liquor Commission ("the Commission") issued a Decision Notice varying the conditions of takeaway liquor licences in the Barkly region. On 11 July the Commission issued a further Decision Notice in relation to the Devils Marbles Hotel. These notices are available from the Commission's website. These notices were issued following an inquiry ("the Barkly inquiry") conducted by the Commission pursuant to s33 of the *Liquor Act 1978*. As a stakeholder, you contributed to the Barkly inquiry.

In the notices, the Commission stated that it considered that it should review the affected licences again in 6 months. That review has not yet been carried out, and I write now to explain why.

As you may be aware, in August 2018, shortly after completing the Barkly inquiry, the Commission embarked on a similar inquiry in relation to takeaway licences in Alice Springs and the surrounding district ("the Alice Springs inquiry"). I was a member of the panels convened to conduct both the Barkly inquiry (over which I had presided as an Acting Deputy Chairperson of the Commission) and the Alice Springs inquiry (over which Chairperson Richard Coates presides). During the course of the Alice Springs inquiry I formed the view that it would be premature to conduct the foreshadowed review of the Barkly inquiry until the Alice Springs inquiry had been completed, so as to facilitate the harmonisation, where appropriate, of takeaway conditions fixed by the Commission for the Alice Springs district with those fixed for the Barkly.

Unfortunately, the Alice Springs inquiry has taken considerably longer than the Commission anticipated. In contrast to the Barkly inquiry, which took three months to complete, the Alice Springs inquiry has taken over a year, and will not be completed before November 2019. A substantial part of the delay is due to the fact that although the Commission issued a Decision Notice for the Alice Springs district over three months ago, several of the affected licensees, as is their right, applied to the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal ("NTCAT") to review that decision. NTCAT, in turn, has now referred the matter back to the Commission for reconsideration. This will entail further discussions by the Commission with the affected licensees and other parties. For logistical reasons the Commission will not be able to commence those discussions before October 2019.

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Consequently, in my view there is a real possibility that (allowing for the contingency that following the Commission's reconsideration there will be a further review sought by affected Alice Springs district licensees) the Alice Springs inquiry will not be completed in time for the Barkly review to be commenced before Christmas 2019.

If you consider that your community or the interests you represent will be prejudiced by these delays, and wish to have the Barkly review conducted without waiting for the final resolution of the Alice Springs inquiry, please write to the Commission setting out your reasons for doing so. The Commission will give careful consideration to any such submissions it receives.

Yours faithfully,



RUSSELL GOLDFLAM
Acting Deputy Chairperson
6 September 2019

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30 September 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister,

Michael

I am writing to you in regard to concerns raised during recent visits to Ampilatwatja and Arlparra and other regional matters.

On 20 May 2019, the 2019-20 Budget Overview was delivered by the Treasurer in Tennant Creek where a number of questions were asked. On behalf of the Barkly Regional Council I asked about the 'Grant Efficiency Dividend' of around 3% being applied to grants managed by Councils and the Non-Government Sector and the financial impact this will have on the Barkly region. To date, our Council has not received a response to this question.

At a Local Authority meeting in Ampilatwatja on 4 September 2019, members raised concerns about housing. In particular, members advise that residents are paying rent for their houses but would like to know more about pest control, repairs and maintenance, repairs to fencing, the Room to Breathe Program, whether there are any plans to build new houses and why they are being told by government workers that residents are responsible for repairs and maintenance inside the house.

A further issue raised at Ampilatwatja was whether the Land Use Plan was up to date and whether community consultation with Traditional Owners, residents and key stakeholders had been conducted.

One of the ongoing concerns raised by residents in the Barkly region is when calling for police assistance after hours they are not being given a clear answer as to whether police will or will not be responding to the reported incident. Residents continually advise that they are frustrated that the call centre operator is unwilling or unable to make a decision while speaking on the phone with the complainant.

Residents in these areas are concerned that your government's commitment to improving community safety and providing equitable services in remote communities is not being followed. In fact, residents continue to express concerns that minimal police resources has impacted on their ability to register vehicles, obtain and renew driver's licences, firearms licences and, at times, this has resulted in residents entering the justice system for what are considered minor offences. Further, many residents believe that without a police presence there is little deterrence to prevent alcohol being brought into communities which often leads to anti-social behaviour, increased violence and other offences being committed.

As you're aware, the 'Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report' identified alcohol misuse as a substantial contributor to crime and anti-social behaviour and made recommendations designed to prevent and reduce harm associated with alcohol misuse.

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Recommendation 3.5.2 in the 'Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report' states that:

"The Department of the Chief Minister coordinate more effective collaboration between police, sobering up shelters, community patrols and local government to ensure a coordinated approach to tackling alcohol related problems in the community".

To help our Council understand what is happening with housing, land use planning, police resources and management of crime, anti-social behaviour and Community Safety Action Plans in our region, can you please provide a response to the above concerns and to the following questions:

1. What is the financial impact in real dollar terms of your government's efficiency dividend and the grant efficiency dividend being applied to government agencies, our Council and the non-government sector in the Barkly region?
2. What are the current policing arrangements for the Arlparra Community and is the station permanently manned?
3. Is there a permanent police presence consisting of two fully trained police officers based at the Arlparra Police Station? If not, why not?
4. How often do police visit the Ampilatwatja Community and where do they visit from?
5. What strategies does your government have in place to minimise and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Ampilatwatja and throughout the Utopia Homelands?
6. Has your government implemented recommendation 3.5.2 from the Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report? If not, why not? If so, how has this recommendation been implemented in the Barkly region and, in particular, at Ampilatwatja and throughout the Utopia Homelands?
7. Is there a Community Safety Action Plan in place for Ampilatwatja and Arlparra? If not, why not? If so, how often has the Community Safety Committee met in each location over the last 6 months?
8. When a resident in a remote locality reports an incident to police after hours can you confirm that the call centre operator does not have the authority to advise the complainant whether police will attend the complaint? If not, at what point in the process is the complainant advised of the decision as to whether or not police will attend to the complaint and does your government have any plans in place to improve the after-hours complaint system?
9. What is the status of the Land Use Plan for Ampilatwatja?
10. Can you advise who is responsible for arranging pest control for public housing in Ampilatwatja and, if known, the date all public houses were last treated for pest control?
11. Does your government have any plans in place to treat all public houses with pest control in the future? If not, why not? If so, when will this occur and how often in the future?
12. Can you advise the status of the Room to Breathe Program at Ampilatwatja and whether there have been any community consultations conducted with residents?
13. Are there any plans to build new houses at Ampilatwatja? If not, why not? If so, how many new houses will be built and when?
14. Can you please advise who is responsible for the repairs and maintenance of fencing around public housing?

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15. Do you agree that residents in public housing at Ampilatwatja have been told by government workers that residents are responsible for all repairs inside their house and that government is only responsible for repairs and maintenance outside of the houses? If not, why not? If so, why is this so?
16. Can you please outline what the government policy is for conducting repairs and maintenance in public housing, who is responsible for what and what are the normal timeframes for repairs and maintenance to be completed?

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

Yours sincerely,



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Mayor

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Dear Chief Minister,

Michael

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**CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL****VIA EMAIL**

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9 August 2019

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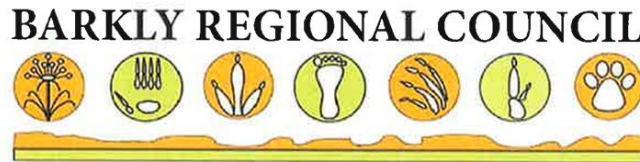
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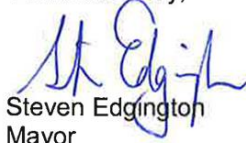
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10 October 2019
Mr. Steve Moore
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Dear Stakeholder *Steve*,

Notice of Preliminary Engagement Process: Proposed development of NT Government 'Concept Master Plan' for creating a better-connected Tennant Creek.

Bennett Design Pty Ltd has been appointed by the NT Government Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (Barkly Region) to develop a 'Concept Master Plan' for creating a better-connected Tennant Creek.

The intent of the Master Plan is to provide a roadmap for development for the next 20 – 30 years. The Master Plan will allow governments to plan for new infrastructure, upgrade the existing public realm and create certainty for private sector investment and growth. Moreover, it will improve the alignment of urban planning and design throughout the Tennant Creek region.

As an influential stakeholder of the proposed project, you are invited to participate in the preliminary engagement phase of the consultation process.

In coming weeks, a delegate from Bennett Design will coordinate a time to meet with you and discuss overall project intent. Importantly, they will seek to collate your ideas as a means of better informing project planning activities.

At this phase of the engagement process, all consultation will be directed toward key influencers only. This will facilitate strategically framed discussions that will set the agenda for future community engagement.

The success of this Master Plan will be shaped by extensive consultation combined with an evidenced-based approach to design. In this regard, I look forward to your support throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darcy Dunbar".

Darcy Dunbar
Regional Manager
NT Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics (Barkly Region)

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RE: DVD, Drug Policy - Prevent, Don't Promote: Changing the Narrative & U.N. World Drug Day 2019 "Let's Develop our Lives, Communities & Identities, Without Drugs!"

October 2019

Dear Mayor,

The Drug Advisory Council of Australia (DACA) is a national organisation reaching out to all tiers of government to highlight the increasing dangers of illicit drug use in this country and what proactive and protective measures can be taken to make our communities and their families safer.

My name is Meralyn Klein and as an executive member of DACA and former Councillor of the Nillumbik Shire Council I am approaching all Councils on behalf of DACA to seek your assistance in raising community awareness of and taking effective steps towards building stronger, healthier, safer and more resilient communities thus better combating illicit drug harms.

The Impact and consequences of drug use in our communities is becoming much more prevalent, contributing to rising crime, family violence, social breakdown, community disorder, and drug overdoses causing death.

Just as Council is able to speak out against the dangers of gambling, and pass resolutions that limit the number of poker machines in our municipalities, to regulate tobacco use, and implement initiatives that limit the use of plastic bags, we would like to see all Councils take a strong public stand, and implement active campaigns that challenge the destructive impact of illicit drug use.

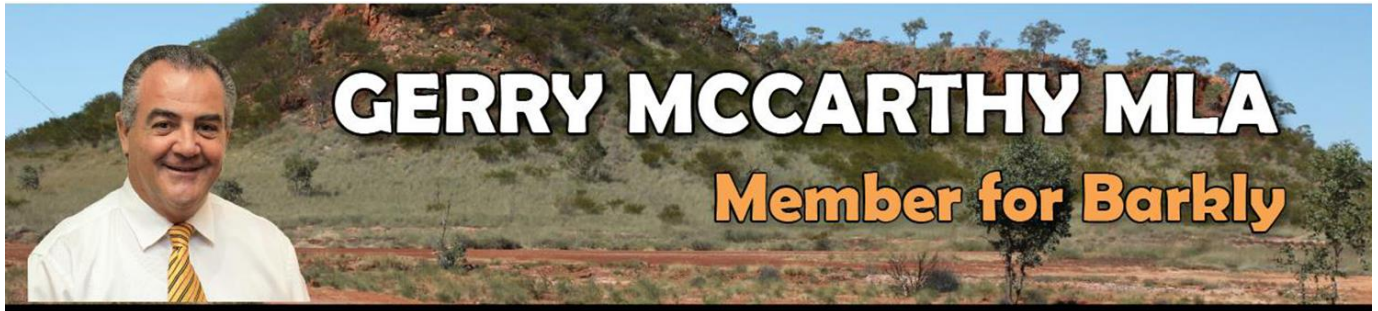
As a starting point we ask that you make available to all Councillors this DVD and table it in Council. We are also encouraging all Councils to hold open policy forums to allow the public to be made fully aware of the consequences of drug use within the community.

We would also like Council to put forward a resolution taking a stand for healthier safer and stronger communities, and as such a stand that sees no place for illicit drug use.

We at the Drug Advisory Council of Australia would appreciate your supportive response to our request in due course.

Kind Regards,

Meralyn Klein
Executive member
DACA



Mr Steve Edgington
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
PO Box 821
Tennant Creek NT 0861

Dear Mayor

My letter relates to an invitation to attend a Barkly Regional Council meeting in Tennant Creek on Thursday 29th August 2019.

I was advised you requested a briefing, at that meeting, for Barkly Regional Councillors on the Northern Territory Governments housing programs in relation to Tennant Creek and the Barkly.

Please accept my apology for not notifying you of my inability to attend that Council meeting, as the invitation came to the Electorate office, with the request for briefing notes forwarded to the Ministerial office, unfortunately resulting in an oversight of acknowledgment and RSVP to the Council email received.

However my apology was necessary due to my commitments and obligations at the 4 day Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute 2019 Conference in Darwin that week, hosted by the Northern Territory, in partnership with my Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, accepted in August 2018.

However please find the attached document 'Barkly Region Overview - Housing' as a briefing paper for Barkly Regional Councillors.

I would be honoured to attend a Council meeting in the future to discuss the briefing paper if requested and only respectfully ask for an adequate timeframe to allow both Ministerial and Member for Barkly diary planning.

Thank you for your consideration of my correspondence and I look forward to being of assistance to the Council if requested.

Yours Sincerely

Gerry McCarthy
10th September 2019

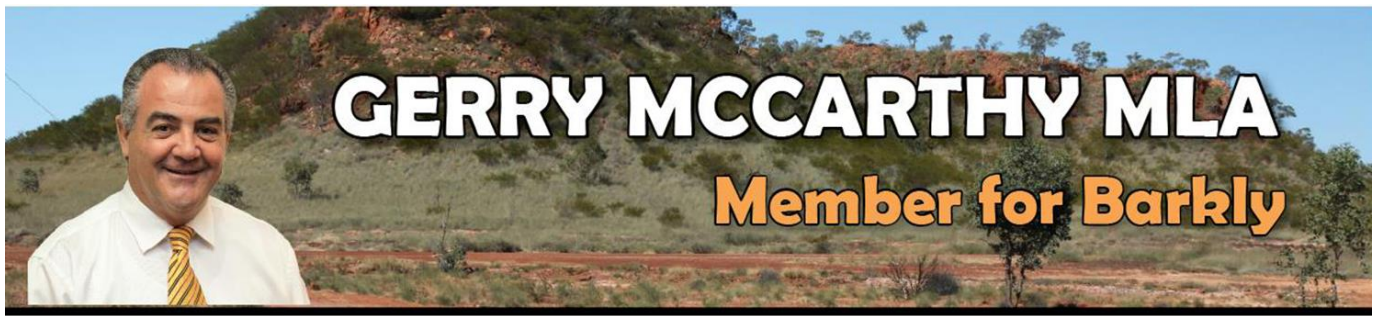


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Barkly Region Overview - Housing

Housing Stock in the Barkly Region is as follows:

Tenure	Totals
Remote Public Housing	286
Urban Public Housing	133
Town Camp	101
Government Employee Housing	90
Industry Housing	43
Affordable Housing Privately - Leased	18
Social Head Lease	4
Totals:	675

Planning and Housing Supply

- Four replacement three bedroom dwellings were constructed in Tennant Creek in 2018-19 under the Urban Public Housing Program. The completed replacement dwellings were handed over to the Department in June 2019 and allocated that same month.
- We have identified the need for the delivery of 10 dwellings within the Tennant Creek's Community Living Areas and 10 dwellings in Tennant Creek's urban areas in the 2019-20 financial year. All 20 dwellings to be constructed and delivered in the 2019-20 financial year.

Public Housing Safety

- There are two Public Housing Safety Officers permanently based in Tennant Creek. A third round of recruitment is currently underway to fill the remaining third position, as identifying a suitable candidate has been unsuccessful in previous attempts.
- Between 1 July 2018 and 20 August 2019, the Department received 18 complaints of antisocial behaviour related to public housing premises in the Barkly Region.
- During this period, Public Housing Safety Officers were dispatched to attend a total of 31 incidents by the Northern Territory Police and identified and addressed 163 incidents of antisocial behaviour during their proactive patrols.
- Of the 163 incidents, Public Housing Safety Officers issued 12 Notices of Direction, tipped out approximately 4.7 litres of alcohol and moved on 158 unknown visitors due to antisocial behaviour and 15 members of the public who were loitering in public housing premises.

Homeless Programs and Support

- CatholicCareNT has a five-year agreement with the Department to deliver the following two services in Tennant Creek:
 - a Housing Support Program; and
 - a Youth Outreach Service.
- The funding allocation for 2019-23 is \$755 223.
- The Housing Support Program assist clients to manage their accommodation and avoid homelessness.
- For the period from July 2018 to the end of March 2019, services were provided to 74 clients, 18 of these were aged 10 to 14, whilst the majority of adults were aged 65+. The main reason for clients seeking assistance was due to inadequate or inappropriate dwelling conditions.
- The Youth Outreach Service provides assistance to young people in Tennant Creek, who are at risk of homelessness to stabilise their personal circumstances. A key component of this service is supporting clients to re-engage with their families and community, including establishing positive connections with family members as well as facilitating access to educational, employment and volunteering opportunities.
- For the period July 2018 to end of March 2019, there was a client base of 13 young people, the majority of whom were aged 10 to 17. Of the clients, 28 per cent were referred by a child protection agency with the main reason for accessing the service being a lack of family and/or community support.

Social Housing Head Leasing

- A Request for Proposals for the 2019 Social Housing Head Leasing initiative was released on 12 August 2019.
- The Request for Proposals is seeking to deliver additional social housing dwellings in the Darwin and Palmerston along with the Tennant Creek, through long term head leases of ten years, with an option to extend for a further five years.
- In Tennant Creek, we are seeking dwellings in a complex or complexes, consisting of approximately 12 dwellings in total for use as accommodation by senior Territorians, with a preference for one or two bedroom dwellings or a combination of both.
- The proposed new dwellings must commence construction by June 2022 and be completed by June 2023.
- Currently we have 4 x 1 bedroom dwellings that are social housing head leased for a period of six years. The dwellings are located at the Ironstone and Oasis complex at 779 Patterson Street, Tennant Creek.

Urban Renewal and Stimulus Program

- Under the \$100 million public housing stimulus program, the following are being delivered in Tennant Creek, to a value of over \$9 million.
 - Upgrades to public housing complexes;
 - Construction of ten new public housing dwellings in Community Living Areas (CLA);
 - Under Stimulus funding, another 10 new dwellings will be constructed on non CLA sites (six dwellings at 74 Peko Road and four at 86 Peko Road);
 - Additional repairs and upgrades to public housing dwellings
 - Additional upgrades to Government Employee Housing; and
 - Roof repairs and replacement.

Minor New Works and Repairs and Maintenance in Tennant Creek

- Normal Minor Works and R&M in Tennant Creek for 2018-19 totalled over \$1 million.

Alternative Accommodation Options

- **Visitor Park Accommodation**
 - Project Steering Group consists of the following members:
 - Jim Bamber – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development;
 - Craig Kelly - Department of Chief Minister (DCM); and
 - Tim O'Neill – DIPL.
 - Project initiation commenced on 9 August 2019 with the Department, DCM and DIPL with construction taking the lead. Key elements are site selection to minimise land servicing costs, and visitor park design including allowing for a spectrum of accommodation types, within \$5 million project envelope. Site selection is also key to reducing elements in Alice Springs equivalent such as commercial kitchens / catering. Propose Alice Springs visit with key Tennant Creek stakeholders to visit Apmere Mwerre for examples of proposed visitor Park elements

Social Development – Social and Affordable Housing Private Public Partnership

- Venture Housing has proposed Term Sheet for \$1.9 million grant based on prior Housing-Venture grants, which is currently being reviewed by the Department.
- Project funding expected roughly January 2020 through National Project Agreement vehicle (DCM lead)
- Original site selection has been modified due to land servicing costs. Alternative sites are being proposed.

Remote Housing

New Builds / Upgrades

- Ali Curung:
 - Four new homes planned under HomeBuild NT program;
- Alpurrurulam:
 - Five new government employee homes planned under the Government Employee Housing program;
 - The Department has issued the Project Brief to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL). DIPL is assessing the tender for the construction of the new dwellings;
 - The construction of two of the dwellings is subject to the subdivision of lots near the oval, which is awaiting the road location to be confirmed by the community through the Central Land Council;
- Elliott:
 - 10 new government employee homes (5 x 2 bedroom duplexes) planned under the Government Employee Housing program.
 - On 14 August 2019, a contract was awarded to Power Project (NT) Pty Ltd for the construction of three duplexes with expected completion in January 2020;
- Tara:
 - Two new homes planned under HomeBuild NT program;
 - The houses are being constructed through the Pre-fabricated Panel contract with site installation expected in April 2020.
- Tennant Creek Town Camps:
 - One new home in Kargaru Town Camp funded under the National Partnership on Remote Housing;
 - One new home in Tinkarli Town Camp funded under the National Partnership on Remote Housing;
 - Two ablution amenities (male and female) in Tinkarli Town Camp funded under the National Partnership on Remote Housing;
 - Two ceremonial bough shelters (male and female) in Tinkarli Town Camp funded under the National Partnership on Remote Housing;

Room to Breathe Program

- Ali Curung
 - On 21 March 2019, a construction contract awarded to Harvey Developments (NT) Pty Ltd. To undertake works on 14 homes, as part of the Room to Breathe Program.
 - Four additional houses identified for use as transitional homes have been included in the contract bringing the total under contract to 18.

- The contractor has already completed the transitional accommodation homes and has commenced work on the additional homes.
- This Room to Breathe contract is scheduled to be completed in November 2019.
- Additional homes will be added to the Room to Breathe Program at Ali Curung to ensure a continued pipeline of works for the duration of the Program.
- **Alpurrurulam**
 - Architectural and Engineered Drawings being finalised. Initial consultation and scoping of 29 individual homes has occurred with the community of Alpurrurulam regarding the Room to Breathe Program.
 - The final Architectural and Engineered drawings required for construction are being finalised. Development of tender documents are underway with a future tender opportunity already released advising of this upcoming tender opportunity.
- **Ampilatwatja**
 - Engagement with the community of Ampilatwatja is continuing about the Room to Breathe Program. 17 individual homes have been scoped.
- **Canteen Creek**
 - The Room to Breathe Program is scheduled for commencement in the 2021-22 financial year.
- **Epenarra (Wutungurra)**
 - Architectural and Engineered Drawings are being finalised. Initial consultation and scoping of 17 individual homes has occurred with the community of Epenarra regarding the Room to Breathe Program.
 - The final Architectural and Engineered drawings required for construction are being finalised.
 - Development of tender documents are underway with a future tender opportunity already released advising of this upcoming tender opportunity.
- **Imangara (Murray Downs)**
 - Initial consultation and scoping of 15 individual homes has occurred with the community of Epenarra regarding the Room to Breathe Program.
 - The final Architectural and Engineered drawings required for construction are being finalised.
- Tara**
 - On 13 March 2019, a construction contract was awarded to Ri-Con Contractors Pty Ltd to undertake work on 19 homes as part of the Room to Breathe Program.
 - Three homes receiving work are also identified as Kinship Care homes.
 - The contractor has already completed the transitional accommodation homes and has commenced work on additional homes prioritising the Kinship Care homes first.
 - This Room to Breathe contract is scheduled to be completed in December 2019

Local Decision Making

- The next scheduled HomeBuildNT and Room to Breathe community engagement within the Barkly region is in Ali Curung on 10 September 2019.
- Most recently Room to Breathe undertook a scoping visit to Imangara on 1 – 3 July 2019.

Town Camps Futures Unit (TCFU)

- Tennant Creek
 - The TCFU funded (\$19 777) for the removal of two unsafe metal shelters and ablution blocks at Wuppa Camp and Tingkarli.
 - Provision of support for two representatives from the Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation to participate in the Town Camps External Advisory Group meetings. This is in-line with an action in the recently approved '*Building our communities, together*' Town Camps Reform Framework 2019-2024, that is "Aboriginal controlled housing organisations share good practice and build their capability."
 - Following feedback from the Tennant Creek Town Camp Taskforce meeting, the TCFU has liaised with the Road Safety NT team to arrange a locally-driven, speed mitigation and education project across the Tennant Creek community living areas. Road Safety NT resources will work with our regional office and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation to deliver the project. It is anticipated that community engagement staff from the Road Safety NT team will be in Tennant Creek in November 2019.
- Elliott
 - In March 2019, the TCFU finalised a grant application process for \$5.5 million, comprising housing and infrastructure upgrades across the Elliott town camps (Gurungu and Wilyugu) and Marlinja community. The grant was awarded to Aboriginal Business Enterprise, Power Projects (NT) Pty Ltd (Power Projects).
 - Housing and infrastructure upgrades are being scoped and prioritised through engagement with local residents to ensure informed local decision making throughout the projected works.
 - Housing upgrades are continuing across Wilyugu, Gurungu and Marlinja. Four upgrades are now complete and seven more in progress.
 - The Project Manager Town Camp Infrastructure is commencing the full scoping and costing of the works required to bring properties in the Elliott town camps and Marlinja community, up to the standard required by the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
 - In addition to the housing and infrastructure upgrades, the work of the TCFU will include supporting the development of an appropriate Aboriginal controlled organisation, which over time could assume the repairs and maintenance and tenancy support services for the Elliott community.
 - The grant agreement and scope of works are expected to conclude by 31 December 2019.

Aboriginal Interpreter Service

- The AIS provides interpreting services in Aboriginal languages in regional centres and communities all over the Northern Territory including the Barkly region. The AIS Tennant Creek office has initiated recruitment activity due to staff resignations. Positions that are required to be filled are Training Liaison Officer and three Staff Interpreters positions. As a result of this recruitment activity, an AIS staff member from the Darwin office has temporarily relocated to Tennant Creek to assist in maintaining service delivery.
- In addition to the above recruitment activity, AIS is progressing recruitment of casual interpreters in the region. On 16 July 2019, the Tennant Creek AIS office inducted five casual interpreters in Alyawarr, Warumungu and Kriol languages.

Homelands and Outstations

- Homelands
 - In 2019-20, the Department provided grants totalling \$3 305 794 to seven service providers for the delivery of homelands services to 39 homelands in the Barkly Region, comprising:
 - Municipal and Essential Services grants of \$1 561 135;
 - Municipal and Essential services for Town Camps of \$435 600;
 - Housing Maintenance Services grants of \$562 809;
 - Homelands Jobs grants of \$507 000; and
 - Capital Grants of \$ 239 250.
 - To date for 2019-20, the Department has received 16 Homelands Extra Allowance applications for funding of \$128 000 from service providers in the Barkly Region. These are under assessment.
In 2018-19, the Department provided Homelands Extra Allowance funding of \$759 000 to five service providers for upgrades and improvements to 95 dwellings in homelands across the Barkly Region.
 - In 2019-20 Round 1 MESSPG funding of \$239 250 has been approved for capital upgrades in Barkly Region homelands, comprising:
 - \$110 500 for a new bore and \$19 000 for absorption trenches at Burudu homeland;
 - \$57 600 for a new diesel generator, solar inverter and batteries at Muckaty homeland;
 - \$13 000 for a small bore at Corella Creek homeland; and
 - \$39 150 for improved management of electricity assets at three homelands managed by the Manungurra Aboriginal Corporation.
- Mungkarta homeland
 - The internal roads at Mungkarta were graded and repaired on 20 July 2019 under 2019-20 homelands grant funding at a cost of \$6327 by the contracted homelands service provider for the homeland, Far Northern Contractors Pty Ltd (T & J Contractors).

- On 7 August 2019, the Department accepted a quote of \$9753 from T & J Contractors for maintenance grading of the access road at Mungkarta starting at the rail crossing and ending at the cattle grid adjacent to the Stuart Highway, to be funded under 2019-20 homelands grant funding allocated for Mungkarta.
- Tennant Creek town camps
 - In 2019-20, the Department provided Town Camps Municipal and Essential Services grant funding of \$280 800 to Barkly Regional Council for the delivery of municipal services to the seven Tennant Creek town camps.
- Elliott town camps
 - In 2019-20, the Department provided grant funding of \$299 710 to Barkly Regional Council and Power Projects (NT) Pty Ltd for the delivery of services to Elliott North Camp and Elliott South Camp, comprising:
 - Town Camps Municipal and Essential Services funding of \$154 800; and
 - Housing Maintenance Services funding of \$144 910.
- Epenarra
 - In 2019-20, the Department provided Municipal and Essential Services grant funding of \$181 664 to Barkly Regional Council for the delivery of municipal services at Epenarra.
- Canteen Creek
 - In 2019-20 the Department provided Municipal and Essential Services grant funding of \$194 012 to Canteen Creek Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation for the delivery of municipal services at Canteen Creek and \$29 848 for Hatches Creek outstation.
- Tara
 - In 2019-20, the Department provided Municipal and Essential Services grant funding of \$151 812 to Thangkenharengge Aboriginal Corporation for the delivery of municipal services at Tara.
 - In 2019-20 Round 1 MESSPG funding of \$68 300 has been approved for capital equipment upgrades at Tara, comprising:
 - \$58 000 for a new backhoe and frontend loader; and
 - \$10 300 for a bin lifter.

Land Tenure

Remote Community Housing

- On the 6 July 2018 short term sublease agreements over remote community housing lots in the Town sites of Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Engawala, Imangara, Tara and Wutunugurra.
- The subleases align to the NPRH, expiring on the 30 June 2023.

- The Executive Director Township Leasing holds the long term tenure in the form a 40 year Lease over Remote Community Housing lots in each of these communities.

Elliott

- The NLC have advised that the traditional Aboriginal landowners have granted consent to the two leases regarding Elliott North Camp and Marlinja Outstation, which were tabled at the Executive Council Meeting in April 2019 and approved.
- On 9 August 2019, a five year lease was executed, signed the leases for Marlinja and Gurungu.
- On 30 May 2019, the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs (CCA) wrote to DLGHCD in response to a request to provide housing services in South Camp, the response outlined that in accordance with the authority delegated by the CCA, consent and authority had been given to DLGHCD for the provision of housing services, over housing assets within Lot 62 (South Camp) Town of Elliott.

Community Land Use Planning

- The Community Land Use Plan is a strategic document to guide the future development of remote communities, which sit outside of the NT Planning Scheme. It identifies the needs to support growth over a 20 year period as well as the aspirations and desires of the local community, with the principle objectives to ensure compatible integration of current and future land uses, promote walkability and the efficient delivery of essential services.
- The Community Land Use Plan broadly identifies the future land use areas for development of residential, community, commercial, industrial, recreation, natural area and utility purposes uses. Uses anticipated within these categories represent the expectations of the community but do not prohibit variations in consultation with the community.
- Within the Barkly region Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja and Imangara Community Land Use Plans have commenced and either half way through or nearing completion.