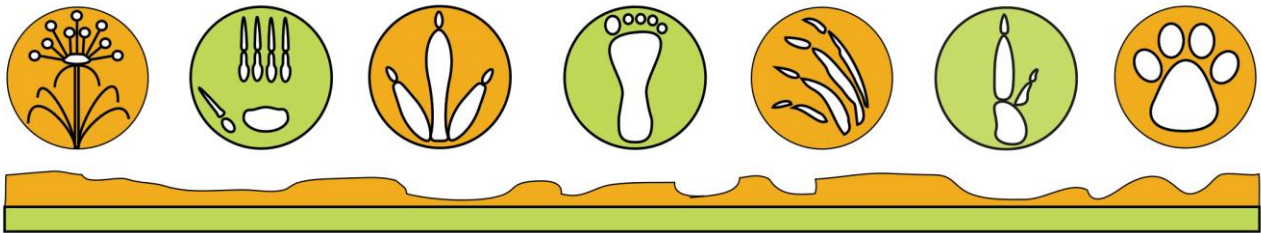


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2022

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 8:30am.

Emma Bradbury
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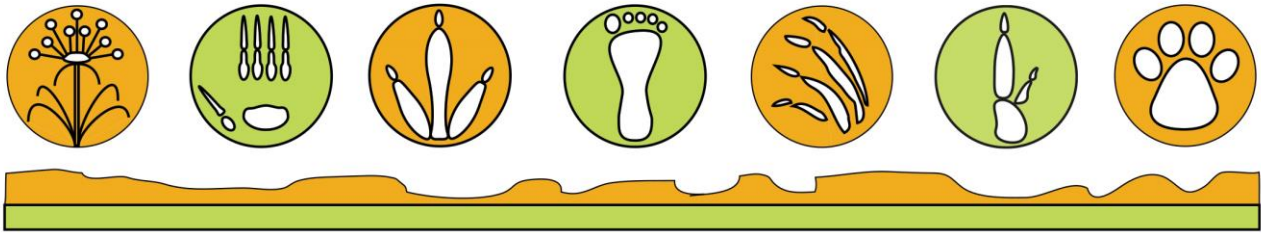
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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

COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen

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18.1 Confirm the Previous Confidential Minutes

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

18.2 Confidential Action List

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18.3 Juno EOI Status Update

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18.4 CEO's Confidential Report

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18.5 Finance Department Report July 2022

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19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

20 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	374192
AUTHOR	Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30th June 2022

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30th June 2022.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

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MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting commenced at 8:30 AM with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr Ronald Plummer
- Cr Jack Clubb
- Cr Greg Marlow
- Cr Anita Bailey
- Cr Lennie Barton
- Cr Russell O'Donnell

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Emma Bradbury – Chief Executive Officer
- Sid Vashist – Director of Corporate Services
- Stanley – Acting Director of Infrastructure
- Troy Koch – Director of Operations
- Sharen Lake – Director of Community Development

1.3 Visitors Present

Nil

1.4 Apologies

- Cr Noel Hayes
- Cr Hal Ruger
- Cr Pam Corbett
- Cr Heather Wilson

1.5 Absent Without Apologies

- Cr Derek Walker

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

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council: confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26th May 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 99/22

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

That Council: lay this item on the table until the July Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 100/22

3.2 MOTION

That Council:

- a) consider all items pertaining to the Annual Regional Plan together; and
- b) supplementary Agenda items 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 and 8.2 becomes 4.1 to 4.5 items respectively.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lennie Barton

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 101/22

4. ANNUAL REGIONAL PLAN

4.1 CERIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT RECORDS

MOTION

That Council: acknowledges the certification of the Assessment Record for ratable property in the Barkly Regional Council provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 102/22

4.2 ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES**MOTION**

That Council:

Resolves to fix the Elected Member Allowances for 2022-23 to those published in Guideline 2A issued by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and approved by the Council in 26th May 2022 meeting **OC87/22**.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 103/22

4.3 DECLARATION OF RATES 2022-2023**MOTION**

That Council:

Declares its Rates and Charges for the 2022-2023 financial year as per the schedule of rates, fees & charges for Barkly Regional Council in accordance with sections 237(1) and 237(2) of the Local Government Act 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr Greg Marlow

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 104/22

4.4 ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2022-23**MOTION**

That Council:

- a) Notes that no submissions were received from the public, in relation to the budget; and
- b) adopts the Barkly Regional Council for 2022-23 in accordance with Section 203 (1) of

the Local Government Act 2019.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 105/22

4.5 ADOPTION OF DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2022-23

MOTION

That the council:

- a) notes that all submissions received from the public regarding the Regional Plan; where practicable to do so, have been incorporated into the plan
- b) adopts the 2022-23 Regional Plan and all contents contained therein in accordance with Section 35 (1) of the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act) and its statutory instruments, including:
 - i) Elected Member Allowances in accordance with Clause 7 of Ministerial Guideline 2A;
 - ii) Declared Rates in accordance with Sections 237 and 238 of the Act, having been certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021;
 - iii) Budget for Financial Year 2022-23 in accordance with Section 203 of the Act; and
 - (iv) the following additional amendments:
 - i) Addition of a separate introduction from the Mayor, and
 - ii) Addition of responsibilities for Workplace Health, Safety, and Wellbeing
 - iii) Amend goal 5.7 to be a standing agenda item on all LA meetings
- c) adopts the Barkly Regional Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the finalised, adopted version of the Regional Plan 2022-23 to the Minister for Local Government.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Anita Bailey

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 106/22

Supplementary report to Council

Re: feedback received on the draft Regional Plan during public exhibition period

- The initial report included in the Business Paper noted two written submissions and five Survey Monkey responses.
- Since then, an additional two written submissions have been received, both from NT Government agencies.
- The table below summarises the feedback received, and Council's response in finalising the Regional Plan for 2022-23.

Feedback received	Council's response
Goal 1: Services, facilities and programs	
Targets set for some activities were too 'safe'	Target intended to be about unique individuals, not total number of people through the door. Wording adjusted to make that clearer
Goal 2: Council and community infrastructure	
Activities seem to be focused on Tennant Creek; concern that Local Authorities will not be adequately consulted when determining needs and activities in other communities	Council is committed to providing services across the Barkly. This has been more fully described where appropriate. Council is very committed to proper community engagement with Local Authorities
Goal 3: Leadership and governance	
No feedback received	
Goal 4: Tourism and economic development	
Concern that appropriate consultation will occur with communities outside Tennant Creek	Council is very committed to proper community engagement across the Barkly
Desire that Council works in partnership with Traditional Owners to initiate and grow economic and social imperatives	Council is committed to working closely with all community stakeholders in achieving community outcomes
Suggestion to develop a 'Pride in our Place' program to support local business and others to enhance our streetscapes.	These ideas will be considered in the development and implementation of programs and activities that work towards enhancing our streetscapes
Recommend a general statement endorsing Council's support of the Barkly Region Destination Management Plan be included	This will be part of the Council's tourism strategy
Specific tourism initiatives identified for inclusion	The detailed activities will be described in Council's tourism plan
In relation to publishing a calendar of community and regional events, suggestion that NT and Australian tourism marketing teams be included in calendar distribution	Noted Council is committed to working closely with Tourism NT, Investment NT and other partners in delivering tourism and economic development activities and outcomes across the Barkly
Suggest deleting action relating to	Noted. Council's intent is to develop a plan

development of a Barkly Region Tourism Strategy as two currently exist	for implementing its responsibilities under these existing plans. Text has been edited to better reflect this intent
Concern about Visitor Information Centre feasibility study	Concerns noted, and will be taken into account. Tourism NT will be closely consulted in this activity
Suggested text change to streetscape enhancement program as it is already a designed program in implementation stage (within budget constraints)	Noted
There is an opportunity for a bigger project at Lake Mary Anne based on improved accommodation/camping experiences and event creation	Noted. This will be considered in the development of Council's strategic plan
Opportunities to consider are the development of a formal tourism MOU between Council and Tourism Central Australia, and Tourism NT's engagement around Council's tourism policy development	Noted
Goal 5: Culture, environment and heritage	
Concern that the animal management activities will apply across the region, and not just in Tennant Creek. Suggestions made for actions to be included in the Animal Management Plan	This feedback will be considered during the development of the Animal Management Plan
Concern that Waste Management Strategy be applied across the region, and specifically address waste capacity and infrastructure issues in Elliott	This feedback will inform the development of the Waste Management Strategy
Concern that actions of a re-established Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Committee be reasonable and fit within the community's goals	This feedback will be considered in the development of a Terms of Reference for the re-established Committee
Goal 6: Progressive stakeholder relationships	
Broad agreement with the activities related to support of Local Authorities, but concern that significant change will be required	Council is committed to working effectively with Local Authorities to support enhanced local outcomes
Desire that Council's Communications Strategy focuses on engagement, transparency and openness.	Council is committed to proper community engagement

Concern that Council is seeking to take on more responsibility and encroach on others' actions within the Barkly Regional Deal	Council's focus is on improving its response to those Deal activities that it has responsibility for leading or contributing to.
Goal 7: Employer of choice	
Desire that Council develop a specific Indigenous Employment Training Strategy with local Traditional Owners	Opportunities to enhance Indigenous employment and training options within Council will be included in the development of the Workforce Management Plan
General feedback	
If we want to create a 'Better Barkly' we need to look back to see what has been lost and how that might be addressed (particularly in relation to services in Elliott)	The Elliott community (and all communities) will be engaged in the development of the Better Barkly strategic plan
Council's decision to develop plans and strategies to deliver a range of services is applauded	These subject-specific plans will enable Council to be clear about what it will deliver over the coming years
A number of our communities have lower levels of service now than in the past. Encourage Council to pursue grants to address this imbalance (bias towards Tennant Creek)	Council will pursue all avenues for increasing resource availability to address community needs across the region
Would like to see an independent review of service delivery to regional communities	A review of service delivery across the region will be part of the development of the Better Barkly strategic plan
The Barkly Regional Deal belongs to the community, and Council should not hijack the process	Council's focus is on effectively delivering the Deal activities it has been charged with delivering (responsible lead or partner agency)
Look at 'Snap, send, solve' submissions and then act on them	A customer service review is underway and this will be considered as part of that review
The Local Government Act describes this plan as a "regional plan", so suggest the title be changed from "operating plan" to "regional plan"	Noted. Final published plan will be re-titled
Some legislative and other references are out of date	Draft updated accordingly
Miscalculation noted re Elected Member Allowances	Noted, and updated accordingly

Feedback on Budget	
Lack of budget for animal control	This is addressed in the Animal Management Plan
Budget for bike paths, but not footpaths	Usually it is the same infrastructure used for pedestrians and cyclists
Question about employee costs	Council is undertaking a review of its organisational structure
Suggest freeze all new positions until economic conditions improve	Council staff contribute to the local economy; It is a priority of Council to fill roles in order that planned activities can be delivered to our communities across the region

5. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

5.1 NORTHERN INTERESTS - TRANSFER OF LAND IN ELLIOTT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the presentation from Northern Interests representatives
 - a. Michael Harrington – Chairman
 - b. Ben Seekamp – CEO
 - c. Prof. Phil Harris – Principle, Troppo Architects
- b) Approve an amendment to item (b) only of resolution OCCS 94/20 to commence construction on the project on or before 30 December 2024, and complete construction within 18 months of commencement. Within 2 years;
- c) Provide 6 monthly to Council and quarterly to community via Local Authority; and
- d) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 107/22

MOTION

That Council: Break for Morning Tea

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 108/22

MOTION

That Council: Resume from Morning Tea

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 109/22

5.2 DIPL PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES UPDATES TO COUNCIL**MOTION**

That Council:

receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Logistics (DIPL).

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 110/22

6. MAYOR'S REPORT**6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT****MOTION**

That Council:

- a) Receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for the month of June; and
- b) Receive and note the report from the deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes from her June AGLA trip.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 111/22

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL****MOTION**

That Council:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following document under the Council's Common Seal:

1. Deed of variation to funding activities of the Aged Care Services Agreement between the Department of Health (DoH) and BRC and to extent until the end of 2022-23 financial year;
2. Remote Infrastructure Grant - Remote Community Sports Infrastructure Program – Ampliatwatja Capital Grant – Upgrade of the kitchen facilities \$40,000;
3. Remote Infrastructure Grant – CCTV for safe houses at Ali Curung and Elliott. \$56,675; and
4. Capital Grant Funding Agreement – Cyber spots, safe seating and solar lighting. \$300,000.

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes****Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 112/22***7.2 PEOPLE & CULTURE REPORT - JUNE 2022****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and Note the People & Culture Monthly Report for the month of June 2022

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell****Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 113/22***7.3 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of June 2022.
- b) Approve the appointment of Karen Legge as a strategic planner on a fixed term contract to one of the three vacant positions under the existing organizational structure pending the creation of an enduring position.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr Anita Bailey****Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 114/22***MOTION****That Council:** Break for Lunch

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr Greg Marlow**Seconded:** Cr Lennie Barton**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved* OC 115/22**7.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MAY REPORT****MOTION****That Council:** receive and note the Community Development report for May 2022**RESOLVED****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes**Seconded:** Cr Anita Bailey**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved* OC 116/22**7.5 GRANTS****MOTION****That Council:** Receive and note the Grants Report for the reporting period of May 2022.**RESOLVED****Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell**Seconded:** Cr Ronald Plummer**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved* OC 117/22**7.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT****MOTION****That Council:** receives and notes the Corporate Services report.

After installation of Telstra tower at 58 Peko it was brought up that a upgrade to the power network is required, council would like to know who is responsible.

As of yet there has not been an Audit and Risk committee meeting held due to unable to meet quorum council is hoping to make regular schedule meetings to avoid this the proposal is – March, May/June, and October or Bi-monthly

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr Ronald Plummer**Seconded:** Cr Greg Marlow**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved* OC 118/22

7.7 FINANCE REPORT**MOTION**

That Council: review and accept the May 2022 Finance report

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr Russell O'Donnell

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 119/22

7.8 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

a) Receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate Report for the month of June 2022.
Pot holes in the back lane between Ambrose and Patterson street behind Wok's up, issue has been reported and they are awaiting an outcome.
Council has been made aware that the street numbering on street verges are unreadable in places and missing in others, who is responsible for painting and upkeep

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 120/22

7.9 JUNE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 121/22

8. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of April;
- b) Approve the listed schedule of meeting dates.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Anita Bailey

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved OC 122/22</i>	

Local Authority	Next Meeting
Ali Curung	11 th July 12 th September 14 th November
Arlparra	19 th July 16 th August 20 th September 18 th October 15 November 20 th December
Alpururulam	12 th July 13 th September 15 th November
Elliott	14 th July 11 th August 15 th September 13 th October 10 th November 15 th December
Ampilatwatja	13 th July 10 th August 14 th September 12 th October 9 th November 14 th December
Wutunugurra	20 th July 17 th August 21 st September 19 th October 16 th November 21 st December

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 CULTURAL COMPETENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 25 MAY 2022

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Cultural Competency Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held on 25 May 2022 with the following amendments:

- (i) To the attendance list to include Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- (ii) Invite representatives from Patta Aboriginal Corporation to attend the next council meeting to discuss matters of common interest.

RESOLVED**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes**Seconded:** Cr Lennie Barton**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 123/22***10. GENERAL BUSINESS****10.1 BARKLY FINAL INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL REPORT 2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report from Northern Territory Electoral Commission report finding.
- b) Encourage AEC to apply penalties for non-voters sufficient to encourage a higher voter turnout
- c) Advocate for the development of an App for secure electronic voting
- d) Bring back Sausage Sizzle
- e) Write a letter to the NTEC with the above recommendations

Council would like the NTEC to look into more severe fines as they believe this along with something akin to a phone app might encourage a greater voter turnout during election times

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr Russell O'Donnell**Seconded:** Cr Greg Marlow**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 124/22***11. CORRESPONDENCE****11.1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ELECTED MEMBERS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) receive and note the correspondence received from DCM&C
- b) Schedule the training to be held over two days for Wednesday 27th July and Wednesday 27th August,
or
- c) Schedule the training for a full day on either Wednesday 27th July and Wednesday 27th August,

RESOLVED**Moved:** Cr Lennie Barton**Seconded:** Cr Greg Marlow**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 125/22

11.2 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - POOL MEMBERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRESCRIBED CORPORATION PANEL (PCP) - LGANT

MOTION

That Council:

- a) receive and note the correspondence from LGANT; and
- b) appoint Cr Greg Marlow for inclusion in the LGANT Prescribed Corporation Panel:

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes

Seconded: Cr Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 126/22

11.3 REQUEST TO CONSIDER THE WAIVING OF CIVIC CENTRE HIRE

MOTION

That Council:

- a) receive and note the correspondence from the Australian Red Cross;
- b) Decline the request for the waiver of civic hall hire fees for the booking on the 16th of June by the Australian Red Cross

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 127/22

MOTION

That Council: Break for Afternoon Tea

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Greg Marlow

Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 128/22

MOTION

That Council: Close Ordinary

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr Russell O'Donnell****Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 129/22***MOTION****That Council:** Open Confidential**RESOLVED****Moved: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes****Seconded: Cr Lennie Barton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 130/22***11.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS**

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

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Appoint the nominated local authority members:

- Julie Beasley
- Dianne Pompey
- Ada Beasley
- Tracey Peterson
- Rochelle Bonney
- Annette Nungala
- Jennifer Cudzow

- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr Greg Marlow****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 131/22***5. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION****RECOMMENDATION:**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with *Section 99(2)* of the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Regulation 51* of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;
- (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;
- (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:
 - (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
 - (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
 - (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members or staff; or
 - (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;
- (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;
- (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;
- (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

12. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move back into open session at <<enter time>>

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 4:30PM.

This page and the proceeding 18 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 30 June 2022 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

Unconfirmed

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Action Items
REFERENCE	374354
AUTHOR	Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Action and Resolution Tracker
- b) Move the items into Complete as per the Action and Resolution Tracker

SUMMARY:

Tabled is the Action and Resolution Tracker from the May and June 2022 Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	DILP Presentation on activities updates to Council
REFERENCE	374406
AUTHOR	Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Logistics (DIPL).

SUMMARY:

DIPL will give a verbal presentation to update Council on projects and programs that matters to BRC.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved at its February meeting to invite DIPL Regional Director Sarah Fairhead to address an upcoming Council meeting to update the progress of current and planned DIPL projects in the Barkly.

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

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

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Mayor's Report
REFERENCE	374323
AUTHOR	Galina Lazareva, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and CEO

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Receives and notes the report from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin for the month of July.

SUMMARY:

This month has been a big one.

- **Remote Communities update**

It is a pleasure to finally have our Ampilatwatja and Wutunugurra Local Authorities up and running and to work with our operations team this month. Some big highlights include the opening of a new Ablution block and New Sports and Recreation Centre in Ampilatwatja.

- **Trip to Mount Isa to attend North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC)**

I travelled to Mount Isa under invitation from the Mayor of the Burke Shire Council Ernie Camp to attend the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils. Mayor Tony Jack from Roper Gulf was also present. Discussions included Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games opportunities, waste management & resource recovery plans and presentations from the Queensland Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water, Robbie Katter MP, Representatives of LGAQ, and National Recovery and Resilience Agency on National Emergency Management.

I also met separately with the Mount Isa Mayor Danielle Slade, Deputy Mayor Phil Barwick and CEO David Keenan. We covered such topics as working together across borders, anti-social behavior, alcohol related issues including licensing, sharing resources, Mt Isa Rodeo.

- **Tennant Creek Show**

The Tennant Creek show was a big success this year. It was a privilege to host elected representatives on all sides of politics, including Senators, and having our Chief Minister Officially open the Show. I'd like to extend a big thank you to our CEO for stepping in and assisting with Governance, as well as to the rest of the depot and Council staff assisting with the Event.

- **NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC Week was a huge success - a big shout out to Julalikari and their team. It was fun to be involved in the NAIDOC March, playing music with the Work Camp band and playing with good old friend Bunna Lawrie and Coloured Stone. Also a big shout out to our Area managers and staff for putting on some great events in our remote communities. The Ali Curung Dance Festival was amazing and it was great to see our councillors attending.

- **Director of Infrastructure Santosh Niraula Passing**

On a very sad note, I was saddened to hear that our Director of Infrastructure Santosh Niraula passed away while on holiday in Nepal. This has been a very hard time for all of us. I had an opportunity to work closely with him as Acting CEO through the challenging times of the pandemic and floods. I hold him in the highest regard as a true legend and his legacy will be in the Barkly for generations to come. God bless him and his family.

- **Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes' 60th Birthday**

On a happier note, Barkly Regional Council staff got together on Tue 19 July to celebrate Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes' anniversary. I would like to once again extend my best wishes and congratulations to Dianne.

BACKGROUND

MAYORS CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

July 2022	
Weekly activities	
Lunch and catch-up with the CEO	
Tennant Creek & District Show Society Meeting	
Monday 4 July	NAIDOC Week March
Tuesday 5 July	Anyinginyi Open Day
Wednesday 6 July	Meeting with Eva Lawler, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics, Caleb Johnston, Infrastructure Adviser and Andrew Kirkman, Chief Executive DIPL
Thursday 7 July	TCA General Meeting Preparation for Tennant Creek Show
Friday 8 July	Tennant Creek Show
Wed-Thu 13-14 July	Trip to Mount Isa to attend North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC)
Friday 15 July	Meeting with members of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee
Tuesday 19 July	Birthday Barbeque – Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes
Monday 25 July	Attend Wutunugurra LA meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Passing of Santosh Niarula, Director of Infrastructure
REFERENCE	374292
AUTHOR	Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Note the passing of En. Santosh Niarula, Director of Infrastructure and express condolences to Mrs Niarula and family; and
- b) Approve a service to dedicate the Cemetery Chapel to the memory of Mr Niarula.

SUMMARY:

This report is to formally acknowledge the passing of Mr Santosh Niarula, Director of Infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

It was with great sadness Council learned of the passing of our Director of Infrastructure, Mr Santosh Niarula on 07/07/2022 following a stroke while on holiday at home in Nepal.

The CEO extended Council's deepest sympathies to Mrs Niarula and family, and let her know that Council, and Santosh's friends and colleagues stood ready and available to assist with any arrangements that may need to be made here in Australia.

Santosh's funeral was held on Friday 08 July 2022 at one of the Churches in Kathmandu.

The CEO and staff arranged for a service to be held here in Tennant Creek at the Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel on Friday 29th July to enable Councillors, staff and community to commemorate Santosh's contribution to our region.

The Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel was completed by the Barkly Regional Council Department of Infrastructure under Santosh's direction earlier this year and was opened by the then Chief Minister Michael Gunner.

Santosh expressed his pride in this project particularly, having contributed significantly to the design of the Chapel.

It is recommended that a plaque commemorating Santosh's life, and acknowledge his contribution be affixed to the chapel at the commemorative service. Santosh's family have indicated their approval and appreciation of the proposal.

The CEO will pick Mrs Niarula up in Darwin on Saturday 22nd July and drive her back to Tennant Creek following her return from Nepal in time to attend the service.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

None identified.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Modest cost – not quantified at this time.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The CEO and other staff have consulted with family, and with Councillors.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	The Chief Executive Officer's Report
REFERENCE	374371
AUTHOR	Galina Lazareva, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and CEO

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of July 2022.

REPORT:

- CEO Performance Appraisal
- Meeting with Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Eva Lawler, Infrastructure Advisor Caleb Johnston and Chief Executive DIPL Andrew Kirkman
- Finance update:
 - Special Meeting of the Council, Signatories and bank accounts,
 - Grant acquittals
 - Completion and audit of Special Purpose Financial Statement
 - FBT Returns
 - Business Activity Statements
 - Barkly Benevolent Purposes Trust
- Recruitment: People and Culture Manager recruitment - Bakhita Southcott
- Organisational structure review
- Tennant Creek Show
- Trip to Darwin to attend ICAC Nominated Recipient Forum and bring back the family of the late Director Infrastructure Santosh Niraula
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
- ICAC Nominated Recipient Training

BACKGROUND

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

Date	Event/Meeting	Location
Weekly meetings	BRC Executive Leadership Meeting	41 Peko/Zoom
	One-on-one with Council Directors	
	One-on-one with Ben Campion Executive Officer, Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	
	Purkiss Reserve Working Group	

	Streetscape Project Working Group	
Weekly meetings	Tennant Creek & District Show Society (TCDSS) Meeting	
July 1	Barkly Regional Coordination Committee meeting	41 Peko
July 3	NAIDOC Opening - BBQ	Peko Park
July 4	NAIDOC Week March	TC
July 5	Finalising Barkly Regional Plan	Zoom
July 6	Meeting with Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Eva Lawler	41 Peko
	Special Meeting of the Council	
July 7	Meeting with ANZ Bank	ANZ TC
	Farewell to P&C Manager	58 Peko Rd
	Meeting with TFHC - Sport and Recreation	41 Peko Rd
July 8	Tennant Creek Show – BRC Stall	TC Showgrounds
July 9	NAIDOC Closing and concert	Nyinkka Nyinnu
July 11	Meeting with Matt Roper, First Assistant Secretary, Cities Division, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications	Online
July 12	LEC Monthly Meeting - PFES	TC Police Station
	Waste Management Strategy for the Barkly Region – planning meeting	Zoom
July 13	Project Planning Meeting Capital Grant BRC-CIP002 - Cyber spots, safe seating and solar lighting	41 Peko Rd
	Interviews: P&C Manager	
July 14	Barkly and Mt Isa Mayor and CEO discussion	Zoom
	Interviews: Senior Admin Officer	41 Peko, Zoom
July 15	Future Fuels Program - FutureBus & BRC CEO	Zoom
	Andrews Property – staff housing	41 Peko Rd
	Stronger Places Stronger People Program - Barkly Region	Zoom
July 18	'What Good looks like in the Barkly' Review of outcomes indicators for the Barkly Regional Deal Evaluation Framework	41 Peko Rd
July 19	Barkly Regional Council CEO Performance Appraisal	41 Peko Rd
	Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes Birthday Barbeque	41 Peko Rd
July 20	Aged Care Service Development – SDAP Project	41 Peko Rd
	Fly to Darwin	
July 21	Meeting with Sean Holden, LGANT	Darwin
	Meeting with Luccio Cercarelli, Palmerston City Council CEO	
	ICAC Nominated Recipient Forum 2022	
	Meeting with Maree de Lacey, Executive Director, Local Government, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	
July 22	Meeting with new P&C Manager Bakhita Southcott	Darwin
July 25	Wutunugurra Local Council	Wutunugurra
July 26	Muslim Community of Tennant Creek – Mosque discussion	41 Peko Rd

[END REPORT]

ATTACHMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Audit and Risk Committee
REFERENCE	374555
AUTHOR	Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- i) confirm the following elected members as members of the Audit and Risk committee
 - a. Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes
 - b. Cr Russell O'Donnell
 - c. Cr Hal Ruger
 - d. Cr Greg Marlow
 - e. Cr Pam Corbett
- ii) Receive and note the BRC Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference

SUMMARY:

This report is to seek Council's confirmation of the appointment of the members of the Audit and Risk Committee

BACKGROUND

Council has established an Audit Committee in accordance with Section 86(1) of the Local Government Act (2019), to ensure its compliance with proper standards of financial management and applicable law.

The committee's functions are to:

- monitor and review the integrity of the council's financial management
- monitor and review financial controls
- make recommendations to the council about the matters the committee considers require council's consideration.

The Audit and Risk Committee meets four (4) times per year to offer advice on matters relating to corporate and financial governance, with Independent Members serving a 2-year term.

At its March meeting Council resolved to appoint Mackenzie Godson to Chair the Audit and Risk Committee. The committee has not met since 26th March 2021

Records show Cr Russell O'Donnell, Cr Hal Ruger, Cr Greg Marlow, Cr Pam Corbett and Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes as the

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Failure to appoint a Chair is a risk to the functionality and operation of the committee and exposes council to non-compliance with the Local Government Act 2019.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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Barkly Regional Council Terms of Reference – Audit Committee



TITLE:	Audit Committee: Terms Of Reference		
DIVISION:	Corporate Services		
ADOPTED BY:	Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	23 February 2018	DATE OF REVIEW:	September 2021
MOTION NUMBER:	OC 46/18		
POLICY NUMBER:	NA		
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

PREAMBLE

Barkly Regional Council has established the Audit Committee pursuant to the Regulations 10(3) of the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* to assist the Council in monitoring its compliance with proper standards of financial management, and its compliance with the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations* and Accounting Standards.

LEGISLATION

The Audit Committee (the Committee) is established as an advisory committee to the Council in accordance with the Local Government Act Part 4, and section 10(3) of the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

10. Internal Controls

(1) The CEO must establish and maintain internal controls to:

- (a) safeguard the assets of council; and
- (b) ensure the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the accounting data; and
- (c) promote the efficiency of the Council; and
- (d) ensure compliance with relevant laws in force in the Territory;
- (e) ensure adherence to Council policies.

(3). Without limiting subregulation (1), the CEO must establish and maintain an audit committee:

- (a) to monitor:
 - (i) compliance by the council with proper standards of financial management; and
 - (ii) compliance by the Council with these regulations and Accounting standards; and
- (b) whose chairperson must not be a member of Council or a member of Council's staff.

BRC Terms of reference – Audit Committee

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Barkly Regional Council Terms of Reference – Audit Committee



OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Audit Committee is to advise Council on, and where delegated, determine upon matters outlined in the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee. This includes the provision of independent review and assistance and assistance to the Council, Chief Executive Officer and executive management on Council's risk, control and compliance framework, and its financial statement pertaining to its financial management responsibilities.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Audit Committee are appointed by the Council. The Audit Committee shall consist of six (6) members:

- One (1) independent Member (Chair)
- Five (5) Elected Members (Councillors)

Appointments of Elected Members shall be for a term of two (2) years. Appointees may be reappointed by the Council for a maximum of six (6) consecutive years.

Independent Members of the Audit Committee shall have senior business or financial management/reporting knowledge and expertise, be conversant with financial risk management and governance issues, have extensive accounting, auditing or legal skills, and other reporting requirements of Local Government.

Appointments of external Independent Members shall be for a term of two (2) years at the commencement of each Council term. Appointees may serve as an Independent Member for the maximum period of four (4) terms.

CHAIRPERSON

The Council shall appoint the Independent Member as the Chairperson for the period of that Members appointment.

The Chairperson's performance shall be reviewed by the CEO on an annual basis.

The Council shall endorse the appointment of the Chairperson on an annual basis by resolution.

The Chairperson of the Audit Committee must be an Independent Member. Elected members of Barkly Regional Council are not eligible to Chair the Audit Committee.

AUTHORITY

The Council authorise the Audit Committee, within the scope of its roles and responsibilities, through the Chairperson, to:

- seek any information it requires, subject to their legal obligation to protect information, from any of the Directors and Managers in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer;
- discuss any matters with the external auditor, or other external parties (subject to confidentiality considerations);
- request the attendance of any of the Directors and Managers, including the Chief Executive Officer, at Audit Committee meetings; and
- obtain external legal or other independent professional advice with the agreement of the Chief Executive Officer.

Barkly Regional Council Terms of Reference – Audit Committee



The Committee is directly responsible and accountable to the Council for the exercise of its responsibilities. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee must at all times recognise that primary responsibility for management of Council rests with the Chief Executive Officer.

The Committee can perform or instigate investigations on Council's request.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Financial Reporting

The Audit Committee shall monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the Council, including its annual report, reviewing significant financial reporting issues and judgements which they contain.

The Audit Committee shall review and challenge where necessary:

- (a) the adequacy of processes to ensure integrity of reported financial information and appropriate review and management sign-off, prior to the CEO's and Council's approval of the draft financial statements;
- (b) the consistency of, and any changes to, accounting policies both on a year on year basis;
- (c) the methods used to account for significant or unusual transactions where different approaches are possible;
- (d) whether the Council has followed appropriate accounting standards and made appropriate estimates and judgements, taking into account the views of the external auditor;
- (e) the clarity of disclosure in the Council's financial reports and the context in which statements are made;
- (f) all material information presented with the financial statements, such as the operating and financial review and the corporate governance statement; and
- (g) the processes in place to ensure that the financial information included in the Council's annual report is consistent with the signed financial statements.

Compliance

The Audit Committee shall:

- (a) review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring the Council's compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and associated government policies pertaining to proper standards of financial management which the Council must comply with;
- (b) review the process for building the capacity of Council to manage financial misconduct risk and its management strategies to enhance resistance to financial misconduct whilst improving Council's financial performance and integrity;
- (c) monitor compliance of Program Funding Agreements, Service Level Agreements, Funding Agreements or any other agreements with any funding bodies or agencies to ensure proper standards of financial management;
- (d) keep informed on the findings of any examinations of financial matters by regulatory agencies, and any auditor (internal or external) observations and monitor management's response to these findings;
- (e) obtain regular updates from management on compliance matters pertaining to financial management and Accounting Standards.

BRC Terms of reference – Audit Committee

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Barkly Regional Council Terms of Reference – Audit Committee



Internal Control and Risk Management

The Audit Committee may address issues pertaining to the approach, strategies and activities undertaken by Council to address business, corporate, and financial risk, governance responsibilities and legislative compliance as assigned to it by the Chief Executive Officer or Council.

The Audit Committee may also review issues of a strategic nature as required by the Chief Executive Officer or Council.

Internal Audit

Review the adequacy of the Council's internal audit function for ensuring compliance with the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations*, the Australian Accounting Standards, and the proper standards of financial management.

The Committee is to provide advice on the adequacy of internal audit resources relevant to the Council's identified financial risks and management strategies.

The Committee shall review Council's unaudited financial statements at the end of the financial year; set the internal audit agenda and Committee's work plan, including meeting dates, for the coming financial year.

External Audit

The Audit Committee shall assist Council meet its financial management, Accounting Standards, and regulatory obligations by meeting with the External Auditors as required, and discussing findings, review the draft audited financial statements and provide necessary feedback to Council.

The Audit Committee shall also review the effectiveness of the external audit and monitor the implementations of any recommendations authorised by Council or the Chief Executive Officer.

The Audit Committee shall review the Report to the Chief Executive Officer and management's response to the external auditor's findings and recommendations.

Provision of Information

The Chief executive Officer will advise the committee members in the event of the following:

- loss of significant funded programs;
- material theft;
- adverse financial event.

Administrative Review

The Audit Committee shall have an administrative review function (s229 *Local Government Act*) if required, so as to review a Council decision which is designated as reviewable by the *Local Government Act*. Administrative review matters shall be assigned to the Committee as required by the Chief executive Officer or Council.

Barkly Regional Council Terms of Reference – Audit Committee



MEETINGS

A meeting of the Audit Committee can be called at the request of and two (2) members of the Committee or by the Chair.

The Audit Committee Meetings shall be considered confidential subject to s65(2) of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations*.

The Audit Committee will hold meetings at least (4) times in a year. The internal or external auditors may request a meeting if they consider that one is necessary.

Meetings can be held in person, by telephone, or by video conference.

Only members of the Audit Committee are entitled to vote in Audit Committee meetings. Unless otherwise required by the Act not to vote, each member must vote on every matter that is before the Committee for decision.

The Chief Executive Officer, Directors and Finance Manager shall be invited to attend each meeting, unless specifically requested not to do so by the chairperson of the Committee.

QUORUM

A quorum for the Audit Committee is four (4) members and must include the Chair.

PROXIES

In order to ensure continuity and a useful level of knowledge and experience, Audit Committee members are not permitted to send proxies to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Chief Executive Officer will appoint a Secretary to provide administrative support to the Audit Committee.

REPORTING

Following each meeting of the Audit Committee, the meeting minutes will be presented to the Council providing information on the meeting and its outcomes and recommendations.

Audit Committee minutes will be designated confidential.

The Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall prepare and provide an annual report on the Committee's operations to the Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with s74(1) of the *Local Government Act*, Committee members will be required to disclose conflicts of interest at the commencement of each meeting.

Where members or invitees at Committee meetings are deemed to have a real or perceived conflict of interest, they will be excused from Committee discussions on the issue where a conflict of interest exists.

MEETING SITTING FEE

Independent Members of the Audit Committee will be remunerated at a rate per meeting by agreement with the Chief Executive Officer. This payment rate covers preparation for the meeting, meeting attendance, and travel expenses.

On attendance, each Councillor who is an Audit Committee Member will be paid extra meeting allowance for that meeting.

Barkly Regional Council Terms of Reference – Audit Committee



COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW

The Committee will review its performance on an annual basis and report to Council.

The review may be conducted as a self-assessment, and will be coordinated by the Chairperson. The assessment may also seek input from other parties.

The review will also include a review of the Terms of Reference for Audit Committee.

New members will receive relevant information and briefings on their appointment to assist them to meet their Committee responsibilities.

LEGISLATION REFERENCED IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Local Government Act

Local Government (Accounting) Regulation

Local Government (Administration) Regulation

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Dates of amendments made by Council resolution:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Monthly Financial Statements Report
REFERENCE	374565
AUTHOR	Anupam (Frank) Singh, Acting Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council: receive and note the monthly financial statements report June 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide councillors with the monthly financial statements for the month on June 2022, with comments.

BACKGROUND

Finance Review June 2022

Total Comprehensive Income currently sits at 6.09M, 2.8M above budget.

Prepayment of operational funding for the 2022_2023 financial year and unbudgeted grant funds are the major contributors to the 2.6M variance in comprehensive income, together they contribute 2.6M of the variance. Of note are the BBRF- Infrastructure Fund, Local Road & Community Infrastructure Fund and Remote Sport Program Annual Funding.

The Balance sheet was out of balance with \$40,000/- as of 31 June 2022.

Our analysis point this variance to the failure of the Financial Model to capture all the relevant accounts from the Trial Balance. The finance team will be reviewing the Financial Model attempting to reconcile the difference. This activity will also contribute to the FY 2021-2022 Audit preparation.

Employee expenses and capital works funding make up an additional 1.5M & 2.7M respectively of the balance and capital works grant funding 2.7M of this balance.

Payments received include the following grant funds,

\$ 1,234,613.64	BBR Infrastructure Fund
\$ 310,440.00	NTG Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program
\$ 300,601.00	NTG Remote Sports Program Annual Funding

Cash reserves currently sit at \$12M, \$6.5M above YTD expectations.

Work in Progress remains at \$14.39M, No assets were commissioned in June 2022.

Projects forecast for completion include the Ablution Block in Ampilatwatja, \$5M and Barkly Youth Centre \$2.8M bringing us within reach of the year end budget target of \$6.5M.

Depreciation expense sits at 1.01% below budget at \$2.9M.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

CEO and Acting Finance Manager

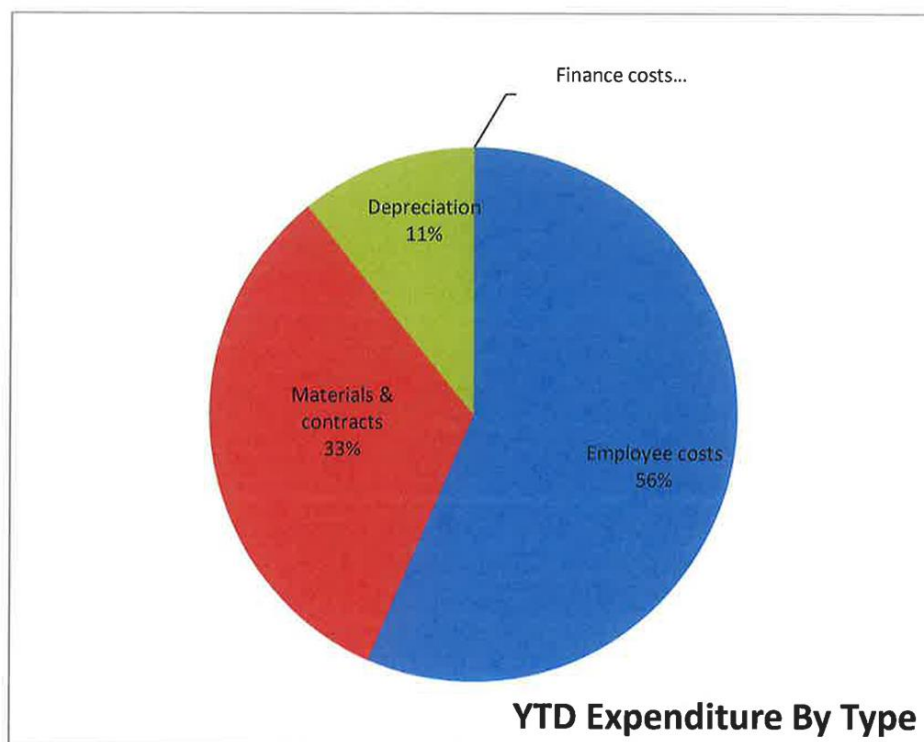
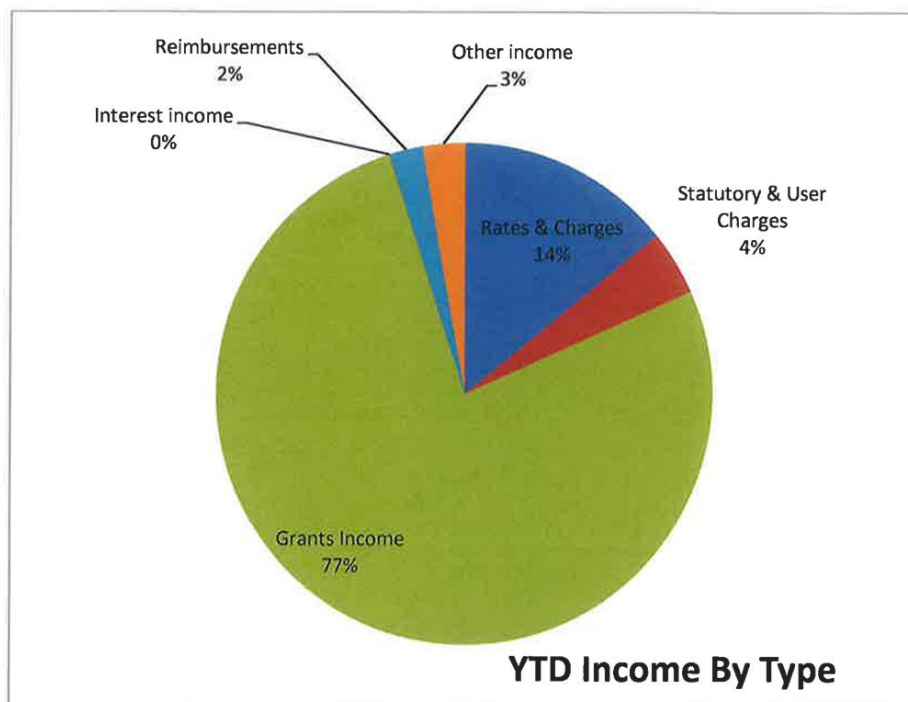
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Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the month ended June 30 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud Remaining \$ 000's
INCOME						
Rates	2	3901	3941	(40)	3,941	40
Statutory charges	2	9	12	(3)	12	3
User charges	2	1140	1229	(89)	1,229	89
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2	21236	18685	2,552	25,198	3,961
Investment income	2	13	38	(25)	38	25
Reimbursements	2	585	588	(4)	588	4
Other income	2	752	462	290	458	(294)
Net gain - equity accounted Council businesses	19					
Total Income		27,636	24,954	2,681	31,464	3,828
EXPENSES						
Employee costs	3	15050	16791	(1,741)	16,791	1,741
Materials, contracts & other expenses	3	8712	8571	140	7,588	(1,124)
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3	2870	2923	(53)	2,923	53
Finance costs	3	13	18	(6)	18	6
Total Expenses		26,644	28,304	(1,660)	27,320	676
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		992	-3349	4341	4144	3152
Asset disposal & fair value adjustments	4	272	175	97	0	-272
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	2	4826	6513	-1687	6513	1687
Physical resources received free of charge	2	0	0	0	0	0
Operating result from discontinued operations	20	0	0	0	0	0
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (transferred to Equity Statement)		6,090	3,339	2,751	10,657	4,567
Other Comprehensive Income						
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	9	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		6,090	3,339	2,751	10,657	4,567
Share of Net Surplus / (Deficit)						
Council		6,090	3,339	2,751	10,657	4,567
		6,090	3,339	2,751	10,657	4,567
Share of Other Comprehensive Income						
Council		-	-	-	-	-
Minority Interest		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		6,090	3,339	2,751	10,657	4,567

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



Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position
for the month ended June 30 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	YTD Var \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud 2022 Remaining
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	5	12,600.00	6,508.00	6,092.00	6,508.00	6,092.00
Trade & other receivables	5	3,175.27	670.50	2,504.77	670.50	-2,524.49
Other financial assets	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inventories	5	26.94	25.00	1.94	0.00	0.00
		<u>15,802.21</u>	<u>7,203.50</u>	<u>8,598.71</u>	<u>7,178.50</u>	<u>3,567.51</u>
Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets		<u>15,802.21</u>	<u>7,203.50</u>	<u>8,598.71</u>	<u>7,178.50</u>	<u>3,567.51</u>
Non-current Assets						
Financial assets	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equity accounted investments in Council businesses	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment property	7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unallocated Expense		40.00				
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	7	26,454.42	21,973.00	4,481.42	21,733.00	-4,721.42
Other non-current assets	6	14,393.45	29,362.86	-14,969.42	29,363.00	29,363.00
Total Non-current Assets		<u>40,887.86</u>	<u>51,335.86</u>	<u>-10,488.00</u>	<u>51,096.00</u>	<u>24,641.58</u>
Total Assets		<u>56,690.07</u>	<u>58,539.36</u>	<u>-1,889.29</u>	<u>58,274.50</u>	<u>28,209.10</u>
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Trade & other payables	8	1,772.00	1,038.00	734.00	1,038.00	1,038.00
Borrowings	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provisions	8	1,627.00	1,371.00	256.00	0.00	1,371.00
Other current liabilities	8					
		<u>3,399.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>	<u>990.00</u>	<u>1,038.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities		<u>3,399.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>	<u>990.00</u>	<u>1,038.00</u>	<u>2,409.00</u>
Non-current Liabilities						
		<u>3,399.00</u>				
Trade & Other Payables	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,038.00	0.00
Borrowings	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provisions	8	417.00	401.00	16.00	0.00	401.00
Liability - Equity accounted Council businesses	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Non-current Liabilities	8					
Total Non-current Liabilities		<u>417.00</u>	<u>401.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>1,038.00</u>	<u>401.00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,817.00</u>	<u>2,810.00</u>	<u>1,006.00</u>	<u>2,076.00</u>	<u>2,810.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>52,873.07</u>	<u>55,729.36</u>	<u>-2,895.29</u>	<u>56,198.50</u>	<u>25,399.10</u>

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Financial Position con't
for the month ended June 30 2022

	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	Var YTD \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's	Bud 2022 \$ 000's
EQUITY						
Accumulated Surplus		26,400.85	16,399.00	10,001.85	25,787.00	24,705.00
Asset Revaluation Reserves	9	23,054.00	22,320.00	734.00	23,789.00	23,789.00
Other Reserves	9	3,418.00	7,423.00	-4,005.00	0.00	4,221.00
Total Council Equity		<u>52,872.85</u>	<u>46,142.00</u>	<u>6,730.85</u>	<u>49,576.00</u>	<u>52,715.00</u>
Minority Interest		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>52,872.85</u>	<u>46,142.00</u>	<u>6,730.85</u>	<u>49,576.00</u>	<u>52,715.00</u>

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the month ended June 30 2022

STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

<u>Projects Capitalized</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wutungurra Womens Art Center	251,622.14	Wutungurra
Elliott Oval Change Room	631,517.23	Elliott
Elliott Oval ADJUSTMENT	11,709.04	Elliott
SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE REFURBISH ARLP	137,860.84	Arlpara
Tennant Creek Cemetary Chapel	530,526.60	Tennant Creek
SHADE STRUCTURE	20,000.00	Elliott
LAKE MARY ANN PICNIC TABLES	127,509.79	Tennant Creek
ANZAC Memorial Shade	45,695.00	Elliott
Alpurrurulam Playground Surface	72,727.36	Alpurrurulam
Pool Fence	85,367.36	Alpurrurulam
BMX track Wutungurra	109,987.64	Wutungurra
SKATE PARK	193,480.00	Alpurrurulam
Basketball court	234,371.64	Alpurrurulam
Pool Covers	35,158.00	Tennant Creek
Arlpara Playground Cover	87,458.73	Arlpara
Purkiss Reserve Fencing	17,451.20	Tennant Creek
TL6035AGEDCARE	6,818.18	AGEDCARE
TL6024AGEDCARE	6,818.18	AGEDCARE
TL6034CCTRAILER	6,818.18	AGEDCARE
CE53TMWHINO	77,821.79	Tennant Creek
CE54NTRANGER	59,143.62	Tennant Creek
CE50VYRIDEON	32,950.00	Wutungurra
CE62AYHINODUMP	94,486.74	Elliott
Bunded Tank Modification	42,956.00	Tennant Creek
Bunded Tank Modification ADJ	4,163.64	Tennant Creek
CE69TARANGER	46,580.47	Tennant Creek
TM1447TRAILER	14,000.00	ALI CURRUNG
Purkiss Reserve Cricket Pitch Covev	5,715.00	Tennant Creek
LAKE MARY ANN PLAYGROUND ADJ	17,423.50	Tennant Creek
Total Assets Commissioned YTD JUNE 2022	3,008,137.87	
Purkiss Reserve	9,000,000.00	Tennant Creek
Lake Mary Ann Toilet Upgrade	735.64	
Barkly Youth Centre	3,117,762.04	Tennant Creek
Ali Currung Youth Centre	609,971.21	Ali Currung
Ampilatwatja Sports and Recreation	755,601.13	Ampilatwatja
Ablution Block - Ampilatwatja	527,890.72	Ampilatwatja
Demountable office	85,228.90	Tennant Creek
TC Office Refurbishment	3,910.00	Tennant Creek
Peko Park Replacement Of W.C.	3,001.04	Tennant Creek
Dangerous Goods Containers	336.00	Tennant Creek
TC Bike Path/Shared Path construction	87358.73	Tennant Creek
Tennant Creek Footpath	6,508.00	Tennant Creek
Mary Ann Dam Tender Fees	168.00	Tennant Creek
BRD Solarpanel Installation at Marlinja	68,000.00	Marlinja
Single cab tipper	338.18	Tennant Creek
Garbage Truck	338.18	Tennant Creek
Porta Loos	22,140.00	Tennant Creek
MERAKI MIGRATION TELSTRA	103,736.33	Tennant Creek
Current WIP Projects	14,393,024.10	

**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
General Purpose Financial Reports**

Note 5 - LIQUID ASSETS

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS 31/05/2022	Notes	Act YTD \$ 000's	Bud YTD \$ 000's	Bud FY	Var YTD
Cash on Hand and at Bank					
Westpac Operation Account		149	-	-	148
Westpac trust Account		2,751	1	1	2,439
ANZ Operational		6,563	3,366	3,366	2,944
Westpac Term Deposit		3,137	3,140	3,140	(3)
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc					
Bills of Exchange					
		12,599	6,507	6,507	5,528

Barkly Regional Council
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the month ended June 30 2022

Act YTD	Notes	Acc'd Surplus \$ 000's	Asset Rev'n Reserve \$ 000's	Other Reserves \$ 000's	Total Council Equity \$ 000's	Minority Interest Equity \$ 000's	TOTAL EQUITY \$ 000's
Balance at end of previous reporting period		20,311	23,054	3,418	46,783	-	46,783
Adjustment due to compliance with revised Accounting Standards					-		-
Adjustment to give effect to changed accounting policies					-		-
Restated opening balance		20,311	23,054	3,418	46,783	-	46,783
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		6,090			6,090		6,090
Other Comprehensive Income							
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment					-		-
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve					-		-
Transfer to accumulated surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment					-		-
Net assets transferred - Council restructure					-		-
Share of other comprehensive income - equity accounted Council businesses					-		-
Other equity adjustments - equity accounted Council businesses					-		-
Transfers between reserves				-	-		-
Balance at end of period	9	26,401	23,054	3,418	52,873	-	52,873

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the month ended June 30 2022

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

RATES - GENERAL & OTHER		585				
			Current Year 2021_22	20_21	19_20	18_19
June 2022	585	183.45	117.67	92.5	64.82	126.19
		31%	30%	15%	11%	22%
Apr 2022	710	261	140	103	75	131
		45%	24%	18%	13%	22%
			Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		286				
June 2022	286	63.7	29.2	19.33	143.52	
		29.02%	12.24%	3.50%	55.24%	
Apr 2022	286	83	35	10	158	
		29.02%	12.24%	3.50%	55.24%	

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number	Amount (000's)	Comment
323	125	AUS Projects NT Pty Ltd
076	5	Territory Families
020	4	T&J Contractors
175	3	Darrin's Rubbish Removal D
198	3	NT Link Pty Ltd
314	3	Dog Infringement

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Grants Report
REFERENCE	373214
AUTHOR	Susan Wright, Grants Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the reporting period of May 2022.
- b) Receive and review the applications for the BRC Community Benefit Grant and award funding as per the guidelines as Council sees fit.

SUMMARY:

This report is to update Council on the current Grants situation as well as provide the Council with the applications for the BRC Community Benefit Fund for consideration.

BACKGROUND

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

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

The BRC Community Benefit Fund grant round closed on June 30, 2022. It is recommended that the full Guidelines be reviewed prior to awarding grants. The BRC CBF report is attached with the applications and any supporting evidence provided.

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

Applications In Progress – no applications in progress

Successful Applications

Suicide Prevention Grants	NTG	Suicide Story	\$10,000	Elliott
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Applications Submitted – no applications submitted

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details

Awaiting Outcome

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details
Healthy Lifestyle Grant	NTG	Tennant Creek Fitness and Well-being	\$30,000	Wages for staff at the gym

BBRF	DITRDC	Staff Housing Civic Building and Administration Upgrades	\$4M	Staff housing to be built for Council employees Upgrades to the civic hall and administration buildings
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Unsuccessful Applications

Program	Funding Body	Project	AMOUNT	Details
Suicide Prevention Grants	NTG	Suicide Story	\$10,000	All communities except Elliott were unsuccessful

Grants (Pending acquittal)

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

Municipal and Essential Services - Town Camps 2018/2023

Municipal and Essential Services 2018/2023

Homelands Jobs 2018/2023

Municipal and Essential Services 2018/2023

Homelands Jobs 2018/2023

Municipal and Essential Services - Town Camps 2018/2023

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Financial Reporting Overdue

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

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

- Some grant reports are overdue which is a high risk to council funding, present and future. Some projects have not been completed on time and variations are being requested.
- Some grants payments are conditional on receiving reports (narrative and financial).
- Unresolved reporting can also lead to future funding bodies' lack of confidence in BRC's abilities to adhere to the terms of reference of a grant agreement. This may result in unsuccessful applications affecting Council's ability to attract future funds.

This leaves Council at risk for not getting new grants up such as the BBRF. If we have not completed the current project, we may not be eligible to receive more funding.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

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

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

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

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

CONSULTATION & TIMING

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

BRC CBF Report Round 2

Zip folder of BRC CBF applications and supporting material

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee
REFERENCE	374180
AUTHOR	Emma Bradbury, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- i) **Call for nominations to Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee**
- ii) **Develop a draft Terms of Reference for the Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee, having regard to the knowledge and history of the previous Purkiss Reserve Committee**
- iii) **Seek a further recommendation to approve and appoint nominees and adopt an agreed Terms of Reference.**

ALIGNMENT TO REGIONAL PLAN 2022 – 2023

Goal 2 – Council and Community Infrastructure

2.5 Develop a management plan for Purkiss Reserve

2.17 Enable community access to council owned community facilities across the region.

Goal 6 – Progressive Stakeholder Relationships

6.1 Map our service delivery partnerships, and confirm role and responsibility in relation to each of these relationships

SUMMARY:

This report seeks to establish the Purkiss Reserve User Group Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

Purkiss Reserve is a council owned recreational reserve that provides a range of community sporting, youth and recreational facilities and is regularly used by a range of user groups.

The Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee was recognized as a committee of council in the 2017-18 Regional Plan, and the council website shows that the committee met regularly up until October 2017. Since then it has met only 5 times, with the last meeting recorded on Council's website in March 2021.

In 2019 the Northern Territory Government allocated approximately \$9m to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to upgrade Purkiss Reserve. This project has been subject to a range of delays resulting from the national impacts of the pandemic, knowledge loss, and staff turnover.

Since March 2022, Council has met regularly with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to resume progress on the project.

In July 2022 the Mayor and CEO met with The Hon Eva Lawler and CEO Andrew Kirkman of Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and were advised that the contract to deliver the project has been awarded to Remote Industries.

At its March 2022 meeting, Council resolved at Item 3.1 Resolution OC46/22 to dissolve the Purkiss Reserve Committee. This decision reflected a general loss of connection and engagement between the committee and council across the extended period of planning and implementation of the upgrade to the reserve; and a need to review and update the Terms of Reference for the committee.

Following the announcement by the Minister, the Mayor and CEO met with members of the previous Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee Mr Wayne Green and Mr Ray Wallis to discuss the value and importance of active engagement between the Council and the sporting and community groups as users of Purkiss Reserve.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Failure to engage effectively with user groups of councils infrastructure and assets risks undermining the relationship between council and community. It is also a risk that the investment in the upgrade of the infrastructure, and the management of the assets and the reserve does not reflect community need. Failure to engage our community through well governed advisory groups also risks diminished operational maintenance and upkeep of our open spaces.

Council is committed to strong community engagement, and to delivering positive community outcomes through sports, recreation and efficient and effective service delivery.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Yet to be quantified.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

It has been identified that council does not have current or costed resource plans aligning to service level agreements for the upkeep and maintenance of Purkiss Reserve, nor are there current user group agreements in place. Council is committed in the Annual Regional Plan 2022-2023 to ensure that there are adequate resources within council, including responsible personnel, to address these gaps.

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

Council, through Corporate Services will call for nominations in August, and table a recommendation to council in September.

Further consultation and the development of the ToR will be contingent on the appointment of a number of key positions in the organization. (Goal 7 – Employer of Choice , 7.1 Conduct an internal review of Council’s organisational structure.)

The commencement of the new Manager of People and Culture in mid-August will support progress on this goal by September.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Infrastructure Directorate Report
REFERENCE	374394
AUTHOR	Li-Chung (Stanley) Wan, Acting Director of Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Receive and note the Infrastructure Directorate Report for the month of July 2022.

SUMMARY:

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-June 2022 to mid-July 2022.

BACKGROUND

Acting Director of Infrastructure Li-Chung (Stanley) WAN commenced acting in the role when Santosh Niarula commenced leave, and finished the higher duty on 22/July/2022 with Troy Koch appointed to act in the role until a Director of Infrastructure is appointed.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

- Ampilatwatja Ablution Block:**
Final handover inspection completed. The project is in handover phase.
Awaiting Occupancy Permit from certifier prior to schedule an opening ceremony.
- Tennant Creek Youth Centre:**
Construction in progress (94.5%) – expected practical completion early August 2022
- Ali Curung Youth Centre:**
Awaiting DCA approval.
The project can only resume after the DCA approval.
- Ampilatwatja Basketball Court Enclosure:**
Final handover inspection completed. The project is in handover phase.
Awaiting Occupancy Permit from certifier prior to schedule an opening ceremony.
- Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill:**
The demountable has been delivered and stored at temporary site.
Awaiting DCA approval.
The project can only resume after the DCA approval.
- Dangerous Good Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool:**
Design phase commenced. Targeting to complete fabrication by End of Sep 2022.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- Tennant Creek Bike Path:**
Tender was closed on 14 April 2022. As per the outcome from the previous confidential report, the scope of this project will be shifted to Tennant Creek

Footpath. Funding source has approved this approach and the new scope completed. Internal review commenced and targeting to RFT by end of July 2022.

2. Replacement of toilet facility in Peko Park:

New scope of this project will be shifted to design & construct of colourbond and stainless steel accessible public toilet.

This project will be carried out in two stages:

Stage one:

Design and determine the design parameter. Identify any significant issue that may affect the installation. Provide a budget order of cost estimate for stage 2 installation work.

Stage two:

Carry out installation work requested from the design.

The two stages approach would ensure the compliancy of the installation and adequate capability for future usage.

Once the design proposal is completed, the construction RFT will be send out to quote for stage two works.

3. Upgrading toilet facility in Lake Mary Ann Dam, Tennant Creek:

Funding was approved by Tourism NT. As per the outcome from the previous confidential report, BRC will approach Tennant Creek LA to request additional funding to this project in the next Tennant Creek LA meeting.

PLANNING:

1. Street lighting in Karuru Road, Tennant Creek:
Design approval by 4/August/2022.
2. Weighbridge in Landfill site, Tennant Creek:
Awaiting DCA approval.
The project can only resume after the DCA approval.
3. Street Lighting in front of Football Oval, Elliott:
Design approval by 4/August/2022.
4. Refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road: Applied for BBRF funding.
Funding Application lodged.
Awaiting BBRF approval.
5. Refurbishment of CIVIC hall: Applied for BBRF funding
Funding Application lodged.
Awaiting BBRF approval.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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

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

any addressable reason.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

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

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

CONSULTATION & TIMING

All projects are bound to individual based assessments and reporting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Community Development Directorate Report June 2022
REFERENCE 374385
AUTHOR Sonya Kenny, Acting Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY:

Community Development Directorate Monthly Report		
Program	Program Manager	Budget
Library	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Gym	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Swimming Pool	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Local Laws	Local Laws Ranger Manager	TBA
Youthlinx	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Safe House Elliott and Ali Curung	Community Development Director	TBA
Community Care	Regional Community Care Manager	TBA
Youth Sport and Rec	Regional Community Development Manager (VACANT)	TBA
Community Safety	Regional Community Safety Manager	TBA

BACKGROUND

Library Report – prepared by Alana Khoory Community Care Admin Officer who has been temporarily working from the Library until new Library Coordinator commences work in July. Public PC's and wifi still inoperable, awaiting new system. Total patronage 101 visits. Total members 723.

Gym Report – prepared by Thomas Machin and Jodie Jensen. 148 memberships. Average attendance of 40 to 50 unique visits daily. BRADAAG and the Tennant Creek Hospital have purchased corporate memberships. Staffing currently covered by Jodie Jensen and Youthlinx staff.

Swimming Pool Report – prepared by Dilan Hannadige Acting Swimming Pool Coordinator. Currently recruiting for Coordinator Role. School Swimming Carnival held at pool 15th and 16th of June. Opening hours have changed to 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Total pool entries of 135 unique visits.

Local Laws – report prepared by Local Laws Ranger Manager Scott Spurling. Enis Zendeli Local Laws Ranger has been on Annual Leave so Scott Spurling has been covering his Management Role as well as covering the pound and call outs. Scott has visited Ampilatwatja, Alpururulam, Arlparra, Elliott, Wutunugurru, Ali Curung, Murray Downs and Mungkarta with AMRICC for an animal census, parasite treatment and other vet treatment as needed.

Youthlinx – Ade Rizal Youthlinx Coordinator is currently on leave and has not submitted a report.

Safe House Elliott and Ali Curung – Elliott Safe House Coordinator Bonita Farrell has been on sick leave and has not submitted a report. Deb Aldridge, Ali Curung Safe House Coordinator has submitted a report – Safe House has had 15 Adults and 16 children access the Safe House in June with evacuations of 3 adults and 7 children.

Community Care – Regional Community Care Manager has been appointed as Acting Director of Community Development. Community Care are recruiting for a second Zone Manager. Current Zone Manager is unable to fill the role of Regional Community Care Manager. No new clients, one discharged client. Recruiting for Community Care Officers at all Centres with the exception of Arlparra. Zone Manager has been travelling regularly to assist Team Leaders with service delivery and documentation.

Youth Sport and Rec – report prepared by Maddy Quinn Youth Sport and Rec Coordinator. No/limited staff at Alpururulam, Wutunugurru and Ampilatwatja so limited activities occurring in those communities. Elliott, Ali Curung and Arlparra have all been running well attended school holiday programs with a variety of activities.

Community Safety – report prepared by George Peckham Community Safety Zone Manager as Community Safety Regional Manager is on leave. Recruitment occurring on all communities. Staff absences and low staffing levels have affected service delivery.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

At present, due to key Management vacancies, there is a risk to all of our programs of non compliance and not meeting Program KPI's. The Regional Community Development Manager Role which oversees the Swimming Pool, the Library, Youthlinx and Youth Sport and Rec has been vacant for over 12 months. Regional Community Care Manager has been Acting Director of Community Development so that role is vacant. Community Care Zone Manager does not have the skills at this time to fill that role. The Regional Community Safety Manager is currently on leave, Community Safety Zone Managers are managing the program in his absence. Library Coordinator commencing in July, until then Community Care Admin Officer has been working from the Library. Recruiting for Swimming Pool Coordinator. Youthlinx staff are working across a number of sites – Youthlinx, the Swimming Pool and the Gym, no long term plan and structure has yet been decided for the Gym. The Elliott Safe House has had a number of closures due to Coordinator taking leave and only one casual staff member.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Previous financial year acquittals and reports still being finalized across the majority of programs.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Minutes
REFERENCE	374564
AUTHOR	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Local Authority Report for the month of July;

SUMMARY:

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

Local Authority	Last meeting	Next Meeting	Notes
Ali Curung	July 18 th	August 8 th	
Arlparra	June 16th 2021	July 19 th	Lack of appointed members means unable to convene
Alpurrurulam	July 19 th	August 9 th	
Elliott	July 21 st	August 4 th	Meeting postponed
Ampilatwatja	July 20 th	August 3 rd	
Wutunugurra	July 25 th	July 20 th	Meeting delayed till the 25 th July
Tennant Creek			

BACKGROUND

July has had all but Elliott meeting for a meeting, due to staff shortages the local authorities were pushed back to the 3rd week in July and with most of Elliotts members away to attend a funeral it was unlikely they reach quorum to meet. Currently we are just looking to get the Arlparra local authority operating again to have all remote local authorities meeting.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

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MINUTES OF ELLIOTT SPECIAL LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING 31/05/2022

Meeting opened 10.45am

Apologies : Heather Wilson

Chairman, Bob Bagnall discussed the need to allocate existing L.A. funds as Elliott L.A. expenditure over past three years has been minimal.

Suggestions from the members were taken for future projects to be completed in 2022/2023

Jody Nish proposed purchase of caged trailers, to supply to community members for their use as hard rubbish collection. Concerns were raised about theft of trailers and or their wheels. A second option offered was purchase of skip bins and forks for council plant equipment.

Quotes for both these options were presented and it was decided to pursue the skip bin option.

Chris Neade proposed the purchase of a Polaris vehicle as used by other Northern Territory councils.

Quotes and examples were provided for two models and it was decided the "570" model would be the preferred option as this would have several advantages and uses.

Jody Nish also provided examples of childrens playground equipment which could be purchased by the LA for installation at the park.

The Local Authority members agreed to purchase equipment up to a value of twenty - five thousand dollars (\$25,000)

A resolution was then moved "That the Area Manager seek quotes for the purchase of

4 x skip bins

Forks for the Skid steer

Forks for the JCB backhoe

1 x 570 Polaris side by side unit & first year registration costs

Playground equipment

And that on receiving all quotes, present them to the Barkly Regional Council for approval to purchase from Elliott Local Authority funds "

Moved Kevin Gaskin 2nd Jody Nish - PASSED

A second resolution was then moved "That the Elliott Local Authority meeting dates be moved to the first Wednesday of each month. "

Moved Chris Neade 2nd Jody Nish PASSED

Meeting closed 11.36am0

OPERATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE	374395
AUTHOR	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpururulam

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

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

SUMMARY:

This report addresses activities within Operations Directorate for June 2022.

BACKGROUND

July 2022 Operations Director Report

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

Summary:

I have been very busy covering the Depot Manager position as well as fulfilling my own role, Interviews for the Depot Manager and Municipal Officers are scheduled to take place before the end of this month.

Local Authority:

Ali Curung (18 July 2022), Elliott (21 July 2022), Ampilatwatja (20 July 2022), Alpururulam (19 July 2022) and Wutunugurra (25 July 2022) are all scheduled to take place in the third week of July.

The Communities:

Elliott:

The number of travelers coming through is significantly higher than last year, and the extra work they create for municipal with the amount of waste to be cleaned up has risen out of proportion.

They are looking at every empty space to just pull up and camp overnight including marked no camping areas and the old cattle yards averages 13 campers per night.

Balanced Choice spent a month in Elliott and engaged heavily with the Elliott youth.

They were a welcome addition to the recreational opportunities for the young ones and we hope they can be funded to return.

The Barkly Backbone team Governance table also visited and met with community.

Elliott also saw senior members of the Northern Territory Government assemble at Elliott for a meeting.

Ali Curung:

NAIDOC Week Celebrations (4 -8th July) went well with Art Centre sponsoring the Dance Celebrations and BRC running activities during the week to include Community cook up (BBQ /Roo Tails) mid-week. Freshly hunted whole kangaroo was also donated by AM.

July saw introduction of Ali Curung Women's AFL Team, the first time ever which is a new chapter in the history of Barkly Football, 4 Women's teams have entered, Ali Curung , Canteen Creek , YDU and Spitfires. The Men's team are well into the season 9th Round now and have been fairing OK.

Community Care had the introduction of new Bus into their fleet to be used to transport more clients on outings.

Municipal Team had x2 new workers join them with now only 1 vacancy remaining.

Area Manager Tim Hema has been covering out in Wutunugurra with Vicky McCoy looking after Ali Curung in his absence.

YSR supported NASCA (Orange Shirts) visit to community and are working closely with other stakeholders in preparation of NAIDOC week celebrations in July. LA member Cynthia Smith was congratulated by Local Authority board and Community members for recently graduating as a police Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Ali Curung have a Men's and Women's team in the local AFL competition,



Images supplied by Tim Hema.

Alpururulam:

Municipal team has recruited and commenced two permanent part time staff members. Twice weekly garbage collections, cemetery maintenance along with general town mowing and rubbish pickup continues. New Permanent Part-time Customer Service Officer has commenced. Second Permanent Part-time Customer Service Officer position is currently advertised.

Night Patrol, NDIS and Sport and Recreation staff have visited from Tennant Creek. Night Patrol has appointed a local Team Leader and is in process of further recruiting. Sport and Recreation is also in process of recruiting.

Power and Water have commenced the installation of a replacement water main in Apetyarr Street. This is due to leaking from constantly failing joints. Barkly Plumbing are the contractors and will be here for the next several weeks.

First Aid training was conducted in the community with a trainer provided by Rainbow Gateway/CDP. Council had some staff do the training. This training will be held again in a few months for those who missed it this time around.

Work on new housing installations continue.

Police have visited as well as various allied health personnel and other general contractors.

Council Staff and most of the community took Tennant Creek Show day on 8th July as their show day public holiday.

Ampilatwatja:

Ampilatwatja is progressing along nicely, staff attendance was down a little for the month but considering all that has been going on around the place (Alice Springs, Tennant Creek Shows) this is normal.

Office Operations have been bolstered with two new staff members this week Renea Peterson and Janelle McCormack, which will help with Mary-Lou Bailey transferring to Ampilatwatja Age Care team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary-Lou for her time as a Customer Service Officer at Ampilatwatja her assistance and local knowledge has been invaluable.

Municipal Works team has also two new staff members starting this week Justin Age and Desmond Beasley to replace one resignation and one to fill a current vacant position which will help with the busy months ahead.

Essential Services Officer Steven Unuka is back from annual leave which will be good as myself and Greg from Arlparra can arrange some time off over the weekends coming up.

Project Update:

Both the Basketball Court and new Ablution Block were inspected earlier this month there were some areas for concern that were needed to be addressed by Harvey Developments before we take ownership of the assets, they have currently given a time frame of around 10 days for the areas of concern to be addressed. Once the remedial works are completed, there will be another inspection prior to the asset being handed over.

Wutunugurra:

The Wutunugurra Local Authority has been reformed and will hold their first meeting on the 20th of July. The new Local Authority consists of some previous members as well as some new members which is great to see.

Rubbish collection is continuing, and all vehicles and plant have been assessed or repaired.

As part of the traffic management plan, speed hump painting has commenced, and street signage will go up where missing.

Equipment requirements has been identified and procurement has commenced to ensure ongoing progress is made.

This month long closure of the station shop and fuel outlet have had significant impact on community members. Council may need to do some advocacy work to prevent further disruptions to community.

Telstra representatives also visited and distributed \$50 prepaid top ups as well as a BBQ to community residents.

Central Land Council also visited and the main discussion centered on water quality and street lighting (there are a number of inoperative street lights in community)

TC Depot:

The Depot Team have continued to do a great job over the last month keeping on top of the Municipal works in Tennant Creek and moral continues to be very good. David Reed our Works Supervisor has taken a well-deserved holiday and it is good to see Staff, in this case Tim Dowling, stepping up to cover David's position whilst he is away.

The works on the Prime Mover are continue to progress, although we have hit an unexpected delay with the water pump on the motor being unserviceable and a replacement has been ordered. This has delayed the completion of the works until the part arrives.

Recruitment continues for a new Depot Manager with interviews to take place in the coming weeks, we will also be interviewing for the vacant Municipal Positions in the week leading up to the Council meeting. The quality of applicants has improved and I am confident that these positions will be filled shortly.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Operations Directorate has had trouble filling key positions in Tennant Creek and in the communities, which may have an impact on council's service delivery in those areas.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

None for this report.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

As addressed in risk assessment.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Banning of Fireworks on Territory day.
REFERENCE	374311
AUTHOR	Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- receive and note the correspondence from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- advocate for banning Cracker Day fireworks, or
- advocate for Cracker Day fireworks to be managed by appropriate authorities, or
- provide a further report to council on prioritising and a plan for community consultation on this issue.

ALIGNMENT TO REGIONAL PLAN 2022-2023

OUR VISION – we strive to be a responsive, progressive, sustainable council that respects, listens and empowers the people to be strong.

SUMMARY:

To seek a position of Council in response to requests to advocate for the banning of Fireworks on Territory Day.

BACKGROUND

Territory Day marks the day when the Northern Territory shook off Commonwealth control and achieved self-government in 1978. 'Cracker Night' became associated with Territory Day a few years later.

Fireworks are allowed to be set off from 6pm to 11pm on Territory Day. Any fireworks not used by 11pm must be returned to authorities within days, with anyone holding onto the explosives after that risking a hefty \$1570 fine. In reality, this rule is rarely enforced, with fireworks typically being a feature of life in the Barkly for weeks after Territory day.

Some local councils have long called for more regulations on Cracker Night, and in some areas residents have organized petitions for the event to be shut down.

Each time there's been opposition, the NT government of the day has refused to get rid of it.

On a typical Cracker Night, emergency services respond to hundreds of fires and dozens of fireworks-related injuries, including burns, ear and eye injuries and blunt trauma.

One of the most highly reported adverse impacts of the aftermath of Cracker Night is the impact on pets and dogs.

This year, the Mayor has received multiple complaints from residents about the use of fireworks on Territory Day, and more particularly, in the weeks after.

Council's Animal Welfare Ranger Scott Spurling has reported incidence of serious injury and distress to dogs in the area, and a spike in demand for the services of staff, the vet and the pound.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

This issue may divide the community and reflect positively or negatively on Council

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Not assessed

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Not assessed

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Consultation on this issue to date has occurred by way of anecdotal feedback in person and on social media. It is recommended that council undertake community consultation before adopting a position.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) 2022-07-01 - Letter - Banning Fire Work.pdf

From: Penelope Cowin <tenantandbeyond@gmail.com>
Date: 21 July 2022 at 11:02:30 am ACST
To: Jeffrey McLaughlin <Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Subject: Fireworks

Hi Jeff,

Tim Bracken just came into my office. He told me about Bella. Then he told me about the other puppy and the kitten. If there is a petition needed. I'll be the first to sign. I saw this years ago in Sydney, then Tassie when I moved there. Once the animals start getting hurt and killed, fireworks need to be stopped. No one's profit should ever be put before the safety of innocent victims.

On top of the pain, fear, suffering and long recovery Bella has now endured, Tim is left with a massive vet bill he has to pay.

This above all the other pets that have been so frightened they have escaped from their homes.

There have been fires started. I know I've had one in my front yard at home in Ambrose. I've had a windscreen broken on a Thrifty car sometime over the weekend and firework remnants in the yard and lane behind. I have a dog at the Thrifty yard now. There is no evidence that anyone got into the yard but Carol & JB behind have told Kevin that they saw kids throwing fireworks over the fence at Diesel nights before the broken window.

Did I report it to the police, couldn't be bothered. What can they really do? I've just had my court case downgraded against the guy who broke into the Thrifty yard in February, and there was photographic evidence there.

I truly believe there are many more in town now that would support banning the fireworks than those who would not. There would be many more if the true nature of the animals injuries or deaths be spelled out to the public. Not necessarily the pictures but a shame list of damage done.

If you want to discuss this further can you call anytime 0411842597

Pennie