

OUR VISION

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The Way We Will Work

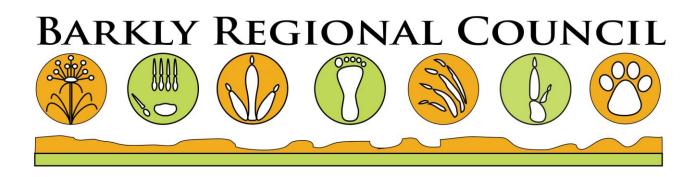
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AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer



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.

AGENDA

ITEM

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OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.3 Apologies and Leave of Absence

1.1 Elected Members Present

1.2 Staff Members Present

MEETING TO COMMENCE WITH PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF **TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

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	Nil		
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	Nil		
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		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.	
	18.2	Confidential Action List	
		The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciiii) 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.	
	18.3	Local Authority Nominations	
		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.	
	18.4	Rates Waiver Request	
		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.	
	18.5	ILUA for Waste Management Facility	
		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.	
	18.6	Tender Assessment: BRC 008-21 Supply and Installation of Thirteen (13) Sheltered Picnic Tables in Lake Mary Ann Dam 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.	

18.7 Tender Assessment BRC 007-21 Bitumen Reseal Tennant Creek Town Streets

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.

18.8 Update on the implementation of the Organisational and Internal Process Review

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.

18.9 Confidential Chief Executive Officer Update

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	318648
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2021 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2021.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT <<Enter Text>>

BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

1 April Ordinary Minutes



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MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 8.33 am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Karan Hayward

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore
- Damian Carter
- Gary Pemberton
- Sharen Lake
- Santosh Niraula
- Millicent Nhepera
- Vanessa Goodworth

1.3 Apologies

- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Jack Clubb

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

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

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee President
 - o Tourism Central Australia Board Member
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Purrutu Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Member

- Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Member for Barkly Employee
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - o T & J Contractors
 - Barkly Art Board Member
 - KNC (NT) Managing Director
 - Senator for the Northern Territory Employee
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships

 Sporties Club, Tennant Creek Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts Member
 - o Tennant Creek High School Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia Member
 - Australia-India Business Council Member
 - Outback Stores Employee
- Cr. Noel Hayes Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group Member
 - Cr. Hal A. Ruger Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 Orerritory Generation Employee
 - Cr. Jane Evans Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 Puma Elliott Store Manager
 - Cr. Karan Hayward Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Chief Executive Officer
 Mark Gillard Painting Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation Member
 - Steve Moore Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club Secretary

Mayor McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest at item 17.1.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 44/21

CARRIED UNAN.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the Action Items and remove completed items: 7, 8, 10, 11

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 45/21

6- adjust item to: change the angle to the 45 degree slope and state that this is a safety issue.

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That Council a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 46/21

Ben, the new Executive Officer of Barkly Regional Deal has started and has been settling in over the last few weeks. Ben attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Councillors.

Barkly Regional Deal Governance table was held this week. Further updates will be brought to Council once the new EO has settled in.

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5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the mayor's report for April 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

Resolved OC 47/21

Action Item: Clarify what alcohol can be purchased outside of Elliott by Elliott residents.

Cr Karan Hayward noted that we need to do some work on our multi-,media, and letting know the public about what were are doing. Eg- when the Indonesian consulate came this was not reported.

4.2 WEED MANAGEMENT NT - Councillor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Nathan from Weed Management NT came to present to Council He presented to the Tennant Creek Regional Weed management strategy to council He stated that he is happy to work on a weed management plan with BRC to be able to manage weeds in the region.

MOTION

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 48/21

CARRIED UNAN.

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7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
 - Short Form Grant Agreement Variation of Remote Sports Program Stimulus Package Round 2: To increase hours of sport and recreation activities in communities till 20 June 2021, between Department of Territory Families, Housing

and Communities of Northern Territory Government (NTG) and BRC;

- 2. Project Funding Agreement of Local Community Projects Fund Till 29 July 2022 between Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and BRC; and
- 3. Deed of Variation in relation to Aged Care Services: Activity Work Plan Variation -Till 30 June 2022, between Department of Health and BRC.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 49/21

7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDAT	E
MOTION	
That Councila) Receive and note the report	
RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett	
Seconded:Cr. Kris Clvitarese	CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 50/21

7.3 ALGA NATIONALGENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- **b)** Nominate Mayor Jeff McLaughlin, Cr.Civitarese, Cr. Vashist, Cr. Ruger to attend the National General assembly

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 51/21

CARRIED UNAN.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: MONTH OF MARCH 2021

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 52/21

8.2 FINANCE REPORT - MARCH 2021

MOTION

That Council

a)Receive and note the Finance Report for the eight months ended 31 March 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

Resolved OC 53/21

8.3 GRANTS REPORT - MARCH 2021

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans Resolved OC 54/21 CARRIED UNAN.

CARRIED UNAN.

ACTION ITEM: Ask whether the drought funding money that has already allocated to a

project can be re-allocated to a different project.

8.4 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

MOTION

That Council

a)Receive and note the report

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr.Sid Vashist

Resolved OC 55/21

CARRIED UNAN.

8.5 POLICY APPROVAL

MOTION

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That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- **b)** Adopt the Confidential business and information Policy to commence on the 1st of July 2021.
- c) Adopt the Professional Development Policy to commence on 1st July 2021
- d) Adopt the Gifts and Benefits Policy to commence on the 1st of July 2021

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 56/21

Edit formatting on the policies.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Karan Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 57/21

Cr Hal Ruger left the meeting, the time being 09:54 AM

MOTION

That Council:

a)Break for morning tea at 0958.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Resolved OC 58/21

CARRIED UNAN.

MOTION

That council:

a)Resume the meeting at 1014.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Karan Karan Hayward Seconded:Cr.Sid Sid Vashist Resolved OC 59/21

CARRIED UNAN.

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10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MARCH 2021 REPORT

MO	TION

That Council:

a) Receive and note this report.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Cr. Karan Hayward

Resolved OC 60/21

CARRIED UNAN.

CARRIED UNAN.

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11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local Authority minutes.
- c) Receive and note the suggestion to have the reflection chair at Lake Mary-Ann
- d) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority minutes
- e) Receive and note the Wutunugurra Local Authority minutes

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes

Resolved OC 61/21

Cr Sid Vashist left the meeting, the time being 10:29 AM

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 PURKISS RESERVE TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Purkiss Reserve Committee Terms of reference.

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded:Cr. Ray Aylett

Resolved OC 62/21

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CARRIED UNAN.

CARRIED UNAN.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

- 14. RESCISSION MOTIONS Nil
- 15. OPERATIONS

15.1 OPERATIONS DIECTORS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

A) Receive and Note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded:Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Resolved OC 63/21

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report.b) Approve the revised five year strategic plan.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans

Resolved OC 64/21

16.2 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDA

That Council

- a) Receive and note a report
- b) Consider approving the RAP as approved by Reconciliation Australia.

Deferred to next Ordinary Meeting

16.3 TENNANT CREEK COMMUNITY MEETINGS

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report.

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RESOLVED Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer Seconded:Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 65/21

Information sent to council regarding what arose from the Tennant Creek Community Meetings.

Information to be referred to the Cultural Competency Committee

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.
- **b)** Approve rotary to host a function on the 10th of June from 6pm-9pm in the Council chambers.
- c) Consider the location of the reflection chair.

Mayor Jeff McLaughlin declared a conflict of interest with Rotary decision and left the room at 1045 and returning at 1050.

RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett Seconded:Cr. Ricky Holmes Resolved OC 66/21

CARRIED UNAN.

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION:

Nil

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

That council:

a)Move into the confidential session at 1050

MOTION (Civitarese/Plummer)

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Cr Sid Vashist returned to the meeting, the time being 10:52 AM

20. <u>RESUMPTION OF MEETING</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move back into open session at 1214

18.4 TENDER ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and Note the report
- b) Move the item into ordinary council

RESOLVED Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans

Resolved OCCS 67/21

CARRIED UNAN.

18.5 TENDER ASSESSMENT- BRC 006-21 WUTUNGURRA WOMENS' ART CENTRE UPGRADE

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and Note the report
- b) Award the contract of Wutungurra Women Art Centre Upgrade to MPH Carpentry and Constructions Pty Ltd, 46 Smith St, Alice Springs NT 0870 for value of \$237,600.00 (Incl. GST)
- c) Move the item into ordinary council

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr.Sid Sid Vashist

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 68/21

18.6 SUICIDE STORY MOU - AMSANT

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

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a) Receive and note the report b) Approve Barkly Regional Council to enter the MOU with Suicide Story c) Move item to ordinary RESOLVED Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese Seconded:Cr. Jane Evans CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 69/21

18.8 RATES WAIVER REQUEST

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Decline the rates waiver application from Venture Housing Company
- c) Move into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded:Cr.Sid Vashist

Resolved OCCS 70/21

CARRIED UNAN.

21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1214pm.

This page and the proceeding 12 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 29 April 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin Council Mayor Steve Moore Chief Executive Officer

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Action Items
REFERENCE	318649
AUTHOR	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Action Items
- **b)** Remove the following completed items:

SUMMARY:

- Item 1: Mayor to update
- Item 2: Mark to update no restrictions for Elliott residents outside Elliott.
- Item 3: Ongoing mapping has commenced
- Item 4: Mark to update
- Item 5: meeting to be help with Patta
- Item 6: Complete invited to the meeting
- Item 7: Ongoing clarification being sought

Item A: Ongoing

- Item B: Ongoing
- Item C: Progressing
- Item D: Progressing
- Item E: Complete
- Item F: Ongoing looking for funding

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT <<Enter Text>>

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordninary Council Meeting Action List.pdf

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ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST <u>From Meeting – 29 April 2021</u>

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works Talk to the school about painting murals. CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours. Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways	CEO	10.12.2020 Ongoing
2.	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019			CEO to provide a report on the Alcohol Management Plan in Elliott Clarify what alcohol can be purchased outside of Elliott by Elliott residents.	CEO	19.03.2020 Progressing 29.10.2020 Mark to update 29.04.2021 Clarify what alcohol can be bought outside Elliot by Elliott residents.
3.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020			CEO to express to NTG and Federal Government that they need to release the information for service mapping and reforms.	CEO	19.03.2020 Raised at 25 Feb meeting, will be raised again at next meeting
4.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Rainbow Gateway	CEO to meet with Rainbow Gateway about their progress.	CEO	19.03.2020 Mark to update 19.10.2020 No Update 28.01.2021 No update
5.	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021			CEO to look into putting some sand over the embankment, to create a 45 degree angle, as this is a safety issue.	CEO	
6.	Ordinary Council Meeting 25 March 2021		Julalikari Night Patrol	Invite Julalikari to the next Council meeting.	CEO	
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2021			Ask whether the drought funding money that has already allocated to a project can be re-allocated to a different project	CEO/FM	

Ordninary Council Meeting Action List



ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST <u>From Meeting – 29 April 2021</u>

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
А	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwalja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampilatwatja CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council	CEO	12.12.2019 Ongoing
в	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018		Policies and Procedures	All Policies are to be standardized. Add to all Policies, Legislation Standards, Related Policies, Responsibilities and Delegation and Evaluation and Review		12.12.2019 Ongoing
С	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	investigate fand dequisition of Editaria site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	12.12.2019 Ongoing
D	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Youth Justice Facility (Regional Deal Project)	Council to be updated on progress with the Youth Justice Facility:		19.03.2020 Ongoing – no update this meeting
E	Ordinary Council Meeting 20 May 2020		People and Culture	Casual and part-time staff and what Council is doing to convert casual to part-time to staff.	CEO	
F	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Youth	CEO to look into activities that can be run in Elliott over the weekend for the youth. CEO to investigate grants to fund the activities. Look into IAS funding.		25.03.2021 Investigate grants to that can be used to fund activities. 29.04.2021- move item to long term list.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING



ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	CAG
REFERENCE	318650
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

Jacquie Bethel from the Cultural Authority Group will give a verbal presentation to council.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.2		
TITLE	Julalikari Night Patrol		
REFERENCE	318651		
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

Julalikari night patrol has been invited to present an update to council.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

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ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Mayor's Report
REFERENCE	319087
AUTHOR	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the mayor's report for May 2021.

SUMMARY:

Saturday 1 May	Travelled to Alice Springs for Wide Open Space Festival – Returned Tuesday.		
Wednesday 5 May	Meeting with the Backbone Team about the Musical Roadshow Tennant Creek Turbo Tourism Project Working Group meeting at Battery Hill		
	Barkly Tourism Action meeting.		
Thursday 6 May	Meeting with Chamber of Commerce Representative Colin Abbott		
Friday 7 May	Meeting with Snap Send Solve to discuss their new developments and how the app has been working for us. As part of the Music NT Board I signed a MOU for safer venues – The TC Memo is the first venue in the NT to sign this MOU		
Saturday 8 May	Attended the volunteer meeting for the TC Show Society		
Monday 10 May – Thursday 13 May	Regional Deal Musical Roadshow – great feedback from the communities		
Friday 14 May	Do It For Dolly march and BBQ Met with the new architect for the Tennant Creek Streetscape Project		
Saturday 15 May	Attended the Tennant Creek Races, great day had by all and thanks to all the volunteers who organize and run the event.		
Tuesday 18 May	Filmed new Golden Shovel video		
Wednesday 19 May	Crisis Youth Support Working Group Meeting Neighborhood Watch Board Meeting		
Thursday 20 May	Catch up with CEO after he returned from holidays		
Friday 21 May	Worked with the Depot crew for the day		
Monday 24 May	Visitor Park Working Group Meeting		
Wednesday 26 May	Tourism Central Australia Board Meeting		

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ATTACHMENTS:

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

27 May 2021			
BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL			

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Caretaker Period and Election Information
REFERENCE	317703
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

This report contains important information about the upcoming local government elections and the caretaker period.

BACKGROUND

Important Dates

As of today, we are approximately three months away from the NT Local Government election 2021. Important dates are as follows:

Call for nominations: 16 July 2021 Nominations close- 5 August 2021 (known as nomination day, as per caretaker policy). Early voting commences- 16 August 2021 Election Day – 28 August 2021 Declaration of results- 13 September 2021

See attached election time table from the NT Electoral Commission.

Caretaker Period

Caretaker period means the period that commences on the nomination day for a Council general election (5 August 2021) and ends when the results of the general election are declared, (13 September 2021).

Councilors are reminded of the following regarding the Caretaker Period:

- 1. Council is not to make any major decisions during the caretaker period. Major decisions include the following:
 - entering into any high value contract or lease agreement exceeding \$99,999.
 - entering into a new or substantially changed funding agreement, unless there is real risk the eligibility for funding will be lost;
 - committing Council funds outside the adopted budget;
 - amending the Council's caretaker policy;
 - amending the Council's delegations; and
 - making a decision relating to the employment or remuneration of the CEO or Acting CEO.
- 2. Regarding the communications:
 - Council communication methods including media, websites, social media and newsletters – will not be used in any way that favours, promotes or criticises any particular Council member or candidate.

- Council will continue to communicate normal council business relevant to the community. The CEO is the preferred spokesperson for any official communications.
- However, this does not fetter the discretion of the Mayor to speak on behalf of the Council as the Council's principal representative.
- 3. Public consultation must be deferred until after the caretaker period unless it is mandatory under legislation or cannot reasonable be deferred.
- 4. Events and functions- council members cannot use council events to campaign. There also cannot be any opening or launching of facilities held during the caretaker period.
- 5. Electoral Information: Council will only publish electoral information that is educational or promotional material relating to the election process and voter engagement.

Conclusion:

Council members are encouraged to read through and familiarise themselves with the caretaker policy attached. Questions and clarifications regarding the policy can be forwarded to the CEO.

If you have any questions about the election, please contact the NT Election commission:

Location: Level 3, TCG Centre, 80 Mitchell Street, Darwin, Northern Territory 0800

Postal: GPO Box 2419, Darwin, Northern Territory 0801

Phone: 1800 698 683

Phone: 08 8999 5000

Email: <u>ntec@nt.gov.au</u>

Office hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Please note the office is closed on public holidays.

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POLICY

TITLE:	CARETAKER POLICY			
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL			
DATE OF ADOPTION:	OCTOBER 2020 DATE OF REVIEW: OCTOBER 2025			
MOTION NUMBER:	OC 318/20 – 29 October 2020			
POLICY NUMBER:	CP 37			
LEGISLATIVE REF:	Section 161(1) of the Local Government Act 2019			

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set out how council members and staff are to conduct their activities and actions during the local government general elections caretaker period.

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy:

Campaigning includes campaigning activity, wearing or displaying campaign material (refer to definitions of 'campaigning activity' and 'campaign material' at sections 268 – 268A of the Electoral Act 2004).

Caretaker period means the period that commences on the nomination day for a Council general election and ends when the results of the general election are declared in accordance with the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021.

Nomination day means the day that nominations close for a local government general election.

2. PRINCIPLE

Council is committed to act in an economically efficient and transparent manner, to be socially and environmentally responsible and to provide a high standard of service delivery through its term. During a general election caretaker period, the normal operations and programs of the Council are to continue.

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

CARETAKER POLICY

3.1 Role of the CEO

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The CEO will give written notice to all council members and staff prior to the commencement of the caretaker period and that the caretaker principles in this policy will apply.



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The CEO will continue to prepare reports and provide information in order for Council members to carry out their roles in relation to the day-to-day business of the Council.

3.2 Major decisions

The Council will not make any major decisions during the caretaker period.

Major decisions are those decisions that have a significant impact on Council operations and activities, or are otherwise political sensitive, and a reasonable person would not consider the decision to be part of the normal Council operations.

Major decisions include:

- (a) entering into any high value contract or lease agreement exceeding \$99,999.
- (b) entering into a new or substantially changed funding agreement, unless there is real risk the eligibility for funding will be lost;
- (c) committing Council funds outside the adopted budget;
- (d) amending the Council's caretaker policy;
- (e) amending the Council's delegations; and
- (f) making a decision relating to the employment or remuneration of the CEO or Acting CEO.

However, major decisions do not include:

- (a) a decision that relates to the carrying out of works in response to an emergency or disaster; or
- (b) an urgent matter that cannot wait until a newly elected Council makes a decision on that matter; or
- (c) a matter that has the possibility of legal or significant financial repercussions if a decision on the matter is deferred until the new Council has been elected; or
- (d) an expenditure or other decision required to be taken under an agreement by which funding is provided to the Council by the Commonwealth or Northern Territory Government or otherwise for the Council to be eligible for funding from the Commonwealth or Northern Territory Government; or
- (e) the signing of an agreement where the majority of the negotiations were undertaken or resolved by Council prior to the caretaker period commencing.

3.3 Council resources

Council resources are not to be used for the purposes of campaigning for a candidate.

Council resources may be used to help with running the general election or to encourage voter participation.



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3.4 Community engagement

3.4.1 Communications

Council communication methods – including media, websites, social media and newsletters – will not be used in any way that favours, promotes or criticises any particular Council member or candidate.

Council will continue to communicate normal council business relevant to the community.

During the caretaker period, the CEO is the preferred spokesperson for any official communications. However, this does not fetter the discretion of the Mayor to speak on behalf of the Council as the Council's principal representative.

3.4.2 Public consultation

Council will defer any public consultation until after the caretaker period, unless:

- (a) it is mandatory public consultation required under legislation; or
- (b) the consultation cannot reasonably be deferred.

3.4.3 Events and functions

Council members will not use council events and functions held during the caretaker period for campaigning.

No events or functions relating to opening or launching facilities will be held during the caretaker period.

3.4.4 Electoral information

Council will only publish electoral information that is educational or promotional material relating to the election process and voter engagement.

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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

CARETAKER POLICY



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2	
TITLE	Chief Executive Officer Update	
REFERENCE	318922	
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Another month has flown past and the end of the financial year is almost upon us. We are pleased to be able to present to Council the draft Regional Plan and budget for the new financial year. A great deal of work has gone in to make sure the Regional Plan and Budget are achievable and affordable in what is bound to be a challenging year. We have had to reduce our capital spend in the new year to ensure Councils financial sustainability. A big thankyou to the Finance team for putting together the new budget.

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The month saw me take a couple of weeks leave, Mark Parsons stood in while I was away so a big thanks to Mark for stepping into the breach. I did have a nice break and it's good to be back in the chair ready for the year ahead.

The Tourism initiatives are gaining momentum with regular meetings taking place regarding buth the streetscape project and the possible upgrade of Battery Hill. These projects have been a long time in the making and it will be nice to see both items progressing in the coming months. Sue Dugdale and Associates is talking on the streekscape designed, while SD&A Architects have been working on the Battery Hill concept designs.

Our new TC Youth centre has received DCA approval (subject to some minor changes) so we should see construction commence in the not too distant future. Work on the Ali Curung centre demolition has continued with final plans to go back to the next LA meeting.

Mark Parsons has met with Rainbow Gateway, this may all become irrelevant with the CDP program undergoing significant changes. Mark will be able to provide Council with an update on where the future of the program lies. Rainbow Gateway have committed to have someone attend the June Council meeting to update Council on their program.

The TC landfill ILUA is included in the confidential section of the council agenda for Council's consideration. This is still subject to obtaining a crow lease from DIPL, after two years of hard work the lard tenure issue at the landfill looks to be drawing to a close. Negotiations around land for the Elliott have also progressed with a fair compromise being reached in principle.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant from the NTG to install covers onto the swimming pool to assist with retaining the water temperature overnight. This should help to prolong the use of the pool over the cooler months.

On my way back from leave I met with the CEO of Mt Isa Council, we share many of the same issues and it was good to touch base with our Queensland counterparts. We will endeavour to organise an elected member meeting following the council elections in August.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Policy Approval
REFERENCE	318654
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- **b)** Adopt the Accountable forms policy (Members and CEO)
- c) Adopt the Accountable forms Policy (Staff)

SUMMARY:

<This should set out what the report is about, why it was written and why it is relevant.>

BACKGROUND

We are working on the extra meeting allowance policy, and it will be in the agenda next month.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Accontable Forms Policy- Members and CEO.pdf
- 2. Accontable Forms Policy- Staff.pdf

POLICY

TITLE:	ACCOUNTABLE FORMS POLICY (MEMBERS AND CEO)		
DIVISON:	CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	MAY 2021	DATE OF REVIEW:	MAY 2026
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:			
LEGISLATIVE REF:	Regulation 6(d)(iii) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021		

PURPOSE:

To ensure the proper use and management of accountable forms issued to members and the CEO for the purposes of conducting council business.

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy:

Authorised delegate means any staff member within Council who has been delegated appropriate authority by the CEO to undertake the specified function on the CEO's behalf. **Member** includes council members, committee members and local authority members.

2. PRINCIPLES

Council is committed to the safe custody, provision and proper use of accountable forms by members and the CEO whilst conducting council business.

Members and the CEO are required to apply good judgement for all expenditure incurred whilst conducting council business.

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

4.1 Accountable forms

Accountable forms are readily negotiable financial instruments, other than cash, that can be used as a method of payment /provision of credit for expenditure (e.g. purchase orders, taxi vouchers, travel vouchers, meal vouchers or receipts).

All accountable forms need to be carefully monitored and safeguarded due to their inherent risk of theft, fraud, loss or misuse.



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4.2 Responsibilities of members and the CEO

All members and the CEO are responsible for ensuring that accountable forms are only used in the course of conducting official council business. Accountable forms must not be used for private purposes.

In the event an accountable form is inadvertently used for private purposes, the full value of the transaction must be reimbursed to Council within 14 business days.

Accountable forms may only be used by the individual member or CEO who has been issued with the accountable form. A member or the CEO must not pass the accountable form to any other individual for use.

Once an accountable form has been used, the member must keep a copy of the receipt and invoice and submit this to the CEO (or the authorised delegate). Details of the nature of council business, date and time of use of the accountable form should also be provided.

When an accountable form is used by the CEO, the CEO must also retain a copy of the receipt and invoice and submit this to the delegated officer along with details of the nature of council business, date and time of use of the accountable form.

4.3 Safeguarding of accountable forms

It is the responsibility of individual members and the CEO to ensure all accountable forms issued by Council for conducting council business are kept in a safe and secure place to minimise the risk of theft or unauthorised transactions.

Unused or expired accountable forms must not be destroyed by a member or the CEO. Unused or expired accountable forms must be returned to the authorised delegate responsible for issuing the accountable form.



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POLICY

TITLE:	ACCOUNABLE FORMS POLICY (STAFF)					
DIVISON:	CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE					
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL					
DATE OF ADOPTION:	JULY 2021 DATE OF REVIEW: JULY 2026					
MOTION NUMBER:						
POLICY NUMBER:						
LEGISLATIVE REF:	Regulation 6(d)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021					

PURPOSE:

To provide the minimum internal controls required for the printing, safe custody, approval, use, accounting for and disposal of accountable forms.

1. DEFINITIONS

To provide the minimum internal controls required for the printing, safe custody, approval, use, accounting for and disposal of accountable forms.

2. PRINCIPLES

This policy applies to the proper use and management of accountable forms by staff members when conducting council business.

Staff members are required to apply good judgement for all expenditure. The approval of accountable forms is at the discretion of the CEO and subject to the relevant financial delegations within Council.

An authorised delegate cannot authorise his or her own accountable form or related expenditure.

Staff members issued with an accountable form must maintain all receipts and relevant documentation for validation purposes. Accountable forms must only be used for legitimate council business.

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

3.1 Accountable forms



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Accountable forms are readily negotiable financial instruments, other than cash, that can be used as a method of payment/provision of credit for expenditure (purchase orders, taxi vouchers, fuel vouchers, travel vouchers, receipts or meal vouchers).

All accountable forms need to be carefully monitored and safeguarded due to their inherent risk of theft, fraud, loss or misuse.

3.2 Responsibilities of council staff

An accountable form issued to any staff member must only be used in the course of conducting council business. Accountable forms must not be used for private purposes.

In the event an accountable form is inadvertently used for private purposes, the full value of the transaction must be reimbursed to Council within 14 business days.

Accountable forms may only be used by the staff member who was issued with the accountable form. The staff member must not pass the accountable form to any other individual for use.

Once an accountable form has been used, a copy of the receipt and invoice must be retained and submitted to the CEO (or the authorised delegate). Details of the nature of council business, date and time of use of the accountable form should also be provided.

3.3 Acquisition of accountable forms

Only the authorised delegate has the authority to order, restock or request supplies of accountable forms.

On receipt of the accountable forms, the authorised delegate is to verify that the quantity and type of forms are as ordered.

Once confirmed, particulars of the accountable forms must be entered into the accountable forms register.

3.4 Accountable forms register

Details of accountable forms are to be maintained in an up-to-date register (accountable forms register) managed by the authorised delegate.

At a minimum, the accountable forms register is to record the following information in respect of each type of accountable form:

- (a) type of the accountable form(s);
- (b) date of receipt;
- (c) quantity received;
- (d) serial or identification number(s) of the form(s); and
- (e) expiry date (if applicable).

Prior to issuing an accountable form for use, the staff member responsible for handling the form must record the following:



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- (a) the name and position of the person to whom the accountable form is issued;
- (b) date of issue;
- (c) quantity issued;
- (d) serial or identification number(s) of the form(s); and
- (e) signature of the person receiving the forms.

3.5 Internal controls

All accountable forms are to be stored in a secure manner at all times.

It is the responsibility of individual staff members to ensure all accountable forms issued by Council for conducting council business are kept in a safe and secure place to minimise the risk of fraud, theft or unauthorised transactions.

The authorised delegate is responsible for the safekeeping of accountable forms and the accountable forms register and must ensure the accountable forms and the register are not accessible by any person without authority. Outside working hours the accountable forms are to be kept in secure storage.

Unused or expired accountable forms must not be destroyed. Unused or expired accountable forms must be returned back to the authorised delegate responsible for issuing the accountable form.

A stocktake of all accountable forms should be conducted at least once in each financial year by a staff member other than the authorised delegate (custodian of the accountable forms).

Details of any losses or deficiencies of accountable forms are to be reported to the CEO as soon as the loss or deficiency is detected.



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CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

27 May 2021					
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ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Corporate Services Directorate Report
REFERENCE	318836
AUTHOR	Damian Carter, Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Update from Corporate Services Director

The Corporate Services team has been focusing on ensuring Council's policies and procedures are compliant with the new Local Government Act, as well as the review of the 2021/22 budget.

One highlight which should be noted is the current upgrade of the fibre optic networks to three of our remote offices. Currently Wutunugurra (Epenarra) is being upgraded with the locations of Ampilatwatja and Alpurrurulam to follow. These upgrades are part of our new Telstra contract and will increase the reliability of networks to these three offices, whilst increasing capacity of activities such as video conferencing which will reduce travel needs and allow areas like Age-care to continue to explore using telecommunication technology for remote consults.

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Total Employees	257		
Male Employees	150 (58%)		
Female Employees	107 (42%)		
ATSI Employees	154 (60%)		
Non-ATSI Employees	103 (40%)		

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Full- Time Employees	130 (50%)		
Part –Time Employees	50 (19%)		
Casual Employees	77 (31%)		

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

People & Culture Monthly Review

The first HR mentoring session for managers was held on 28 April 2021, with 10 managers attending the session. The topic of this session was Change Management and was delivered as a conference call meeting due to the locations of the various managers. Two Change Management tools were identified for this session to assist the Managers the change management aspects relating to their employees and these tools were explained in more detail to the group. The P&C Manager then provided examples on how they (Managers) could utilise these tools in the work environment and any task/project they had assigned. The session also briefly touched on when these tools could also assist with employee performance management and appraisals as this would also be classified as change management.

The mangers received 'homework' to assess their understanding of the session, and to utilise the tools provided to create a more productive work environment. The P&C Manger is now creating the next mentoring session which the topic is Difficult Conversations.

Policy Review

The People & Culture Unit is currently reviewing and updating the following policies:

- Drugs & Alcohol Policy First Draft completed, waiting consultation.
- Uniform Policy First Draft completed, waiting consultation.
- Overarching HR Policy
- Employee Training & Development Policy
- Employee Promotion Policy

These policy reviews will be an ongoing process and part of the new HR suite, and once completed the policies with be submitted to Council for review and adoption.

Advertising

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Shortlisting

Recruitment (As of 17th May 2021)

- Finance Manager
- Municipal/Roads Officer
- Lifeguard Full Time
- IT Coordinator
- Handyman
- Community Care Zone Manager x 2
- IEHW

Learning and Development

The following provides and overview of the training activities currently occurring:

- 1. *Grader, bobcat and backhoe training* commenced out of Ali Curung, including staff from Ali Curung, Tennant Creek and Ampilatwatja. (April)
- 2. Traffic Management course attended by 3 Tennant Creek Municipal staff. (April)
- 3. *Pilot Employee Wellbeing program* for employees in Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Elliott scheduled week of 17 May.
- 4. *Snake handling course* in Alice Springs to be attended by Local Law staff and trainee nurse from Barkly Vet services. (May)
- 5. 4WD in Tennant Creek and Alpurrurulam. (May)
- 6. Mental Health First Aid in Ampilatwatja. (May-June)
- 7. First Aid in Ali Curung and Alpurrurulam. (June)

Workplace Health & Safety Officer

Summary of Actives for the period 17th of April 2021 to 15 May 2021

- Ongoing review and development of safety BRC safety polices including
 - Development of WHS Policies and Procures. The process of reviewing draft polices has commenced.
 - Development of training related to hazard identification and reporting A detailed presentation relating to Hazard Identification, Management, Documentation and Review was compiled.
- The May Bi-Monthly inspections of all workplaces commenced. As of 14th May 20 received
- Continued review storage of flammables and hazardous chemicals all depots, workshops.
- Continued review of Power Distribution Boards all work locations.
- WHS Terms of Reference. Draft Document has been created. A final review has now completed.
- The process of introducing Safe Work Method Statement into the workplace has continued.
- Development of various tool box talks and development of "safety snippets" continued.
- Monthly tool box talk "Slips Trips and falls" distributed April.
- One new Tennant Creek based staff member a full WHS Induction.
- Hazard and risk training delivered to six regional aged care staff in Tennant Creek.
- Purkis Reserve Inspected. 2 hazard reports lodged as result
- Play Equipment Lake Mary Anne inspected. 1 hazard reports lodged as result

Incident and Hazards Statistics

Running Totals for Year 2021 ongoing and since last report.

	Incident	Hazards	Incident	Hazards
Rating	Running Total Year 2021		Since Last Report	
Risk Rating Low	14	0	5	0
Risk Rating Medium	36	9	14	3
Risk Rating High	10	4	4	2
Risk Rating Extreme	0	0	0	0

Running Totals for Year 2021, Classification

	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports		
Classification				
Injury	5	0		
Property	24	10		
Misc.	18	3		
Total	47	13		

Number of Incident and Hazards by Calendar month

Month of 2020	Incident	Hazards
	Reports	Reports
January	21	1
February	4	3
March	6	4
April	8	0
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SUMMARY INCIDENT AND HAZARD REPORT REGISTER 2021

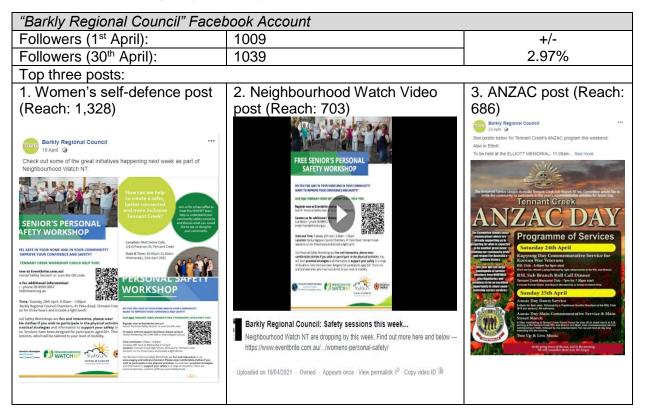
Number of Incident Reports to Date 2021	49
Number of Hazard Reports to Date 2021	11
Number of Reports Involving Police 2021	11

Lost Time Injuries	3
Medical Treatment Required	1
First Aid Treatment Required	2
Reportable to NT Worksafe	0
Worker Compensation Claims Processed	3

Marketing and Communications Report

The marketing and communication report is a new monthly report provided to Councillors so they have an insight into Council's marketing and communication activities for that month and how effective these activities were.

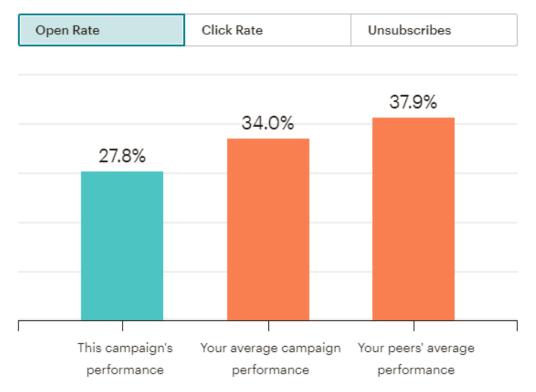
Social Media Monthly Report for April:



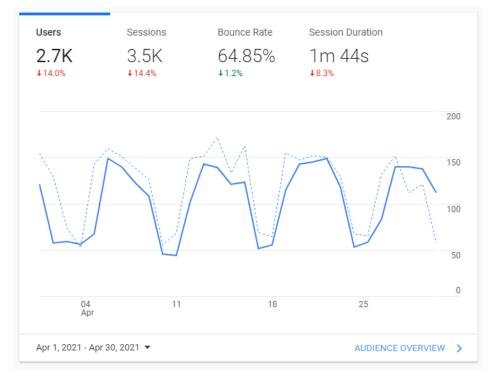
Media Release Monthly Report for March (non in April):

Date:	Topic:	Number of individuals media release was sent to:	Number of Readers:	Number of forwards:	Percentage of database that opened:
22/3/2021	New playground at Lake Mary Ann	368	96	167	27.8





BRC Website Monthly Report for April:



Month	Visits	Page Visits	Avg. Visit Duration	Bounce Rate %	Pages Per Visit
Jan	3,141	8961	00:01:58	64.20%	2.19
Feb	2,981	8,302	00:01:57	65.41%	2.13
March	3,302	9,665	00:01:56	65.03%	2.23

April	2,695	7,280	00:01:44	64.85%	2.10

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N/A - Information report only

BUDGET IMPLICATION

N/A – Information report only

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	myBarkly program update
REFERENCE	318843
AUTHOR	Damian Carter, Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

myBarkly program update

During Council's July 2020 ordinary meeting, the resolution was passed that Council matches the Northern Territory contribution of \$20,000 to deliver the myBarkly program. The myBarkly program was a CO-VID 19 economic stimulus program aimed to encourage consumer spending in the Barkly region. The program funds have now been expended and the following is to provide an update of the programs results.

Overall, 705 myBarkly users signed up to program and redeemed 3923 vouchers. In utilising the vouchers over \$256,699 was spent at participating businesses. This saw \$6.20 dollars spent for every dollar contributed by Barkly Regional Council and the Northern Territory Government.

These results were promoted through social media and the distribution of a media release. A big thanks to Council Officers Gary Pemberton and Kym Lenoble in their work to deliver the program.



BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A – Information Report only

BUDGET IMPLICATION

N/A – Information Report only

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING NIL

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>: There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Barkly Regional Council Communications Strategic Plan 2021 - 2023
REFERENCE	318847
AUTHOR	Damian Carter, Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the report

b) Adopt the Communication Strategy to provide direction and guidance of Council's communication activities

SUMMARY:

The following strategy has been developed to provide direction and guidance for Council Officers when delivering communication activities. The strategy will also ensure Councillors understand the work being delivered by Council Officers when delivering communication activities.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Identified in Council's organizational risk register is reputational risk. Providing a strategic direction to Council's communication activities via the implementation of this plan will assist in reducing this risk and the consequences of the risk

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Some costs will be involved with the implementation of the attached plan. These costs are already budgeted for in the existing publications and events budget

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

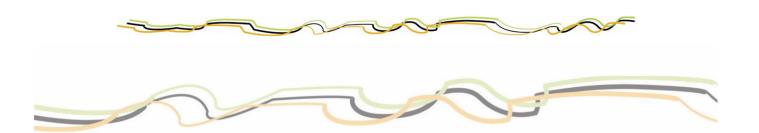
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CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2021.05.18 BRC Communications Strategy FINAL.pdf



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 – 2023



Attachment 1



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INTRODUCTION

Barkly Regional Council takes pride in recognising that strong and effective communication with our community can deliver a range of benefits, including strengthening relationships, generating support and participation as well as improving community awareness of our programs, activities and services.

Council actively seeks to communicate honestly with the community in the ways and places they most respond to. Council seeks not just to inform, but to support the building of community capacity by increasing our community's knowledge of the themes and issues affecting them in their daily lives.

With over 200 employees, we are a strong and committed part of the community and have a vested interest in its success and future. We want our community to understand what we do for them on a daily basis, and help them be informed enough to meaningfully work with us to shape that future.

All Council staff and Councillors have roles to play in communicating effectively internally and externally. The support provided by Council's Communications Team can strengthen Council's communication methods, but does not replace the need for an organisation-wide commitment to effective communication.

Effective ongoing stakeholder engagement and communication will be essential to:

- help achieve our overall organisational objectives;
- engage effectively with stakeholders;
- ensure that people understand what we do;
- change behaviour and perceptions where necessary; and
- demonstrate our achievements.

We also want our community to know we are here for them — we are making decisions and putting in place plans that impact on the future of our community and we take this seriously.

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OUR PRINCIPLES

OUR FOUNDATION

The foundations of Barkly Regional Council's communication strategy is based upon the following principles:

HONESTY - Transparency and accuracy

TIMELY - Planned proactive and responsive

CLEAR - Concise and easily understood

CONSISTENT - Uniform in tone and message meaning to address all audiences

PURPOSEFUL - Relevant and useful to the community

ACCESSIBLE - Delivered across a variety of communication channels

OBJECTIVES

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Increase Community Awareness: To increase community awareness and understanding of what we do, the services, activities, projects, planning and decision making processes we administer and to demonstrate our achievements.

Proactively Deliver Information: To proactively deliver clear, accessible, timely, relevant and targeted information in ways that best meet the local interests and needs of our community.

Provide Accessible Communication: To provide informative, accessible, interactive, and agile communication with digital services that meet the needs of our community.

Strengthen Relationships: To strengthen relationships within our community, through communication activities, to increase confidence, change behaviour and perception where necessary, and support the development of trust through a whole-of-Council approach to engagement.

Build Our Identity: To build our reputation and identity through consistent messaging and an engaging visual presence. Present a clearly identifiable and approachable corporate brand that reflects our identity.

Change Perceptions: To increase awareness of the great things occurring in the Barkly and change some of the negative perceptions held about the region.

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OUR FRAMEWORK

This strategy is committed to delivering communication and community engagement activities in line with the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum

The table below sets out the levels of engagement and influence for different decisions. They are not mutually exclusive and, in most cases, Council will use a combination of techniques to ensure the engagement process is successful. We aim to ensure that residents and stakeholders have access to information to understand what Council is doing and the decisions we make for you (the ratepayer).

	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
Goal	To provide a balanced and objective delivery of information in a timely manner	To obtain feedback on issues, alternatives and decisions	To work with stakeholders to make sure that concerns and aspirations are considered and understood	To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of the decision making process	To place the final decision making in the hands of stakeholders
Our Role	We will keep you informed	We will explore options by listening and acknowledging your feedback	We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the decision made	We will look to you for advice and innovation and incorporate this in the decisions as much as possible	We will ensure that the information and tools are available for you to meaningfully participate
Your Role	Keep in touch	Contribute ideas and feedback	Participate in the engagement process by sharing ideas, concerns and aspirations	Work together to develop solutions	To collaborate with Council to implement agreed decision
Example Tools	- Factsheets - Digital content	- Surveys - Public comment - Drop in sessions	- Workshops - Digital engagement	 Participatory decision making Advisory Committees Local Authority Groups 	- Toolkits - Fact sheets - Regular updates

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KEY STRATEGIES

HOW ARE WE GOING TO ACHIEVE IT?

1. Digital Media Strategy

Continuously develop Council's website and strong social media presence across a range of platforms with the end-user the primary focus to deliver an engaging, informative, trusted, interactive and agile website. Explore options to make it easy to do business with Council online and encourage the website to become the hub for community information. This strategy will also look at other digital opportunities including the development of apps.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Complete an annual review of Council's website to ensure the content is up to date and relevant

SA2: Develop a staff intranet page, so employees can access policies, procedures, forms, Workplace Health and Safety information, Council news, positions vacant, links to operational apps, relevant department and workplace information

SA3: Develop a Councillor intranet page, an Intranet that is specifically created for Councillors to securely access Local Government reference material and confidential reports

SA4: Ensure regular postings are made via Council's corporate Facebook page, postings are generally made three times a week to maximise audience engagement and limit social media fatigue

SA5: Develop a Tennant Creek Pool Facebook page so timely information regarding the pool operations can be distributed

SA6: Develop a Youthlinks Facebook page so timely information regarding the program can be distributed

SA7: Develop a Sportshub Facebook page so timely information regarding the program can be distributed

SA8: Ensure all staff posting on Council social media pages have had social media training

SA9: Develop a staff social media policy to educate staff what is appropriate online activity as a Council Staff member

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2. Brand Management

To promote consistent delivery of the Corporate Brands. This will include a planned, proactive marketing campaign to build community awareness and exposure to Council services, activities and projects.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Undertake a refresh of Council's branding to ensure it is contemporised, in doing so developing a style guide

SA2: Develop a set of templates of Council documents (i.e. letter, policy, position description) with the updated branding, ensuring any current policies or other documents are updated in the new format

SA3: Complete a review of Council's website to ensure it aligns with the refreshed Council brand

SA4: Develop Council branded stationary for distribution at meetings and conferences

SA5: Complete a review of Council uniforms to ensure they align with the refreshed Council brand

3. <u>Communications</u>

Support delivery of targeted communications and prioritising direct communications. Establish an approach to guide effective communication choices taking into account where and how individuals best receive their information.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Develop a Council Communications Strategy to guide effective and targeted communications

SA2: Complete an annual survey to the community asking for feedback on Council's communication activities

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4. Community Education

Support community understanding of who we are, what we do, where ratepayer money goes, how we make decisions and how we plan for the future. This includes ensuring we continue to develop strong relationships with traditional media to help our community understand our challenges and decision making.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Complete an annual review of Council's website to ensure the content is up to date and relevant

SA2: Undertake SEO optimization of Council's website to ensure its prominence when individuals complete a web search for the following words: Barkly, Barkly Region, Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung

SA3: Ensure regular postings are made via Council's corporate Facebook page, postings are generally made three times a week to maximise audience engagement and limit social media fatigue

SA4: Develop a Tennant Creek Pool Facebook page so timely information regarding the pool operations can be distributed

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SA6: Develop a Sportshub Facebook page so timely information regarding the program can be distributed

SA7: Reintroduce the 'Barkly Breeze' newsletter, initially to be trialled as a six-monthly PDF newsletter

SA8: Continue to support the development, printing and distribution of Council's Annual Report, Budget and Regional Plan

SA9: Continue to advertise via media channels, such as the Tennant and District Times, the NT News and Seek.com.au

SA10: Continue to support the development and distribution of media releases

SA11: Continue to support the production and distribution of the Mayoral Column (presently, the video formatted "Golden Shovel Video")

SA12: Promote the great program and services Council is delivering to the community

SA13: Complete an annual survey to the community asking for feedback on Council's communication activities

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5. Staff Communications

To increase staff knowledge and understanding of our services, activities, projects, decision making and planning processes to increase internal morale and allow staff to be advocates in the community both through their professional and personal interactions with the community.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Develop a staff intranet page, so employees can access policies, procedures, forms, Workplace Health and Safety information, Council news, positions vacant, links to operational apps, relevant department and workplace information

SA2: Develop a Councillor intranet page, an Intranet that is specifically created for Councillors to securely access Local Government reference material and confidential reports

SA3: Distribute a weekly CEO bulletin for all staff, which provides a weekly overview of Council's operational activities

SA4: Provide an update to all staff, post-Council meeting. The intention of the update is to provide them with a brief update of what has occurred at the Council meeting

SA5: Create and distribute regular toolboxes covering areas like HSE awareness and policy changes

6. Staff Culture

Development and implementation of processes to deliver a coordinated and proactive approach to inform the community of Council's role, and drive a proactive communication culture across Council, by putting tools in place to assist staff identify when there is a need to communicate in their operational activities.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Develop a Council Communications Strategy to guide effective and targeted communications

SA2: Provide communications training to Council's executive team on effective communication and when, during program, project or service delivery, do they need to occur

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7. Change the Narrative

To increase the awareness of the amazing things and stories which occur in the Barkly. In doing so, changing external negative perceptions of the Barkly, whilst building community pride.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Undertake SEO optimization of Council's website to ensure its prominence when individuals complete a web search for the following words: Barkly, Barkly Region, Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung

SA2: Build the 'Life is a breeze in the Barkly' brand. A brand which promotes the advantages of living, working, investing in, and visiting the Barkly region

SA3: Promote community success stories using Council communication resources which may not necessarily be as a result of Council activities (i.e. High School graduation results)

SA4: Promote the great program and services Council is delivering to the community

8. Measurement and Evaluation

Consistent reporting and measurement of communication activities, outputs and impacts. Regular analysis will be used to improve practices and constantly refine our approach. A dashboard of metrics will be investigated to allow for regular reporting of communication activities.

Strategic Actions:

SA1: Provide an annual report to Council on the progression of the implementation of the strategic actions outlined in this plan

SA2: Develop a dashboard of metrics to communicate to Council on a monthly basis outlining the effectiveness of Council's communication activities

SA3: Complete an annual survey to the community asking for feedback on Council's communication activities

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KEY QUESTIONS - WHO ARE WE TALKING TO?

OUR COMMUNITY, COUNCIL, STAFF AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS

We are responsible for delivering a wide range of services to communities across the Council. Our message and approach to individuals, groups and organisations will vary depending on the purpose of the communication.

Our key audiences include:

- Ratepayers;
- Residents;
- Customers;
- Volunteers;
- Project partners;
- Community clubs, groups and organisations;
- Media;
- Businesses, workers, industries and investors;
- Tourists;
- Federal, Territory and Local Government Agencies;
- Regulatory or statutory authorities;
- Funding bodies;
- Suppliers;
- Mayor and Councillors;
- Staff; and
- Potential employees.

We consider tailored approaches for specific demographics or user groups such as:

- Youth;
- Older people;
- Parents and their children;
- People with limited literacy;
- First Nations people;

• People with a disability, vision or hearing impairment, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community members; and

• Other minority groups.

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WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

NEWS, DECISIONS, PROJECTS, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Council aims to provide the latest information on project, services, activities and decision making processes. This will be done in line with our principles and objectives by building on relationships that are critical for trust and positive support across the community.

WHEN ARE WE TALKING TO OUR COMMUNITY?

REGULAR, RELEVANT AND CURRENT COMMUNICATION

The opportunity to communicate with the community will be taken at every available opportunity, and recognise that repetition is key to successful message delivery.

WHY ARE WE TALKING TO OUR COMMUNITY?

WE ARE ONE REGION, ONE COMMUNITY

By learning what Council is doing, why we do it and how we support the community that we all live and work in, creates an open environment for two way conversations. Communicating openly and honestly will help, over time to build trust in our community.

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

GENERAL

Website, Newsletter, Email and Noticeboards

TRADITIONAL

Newspaper, Radio, Television and Brochure

SOCIAL

Facebook, LinkedIn, Tik Tok and YouTube

OTHER

Internal Communications, Signage and Displays

Annual Reports, Letters / emails and Customer Service

Videos, Email databases and Correspondence

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METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

ADVERTISING

Newspaper - Council News

Engages with members of the community who may not engage regularly with Council via Social Media or via Council's website.

Advertising of Council business opportunities, position vacancies, upcoming social events, disaster preparedness and public consultations.

Council advertising and editorial is distributed by media release, posted on Council's website, News and Announcements page and shared via social media after publication.

Newspaper - Classifieds

Council advertises in the appropriate news publication where applicable and in cases where legislative requirements demand.

Types of classified advertisements include Tender and Procurement Advertising and Positions Vacant Advertisements.

Radio

A variety of radio stations, including main stream to promote communication of Council activities, attractions and events to reach a larger audience and community members that do not have internet access.

Television

Cost effective access to local television news stations that target the Barkly Region is another alternative to increase audience reach to the community.

Social Media Advertising

Council conducts paid advertising via Facebook to promote important Council issues, events or news. Past examples include disaster messaging, public consultations, Council events and public notices of significance.

Costs for Social Media advertising vary depending on length and breadth of engagement.

Online Advertising - Recruitment

- Seek;
- LG Assist;
- Local Government Job Directory; and

• Profession specific websites, such as NRMjobs.com.au which specifically engages with Natural Resource Management positions.

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Ongoing investigation into viable methods of recruitment to attract the best and most suitable applications for the vast spectrum of Local Government positions.

PUBLICATIONS

Strategic Plan

The Barkly Regional Council Strategic Plan 2021-2026 is a strategic document that sets the direction for Council for this six year period. The Strategic Plan is one of Council's most significant planning documents and is the means by which Council delivers on its mission to provide leadership in making locally responsive and informed decisions, delivering quality services and facilities to the Barkly community.

Regional Plan

Barkly Regional Council engages constituents through its thirteen elected Councillors and seven Local Authorities to assess and refine yearly regional plans.

It is a requirement under the Local Government Act that the Barkly Regional Council develop a forward regional plan that will lay out the goals of the organisation for the financial year.

Budget

Council's Budget document is adopted annually in June. Information is supplied by staff for development of the Budget document.

Annual Report

The Annual Report is a comprehensive report on Council's activities throughout the preceding year and mandatory reporting from the Regional and Corporate Plans. The Barkly Regional Council Annual Report must be adopted 30 days after the financial statements have been approved.

NEWSLETTER

Internal Newsletter

The weekly CEO report is Council's employee newsletter and communicates updates from Council, messages from the CEO, staff news, changes to policy, operational information, safety information and community events.

The CEO report is distributed weekly via a group email to all staff.

External Newsletter

Initially to be trialled on a six monthly basis, the *Barkly Breeze Community Newsletter* will be reintroduced. As a cost reduction exercise, the newsletter will be a downloadable PDF document to be distributed via online channels and have some hard copies printed off for distribution via Council offices and Libraries.

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WEB/ONLINE

External

Barkly Regional Council Website

Website content is driven by events, projects and updates to decision making processes as well as general news, including road closures or important information, to ensure the community is well informed. Further functionality continues to be developed to increase accessibility to the community.

Usual engagement for the Council's website averages at 140 per day on weekdays and 55 users per day for weekends.

Internal

Internal Barkly Regional Council Intranet - Staff (<u>to be developed, currently using InfoXpert as the</u> <u>intranet</u>)

The Barkly Regional Council Intranet is the web portal where employees can access policies, procedures, forms, Workplace Health and Safety information, Council news, positions vacant, links to operational apps, relevant department and workplace information.

Staff can access the Intranet via a log in page on Council's website when not using a workplace computer. Intranet content is continually reviewed and updated to ensure the latest information is available to staff.

WEB/ONLINE

Barkly Regional Council Intranet - Elected Members (to be developed)

The Councillor website portal is an Intranet that is specifically created for Councillors to securely access Local Government reference material and confidential reports.

Annual Staff Satisfaction Survey

Council will undertake an Annual Staff Satisfaction Survey and communicate action plans arising from the results.

Barkly Regional Council Facebook Page

Council's corporate Facebook page communicates a range of Council's core business messages, events and information to the community. Being the corporate channel, this channel is managed by the Publications & Events officer and postings are generally made three times a week to maximise audience engagement and limit social media fatigue.

Barkly Regional Council YouTube Channel

Council's corporate YouTube Channel is mainly used to host video content for distribution via other social media channels.

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Tennant Creek Pool Facebook Page

The Tennant Creek Pool Facebook page communicates a range of messages, events and information to the community regarding the operation of pool. To improve timely and accurate communication to the public, Community Development staff within Council are being trained and encouraged to post specialist content.

Youthlinks Facebook Page

The Youthlinks Facebook page communicates a range of messages, events and information to the community regarding the Youthlinks program. To improve timely and accurate communication to the public, Community Development staff within Council are being trained and encouraged to post specialist content.

Sports Hub Facebook Page

The Sports Hub Facebook page communicates a range of messages, events and information to the community regarding the Sports Hub program. To improve timely and accurate communication to the public, Community Development staff within Council are being trained and encouraged to post specialist content.

Social Media Applications

Other social media applications will continue to be monitored for public popularity and utilised accordingly.

OPINION SURVEYS/POLLS/ FACE TO FACE

Surveys

The frequency of public consultation activity within Council is increasing with a number of public surveys having taken place in the last 12 months.

Surveys are conducted online and developed through Google Docs and are distributed via Council's media channels.

Polls

Facebook online polling is proving to be a popular medium with the public which allows very quick results in gauging reaction to a particular subject.

Face to Face

Continued face to face attendance at public meetings with groups and organisations allows a platform for open discussion on topical issues concerning residents of particular areas within the Council.

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DISASTER EVENTS

Communications during disaster periods are managed and monitored for relevance and are given top priority during any type of disaster event.

Regular, up to date and accurate information is supplied during a disaster via media releases and media alerts, social media and web/online.

Recovery media utilises the above with the addition of traditional advertising where applicable.

Before

Disaster communications before an event include 'how to be prepared' information for residents, including cleaning up around the home, emergency supply lists and critical contact information.

During

Residents are advised of weather updates, critical safety information and important contacts.

After

Communications after an event include information about cleaning and salvage, public health, community support and Council activities.

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EVALUATION

REVIEW AND MONITORING

This Strategy will be reviewed to ensure it continues to reflect the principles and objectives of Barkly Regional Council and deliver on the communication needs of our community.

The Strategy will also be monitored in line with community feedback and specific market research may also be undertaken as part of developing various elements of the action and development plans.

REPORTING PERFORMANCE

Progress on the implementation of the Strategy will be reported to Council on an annual basis. In addition to this reporting, the following report to Council will be provided to give Councillors an insight into the effectiveness of Council's communication activities.

BRC Marketing and Communications Report

Social Media Monthly Report for April:

"Barkly Regional Council" Faceboo	ok Account	
Followers (1 st April):	1009	+/-
Followers (30 th April):	1039	2.97%
Top three posts:		
1. Women's self-defence post	2. Neighbourhood Watch Video	3. ANZAC post (Reach:
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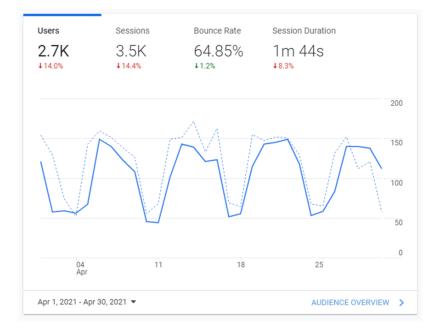
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Media Release Monthly Report for March (non in April):

Date:	Topic:	Number of individuals media release was sent to:	Number of Readers:	Number of forwards:	Percentage of database that opened:
22/3/2021	New playground at Lake Mary Ann	368	96	167	27.8

BRC Website Monthly Report for April:



Month	Visits	Page Visits	Avg. Visit Duration	Bounce Rate %	Pages Per Visit
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Jan	3,141	8961	00:01:58	64.20%	2.19
Feb	2,981	8,302	00:01:57	65.41%	2.13
March	3,302	9,665	00:01:56	65.03%	2.23
April	2,695	7,280	00:01:44	64.85%	2.10

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What pages do your users visit?

Page	Pageviews	Page Value
/	2,242	\$0.00
/council/contact-us	406	\$0.00
/work-for-the-council/work-with-us	182	\$0.00
/careers/positions-vacant	180	\$0.00
/council/executive-staff	163	\$0.00
/council/elected-members	153	\$0.00
/council-documents/polici	108	\$0.00
/communities/ali-curung	98	\$0.00
/communities/alpurrurulam	92	\$0.00
/services/dump-charges/dump-charges	91	\$0.00
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INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Infrastructure Directorate Report for the Month of May 2021
REFERENCE	318895
AUTHOR	Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

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

SUMMARY:

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-April to mid-May 2021.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

- 1. Alpurrurulam Skate Park: Due to start Early June 2021 (Due to weather condition)
- 2. Elliott Football Oval Change Rooms: 40% Construction completed
- 3. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Final Design completed, construction to start early June 2021.
- 4. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Final Design Completed, Building Permit received, waiting for Development Consent Authority (DCA) approval.
- 5. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel: Final Design Completed, Building Permit received, waiting for Development Consent Authority (DCA) approval.
- 6. Ali Curung Youth Centre: 50% Design completed
- 7. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure Design Phase
- 8. Wutungurra BMX Track Site works to be done in 2nd and 3rd week of June 2021
- 9. Alpurrurulam Basket Ball Court Design Completed, construction to start early June 2021
- 10. Arlparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment Construction to start Mid-June 2021
- 11. Wutungurra Women's Art Centre Design Phase

PROCUREMENT:

Current Tenders: To be discussed in confidential meeting.

- 1. BRC 007-21 Bitumen Reseal of Tennant Creek Town Streets (Phase 2)
- 2. BRC 008-21 Supply and Installation of Thirteen (13) Sheltered Picnic Tables in Lake Mary Ann Dam

Future Tenders:

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

PLANNING:

- 1. Estimate for refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road has been received. Estimated cost of Approx. 1.4M. Waiting for fund.
- 2. Renovation of Civic Hall: Inspection completed, waiting for condition report and estimate.
- 3. Council Chambers Roof Refurbishment: Consulting with Contractors to provide an estimate.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 1. Resurfacing of Tennant Creek Basketball Courts to be completed by Friday 21/05/2021. The courts can be used from Monday 24/05/2021
- 2. Audit of "Give Way' and "Stop" signs and line marking in Tennant Creek Town Streets is completed.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Sell and parker competed removal of scrap metal and cars from Tennant Creek and Elliott. They have planned to start the removal from Ali Curung and Amplilatwatja from early June 2021.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT <<Enter Text>>

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE



ITEM NUMBER10.1TITLECommunity Development April ReportREFERENCE318963AUTHORSharen Lake, Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and accept the Community Development April Report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – April 2021 Report

COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

The Community Safety Program has worked well throughout April, with the majority of our Communities providing consistent service. Our rebranding is almost complete with new uniforms and equipment being issued to Staff.

The majority of our vehicles have been detailed and our new 'Community Safety' signage for the patrol vehicles will be completed in the next few weeks.

Recruiting is almost complete throughout the region with extra positions now filled for Ali Curung and Elliott to allow for 2nd patrols in those Communities. Vacancies are being recruited to at Ampilatwatja and Wutunugurra. Only Arlparra remains with unfilled positions and currently no Staff.

The Community Safety Management Team and Staff provided support to Tennis NT and undertook community engagement through the provision of lunches and barbeques being supplied for the children and Community members attending the Tennis workshops at Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Canteen Creek, Tara, Wutunugurra and Elliot. There was great engagement with the workshops, with Service Providers and Government Ministers also in attendance at Ali Curung. NT Police also attended the Ali Curung and Tara workshops and were very pleased with the chance to engage with the Community as a result.

A special mention is made of the Tara Community Safety Team who assisted a seriously injured woman after a motor vehicle accident near Barrow Creek. Police attended the accident and the OIC of Ti Tree Police contacted the Community Safety Manager and advised him that the Community Safety Staff members had done a great job in providing First Aid, stabilised the casualty and provided accident scene control and cordon. A great job by Jarvis Downs and Alex Thompson.



YOUTHLINX

The month of April has been the busiest month for this year with <u>2232</u> this month compared to 1326 participants last month.

School Holidays were from 10-18 April. Youthlinx has received the majority of the funding for these holidays, with minimal support from other organisation and increased preparation involved.

Although we are proud of being chosen to complete the majority of events, the reality is that it takes its toll on our team, as they worked 7 days a week, running our normal program and the school holiday program.

We trialled concerts in the four of the CLA's- Mugla, Wuppa, Village and Kargaru, with a final concert being held on the last Saturday night of the school holidays at Purkiss Oval. "The Last Resort" played on each night, BBQ's were provided at each location, games, activities and sports such as basketball and sprint races with prizes. John Moriarty joined us in the Camps and NRL joined us for Touch Football at Purkiss Oval on the last night.

Other events included - Royal Life Saving NT for 2 days with one held at Mary Ann Dam, DJ Adrian Thomas - disco night, karaoke, dance competition, musical chairs and limbo, Arts and Beauty activities such as slime making and nails painting, makeup, hair braiding, face painting and an excursion to Devils Marble (Karlu Karlu).

We have recently received a report from TC Police that crime was down on previous years in April school holidays. It would be great to think that our hard work contributed to less antisocial activities in the Tennant Creek.





REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION

Clinics from Tennis NT were successful in Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Epenarra, Arlparra and Elliott. All communities have new HotShot Tennis equipment so they can continue to train for the Barkly Cup Tennis tournament which will be held in Tennant Creek in June 2021.

Ampilatwatja had two locum YSR Officers in their community, provided free of charge from CAYLUS. They assisted with a wide range of activities and sports.

Basketball NT went to Arlparra for a week of the school holidays.

Alpurrurulam had a visit from The Storey Players – they spent a week with the youth running acting and music workshops.

In Elliott YSR hall has been closed for 2 weeks this month due to an influx of bats. Other areas have been utilised – football oval, Library and Picnic area during this period.

Alpurrurulam YSR did not open for three days due to sorry business, Ali Curung didn't open for eight days this month (five days to move out of rec hall, and three due to lack of staff).

There was two break-ins at the Shiny Shed in Alpurrurulam for this month. We have now increased security for the shed.

Number of participants have increased noticeably in Alpurrurulam over the past couple of monthsfrom an average of 65 a night in March to 76 in April, female participation is improving and the 15-25 age group now represents 35% of total numbers for the month.

Vicki McCoy from Ali Curung and previous Safe House Coordinator has commenced as the new Youth Sport and Rec Team Leader for Ali Curung.

Recruitment continues for casuals at Alpurrurulam.

LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health) – Special Report on Tick infestations and recent remote vet trips.

Ali Curung

<u>Community is generally under control</u>, one owner asked for parvo vaccines for their puppies; indicates dog program and pavo prevention education has positively progressed on community.

Murray downs had one spay of a mother with 10+/- puppies. 2 litters scattered across community that were too small to operate on, also one female dog about to birth litter. All dogs were treated with Ivernmenctin

Ampilatwatja

<u>more work is needed at Ampilatwatja</u>. The prevenance of Ehrlichiosis became apparent by the general condition of a large number of dogs and the amount of ticks. One dog which seemed like it was in a good condition did not recover from the surgery and later passed that night, possibly due to Ehrlichiosis. There is massive tick infestations at Ampilatwatja which are a health risk to humans, many dogs sleep inside and with this new tick disease prevalent, action is needed urgently to manage animal health.

Ticks pulled of one small puppy (1 week old)

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Ordinary Council Meeting

Arlparra

<u>Generally under control</u> through the routine work carried out by the Canberra Mob vets as observed from Arlparra and the three outstations we visited. Followed up a call from a concerned teacher on one outstation but no one was on the outstation due to a funeral service in Ampilatwatja. We had one dog pass away after it did not recover after the surgery. Again the dog looked like it was in good condition but our educated guess was that the animals were not bouncing back from surgery possibly due to Ehrlichiosis.

Lake Nash

<u>Lake Nash/Alpurrurulam dog population is under control</u>, most are the dogs are in good condition but some were carrying a <u>fair amount of ticks</u>. Most of the population has been sterilized and the program went smoothly.

Blood Samples

To get a reading of how far spread Ehrlichiosis is on our communities, blood samples were taken from all the dogs we worked on. Lab testing is currently free for research purposes.

<u>Results</u>

Paperwork for lab test results can be provided upon request About 85% tested positive to having Ehrlichiosis from the first communities that we went to (Ali, Amp, and Alparra), and about 35% tested positive from Alpurrurulam.

Ehrlichiosis

Ehrlichiosis (pronounced Err-lick-ee-o-sis) is a tick-borne disease. The bacteria lives in blood of infected dogs, and is spread by Brown Dog Ticks. Dogs can get Ehrlichiosis when a tick carrying Ehrlichia canis bites them, having sucked blood from a dog infected with Ehrlichia canis.

Ehrlichiosis Zoonotic Potential

People cannot get the disease directly from the dog, but <u>if an infected tick bites you</u> and you begin to feel ill, seek out a doctor and tell them you were bitten by a tick as <u>more research needs to be</u> <u>conducted regarding how transmissible the disease is.</u>

Conclusion

The program was well received on community as usual, with a couple of miscellaneous surgeries help boost community confidents in the vet service. The majority of households have their animals sterilized and with persistence and ongoing education, other community members will follow. As long as we keep maintaining the vet program we can keep communities at a 90%+/- de-sex rate.

Now that Ehrlichiosis has been found to be established on all of our communities our approach will have to be changed with any new information that comes to light.

Council is not an animal welfare organisation and currently lacks funding to run animal health programs. We will work with NTG to identify funding to assist with the growing issue.

Scott Spurling will be attending an E.canis Management workshop on the 25 May to discuss in detail the Management Strategy, being held by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT), Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC), Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS) and Department of Health (Public Health).

AGED CARE & NDIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER REPORT

Team Leaders from all communities attended a 3 day recall in Tennant Creek. Information and Training was provided by internal and external presenters, covering all council operational requirements and provided staff with an avenue to feedback operational challenges on the ground.

The Department of Health has approved our CHSP variation application and variation has been signed.

The Department has denied our request to use unspent funds to purchase vehicles, they would like us to <u>submit a new request to lease vehicles instead</u>. EOI for a RTO to deliver Certificate Training has now closed, only 3 responses received. We now need to put it out to tender. NATSIFAC Infrastructure Grant is now open for capital works, training and staff housing which we are currently gathering priorities and quotes for.

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

FLEXI Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	5	5	6	3	4	23
Number Previous month (PM)	5	5	7	3	4	24

CHSP Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	7	10	8	3	3	31
Number Previous month (PM)	7	10	8	3	3	31

NDIS Participants	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	4	8	7	10	4	33
Number Previous month (PM)	4	7	7	11	3	32

LIBRARY SERVICES

Tennant Creek April 2021				
Adults:	263			
Children:	37			
Computer users:	20			
Wi-Fi users:	4			
Total patronage:	300			
Daily Average:	12			
Item Circulation:	438			
New Items:	13			

This month the library has housed a display for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, put up by the Sexual Abuse Referral Centre (SARC) Barkly. Staff enrolled in Certificate 3- Library & Information Services, training offered online and will take 12 months to complete.

Recruitment continues to be underway (re advertised) at Elliott for a new Library Officer.

SAFE HOUSE - ELLIOTT AND ALI CURUNG

Elliott Safe House April 2021		
Adults:	48	
Children:	2	
Total Client Base:	50	

Ali Curung Safe House April 2021		
Adults:	9	
Children:	10	
Total Client Base:	19	

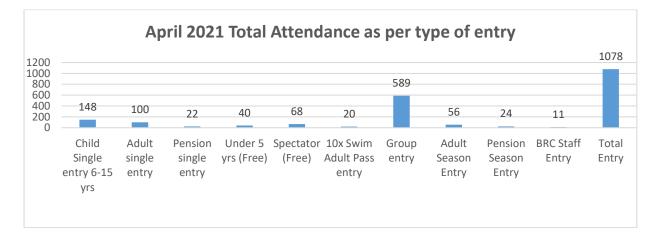
Our Community Safety Coordinator completed full risk assessments of both facilities which has been fed back to the NT Government. Concerns for lack of resources to both Safe Houses which includes additional security requirements and vehicles have also been fed back through and awaiting a response, additionally still waiting on feedback or approval for under expended funds which we put forward to the department 12 months ago.

TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

The total entry below include the early morning swimming patrons as they have season passes and 10 swim passes.

Winter operational hours are now in place and number of patrons has decreased with the cold.

We have been successful in our Community Benefit Grant application for Swimming Pool Covers/Blankets which we hope to secure in the very near future.



Barkly Sports Initiative

Highlights:

Barkly Sports Hub

The constitution has been finalised and sent out to the working group for final approval. If this final draft is approved then then next step will be to start gathering documents ready for registering the association with Licensing NT.

Tennis

A large proportion of time was devoted to coordinating the Tennis NT tour. Liaising with schools, Youth Sport and Rec, Area managers and the community safety team in the weeks beforehand in order to coordinate the itinerary. Tennis NT came to the region from Monday 19th April to Friday 26th April. The program was delivered at Arlparra, Ampilatwatja, Ali Curung, Tara, Canteen Creek, Epenarra, TC Primary, TC High and Elliott. This project was very well received and supported by all areas of Community Development to have successful delivery on the ground.

Total number of young people engaged: 303 Girls: 132 Boys: 171



The minister Nola Marino visited the soccer program on Wednesday 21st April and had the opportunity to meet with the participants.



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LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

27 May 2021
BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Minutes
REFERENCE	318570
AUTHOR	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local Authority minutes
- c) Endorse the allocation of \$4,481.01 of Ali Curung Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of Air Compressor and Tire Changed based upon the quotation provided by Alice Bolts being the preferred quotation received
- d) Receive and note the Alpurrurulam Local Authority minutes
- e) Endorse the allocation of \$93,904.10 of Alpurrurulam Local Authority funds for the purchase and installation of a fence around the sport and rec lot based upon the quotation provided by Hardy Fencing being the preferred quotation received

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen! We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen. We will have strong policy and budgets to ensure our programs and services are progressive and sustainable. Respect is shown in everything we do and we have acceptance of all cultures in the Barkly Region and their practices through a culturally competent Council. We are a responsible Council. We will be a responsive Council. We want to empower local decision making. We want to ensure that our services are sustainable and that our region has a standard consistent level of services. We want to be able to sustain our environment - our communities, our physical places, our people and our organisational culture. We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

MINUTES ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Ali Curung Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Monday, 10 May 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment 1

Meeting commenced at 1:25pm with Noel Hayes as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin Cr. Noel Hayes Cr. Lucy Jackson Andrew Tsvaris Cynthia Smith Ned Kelly Jerry Rice Peter Corbett 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present Tim Hema Ray Hocking Helen Delugar Din Ebongue Dione Matthew Murphy Patricia Mabasa Colin Kiel Morris Hdwiha Candice Pethybridge Kathleen Dickson Rebecca Moore Sally Baker Shirley Scundell Anya Thomas Karen Lightowler Margot Eliason Warren Williams Jenny Arther David Lightowler ΤJ 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted Derek Walker Martin Spratt
 - Mark Parsons
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Receive and note the minutes from 12th April 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Cynthia Smith Seconded:LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 46/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the report;
- (b) Remove Item 4 as relocations of bus stop is no longer needed.

It was decided after some discussion that the relocation of the bus stop is not required due to the opinion that it is more useful where it is currently located.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded:LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 47/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

A) Receive and Note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cynthia Smith

Seconded:LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 48/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority a) Receive and note the report. RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Jerry Rice Seconded:LA Member Peter Corbett Resolved ACLA 49/21

CARRIED UNAN.

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 ALI CURUNG AREA MANAGER REPORT - APRIL 2021

MOTION

That the Authority (a) Receive and note the Report RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris Seconded:LA Member Cynthia Smith

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 50/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 QUOTES FOR AIR COMPRESSOR AND TYRE CHANGER - MURRAY DOWNS

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Select and approve Quote, preferred quote being \$4481.01

(b) Request Council for LA Funds expenditure.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded:LA Member Cynthia Smith

CARRIED UNAN.

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 51/21

7.2 VISITORS SIGNAGE ALI CURUNG COMMUNITY.

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Approve signage to be installed at entry to Community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded:LA Member Cynthia Smith

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Resolved ACLA 52/21

7.3 RISE - NGURRATJUTA CDP REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

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

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded:LA Member Cynthia Smith

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 53/21

7.4 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the report.

The Barkly Regional Deal Alliance is hoping to meet monthly to ensure that each community has a chance for their voice to be heard and any feedback can be given to the Governance Table in a timely manner. The submissions for community grants are still ongoing and it is encouraged to submit ideas.

RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris Seconded:LA Member Cynthia Smith

CARRIED UNAN.

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 54/21

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Cynthia Smith

Seconded:LA Member Peter Corbett

Resolved ACLA 55/21

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11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

12.1 TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the presentation.

Due to reduced use of the safe house by the community feedback was sought on what other use the safe house could provide to ensure continual funding.

RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded:LA Member Cynthia Smith

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 56/21

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Confirm the next Ali Curung Local Authority meeting to be Tuesday 15th June 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded:LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 57/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING – 2:45pm

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Noel Hayes Chair Tim Hema Area Manager



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MINUTES ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Alpurrurulam Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 1:25pm with David Riley as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present Cr. Jennifer Mahoney Pam Corbett Laney Tracker Charlie Larkin David Riley Michael Teague
 1.2 Staff And Visiters Present
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present Robert Baldry Ray Hocking Makhaim Brandon Will Caskey
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin Mark Parsons John Mahoney Ben Olschewsky
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

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

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 33/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREIOUS MEETING

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MOTION

That the Authority a) Receive and note the report RESOLVED Moved: Chairperson David Riley Seconded:LA Member Charlie Larkins Resolved ALLA 34/21

CARRIED UNAN.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council A) Receive and Note the Operations Directors Report RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Pamela Corbett

Seconded:LA Member Charlie Larkins

Resolved ALLA 35/21

CARRIED UNAN.

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority a) Receive and note the report RESOLVED Moved: Chairperson David Riley Seconded:LA Member Laney Tracker Resolved ALLA 36/21

CARRIED UNAN.

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Pamela Corbett

Seconded:LA Member Charlie Larkins

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 37/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 AUSTRALIA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

MOTION

That the Authority a) Receive and note the report. RESOLVED Moved: Chairperson David Riley Seconded:LA Member Laney Tracker

Resolved ALLA 38/21

7.2 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED Moved: Chairperson David Riley

Seconded:LA Member Laney Tracker

CARRIED UNAN.

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 39/21

7.3 SHINY SHED FENCING QUOTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Review quotes
- **b**) Recommend the quote submitted by Hardy Fencing be sent to council for approval to allocate funds towards the fencing project.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 40/21

8. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority a) Receive and note the report. RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins Seconded:LA Member Pamela Corbett Resolved ALLA 41/21

CARRIED UNAN.

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authoritya) Confirm the recommended meeting dates from Council:

Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 1pm Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 1pm Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 1pm

RESOLVED Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins Seconded:LA Member Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN

Resolved ALLA 42/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING 2:30pm

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David Riley Chair Troy Koch Area Manager

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OPERATIONS	
ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE	318690

AUTHOR Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

A) Receive and Note the Director of Operations Report.

SUMMARY:

OPERATIONS REPORT MAY 2021

I would like to begin this report by thanking Ray Hocking for his efforts filling in as the Acting Operations Director this month. Ray is always happy to get involved and it was good to have him in Tennant Creek while I was in the Acting CEO role.

Ray and Makhaim travelled around the Communities over a four-day period to attend the May LA meetings. Unfortunately, only two Local Authorities made quorum this month. They were Ali Curung and Alpurrurulam. The report I got back from the Ali Curung meeting was that it was well represented by service providers, so much so that our team had to bring in extra seating from the Council office to accommodate all the extra people. Even though the other LA meetings did not go ahead, Ray still used this opportunity to visit all Communities and to meet the Managers that he had not met yet.

The other big event this month was the music roadshow that was organised by the backbone team and presented by our very own Mayor and Warren H Williams. All reports from the communities is this was a great event and they would love to see this more often. The Road Show was organised to promote the Regional Alliance portion of the Regional Deal. Even though this was a Backbone promoted event we need to acknowledge the hard work done by our Community Development team, in particular the Community Safety team that followed the Road Show around tirelessly and cooked the BBQ,s and helped out where they could. So Great Work Team.

Council has reinvigorated its Municipal team in Arlparra this month by employing some staff at Ampilatawatja and having them travel to Arlparra of a day to keep the local area well maintained. I am already getting positive feedback from the region on the good work the guys have are doing.

The good work in Elliott continues to grow with the team up there getting rid of the flying foxes. Ray and his team kept pestering the bats until they decided Elliott wasn't the place to be so good work to the team on winning this battle of wits. Elliott has also had a few long-term LA projects completed this month. One of these is the shade sail over the Anzac Memorial, which is now complete. In addition, the picnic tables and the Marques have arrived and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Alpurrurulam Area Manager Troy Koch has been on leave and Bob Baldry has stepped up into the Acting role once again so a big thanks to Bob.

Tennant Creek Depot crew had a visit from the Mayor again this month and they made sure he was busy for the day. They did some grass cutting and then did some inspections 0f the alleyways to get them ready for painting. As usual, all had fun when the Mayor was around.

Once again, we have some great work going on in our Region. It's also great to see the depth of Leadership we are developing through our staff.

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Correspondence
REFERENCE	318769
AUTHOR	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

SUMMARY:

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Mr Jeffrey McLaughlin Mayor Barkly Regional Council Email: <u>Jeffrey.mclaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au</u>

Dear Mayor McLaughlin

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 April 2021, regarding the administration of the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) in Tennant Creek.

In July 2020, the Central Australia Health Service trialled processing all PATS requests through a hub located at the Alice Springs Hospital. During and following the successful trial, a number of important efficiencies were achieved. As a result, the operational capacity of the service was strengthened and processes were streamlined to ensure the fair, equitable and consistent interpretation of PATS guidelines.

While PATS is now coordinated through a central hub allowing for better processes, staffing has increased over the past five years at the Tennant Creek Hospital and the focus remains on the service-delivery needs of patients in Tennant Creek.

In consultation with the patient, the PATS team books travel considering all the available resources and the patient's individual situation. A patient's medical condition, age, time of appointment, safety on arrival and access to accommodation is all taken into consideration.

There are several transport options available to Tennant Creek patients, which include a daily bus service and commercial and charter air travel. Commercial flights operate daily from Alice Springs to Darwin, in contrast to three times per week from Tennant Creek to Darwin. In some instances, travel from Alice Springs to Darwin is both more efficient and economical.

An escort may be approved under the PATS guidelines. The purpose of an escort is to assist a patient during travel and during their treatment period. An approved escort would not remain in Alice Springs in accommodation subsidised through PATS if the patient were to on-travel to Darwin for treatment.

I would like to reassure you that NT Health, including the Central Australia Health Service, is committed to improving health services in this important region of the Northern Territory. Thank you for bringing the concerns of Tennant Creek residents to my attention.

Kind regards

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THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN



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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

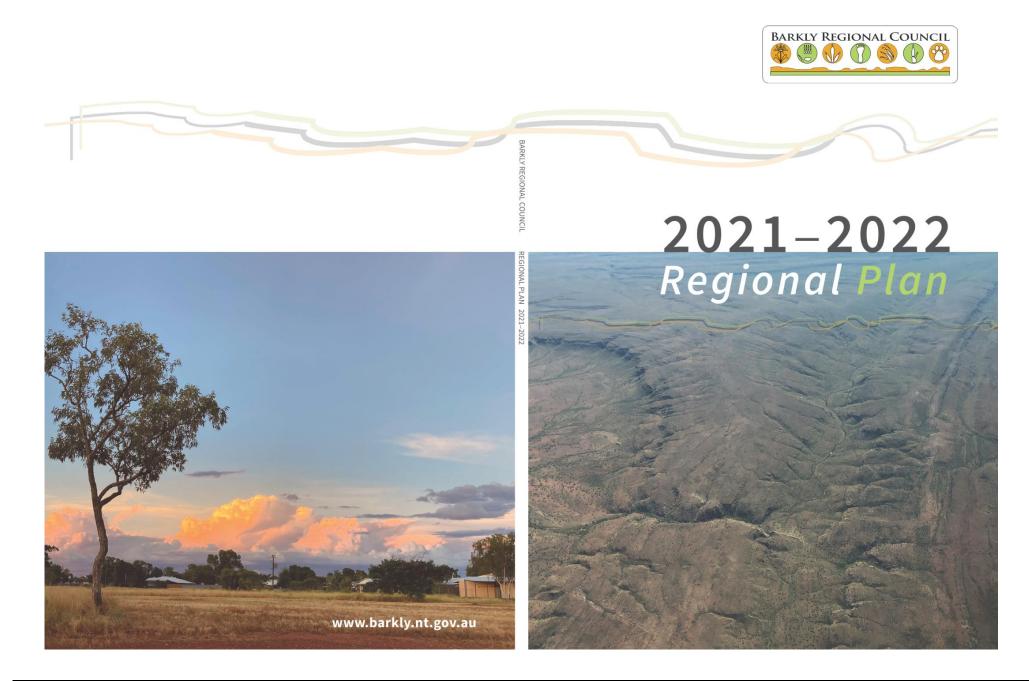
- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Regional Plan to go out to Public Consultation once financials are inserted

SUMMARY:

This Regional Plan Draft requires Financials to be included once available.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. BRC_RegionalPlan2021-2022_CouncilMAY.pdf



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Warumungu, Jingili, Bularnu, Alyawarre, Kaytej Country on which Barkly Regional Council live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the ancestors and Elders of these lands, past, present and emerging.

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

WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are warned that the following Plan may contain images and names of deceased persons.

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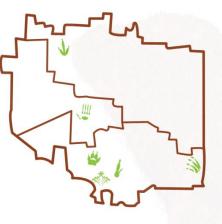
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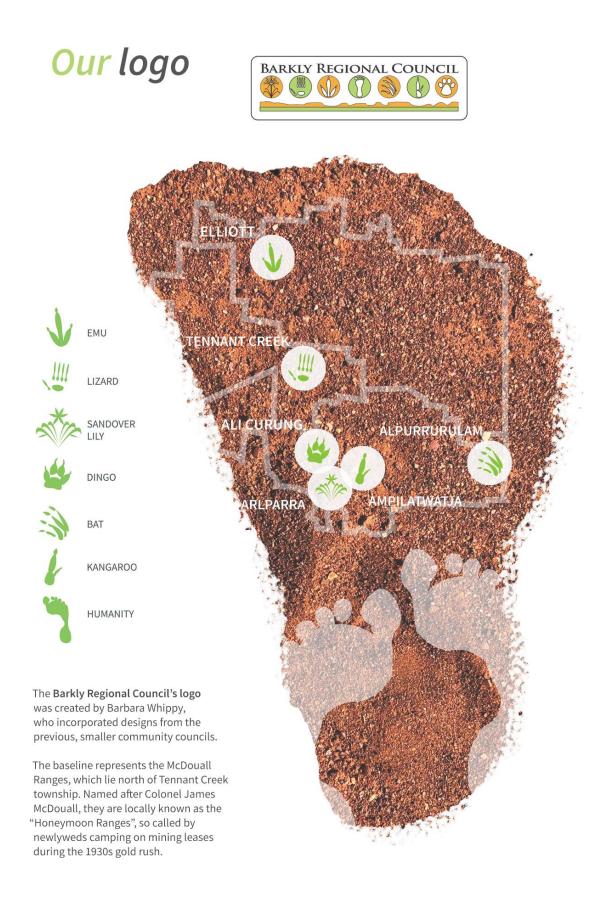
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Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to present Barkly Regional Council's Regional Plan and Budget for the 2021–2022 financial year.

The Regional Plan shows Council's intentions and goals for the coming financial year. It is put together with input from Local Authorities, Elected Members and staff within Council. Adopting a logical and practical approach has meant that Council has settled on a Plan and Budget that reflects the expectations of each community and ensures an equitable amount of funding for services and infrastructure.

As the third term of Barkly Regional Council comes to an end, I am pleased to be able to hand Council onto the new Council, knowing it is in a good financial and operational position. We have also set a challenging but achievable set of priorities for the year which will enhance the work completed to date, while also completing many projects.

The Local Government Election will take place in August 2021. This means that we will have to disband all Council Local Authorities, Committees and Sub–committees and re–establish them post– election, as well as swear in the newly elected Mayor and Councillors.

With the Electoral Commission allowing Regional Councils to operate remote polling stations, our remote communities will receive ample time to vote in this year's election. This not only benefits our remote residents it also benefits Council, as the Local Government Election is paid for by Council, so the more work done by our staff, the lower the cost to ratepayers.

The 2021–2022 financial year will be busy, as Council are commencing and completing a range of projects from our Five Year Infrastructure Plan, as well as the continued implementation of the Barkly Regional Deal 28 initiatives. Council has now completed 22 projects from the Five Year Infrastructure Plan with a further 17 projects having commenced. It is our goal to continue to deliver projects listed in the Five Year Infrastructure Plan and complete more of these projects in the coming years.



A number of our major infrastructure projects will be completed in the 2021–22 financial year. A new chapel in the Tennant Creek cemetery, two new youth centres – one in Ali Curung and one in Tennant Creek – the Purkiss Reserve upgrade and an ablution block for Elliott oval, just to name a few.

On behalf of Elected Members I would like to thank Council staff for their efforts and acknowledge their commitment to their work. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Chief Executive Officer, Steve Moore, for his support in leading the Barkly Regional Council team across the Region. We share a common goal to the serve the community as a responsive, efficient, accountable and respectful Council.

Jeffrey McLaughlin Mayor

Chief Executive Officer's Report

As we enter the new financial year we find Council in a good position, following several years of steady improvement. Our top priority will be to complete a number of long term projects prior to the end of the Council term in August 2021.

Our focus for the first quarter will be successfully completing the Local Government Election, the Electoral Commission has agreed to allow Regional Councils to operate remote polling stations. This will see polling booths open for longer in remote communities, giving more residents the opportunity to vote. The election is carried out at Council's cost the more we can do ourselves, the lower the cost to rate payers.

The capital budget for the new year is \$1.75 million, with a further \$1.5 million in funds carried forward as part of our financial commitment to projects in our Remote Communities under the Regional Deal. The priority for capital funds continues to be plant and machinery replacement along with priority infrastructure upgrades on Council assets.

Our Five Year Infrastructure Plan is a key component in prioritising works to be completed. With the Infrastructure Plan now implemented and projects underway, our focus will shift during the year to look for opportunities to secure additional funding to complete more projects.

The Building Better Regions Fund grant is a component of the Barkly Regional Deal that Council is leading. The BBRF projects include the construction of the two new Youth Centres, one in Tennant Creek and one in Ali Curung, a bicycle path in Tennant Creek and a new skate park in Alpurrurulam. Construction of all four projects is scheduled to be completed in the 2021–2022 financial year. These projects will represent the first completed major construction projects that are part of the Regional Deal, and are a credit to Council and our hard working staff.

Another Regional Deal initiative is the Futures Fund for residents living outside of Tennant Creek. Council has contributed \$3 million to the fund to



be spent in our Remote Service Delivery Centres. With the first four projects approved, we expect to complete construction during the first half of the year. The projects are: Elliott football oval change rooms, Ampilatwatja sports and recreation upgrade, Wutungurra BMX pump track construction and the Arlparra sports and recreation upgrade.

The previous two financial years saw planning continue for the Purkiss Reserve Upgrade in Tennant Creek. This \$9 million major project is funded by the Northern Territory Government to improve sporting facilities for residents and visitors in the region. After many delays in the design phase, some construction has commenced, with the project now expected to be completed in the 2021–2022 financial year.

We recognise there will be significant challenges ahead with Council continuing to operate in a tight fiscal environment. With COVID19 still lingering, operations are likely to be impacted well into the new financial year.

With rates, fees and charges all frozen during the 2020–2021 financial year, Council expects a modest 2% increase in charges for the coming year. Rates, fees and charges make up approximately 15% of our annual income and we continue to reinvest this money into community assets and programs that support our rate payers.

Our Councillors and Mayor continue to be active in the community and work hard to support Council staff. I look forward to continue working with our Mayor and Elected Members to deliver on our vision of making the Barkly Region the preferred location to live, work, visit and invest in. With a strong, visionary Council, engaged and proactive Local Authorities, sound financial management and committed, dedicated staff, Barkly Regional Council is ready to face the new financial year and deliver on the contents of this Regional Plan.

Steve Moore Chief Executive Officer

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services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children's groups, schools, businesses and agencies across the Barkly. This Region has a resident population of 8,563 (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016).

WHERE WE ARE

Situated between Alice Springs and Katherine with the town of Tennant Creek at its heart, the Barkly Region covers 323,514 square km. The Region consists largely of open grass plains and some of the world's largest cattle stations. Its boundaries extend eastwards from Tennant Creek (570.1km) to the community of Alpurrurulam near the Queensland border. It runs as far south as Barrow Creek (206 km south of Tennant Creek), 287.2 km north of Tennant Creek to Newcastle Waters and westwards into the Tanami Desert.

WHO WE SERVE

Barkly Regional Council serves the townships of Tennant Creek and Elliott as well as the communities of Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Alpurrurulam, Elliott and Wutunugurra (Epenarra). In addition to these communities, there are approximately eight minor communities, the largest of which include Tara and Mungkarta, 70 family outstations, 49 pastoral stations, mining operations and commercial properties.

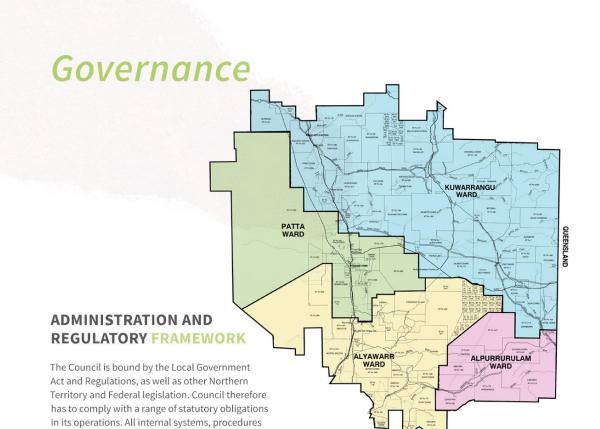
OUR ABORIGINAL CULTURE

Aboriginal people and their culture are an important part of the Barkly Region. At Barkly Regional Council we recognise and respect the traditional owners of communities and the fact that Australian Aboriginal culture is the oldest continuing culture in the world. Approximately 70 per cent of the people who live in the Barkly are Aboriginal, with 16 language groups, Warumungu, Warlpiri, Alyawarr, Kayetye, Warlmanpa, Wakaya, Mudburra, Wambaya, Jingili, Kudanji, Ngarnga, Binbinga, Garrawa, Yanyuwa, Waanyi and Mara. English is frequently a third or even fourth language.

Australian Aboriginal people have had their own forms of governance for tens of thousands of years and it is in this cross–cultural atmosphere and spirit of trust that Council works with traditional owners and community residents. Having strong and effective Aboriginal representatives on the Council also provides an opportunity to discuss and develop effective two–way communication and engagement, as well as develop strong governance principles and practices. Council is also one of the largest employers of Aboriginal employees in the Region.

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HISTORY

In October 2006 the Northern Territory Government (NTG) announced the reform of local government areas. The intention of the reform was to improve and expand the delivery of services to towns and communities across the Northern Territory by establishing 11 new super shires. On 1 July 2008 the Barkly Shire Council was formed; becoming the second largest Local Government area in Australia at 323,514 square kilometres, after East Pilbara shire in Western Australia at 380,000 square kilometres.

and methods of operation must be adequate to efficiently manage and record these compliance

Following a review of Local Government, the NTG announced that amongst other changes the name "Shire Council" would be changed to "Regional Council" in the eight large Northern Territory Shires. Council agreed to introduce this change on the 1st January 2014, marking the start of a new era for the Barkly Regional Council. The NTG also flagged increasing the responsibility of Local Authorities, formerly known as Local Boards, in representing local communities and towns. These changes were embraced and reflect a growing sophistication and acknowledgment of the developing regional responsibility of the Barkly Regional Council.

ELECTORAL REVIEW

Barkly Regional Council is required to complete an electoral review during the council term and 12 months before the next general election, in accordance with section 23(2) of the *Local Government Act 2008 (Act)*. The mandatory review is to assess whether the present constitutional arrangements provide the best electoral representation for the local government area of the council.

With new legislation commencing in July 2021, councils were given the option to consider providing a short report that briefly addresses the matters outline in regulations 63(2) and (3) of the *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2008.*

The short report was completed on the 8th of July 2020. All matters relevant to the region's electoral representation arrangements under the Local Government Act 2008 were duly considered. No significant changes were noted since the last Electoral Review completed in 2015. The current arrangements still provide effective representation of the council area. No changes to the constitutional arrangements for council representation were proposed.

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ELECTED MEMBERS

The Barkly Regional Council is governed by an elected Mayor and a Deputy Mayor, who are nominated every 12 months, and 11 Councillors. These elected members represent four (4) wards:

Alyawarr Ward (4 elected members)

Patta Ward	(5 elected members, plus Mayor,
	currently from the Patta Ward)
Alpurrurulam	(1 elected member)

Kuwarrangu (2 elected members)

The Local Government Act, Part 4.3, Section 42(3), allows for Regional or Shire Councils to have at the election of Council, the title of Mayor or President. On 14 September 2017, the Council resolved to change the principle member's title from President to Mayor.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council holds Ordinary Council Meetings every month at Council Chambers in Tennant Creek with Special Council Meetings called as required. All council meetings are open to the public, unless confidential business is being considered.

We encourage attendance by residents of our townships, our communities and other members of the public. Agendas and minutes are available on the Barkly Regional Council website https://barkly. nt.gov.au for free.

- People and Culture Sub-Committee: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, Cr Sid Vashist, Cr Kris Civitarese, and Cr Ray Aylett
- Procurement Sub-Committee: Cr Kris Civitarese, Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer and Cr Sid Vashist
- Purkiss Reserve Consultative Sub-Committee: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer and Cr Sid Vashist

- Cultural Competency Sub-Committee: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer, Cr Karan Hayward, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Ricky Holmes and Cr Jennifer Mahoney
- Audit and Risk Sub-Committee: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer, Cr Kris Civitarese and Cr Sid Vashist
- Purkiss Reserve Consultative Sub-Committee: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer and Cr Sid Vashist

COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

• Family and Domestic Violence: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- NT Place Names Committee:
 Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Development Consent Authority Committee: Cr Kris Civitarese, Cr Sid Vashist, Cr Hal Ruger (Alternate)
- NT Water Safety Committee: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- NT Tobacco Committee: Cr Kris Civitarese
- Chamber of Commerce: Cr Kris Civitarese
- Beetaloo User Panel: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Tourism Central Australia Board: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Music NT Board: Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin



Alpurrurulam airstrip

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Local Authorities are established under the Local Government Act and have the following functions under that Act:

- To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government;
- To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government;
- (c) To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region;
- To take the views of local communities back to the regional council and act as advocates on their behalf;
- (e) To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan;
- (f) To make recommendations to the council in relation to the council's budget, and to review expenditures by the council, in relation to the part of the council's area within which the local authority performs its functions; and

(g) To perform other functions assigned to the local authority by the Minister, in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

Council approves the nominations for each Local Authority at a Council Meeting. As vacancies arise, potential members nominate themselves for the Local Authority and a Chairperson of each Local Authority is chosen from their memberships.

All meetings are attended by the Mayor and Ward Councillors when available, and senior Barkly Regional Council staff. Agendas and minutes are available on the BRC website: https://www.barkly. nt.gov.au

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Barkly Regional Council Elected Members



Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin (Patta Ward)

PATTA WARD



Councillor Kris Civitarese



Councillor Karan Hayward



Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer



Councillor Hal Ruger



Councillor Sid Vashist

ALYAWARR WARD



Councillor Jack Clubb



Councillor Ricky Holmes



Councillor Lucy Jackson



Councillor Noel Hayes

KUWARRANGU WARD



Councillor Ray Aylett



Councillor Jane Evans

ALPURRURULAM WARD

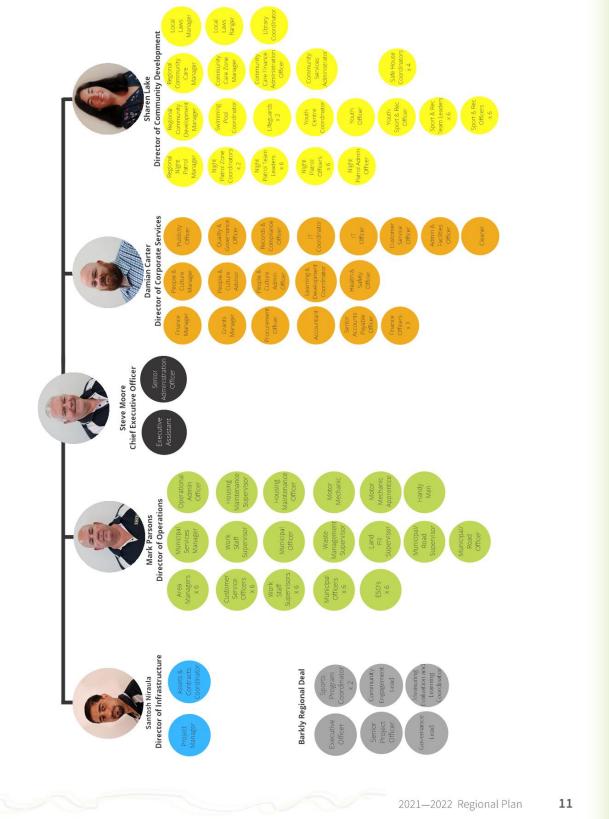


Councillor Jennifer Mahoney

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Barkly Regional Council Organisation Structure



Our Vision

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



Senator Sam McMahon, Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack and Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

CORE BUSINESS

From local government funding we provide essential and municipal services in the towns, communities and homelands across the Barkly Region.

From the funding of the Federal and Northern Territory Governments we provide contracted agency services to our residents.

Income from property owners and ratepayers and service charges from the provision of services supports both local government and agency services.

CORE COMPETENCE

Through our work in regional communities, we have developed a strong understanding of how to best serve the needs of those communities.

Barkly Regional Council contributes to our region by valuing all of its members and providing services to individuals, families and communities in ways that respect their dignity and culture and fulfil their needs for community services that provide safer communities. We provide a stable platform for workforce development and program delivery across our region.

CORE VALUES

Our values inform how we work and are reflected in our employees and services. Our values are founded in the service standards, and are lived out through our interactions with each other:

- We believe that all people in all communities are equal in dignity and have equal rights
- Our employees are committed to working with people and communities in ways that value them, that are non-discriminatory, and that promote social justice
- We are committed to the common good. Our employees work with people to ensure that they have access to the resources and services they need to effectively participate in the community
- Our employees value the contributions of clients and communities, and foster local community driven services
- The Council has developed a *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan*, endorsed by Reconciliation Australia, which will be used to create greater understanding of how we can best deliver services and support to all communities of the Barkly.



COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

There are no pending changes in the administrative and/or regulatory framework in which the plan relates. The new Local Government Act will come into effect on the 1st of July 2021.

COMMUNITY

Community members are encouraged to attend Local Authority meetings to observe their deliberations and decisions, including projects. They can also speak directly to Council Area Managers, their Local Authority members and ward Councillors for feedback and updates.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Council reports regularly to Local Authorities on progress against their plans and decisions and any other projects or areas of concern identified by the Local Authorities.

COUNCILLORS

Barkly Regional Council employees regularly report to Elected Members on progress through the objectives, also known as Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), outlined under the Regional Strategy and Service Delivery, budget performance and other strategies identified by Council. Councillors are responsible for monitoring the Council's spending and progress to ensure that identified outcomes are achieved.

DIRECTORATES

Directors are responsible for the monitoring, reporting and implementation of their operational or infrastructure plans. These plans help ensure the achievement of objectives/KPIs, leading to positive outcomes for the community and the Barkly Region. A great deal of the work of Barkly Regional Council is funded from external agencies, such as grants and funding agreements with governments at a Federal and Territory level. Funding agreements impose on Council detailed performance targets and reporting regimes to monitor outcomes.

COUNCIL STAFF

Each Council team member is responsible for ensuring their work aligns with the infrastructure, strategic and regional plans.

NT GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL PUBLIC

Council documents, including agendas, policies, financial reports, confirmed minutes, annual reports and media releases, are available on the Council website https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au.

Barkly Regional Council has a principle of transparency wherever possible to ensure that our stakeholders, community residents and other members of the public are aware of Council operations and key governance measures. Council conducts community feedback questionnaires on a range of issues on its provision of services.

The Barkly Regional Council's Regional Plan and Annual Report must be presented to the Minister responsible for Local Government annually to ensure compliance with our governing legislation.

Regional Strategy and Service Delivery

STRATEGIC PLAN

2021-2026

The Barkly Regional Council Five Year Strategic Plan consists of seven overarching goals for the entire organisation. Within each of the seven goals, there are key objectives that help identify how Council will achieve these goals throughout the five-year period. It includes performance indicators to ensure Council has the ability to adequately monitor the progress and track how successful the objectives are. There are target dates to ensure that Council will have a timeline for each of the objectives and their respective goals.

REGIONAL PLAN 2021-2022

This Regional Plan 2021–2022 describes the vision, values and core competencies of Council. The plan identifies the needs of the towns and communities in the Barkly and how Council will meet those needs in the upcoming financial year. The major infrastructure projects to commence this financial year are the Purkiss Reserve upgrade, the cycle path in Tennant Creek and the new Youth Centres in Ali Curung and Tennant Creek. In addition to these major projects, this Regional Plan also outlines the priority projects for all communities in the Barkly Region.

LOCAL AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY PLANS

Our Local Authority Individual Community Plans cover the goals and priorities for individual communities within the Barkly Region. Each of these plans have been developed in consultation with residents and Local Authority members of each community. Projects highlighted by Local Authorities of each community then feed into the Five Year Infrastructure Plan to set out priorities, objectives and timelines to ensure all Local Authorities are working towards getting what they want for their communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2021–2026

The Five Year Infrastructure Plan consists of major infrastructure projects identified for the Barkly Region, initiated either through Local Authority feedback, Councillors feedback or identified through our asset management plan for renewal or upgrading. A Major project is considered to be a project that costs more than \$250,000. With limited discretionary funds, Council relies heavily on grant funding from both the Federal and Northern Territory Governments to meet the costs of projects. The infrastructure plan is key to ensuring that as many projects are completed as possible. Tracking projects is performed through listing needs of towns and communities, either new infrastructure developments or upgrades.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Asset Management Plan provides details of Council's current assets, valued at approximately \$52 million, and their current condition. The plan defines the level of service and how the service is to be provided. This plan includes the effective and efficient management of Council assets for transport infrastructure, buildings and facilities, parks and gardens, streetlights and a range of vehicles. It also identifies and outlines the cost to upgrade and replace infrastructure and equipment as they reach the end of their life expectancy.

WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Barkly Regional Council has now adopted the Workforce Management Plan, which provides a benchmark for the organisation regarding Council's workforce. In conjunction with the Workforce Management Plan, the People & Culture department are currently creating Management workshops for employee Inductions and probations, to provide the appropriate training to ensure that Council retains their staff. Another project that has commenced which was included in the Workforce Management Plan, is the employee Recognition Program. This annual event is celebrated with a morning tea and an award ceremony to show recognition to our long term employees.



Landscape of Epenarra, Susie Peterson, 2018 Barkly Backbone Offices, Shop 1/163 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek

The Barkly Regional Deal (the Deal) is a 10 year, \$78.4 million investment in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory. Driven by community– identified priorities, the Deal is a commitment by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and the Barkly Regional Council to work collaboratively with Barkly communities to support the economic, social and cultural future of the region.

The deal is governed by the Interim Governance Table which consists of Traditional Owners and representatives from the 16 language groups



Economic Development \$37.97 million

Regional Workforce Strategy

- Youth Infrastructure
- Barkly Business Hub

Youth Justice Facility

New Housing Builds

Justice Infrastructure Investments

Upgrade Alpurrurulam Airstrip

Economic Growth Strategy

Maximising Aboriginal Employment

Barkly Mining and Energy Services Offer

Weather Radar

Improvements to the Delivery of the Community Develpment Program (CDP) across the Barkly Region, Aboriginal organisations, youth, business leaders and the non–government sector as well as representatives from the three levels of government. The Governance Table is the overarching governance body that will lead the development and implementation of the Barkly Regional Deal to boost economic development, improve social conditions and reinforce the region's strong Aboriginal culture and history over the next 10 years.

These 28 initiatives are outlined below.



Tennant Creek Visitor Park

Government Investment and Service

Crisis Youth Support – Safe Places and Accommodation

Trauma Informed Care

Multi–purpose Accommodation Facility

Student Boarding Facility

Social and Affordable Housing Private–Public Partnership

Community Sports

Ages Care Services in the Barkly Region

Childcare Places



Barkly Local Community Projects Fund

> Local Community Governance

Community Meditation

Arts Centre in Elliott – Feasibility Study

Update Council Website about Australian Aboriginal History

Marketing and Promotion

2021-2022 Regional Plan



WORKING GROUPS

Through the Barkly Regional Deal, a new approach to collaborating with the community has been established. Steering Committees and Working Groups provide an interface where community stakeholders can provide recommendations to government partners about certain aspects of the 28 initiatives.

There are currently four active working groups:

- Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group The Working Group will provide accurate and timely advice and recommendations on key regional workforce and Aboriginal employment initiatives. The Working Group will take into consideration the Barkly Jobs Profile and key infrastructure plans.
- Economic Growth and Support Working Group This working group's initial focus is the Barkly Business Hub and Economic Growth Strategy. They also provide reports and recommendations on other key economic drivers within the region, including making a submission to the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission and discussions with key stakeholders and potential investors for the Barkly region.
- Crisis Youth Support Working Group
 The aim is to increase the level and type of
 youth support in the region through the creation
 of a children and young people's safe space and
 refuge. This working group discusses needs,
 challenges, priorities and opportunities for
 children and young people within the Barkly
 region.

Visitor Park Working Group
 This working group plays an active role in
 providing recommendations to the government
 around the location, design and service model of
 the future Tennant Creek Visitor Park.

The Youth Justice Facility Working Group has now completed its role and this initiative is progressing forward with a smaller design group for the final stages of development.

There will be two new groups forming over the coming months:

- Service System Reform (Steering Committee) This aims to strengthen the collaboration, coordination and accountability of government funded and delivered services in the Barkly region.
- Measuring Change (Working Group)
 The role of this group will be to measure if the Barkly Regional Deal is being implemented as planned and achieving its intended outcomes.

There are currently Council representatives and/ or employees participating in the majority of these groups:

Visitor Park Working Group: Mark Parsons, Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group: Damien Carter

Crisis Youth Support Working Group: Sharen Lake, Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Measuring Change Working Group: Sharen Lake

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Our Goals

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

Regional Plan: 2021–2022

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DUE	

1. Become the Employer of Choice in the Barkly Region

OBJECT	IVE 1.1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time	
ACTION 1:	employees Continue staff engagement initiatives each year Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-annual staff get together for each locality	Annually
ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4: ACTION 5:		Annually Bi–Annually
	Document robust and timely recruitment procedures to ensure consistent recruitment standards Recruit only those people suitable for the position	
OBJECT	IVE 1.2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating: • Training and Development Plans	
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4:	Develop individual training and development plans to align with strategy Bi-annual staff performance appraisals to incorporate employee career paths	June 2022 Bi–Annually Annually
	Develop a workforce plan	
	IVE 1.3: Improve staff engagement and morale Continue staff engagement initiatives each year Length of service awards At least one staff function per community per year Bi-annual staff get together for each locality Organisation wide acknowledgment of staff who perform well above expectation	Annually
ACTION 3: ACTION 4:		Annually
	Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year	
ACTION 1: ACTION 2:	IVE 1.4: Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year Maximise the use of CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent or part time employment Advertise staff vacancies locally through electronic media i.e. social media, website, Talent Propelle and newspaper	
ACTION 4:	Use Tennant Creek Show Day and Careers Day to promote Council to the public	
	Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	
OBJECT ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4:	IVE 1.5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5% Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback Streamline and document the recruitment process Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy Maximise the use of recruitment software	Bi–Annually June 2022
	Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback	

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1	Have a strong, culturally appropriate and respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly Region	DONE DATE DUE
	TIVE 2.1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities Ensure Local Authorities (LA) meet as scheduled Rigorously enforce LA attendance policy Hold minimum of one public forum in each community Conduct resident satisfaction surveys in each community	Annually Annually
	Ensure Local Authorities meet as scheduled Hold minimum of one public forum in each community annually	
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3:	TIVE 2.2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders Conduct satisfaction surveys once per year Hold minimum of one public forum per community Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders	S Annually Annually
	Hold minimum of one public forum per community each year Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders	
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4:	TIVE 2.3: Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment Recruit only those people suitable for the position Maintain a program for Councillors and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history Make wider use of the community and culture induction booklet New identified staff to attend and participate in cross-cultural training	
	Recruit only those people suitable for the position Introduce a program for Councilor's and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history Develop a community and culture induction handbook	
OBJEC1 ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4: ACTION 5:	CIVE 2.4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch Continue the use of social media platforms Keep Council's website current and relevant Conduct exit interviews for resigning staff Conduct annual staff survey	Quarterly Sept. 2021 Annually
	Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch Increase the use of social media platforms Monthly email updates to staff	
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4:		Bi–Annually June 2022 Monthly

	mprove community infrastructure across he Barkly Region	DONE DATE
OBJECT	TIVE 3.1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including: • Roads • Footpaths • Lighting in public spaces and council properties • Council properties including council owned housing • Public parks and gardens • Landfills • Plant and Equipment	DUE
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4:		Sept. 2021
	Develop a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure Develop and implement a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/ damaged property	
	 CIVE 3.2: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan Complete commenced infrastructure projects in a timely manner: Two new Youth Centres – Ali Curung, Tennant Creek Bike path in Tennant Creek Priority 1 Road Resealing – Tennant Creek Refurbishment of Civic Hall – Tennant Creek Construct Cemetery Chapel – Tennant Creek Complete Lake Mary Ann Playground upgrade – Tennant Creek Complete Skate Park – Alpurrurulam Construct Ablution Block – Ampilatwatja Complete Sports and Recreation Centre Refurbishment – Ampilatwatja Construct Football Oval Change rooms – Elliott Construct BMX Track - Wutunugurra 	June 2022
ACTION 2: ACTION 3:	Identify priority maintenance needs of existing infrastructure Budget to meet infrastructure requirements within the budgeting framework	Annually
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3:	 Develop a five year infrastructure plan TIVE 3.3:Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the communit on infrastructure needs Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA Conduct one survey in each community each year 	y Annually Bi-Annually Annually
	Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA Conduct at least one survey in each community each year	
ACTION 1: ACTION 2: ACTION 3: ACTION 4: ACTION 5:	TIVE 3.4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure Maintain a workforce plan Annual maintenance budgets to be sufficient to cover basic maintenance needs Maintain asset management plan and review annually Update asset management plan and review annually Complete and execute annual planned maintenance plan Develop a workforce plan	Annually Annually Annually Annually
	Develop a workforce plan	

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4. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly Region

OBJECTIVE 4.1: Provide employment opportunities for Barkly Residents

ACTION 1: Forward plan to recruit school levers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year

- ACTION 2: Develop individual training and development plans
- ACTION 3: Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to programs
- ACTION 4: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities

Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to grow our own staff

OBJECTIVE 4.2: Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly

- ACTION 1: Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents
- ACTION 2: Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly

ACTION 3: Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly

OBJECTIVE 4.3: Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities

- ACTION 1: Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented
- ACTION 2: Deliver efficient and effective Municipal services
- ACTION 3: Participate in the annual tidy towns competition

Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented Improve municipal service delivery Participate in Tidy Towns competition

OBJECTIVE 4.4: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan

- ACTION 1: Grow the five year infrastructure plan to a 10 year plan
- ACTION 2: Effectively maintain new infrastructure required in each community
- ACTION 3: Effectively maintain current infrastructure

Develop a five year infrastructure plan

OBJECTIVE 4.5: Increase the number of funded programs Council operates

across the Barkly

ACTION 1: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives



Backhoe delivered in Elliott

Barkly Highway

Elliott Oval

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Develop the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors

OBJECTIVE 5.1: Attract new investment into the Barkly

- ACTION 1: Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly
- ACTION 2: Actively participate in the Barkly Regional Deal Economic Development Working Group
- ACTION 3: Identify new business opportunities through public consultation
- ACTION 4: Engage with Government and business to identify new business opportunities

OBJECTIVE 5.2: Gain additional government spending in the Barkly Region

- ACTION 1: Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents
- ACTION 2: Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly
- ACTION 3: Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly

OBJECTIVE 5.3: Increase tourism in the Barkly Region

- ACTION 1: Promote and Support the regular updating of the Tourism Master Plan
- ACTION 2: Participate in the Barkly Tourism Action Group
- ACTION 3: Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media sites
- ACTION 4: Support and promote community events
- ACTION 5: Provide an annual budget to support community events

Develop a Tourism Master Plan

Annually

OBJECTIVE 5.4: Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly

- ACTION 1: Work with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly
- ACTION 2: Maintain partnerships to make greater use of Council assets
- ACTION 3: Partner with local business and BRD Economic Development Working Group to identify new business opportunities for the Region

Establish partnerships to make greater use of Council assets





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Provide leadership through best practice in 6. governance and financial management

OBJECTIVE 6.1: 100% compliance with the Local Government Act

- ACTION 1: Conduct annual reviews and periodic audits to ensure compliance with internal policies and Local Government legislation ACTION 2: Maintain the risk management strategy and policy via the Audit and Risk Committee
- ACTION 3: Conduct an annual review of the finance policies

Implement a risk management strategy and policy (Audit and Risk committee to Oversee)

OBJECTIVE 6.2: Zero incidents of fraud and no audit qualifications

ACTION 1:	Maintain all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures are in place	
ACTION 2:	Continuous improvement of policies/procedures to ensuring relevance and identifying where additional policies are required	
ACTION 3:	Appoint an independent chair to the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure best practice and financial controls are in place	
OBJECT	IVE 6.3: Elected members are fully aware of their role and their responsibilities	
ACTION 1:	Conduct annual governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with Elected Members	Annually
ACTION 2:	Following the Local Government Election in August 2021: Induct new Councillors Deliver governance training to new Councillors Call for new nominations for Local Authorities Call for new nominations for Council Committees and Sub-Committees Training of new Local Authority members	Dec. 2021
ACTION 3:	Ensure Elected Members are aware of changes in applicable Government legislation including changes to the Act.	
ACTION 4:	Maintain Local Authorities handbook and training program for Local Authority members	
	Develop a Local Authorities handbook and training program for LA members	

OBJECTIVE 6.4: Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial stability

ACTION 1:	Complete and annual and five year cash flows and review	Bi–Annually
ACTION 2:	Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	Bi–Annually
ACTION 3:	Provide support to the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team to assist with development of Community Plans	
ACTION 4:	Move from five year to ten year forward planning	Dec. 2022
	· Financial Planning · Asset Management Plans · Infrastructure Planning	
	· Strategic Planning · Workforce Plans	
	Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	
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OBJECT	IVE 6.5: Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and	
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	TIVE 6.5: Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly region	Bi–Annually

ACTION 4: Monitor financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management

Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget with funding agreements Improve financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management

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7. Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly

OBJECTIVE 7.1: Reduce illegal dumping in the Barkly

- ACTION 1: Stop illegal dumping on Council land with rigorous enforcement
- ACTION 2: Work with stakeholders and the EPA to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers
- ACTION 3: Review dump fees annually
- ACTION 4: Regularly monitor illegal dump site to catch offenders
- ACTION 5: Maintain and promote Snap, Send, Solve app

Fully develop and implement a public awareness campaign Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers Review annual dump fees

OBJECTIVE 7.2: Improve waste management practices

- ACTION 1: Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents
- ACTION 2: Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly
- ACTION 3: Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly

Review all Barkly Land fill sites

OBJECTIVE 7.3: Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly

- ACTION 1: Support appropriate, environmentally friendly mining development proposals within the Barkly
- ACTION 2: Promote the regions natural beauty and cultural heritage
- ACTION 3: Promote and support regular updates of the Tourism NT Master Plan for the Barkly
- ACTION 4: Actively support renewable energy opportunities for the Barkly
- ACTION 5: Commence program to introduce solar power for Council assets
- ACTION 6: Lobby Power Water for more solar assets on communities

Develop waste management plans



Sunrise – Elliott

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Davenport Ranges

The Barkly Regional Council area spans approximately 323,000 square kilometres, making it the largest area in the Northern Territory to deliver services within. We are often required to move personnel and equipment across this vast region to deliver services promptly and effectively. Delivering services to an area of this magnitude presents many unique challenges to Council, to combat that, we have developed long-term strategic planning initiatives to help alleviate some of these challenges.

Our aim for 2021–2022 is to improve service delivery through some key initiatives. These are:

- Continued purchase of additional equipment based in communities to reduce the need to transport equipment between communities;
- Train community Municipal staff to operate the new equipment;
- Complete major capital works such as the Purkiss Reserve upgrade and Building Better Regions Fund projects (new youth centres in Tennant Creek and Ali Curung, a bike path in Tennant Creek and skate park in Alpurrurulam);
- Continue the on-going program to improve footpaths in Tennant Creek and Elliott;
- Continue work on Regional Deal and support the Regional Deal Governance Table;
- Continue the implementation of the recommendations in the external review of
 Organisational Structure and Internal Processes; and
- Complete the capital expenditure program for the year.

Council staffing numbers will remain reasonably static following the addition of three new positions last year, program grant funding is expected to remain steady for the year. Some positions will be changed or upgraded to provide recognition of the skill level of some Council staff. This will also assist to achieve a greater level of customer service and accountability throughout Council.

CORPORATE SERVICES

The Corporate Services Directorate delivers activities that combine or consolidate enterprise–wide needed support services, provided based on specialized knowledge, best practices, and technology to serve internal customers.

The Directorate is responsible for the following departments and positions:

- People and Culture
 Quality & Compliance
 Finance
 Grants Management
 Procurement
 IT
 - Public Relations and Communication
 - Events Management

- Fleet
- Administration

Hygiene Services

During the coming year the Corporate Services Directorate will deliver enterprise–wide support services to Council. In addition, the Directorate will provide direct support to the CEO to ensure this annual plan is achieved. The priorities for the year will be to:

- Oversee the annual capital expenditure budget;
- Ensure compliance to the new Local Government Act which came into effect in July 2021;
- Support Council's ongoing commitment to the Barkly Regional Deal;
- Continue the implementation of the recommendations in the external review of Organisational Structure and Internal Processes;
- Empowering our Team Leaders, Program Managers and Area Managers by providing the training, mentoring and support regarding Human Resources practices;
- Identifying and providing mandatory training to ensure that employees are competent within their role;
- The creation of an employee well-being program to improve performance and job satisfaction;
- The education of our employees regarding the aspects of Workplace Health and Safety; and
- The implementation and monitoring of Workplace Health and Safety policies and procedures to reduce/mitigate injuries throughout Council.



Apprentice of the Year Award; (L–R) Councillor Karan Hayward, Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer, Matthew Ruger (Award recipient), Councillor Sid Vashist

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Directorate is responsible for the delivery of services throughout the Barkly Region with a community health, wellbeing and safety focus. These programs include Tennant Creek Swimming Pool, Community Safety, Aged Care, NDIS, Safe Houses, Local Laws Rangers, Animal Management, Environmental Health, Libraries, Youthlinx Centre, Regional Sports Initiatives and Youth, Sports and Recreation programs that also provide outside school hours care.

Community Development programs are 100% reliant on external funding. We will continue to work with funding bodies to guarantee funding provision meets the service delivery needs and continue to seek funding arrangements that exceed 1 and 2 year agreements.

During the 2021–22 period, there will be an increased focus on restoration of program delivery due to the COVID19 interruptions, which diminished staffing throughout the region and had a direct impact on service delivery. We are commitment to being an employer of choice, building staff capabilities and providing a safe and vibrant workplace through ongoing training and development opportunities, scheduled staff recalls and strong leadership.

For the coming year the Directorate will focus on:

- Improving efficiencies in recruitment by supporting part time employment opportunities, rather than casual employment where possible, and proactive recruitment to ensure that all communities within the portfolio are adequately staffed;
- Development of a service delivery model for the newly built Youth Facility in Tennant Creek (YouthLinx), ensuring the program model and requirements are in line with community needs and seek additional funding to support this model;
- Review the Barkly Regional Council's Youth Plan, which is aimed at improving a range of wellbeing outcomes for children through access to afterhours activities, and vacation care programs with increased targeted programs, such as music, multimedia, cultural activities and arts; and
- Maximise use of the newly upgraded Purkiss Reserve Facility, Elliott Football Oval and Ampilatwatja Basketball Court, by the reinvigoration of sports and recreation activities, introduction of new sports;



Youthlinx sports activities



Tennis at Tara community – Collaboration between Barkly Regional Council, NT Police and Tennis Australia

- Undertake quality reviews of BRC Aged Care service delivery and program's compliance with the eight standards set out in the national Aged Care Quality Standards;
- Increase service delivery of Aged Care and NDIS Programs through streamlining funding to meet the needs of each community, this includes working with funding bodies to vary deliverables against needs analysis;
- Development of Community Safety Plans throughout the region, led and developed by community collaboration; and
- Undertake program service delivery surveys and community safety surveys throughout the region.

As with all service delivery, we work with many challenges including staff recruitment and retention, lack of fit for purpose infrastructure and resource, the vastness of geographical area and high costs of service delivery. By ensuring staff are well supported, programs delivered with continuous improvements and working with funding bodies to address funding shortfalls and social inequity, we strive to deliver culturally appropriate services and programs.



Youthlinx – Tingkkarli / Lake Mary Ann Dam

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OPERATIONS

Our Operations Directorate is responsible for delivering municipal and essential services to the remote communities of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Wutunugurra and the towns of Tennant Creek and Elliott. The Directorate also liaises with the Area Managers for each of the communities.

During the coming financial year 2021–2022, the Operations Directorate will focus on:

- Supporting Area Managers to ensure there is a clear understanding of Council's expectations for service delivery;
- Facilitate capital expenditure lists to ensure that all communities continue to receive required infrastructure;
- Work with Local Authorities to assign projects to the five Year Infrastructure Plans;
- Ensure the right staff members are hired to carry out works;
- Ensure these staff members have the appropriate training to carry out their work;
- Working with the Tennant Creek Municipal Depot Manager to set rosters for machinery allocation to each community on a regular basis;



Murray Downs road flooding

Bat and bird management, Elliott

- Work with the infrastructure team and Area Managers to establish a maintenance roster for community vehicles;
- Instil a Workplace Health and Safety mentality through all communities to reduce workplace accidents;
- Work with Local Authority to ensure meetings take place as scheduled;
- Work with Area Managers to ensure Local Authorities are effectively supported and guided to make effective decisions to support the community;
- Provide effective governance support to Area Managers and Local Authorities and improve communication between communities, management and Barkly Regional Council;
- Assist all directorates on communities to have open discussions to facilitate communication networks;
- To facilitate the communication between the Regional Deal Backbone Team and the remote communities and towns;
- Coordinate the request for expenditure of the Community project funds between the Local Authorities and the Regional Deal Backbone Team;
- · Support the Infrastructure team with the many projects underway on the Communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE

At Barkly Regional Council the Infrastructure Directorate is responsible for maintaining and upgrading Council assets which include parks, gardens, cemeteries, car parks, storm water drains, buildings, halls, sport and recreational facilities, street lights, waste landfills (upgrades only) and roads.

The Infrastructure Directorate is comprised of a Director, Project Manager and Assets and Contracts Coordinator. The team has progressed well in developing a system of identification for Council Assets and their maintenance. The department developed and started using an IT ticketing system for lodgement of maintenance requests. Four (4) major infrastructure projects have been completed in 2020–2021 — Alpurrurulam Landfill fencing, Ampilatwatja roads, resealing and shoulder compaction, Tennant Creek Roads resealing and Lake Mary Ann Dam Playground. Fourteen (14) major infrastructure projects have been awarded and started in Barkly Regional Council communities and are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year 2021–2022.

During the coming year the Infrastructure Directorate will focus on:

- Leading the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) construction projects including the construction of two Youth Centres, a bike path and a skate park;
- Complete our Drought funding projects (up to \$1 million stimulus funds for community projects);
- Complete Major infrastructure projects from other funding programs; i.e. Capital Project Fund from Barkly Regional Deal, Road to Recovery (R2R) Funding, Priority Infrastructure Fund (PIF), Special Community Assistance and Local Employment (SCALE) fund;
- Liaise with Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) around the progression of the Purkiss Reserve project; and
- Work with the Procurement committee to make Council procurement more efficient and effective.



Tingkkarli / Lake Mary Ann Dam Playground



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Major Infrastructure Projects

PURKISS RESERVE UPGRADE

Barkly Regional Council has received \$9 million from the Northern Territory Government to upgrade Purkiss Reserve, an important public space in Tennant Creek. Purkiss Reserve, which is approximately 9.6 hectares, contains the swimming pool, ovals and many sporting facilities.

Funded by the NTG's Department of Tourism and Culture with a recoverable works agreement between Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL), work has commenced on this project which has suffered delays during the previous year.

It provides cultural, sporting, entertainment and facilities for healthy lifestyles of all ages. It also brings great visual relief to Tennant Creek, which is located in a sparse and desert–like environment.

Members of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee, both past and present, and Councillors from the previous council and staff have all contributed to the development of Purkiss Reserve.

The redevelopment is scheduled to be completed this year and will result in a fantastic new facility for the Region. A new Youth Centre will also be constructed on the Reserve as part of the Building Better Region Fund projects.



Purkiss Reserve Plan – Bennett Design

BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

Four major projects, including Tennant Creek Youth Centre and Ali Curung Youth Centre, a bicycle path through Tennant Creek and a new skate park in Alpurrurulam have already been started as \$7.6 million Building Better Regions Fund grant has been secured as part of the Regional Deal. These important infrastructures will assist us in achieving our goal to improve infrastructures within the Region.

Council has a number of smaller projects planned for the year, the largest of which is new change rooms for Tennant Creek Civic Hall and construction of a bigger workshop in Ampilatwatja.



CHALLENGES

As is the case with most Local Government Councils in the Northern Territory, the Barkly Regional Council faces financial, remote and cultural challenges in performing its roles and functions. These challenges can be broken down into three key areas, these are:

- Human Resource: Being a remote location, Council traditionally has issues trying to recruit and retain suitably qualified staff
- Financial: Council has some unique financial challenges with higher service delivery and project costs due to being in remote Australia, whilst having lower income streams compared to other Australian Local Government Areas
- Geographical: Council delivers services to an area larger than the size of the state of Victoria which providers difficulties coordinating activities across a large and dispersed geographical area.

OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities to work closer with local agencies and to continue to strengthen regional cooperation between the Barkly Regional Council and other Central Australian Councils. Barkly Regional Council actively participates in the Central Australian ROC (Regional Organisations of Council) and works closely with the NT and Federal Governments through the Regional Deal and other key initiatives.

Council strives to build and maintain exceptional relationships with key stakeholders including CDP providers, Government Departments and all NGOs and other community based organisations.

Mining exploration has been showing some positive results for the Region and the construction of a gas pipeline from Tennant Creek to Mount Isa is now complete. The Region has attracted new interest from vegetable growers, as well as the future plans for Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory. Being in the centre of the Northern Territory means Tennant Creek is located where the roadways from the East Coast of Australia placing it in strategic location from a logistics sense. This is recognised by the development study into the establishment of a multi-modal facility and rail terminal at Tennant Creek, currently being undertaken. The Barkly has one of the highest solar irradiance resources on the planet. Meaning the energy sector is starting to look to the Barkly to produce clean, renewable energy via solar farms. The flagship of these projects is Sun Cable's plans to build the world's largest solar farm in the Barkly which will eventually provide 20% of Singapore's energy needs by 2027. Council continues to actively campaign for new investment into the Barkly to create jobs and generate economic growth within our Region.

Barkly Regional Council is a member of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), which is made up of five municipal, three shire, nine regional councils and one association. As the peak organisation for local government in the Northern Territory, LGANT provides a broad-based research and policy development service for members in response to local, territory and national issues including changes proposed for legislation.

The Council receives services from CouncilBiz, the local government subsidiary established under the Local Government Act to facilitate the efficient provision of administration, information technology and financial services to nine (9) Councils in the Northern Territory. Our aim is to make better use of this service in the coming year.

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Council Community Services Chart

Municipal Services	Tennant Creek	Elliott	Ali Curung	Alpurrurulam	Ampilatwatja	Arlparra	Wutunugurra	Tara	Canteen Creek	Mungkarta	Imangarra
Cemetery											
Grass, Parks & Sportsground Maintenance											
Community Roads											
Municipal (Town Camp)											
Library											
Waste Collection, Management & Landfill											
Swimming Pool											
Water Parks											
Council Infrastructure											
Street Sweeping											
Animal Management											
Aged Care	*										
Night Patrol	*										
Youth Sport and Recreation											
Safe House	*										
NDIS	*										
Airstrip Maintenance	*										
Centrelink	*										
Essential Services	*										
Post Office Agency	*										
Street Lights											
				* C)ther A	gencies	providi	ing serv	ices in 1	Tennant	Creek

Other Agencies providing services in Tennant Creek

* Other Agencies providing services

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WELCOME

Community Profiles and Local Authority Projects

Ali Curung

Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	494 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	173.2 km south of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	Sealed
Languages:	Warlpiri, Warumungu, Kaytetye and Alyawarr

Local Authority Members

Chair:	Cr Noel Hayes
Deputy Chair:	Derek Walker
Appointed Members:	Jerry Rice, Peter Corbett, Andrew Tsavaris, Ned Kelly, Cynthia Smith, Martin
Elected Members:	Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Jack Clubb and Cr Ricky Holmes
Ex–Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

PROJECT	STATUS
Provide light on basketball court	COMPLETED
Construction of roof over basketball court	COMPLETED
Construction of shed (bough shed)	COMPLETED
Provide light on soft ball field	COMPLETED
Construction of new sports and recreation hall	COMMENCED
Upgrade lights to LED lighting as per dark spot audit	COMMENCED



Alpurrurulam

Fast facts

Ward:	Alpurrurulam	
Population:	420 (Australian Census 2016)	H.
Location:	570.1 km east of Tennant Creek and 17 km from the NT/QLD boarder	
Road Conditions:	Sealed and unsealed During the Wet Season all road access to the	e community is cut off
Languages:	Alyawarr	

Local Authority Members

Chair:	David Riley
Deputy Chair:	John Mahoney
Appointed Members:	Laney Tracker, Charlie Larkin, Pamela Corbett, Benjamin Olshewsky, Michael Teague
Elected Members:	Cr Jennifer Mahoney
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

PROJECT	STATUS
Fence the new landfill	COMPLETED
Portaloo x 2 – mens and womens plus trailers	COMPLETED
Road repair and maintenance of roads including resealing	COMPLETED
New basketball court	COMMENCED
Move existing skatepark and upgrade facility	COMMENCED



Ampilatwatja

Fast facts

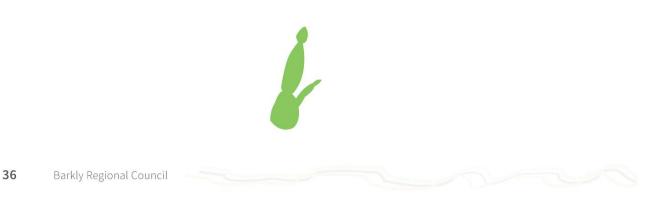
Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	418 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	314 km south–east of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	100 kms Sealed and 220 kms dirt
Languages:	Alyawarr



Local Authority Members

Chair:	Vacant
Deputy Chair:	Jeffrey Nelson
Appointed Members:	Leslie Morton, Lulu Teece, Anita Bailey, Rosalene Rusty, Lester Peterson, Alwyn Morton
Elected Members:	Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Ricky Holmes
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

PROJECT	STATUS
Resealing and shoulder compaction of all internal roads	COMPLETED
Construction of ablution block – WC and shower	COMMENCED
Sports and Recreation Centre upgrade (basketball enclosure)	COMMENCED



Arlparra

Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr	19-1-10 - 10
Population:	483 (Australian Census 2016)	IN HUN DA AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND
Location:	381.8 km south–east of Tennant Creek	
Road Conditions:	Unsealed	
	During the Wet Season — December to March the Sandover Highway and the river are often Around 20 km of the road is sealed bitumen fr to Urapuntja Health Centre and the airstrip.	impassable.
Languages:	Alyawarr and Anmatyerre	

Local Authority Members

Chair:	Allarica Palmer
Deputy Chair:	Shirley Kunoth
Appointed Members:	Andrew Rea, Dennis Kunoth, Clayton Daniels, Ley Fitzpatrick
Elected Members:	Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Ricky Holmes
Ex–Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

PROJECT	STATUS
Refurbishment of basketball court and Sport and	COMMENCED
Recreation building	



Elliott



Fast facts

Ward:	Kuwarrangu
Population:	302 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	253.6 km north of Tennant Creek
Road Conditions:	Sealed
Languages:	Mudburra, Jingili, Wombaya and
	Warumungu

Local Authority Members

Chair:	Bob Bagnall
Deputy Chair:	Jodi Nish
Appointed Members:	Jason Mullan, Christopher Neade, Kevin Gaskin, Lennie Barton
Elected Members:	Cr Ray Aylett and Cr Jane Evans
Ex-Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Highlights

PROJECT	STATUS
Shade over the water park	COMPLETED
Construction of footpath	COMPLETED
Renovation of two staff housing	COMMENCED
Construction of shed over memorial structure	COMPLETED
Ablution block with toilets at the new oval for events	COMMENCED
Experimentation Elimitation	

Shade over memorial structure – Elliott

Tennant Creek



Fast facts

Ward:	Patta
Population:	2995 – including Town Camps (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	508.6 km north of Alice Springs, 88.8 km south of Darwin
Road Conditions:	Sealed
Languages:	Warumungu, Warlpiri, Walmanpa, Alyawarr, Kaytetye, Wambaya and Jingili

Local Authority Members

Chair:	Karan Hayward
Deputy Chair:	Greg Liebelt
Appointed Members:	Josephine Bethel, Ray Wallis, Linda Renfrey, Kara Blakenspoor and Ronalda Walker
Elected Members:	Cr Hal Ruger, Cr Sid Vashist, Cr Ronald Plummer, Cr Kris Civitarese, Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin, Cr Karan Hayward
Ex–Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

Highlights

PROJECT	STATUS
Install new external lighting at Council office and Civic Hall	COMPLETED
Council office security fencing	COMPLETED
Air conditioning of Civic Hall	COMPLETED
Extension and construction of fence around cemetery	COMPLETED
Construction of Staunton oval – fencing, field upgrade, line post	COMPLETED
Swimming pool solar water heater	COMPLETED
Youthlinx – specific purpose buildings	COMMENCED
General upgrade	COMMENCED
New play equipment at Tingkkarli / Lake Mary Ann	COMPLETED
Construction of bike path with lighting	COMMENCED
Road upgrade	COMMENCED
Cemetery chapel	COMMENCED
Upgrade existing street light with energy efficient light and vandal resistant. Addition of extra light to dark spots	COMMENCED

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Wutunugurra

Fast facts

Ward:	Alyawarr
Population:	154 (Australian Census 2016)
Location:	209.8 km south–east of Tennant Creek on the north–eastern edge of the Davenport Ranges
Road Conditions:	Around 87 km of sealed road and 118.8 km of unsealed Access to the community is variable, depending on weather conditions
Languages:	Alyawarr, Warlpiri, Kaytetye

Local Authority Members

Chair:	Shirley Beasley
Deputy Chair:	Rochelle Bonney
Appointed Members:	Ada Beasley, Mark Peterson, Julie Peterson, Geraldine Beasley, Kay Beasley
Elected Members:	Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Ricky Holmes and Cr Jack Clubb
Ex–Officio:	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

PROJECT	STATUS
Construction of roof over basketball court	COMPLETED
Provide light on basketball court	COMPLETED
Establishment of water tank at cemetery (5000 L elevated polyetylene water tank with rail and fittings)	COMPLETED
Upgrade depot shed (did not upgrade – moved to new shed)	COMPLETED
Construct a BMX track	COMMENCED
Wutunugurra Womens Art Centre	COMMENCED

Financial Planning

BUDGET SUMMARY 2021–2022

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BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

- All current services will continue to be provided by the Council
- There are no adverse changes in government policies impacting the Regional Council
- Depreciation expenses are not able to be covered from operational income
- Use of depreciation, grant revenues, and cash reserves to fund capital expenditure
- · Any unaccounted operational surpluses will be transferred to asset replacement reserves at the year-end
- All operational and capital grant funding is fully expended
- Council has no direct control over grants and agency income for future years.

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

The detailed long term financial plan is contained within pages 53 to 57.

The target of the council is to move to a consistent small surplus on average over the long term, where by depreciation is fully funded so as to replace assets when they complete their useful life. Major additional assumptions included within the long term financial plan include:

- · Continuing reduction in corporate overheads over the next four years
- Consistent investment into replacement of council assets in accordance with Council's Asset Management
 plans
- 1.5% annual increase in CPI effecting costs and grant revenues
- 1.5% annual rate increase.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The following table provides a summary of the budgeted infrastructure development and repairs and maintenance costs for each class of asset.

Budget Fees and Charges to follow

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