BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

OUR VISION

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

The Way We Will Work

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

AGENDA
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 28 October 2021 at 8:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL PRAYER

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

Amen

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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18.2 Confidential Action List

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18.3 Local Authority Nominations

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18.4 Re-allocation of Fund for two infrastructure projects (BRC 006-20 and BRC 001-21) in Ampilatwatja Community

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18.5 Tennant Creek Youth Centre- Project Cost Variation for Stormwater Management

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18.6 Ali Curung Youth Centre- Project Cost Variation

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18.7 Business Case for Non-Indigenous Employment

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18.8 Sponsorship Request

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18.9 Carols by Candlelight 2021

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18.10 Elliott Land Fill

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18.11 Anyinginyi Gym

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18.12 Chief Executive Officer Confidential Update

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

18.13 CEO Interview Panel

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (a) (a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual; AND information about the

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19 THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

20 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 330127
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 September 2021 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 September 2021.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT
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BUDGET IMPLICATION
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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:
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MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore

Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8.38am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 **Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Jack Clubb (by phone)
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Dianne Seri Stokes
- Cr. Greg Marlow
- Cr. Derek Walker
- Cr. Anita Bailey
- Cr. Lennie Barton
- Cr. Pam Corbett
- Cr. Russell O'Donnell
- Cr. Heather Wilson

1.2 **Staff Members Present**

- Steve Moore
- Sharen Lake
- Troy Koch
- Vanessa Goodworth
- Millicent Nhepera
- James Sanders
- Santosh Niraula

1.3 **Apologies**

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1.4 **Absent Without Apologies**

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1.5 **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**

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a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 August 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes
Seconded: Cr Ronald Plummer **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 145/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the Action Items
b) Remove the following completed items: 6 and 7.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer
Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 146/21

Councillors indicated their concerns regarding youth in the Barkly and the youth justice facility under the Barkly Regional Deal. Ben from the BRD to attend the next meeting to give an update.
ACTION ITEM: Find out if any of the organisations (eg Suncable or Beetaloo) can be approached for sponsorship for youth activities.

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

Nil

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and Note the Mayor's Report.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes
Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 147/21

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MOTION

That Council:
a) Break for morning tea at 9.35am.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes
Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 148/21

MOTION

That Council:
a) Resume the meeting at 9.59am.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell
Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 149/21

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFIER UPDATE

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell
Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 150/21

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:04 AM
Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 10:08 AM

7.2 TITLE OF PRINCIPAL MEMBER

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report
b) Resolve to keep the principle member's title as Mayor.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow
Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 151/21

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7.3 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MEMBER

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report
b) Establish a 1 year term of office for the Deputy Mayor.
c) Elect Cr. Dianne Stokes as Deputy Mayor for 12 months.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 152/21

Nominees: Dianne Stokes
Cr. Ruger was also nominated but withdrew the nomination.

7.4 MEETING DATES AND MEETING FREQUENCY

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note report
b) Set the schedule for the holding of ordinary meetings for the term of the council as the last Thursday of every month starting at 8.30am.
c) Confirm a meeting date for the next 12 months as follows:

28 October
25 November
16 December
27 January
24 February
31 March
28 April
26 May
30 June
28 July
25 August

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 153/21

Action Item: Review the Council meeting starting times at the December meeting.

7.5 COUNCIL COMMITEES AND APPOINTMENTS

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report
b) Appoint elected members to the following committees:

- Audit and Risk Committee- 5 Councilors and 1 independent member: Cr. Greg Marlow, Cr, O'Donnell, Cr. Stokes, Cr.Corbett, Cr. Ruger.

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- Cultural Competency Committee- all aboriginal elected members
- Purkiss Reserve Committee – 2 elected members needed: Ronald, Dianne

c) Appoint elected members to the following sub-committees

- Procurement sub-committee – 3 councilors: Cr.O'Donnell, Cr. Marlow, Cr. Ruger
- Human Resources – 3 elected members – Cr. Marlow, Cr. Hayes, Cr. Ruger

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 154/21

Cultural competency committee to meet the day before the next council meeting.

7.6 CASTING VOTE POLICY

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report
b) Resolve that the Chair of any Council meeting has a casting vote in accordance with Section 95(6) of the Local Government Act 2019 and adopt the Casting Vote Policy

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Greg Marlow

Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 155/21

7.7 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report
b) Appoint the following members to each Local Authority
- Tennant Creek- Dianne
- Elliott – Lennie and Heather
- Ali Curung – Noel and Derek
- Alpurrurulam- Pam
- Ambilatwatja- Anita
- Alparra- Jack
- Wutungurra- Derek

c) Disband the current local authorities and call for nominations and encourage the current members to reapply.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Russell O'Donnell

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 156/21

Council suggested a to amend a policy to create a fixed term of two terms for each

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LA member.

Cr. Ruger arrived to the meeting at 10.36am.

7.8 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council:

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

1. Barkly Local Community Project Fund of Barkly Regional Deal, to upgrade the existing 50 street lights to LED lights at Canteen Creek, from 15 August 2021 to 3 January 2022, between Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation and BRC - To improve community safety and energy efficiency; and

2. Deed of variation 6 to Municipal and Essential Services, Housing maintenance services and Homelands jobs Grant Agreement - R00004S, from 2021 to 2023, between Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and BRC.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 157/21

7.9 BARKLY REGIONAL ELECTORAL RESULTS 2021

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 158/21

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 159/21

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8.2 GRANTS

MOTION

That Council

(a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the two months ended 31 August 2021.

(b) Note and accept the attached SPG acquittals

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 160/21

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT

MOTION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Noel Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 161/21

Action Items: Invite RISE to come to the next meeting.

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUGUST 2021 REPORT

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the Community Development August 2021 Report

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 162/21

Action Items: Write a letter to the minister regarding the NDIS staff withdrawal from Tennant Creek.

Cr Derek Walker left the meeting, the time being 12:48 PM
Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 12:48 PM

MOTION

That Council:

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a) Break for lunch at 1215

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Dianne Stokes
Seconded: Councillor Derek Walker **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 163/21

MOTION

That Council
a) Resume the meeting at 1253.

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Anita Bailey
Seconded: Councillor Lennie Barton **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 164/21

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS

15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council
A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes
Seconded: Councillor Dianne Stokes **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 165/21

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.1 LGANT NOMINATIONS

MOTION

That Council

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a) Receive and note the report
b) Nominate Mayor McLaughlin and Deputy Mayor Dianne Stokes to be delegated representatives for LGANT meetings and AGM's
c) Nominate Mayor McLaughlin and Cr. Greg Marlow to nominate to the position of Executive Board member (regionals and shires)

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 166/21

16.2 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT AUTHORITY

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report
b) Nominate the following 4 members for the Development Consent Authority:
- **Santosh Niraula (Director of Infrastructure)**
- **Cr. Hal Ruger**
- **Cr. Russell O'Donnell**
- **Cr. Lenny Barton**

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Heather Wilson

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 167/21

16.3 ELECTED MEMBER INDUCTION SYMPOSIUM

MOTION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report
b) Confirm attendees at the LGANT Induction Symposium:
- **Cr Greg Marlow**
- **Cr. Lenny Barton**
- **Cr. Pam Corbett**
- **Cr. Noel Hayes**
- **Cr. Dianne Stokes**
- **Cr. Heather Wilson**
- **Cr. Derek Wilson**

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 168/21

17. CORRESPONDENCE

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17.1 CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receives and Notes the correspondence attached.

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: Councillor Russell O'Donnell **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 169/21

Cr. Hal Ruger will nominate as a JP.

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 01:27 PM

18. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

19. DECISION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION at 1.30pm

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 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

OC 170/21 **MOTION (Hayes/O'Donnell)**

20. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council move back into open session at <<3.41pm>>

18.2 CONFIDENTIAL ACTION LIST

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2019 and Regulation 51 (c(iv)) (c(iv)) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

MOTION

That Council:

a) Receive and Note the Confidential Action List.
b) Remove completed item: 2 and 3
c) Move this motion (without attachments) to ordinary, , with all identifying details to be redacted to protect the parties involved.

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RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Greg Marlow **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OCCS 171/21

Action to recover rates against lot owners who owed council $96,000 was successful and the debt was recovered by council.

18.4 TENDER EVALUATION - BRC 010-21 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) DEMOUNTABLE OFFICE FOR TENNANT CREEK LANDFILL

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) Award the contract of Supply and Delivery of One (1) Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill to MPH Carpentry and Constructions Pty Ltd, 46 Smith St, Alice Springs NT 0870 for the value of $120,731.60 (incl. GST).
c) Move the item into ordinary council

RESOLVED
Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Councillor Anita Bailey **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OCCS 172/21

Suggestion to add a door to the office.

18.5 TENDER EVALUATION BRC 009-21 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) X 10' CLASS 8 DANGEROUS GOODS CONTAINERS FOR TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

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) Award the contract of Supply and Delivery of Two (2) X 10' Class 8 Dangerous Goods Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool to MPH Carpentry and Constructions Pty Ltd, 46 Smith St, Alice Springs NT 0870 for the value of $108,967.10 (incl. GST).
c) Move the item into ordinary council

RESOLVED
Moved: Councillor Lennie Barton

Seconded: Councillor Pam Corbett **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OCCS 173/21

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21. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 3.41pm pm.

This page and the proceeding 12 pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 23 September 2021 and are unconfirmed .

Jeffrey McLaughlin	Steve Moore
Council Mayor	Chief Executive Officer

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Action Items
REFERENCE 330128
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

SUMMARY:

Item 1: Mayor to update
Item 2: Progressing
Item 3: Requested – verbal update
Item 4: no further progress
Item 5: Ongoing – still trying to get to a meeting to discuss
Item 6: Ongoing
Item 7: No update until December
Item 8: Complete – Greg Drew (RISE CEO) attending this meeting
Item 9: Complete – Letter attached

Item A: Blueprints commenced – Wutunugurra complete copy requested

Item B: Progressing – final steps underway

Item C: Ongoing – no further update

Item D: Ongoing – looking for funding

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:
1⇩ Ordinary Council Meeting Action List.pdf
2⇩ 2021.10.14 - Letter to Minister Reynolds RE NDIS Staff withdrawal from Tennant Creek.pdf

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST
From Meeting – 23 September 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works Talk to the school about painting murals. CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours. Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways	CEO	**10.12.2020 Ongoing**
2.	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Alcohol Management Plan Elliott	CEO to provide a report on the Alcohol Management Plan in Elliott Clarify what alcohol can be purchased outside of Elliott by Elliott residents.	CEO	**19.03.2020 Progressing** **29.10.2020 Mark to update** **29.04.2021 Clarify what alcohol can be bought outside Elliot by Elliott residents.**
3.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Regional Deal	CEO to express to NTG and Federal Government that they need to release the information for service mapping and reforms.	CEO	**19.03.2020 Raised at 25 Feb meeting, will be raised again at next meeting**
4.	Ordinary Council Meeting 27 February 2020		Rainbow Gateway	CEO to meet with Rainbow Gateway about their progress.	CEO	**19.03.2020 Mark to update** **19.10.2020 No Update** **28.01.2021 No update**
5.	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Lake Mary-Anne	CEO to look into putting some sand over the embankment, to create a 45 degree angle, as this is a safety issue.	CEO	
6.	Ordinary Council Meeting 23 September 2021		Sponsorships	Find out if any of the organisations (eg Suncable or Beetaloo) can be approached for sponsorship for youth activities.	CEO	**19.10.2021 – Met with Suncable**
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 23 September 2021		Council meeting times	Review the Council meeting starting times at the December meeting.	CEO	
8.	Ordinary Council Meeting 23 September 2021		RISE	Invite RISE to come to the next meeting.	CEO	**18.10.2021 - Complete**
9.	Ordinary Council Meeting 23 September 2021		NDIS	Write a letter to the minister regarding the NDIS staff withdrawal from Tennant Creek.	CEO	**14.10.2021 - Complete**

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST
From Meeting – 23 September 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
A	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwalja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampilatwatja CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council	CEO	**12.12.2019 Ongoing**
B	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	**12.12.2019 Ongoing**
C	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Youth Justice Facility **(Regional Deal Project)**	Council to be updated on progress with the Youth Justice Facility:		**19.03.2020 Ongoing – no update this meeting**
D	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		Elliott Activities for Youth	CEO to look into activities that can be run in Elliott over the weekend for the youth. CEO to investigate grants to fund the activities. Look into IAS funding.	CEO/Grants	**25.03.2021 Investigate grants to that can be used to fund activities. 29.04.2021- move item to long term list.**

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

14 October 2021

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT, 2600

Dear Minister Reynolds,

RE: NDIS Staff Withdrawal from Tennant Creek

At the Council meeting on 23 September 2021, Council requested that I write to you in regards to the withdrawal of NDIS staff from Tennant Creek. NDIS provides support and services to people with disabilities and is crucial in assisting them with day-to-day needs and requirements.

The removal of staff from the Tennant Creek NDIS program is of great concern to Council. The Barkly was the NDIS remote trial site when NDIS was launched, to find that local program Area Coordinators have now been withdrawn from the Region is disappointing. Clients now have nowhere to go and must rely on a phone service when they require assistance with their packages. Given the language barrier this can be difficult and frustrating.

With the Barkly Regional Deal gaining momentum, it is disappointing to see the NDIS jobs disappear from the region along with the support those staff offered local providers and participants. As a NDIS provider, this change affects us and our clients directly.

Council believes this is a crucial service for our community and want to work together to ensure that our residents get the best support and care available to them. Having a NDIS office in the Barkly is a key component of making NDIS successful for our residents that participate in the program.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
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ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE RISE
REFERENCE 331205
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

RISE will present to council as requested.

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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ATTACHMENTS:
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ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	Anyinginyi Aboriginal Health Corporation
REFERENCE	331206
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Anyinginyi Aboriginal Health Corporation will present to council regarding the gym.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT
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BUDGET IMPLICATION
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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.3
TITLE Gym presentation
REFERENCE 331207
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Community members will address council about the gym closure.

BACKGROUND

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ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.4
TITLE Barkly Regional Deal Update
REFERENCE 331362
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:
a) Receive and Note the Regional Deal update from Ben Campion.

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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BUDGET IMPLICATION
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ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Mayor's Report
REFERENCE 331152
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) Receive and Note the Mayor's Report; and
b) Make vaccinations optional or compulsory for Elected Members.

SUMMARY:

24th September	**Attended the (Barkly Regional Deal) Trauma Informed Care Community Consultation**
26th September	Attended memorial service for our WHS Officer Justin's wife Helen RIP Also attended the Barkly BMX NT Titles Event
27-30 September	In Alice Springs – my daughter was having surgery Met with Tourism Central Australia about their audit risk committee meeting
1st October	Steve Moore and I met with the ICAC Commissioner – Michael Riches Special Council Meeting about CEO Recruitment Attended Flinders Universtiy Supervisor Awards
4th – 7th October	Travelled to Darwin with my fellow Councillors for the LGANT Councillor Induction
8th October	Dep. Mayor Dianne and I attended a presentation from Anyinginyi about their COVID rollout plan for the Barkly area to try to increase our vaccination numbers Met with and finalised the details with the recruitment agency for the CEO recruitment
12th October	Pikka Pikkakari Playgroup open day
13th October	Attended the Crisis Youth Support Working Group meeting
14th October	Went to the Primary school with Senator Sam McMahon and Steve Edgington to answer the students questions about laws, projects, funding, advocacy and what we all do in Tennant Creek, the Barkly and the NT Steve, Greg, Dianne and I met with the Northern Territory Administrator to discuss the current COVID vaccination rates and a few other things. Met with Steve Edgington to talk about Council's current projects. Attended an awards ceremony for the NT Administrators Aboriginal Police Officer Award recipient – Michael James.
15th October	Attended the Pink and Teal Event – this was a great event for our community and it was bigger and better than ever!
16th October	Played Cricket in the 2021 Rossy Williams Shield competition Attended RSL Ocktoberfest event.
19th October	Got my new car!! Met with Sun Cable and took them for a site visit of Juno Steve and I attended a teleconference with LGANT about the mandatory vaccination for employees
20th October	Tourism Central Australia Board meeting via tele conference

21st October	Started painting the laneways with the Work Camp
22nd October	Went to Wutunugurra for the Art Centre Opening
23th October	Pink and Teal Breakfast TC Customer Service Awards – organized by Chamber of Commerce

COVID Vaccination for Councillors:
It is currently mandatory for staff to be fully vaccinated by 24 December, if they choose not to get vaccinated they will be stood down from their position until they are fully vaccinated.
LGANT is currently seeking advice from the Chief Health Officer if it will be mandatory for Elected Members to be vaccinated.
Council needs to make a decision about if they wish to make it compulsory for Elected Members to be vaccinated.

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ATTACHMENTS:
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Chief Executive Officer Update
REFERENCE 330872
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

We have had another busy month at Council with progress being made on a number of key items.

We have participated on several meeting around COVID vaccination statistics and the plan to get vaccinations up in the Barkly. While most non-indigenous people are now fully vaccinated the number of Indigenous vaccinations is still poor. This has now come to a head with the Chief Health Officer making vaccinations mandatory for those working with Indigenous people. This means all our Council staff need to have their first vaccination by 13 November and be fully vaccinated by 24 December. Failure to do so will see staff laid off without pay until they get vaccinated. We will be directing our Contractors to meet the same standard.

We have met with the Electoral Commission to review the LG Election process. We have identified several area's for improvement and the electoral Commission was very pleased with the job Council staff did running remote polling. It was disappointing the voter turnout was so low and the Commission will be writing to us to discuss the option of fining residents that failed to register their vote at the election.

The ICAC Commissioner, Mr. Michael Riches visited us during the month, he was very engaging and asked many questions on Council activities and the challenges we face. It was a very productive meeting and it was pleasing to see him visiting our Region.

We also had the NT Administrator, her Honour, Vickie O'Halloran visit during the month. It is always good to meet with Vickie and she was as engaging as ever and Mayor Jeff gave her a good overview of Council activities. She was in town to present an award to one of our local Police officers.

Our new Corporate Services Director started with Council on Monday. Sid will give Council a verbal update as he was not here in time to prepare a written report for Council. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Sid to Council, his long association with Council should ensure his smooth transition into the Corporate Services roll.

In other good news, we have agreed terms for the Elliott landfill lease with the NLC, this has been years in the making and the lease in included in the confidential section of the Council meeting for Councils consideration.

I travelled to Darwin during the month to attend the latest LG 2030 workshop. There is a great deal of work to do to plan for the future of our Councils. So far nothing of any significance has come from the meetings and the hope is that this forum will result in some real reforms. It appears elected members will also have the opportunity to get involved in future meetings.

We have commenced planning for our 2022 Australia day events, this is Councils biggest community event of the year and includes an early morning mini triathlon starting from the pool. Our traditional Australia Day breakfast, citizenship ceremony and Australia day awards are likely to be held at Civic Hall again given the increased numbers attending. We then move to the Ruger Run from the Town Clock. The afternoon fun day is then held out at lake Mary Ann and s generally very well attended, this year will see the return of the infamous 'raft race' for those brave enough to participate.

The remainder of the month has been taken up preparing for a smooth transition to a new CEO. We did work quickly to secure the services of a recruitment agency and I am pleased to say the advertisement for the positon is now up. With any luck Council will have a number of good candidates to choose from.

Council's 2020-2021 Annual report must be completed by the 15th f November this year. While the draft report is complete we are currently awaiting the Audit Report and Financial Statements to attach to the report. In previous years we have had to call a special Council Meeting prior to the 15th to get the report approved by Council. Once Council approved the document it is sent to sending to the Minister for approval. If we receive the Audit report prior to the October Council meeting we'll add a supplementally agenda to request approval of the document. If we do not receive it in time we'll call a special council meeting once the documents are received.

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ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE Ratification of Common Seal
REFERENCE 330941
AUTHOR Renjith Kollakkombil, Records and Compliance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

1. Short Form Grant Agreement of Alcohol Action Initiatives for the Epenarra Men's Shed Refurbishment Project till 27 September 2021, between Department of Health and BRC; and

2. Crown Lease Extension of the Lot 2161 for the Tennant Creek Landfill expansion till 09 November 2022, between Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics, and BRC.

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT
NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION
NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL
CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Grants
REFERENCE 331044
AUTHOR Susan Wright, Grants Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
(a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the month ended 30 September 2021.
(b) Note and approve the opening of the BRC Community Benefit Fund Round 2, 2021

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

Open funding rounds are referred back to the Directorate to which project funding rounds may apply and a brief for projects are then referred back to the Grants Manager who completes the application as requested and required.

Reporting dates are noted by the Grants Manager and referred to the appropriate Directorate for Performance Reporting and to Finance for financial acquittal and audit.

Applications In Progress

Grant	Department	Due Date	Need
NIAA	PMC	Closes 2023 or when funds run out	Discussions on Community Led grants
ABA	PMC	Closes June 30, 2023	Discussion on infrastructure projects
Homelands Capital Grant	NTG	October 22, 2021	CLA clean up and speed humps
International Women's Day	NTG	November 2, 2021	March and brunch

Successful Applications – No Notice this monnth

DATE	Funder /PROJECT	Project	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY

Applications Submitted – No submissions this month

DATE	PROGRAM	PROJECT	AMOUNT	COMMUNITY

Unsuccessful Applications-No notice this month

DATE	PROJECT/PROGRAM		AMOUNT	COMMUNITY

GRANTS UNIT

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

This month has been focused on completing reporting for the Financial Year End and collecting information and briefs for open grants rounds. Open rounds include:

Australia Day
International Women's Day
Homelands Capital Grant – applying for Community Living Area Clean Up and Speed Humps - invitation
Immediate Priority Grants - invitation
Aboriginal Benefit Account
Community Benefit Fund

Please also note that the BRC Community Benefit Fund has two rounds, one in May and one in November. The BRC Community Benefit Fund will open again November 1, 2021 and close November 30, 2021 so submissions can sit before council either December 2021or January 2022. The total amount available to eligible organization is $15,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 8.2
TITLE Finance Report
REFERENCE 331314
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

Council cash reserves continue to be strong due to the influx of rates payments and grant funding. However, this will need to be watched closely given the volume of capital works projects that are currently in progress.

$2.5M has been expended year to date on the capital works programs, this includes the Tennant Creek youth center $758k, Elliott Football changing rooms $274k, Wutungurra Arts Centre $173k, and Ampilatwatja sport and rec building $134k. Other notable project spends include road resurfacing in Tennant Creek for $454k and the purchase of new plant items and vehicles at a further $170k. Details on expenditure are provided in the capital expenditure attachments.

Grants and subsidies follow the same trend as rates with paid amounts contributing to the positive variance against the budget.

Operating surplus for the month (YTD) is currently $7.2M.

Employee costs are $98k above due to a 5 week pay cycle. All other expenses are in line with the budget.

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BUDGET IMPLICATION
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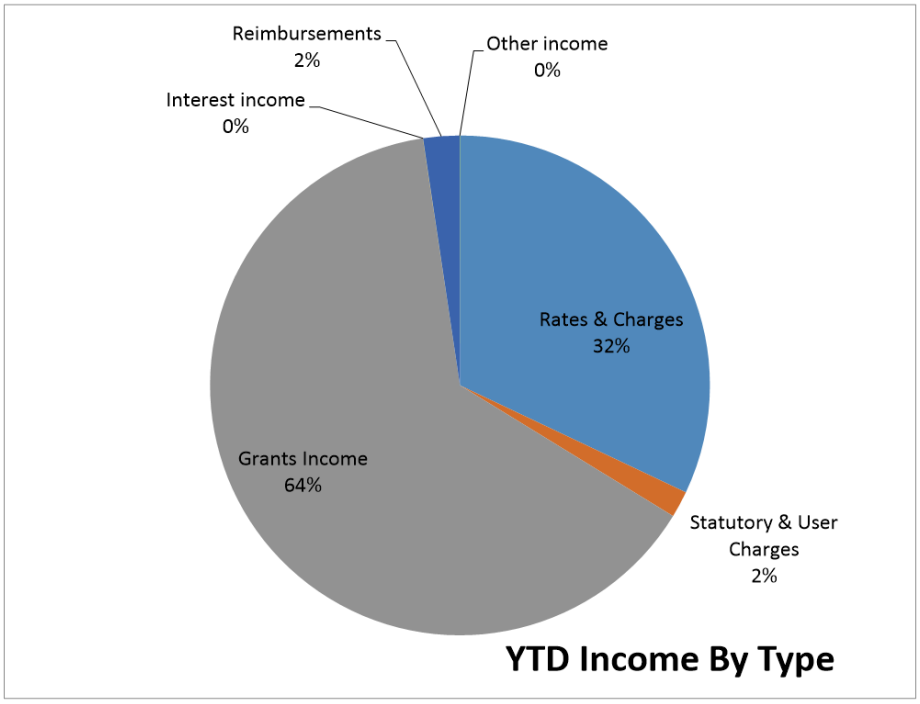
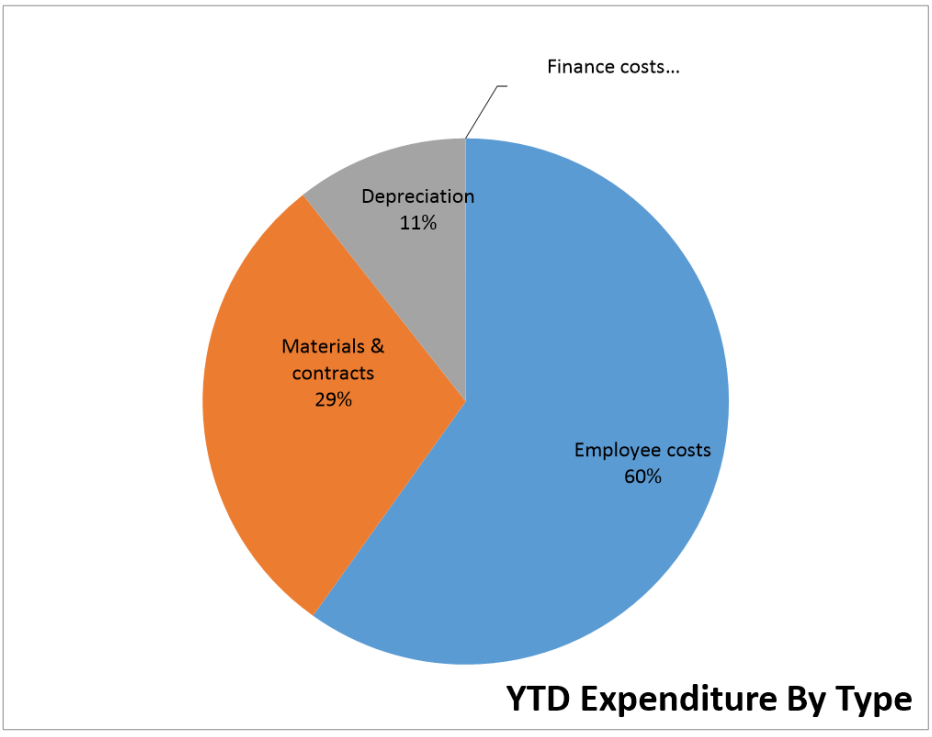
ATTACHMENTS:
1 Income statement
2 Financial- charts
3 Statement of changes in equity
4 Statement of Debts
5 Balance sheet

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period ended 31 SEPTEMBER 2021

	ACTUAL 2021 $'000	BUDGET 2021 $'000	Variance $'000	Variance %-age	ANNUAL BUDGET $'000
INCOME					
Rates	**3,884**	**3,900**	(16)	-0.41%	**3,941**
Statutory charges	**2**	**1**	1	100.00%	**9**
User charges	**206**	**214**	(8)	-3.74%	**886**
Grants, subsidies and contributions	**7,741**	**6,745**	996	14.77%	**18,889**
Investment income	**2**	**9**	(7)	-77.78%	**38**
Reimbursements/Private Works	**284**	**346**	(62)	-17.92%	**1,381**
Other income	**3**	**2**	1	0.00%	**10**
Total Income	12,122	11,217	905		25,154
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	**3,895**	**3,797**	98	2.58%	**16,813**
Materials, contracts & other expenses	**1,921**	**1,996**	(75)	-3.76%	**8,547**
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	**690**	**726**	(36)	-4.96%	**2,923**
Finance costs	**1**	**11**	(10)	-90.91%	**18**
Total Expenses	6,507	6,530	(23)		28,301
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	**5,615**	4,687	928		(3,147)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	**-**	**-**	-		-
Amounts received specifically for new or upgraded assets	**1,578**	**-**	1,578		4,259
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) Transferred to Equity Statement	**7,193**	4,687	2,506		1,112
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	7,193	4,687	2,506		1,112
Capital Expenditure					
- Grant Funded					
- Council Budgeted Capital					
	-	-			-


Reimbursements
2%
Other income
0%
Interest income
0%
Rates & Charges
32%
Grants Income
64%
Statutory & User
Charges
2%
YTD Income By Type


Finance costs...
Depreciation
11%
Materials &
contracts
29%
Employee costs
60%
YTD Expenditure By Type

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the period ended 31 SEPTEMBER 2021

31 Aug 2021	Notes	Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Other Reserves	TOTAL EQUITY
		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Balance at end of previous reporting period		**23,144**	**23,789**	**-**	**46,933**
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		**7,193**	**-**	**-**	**7,193**
Balance at end of period		**30,337**	**23,789**	**-**	**54,126**
Budget 2022					
Balance at end of previous reporting period		24,754	23,789		48,543
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		4,687			4,687
Other Comprehensive Income					
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result					
Transfers between reserves		-		-	-
Balance at end of period		29,441	23,789	-	53,230

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the period ended 31 SEPTEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

		Current Year			Overdue
		Instal One / Two	Instal Three	Instal Four	
RATES - GENERAL & OTHER	**3,524,713**				
Sept 2021	**3,524,713**	39,478	1,410,000	1,410,000	665,235
					18.87%
Aug-21	**4,526,709**	1,531,677	1,131,677	1,131,677	731,677
					16.16%

		Current	30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES	**357,268**				
Sept 2021	**357,268**	63,390	38,320	16,788	239,000
		17.74%	10.73%	4.70%	66.90%
Aug 2021	**369,734**	72,913	48,961	104,092	135,231
		19.72%	13.24%	28.15%	36.58%

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number			Comment
00347	$	91,104.20	Aust Sports Commission
0085	$	3,978.00	Central Land Council
00002	$	6,994.00	Airstrip Maintenance
00314	$	3,100.00	Dog Infringements
00020	$	2,580.00	Dump Charges
	$	**110,336.20**	

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 September 2021

	ACTUAL 2021 $'000	BUDGET 2021 $'000
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**12,699**	**7,859**
Trade & other receivables	**4,732**	**2,985**
Inventories	**12**	**25**
Total Current Assets	**17,443**	10,869
Non-current Assets		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	**25,672**	**24,105**
Other Non-current Assets	**14,424**	**22,032**
Total Non-Current Assets	**40,096**	46,137
Total Assets	**57,539**	57,006
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	**2,864**	**2,798**
Borrowings		
Provisions	**550**	713
Other Current Liabilities		
	3,414	3,511
Liabilities relating to Non-current Assets held for Sale	**-**	-
Total Current Liabilities	**3,414**	3,511
Non-current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	**-**	-
Borrowings		
Provisions		265
Other Non-current Liabilities		
Total Non-Current Liabilities	**-**	265
Total Liabilities	**3,414**	3,776
NET ASSETS	**54,125**	53,230
EQUITY		
Accumulated Surplus	**30,336**	29,441
Unexpended Grants Reserve	**-**	-
Asset Revaluation Reserves	**23,789**	23,789
TOTAL EQUITY	**54,125**	53,230

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Corporate Services Update
REFERENCE	331363
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Our new Director Sid Vashist will introduce himself to Councillors.

People & Culture Monthly Review

This month has been busy completing interviews to full our vacant positions. The People & Culture department has created an employee database to record the mandatory Covid-19 vaccination requirements for employment within the Council.

Internal Processes:

The People & Culture Manager is currently reviewing the future employment contracts and recruitment processes to ensure that the organisation is aligned with the mandatory Covid-19 vaccination requirements.

The employee end of year appraisal process has just commenced. This will provide our employee the opportunity for feedback from their managers and identify goals, training and aspirations in 2022.

Policy Review

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

- Drugs & Alcohol Policy – First Draft completed, waiting consultation.
- Uniform Policy – First Draft completed, waiting consultation.
- Employee Performance Policy - First Draft completed, waiting consultation.

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

Environmental Scan

As of the 19 October 2021 the Barkly Regional Council Workforce consists of:

Total Employees:	**241**	
ATSI Employees:	**139**	**(58%)**
Non-ATSI Employees:	**102**	**(42%)**
Male Employees:	**146**	**(61%)**
Female Employees:	**95**	**(39%)**
Full-Time Employees:	**124**	**(51%)**
Part-Time Employees:	**52**	**(22%)**
Casual Employees:	**65**	**(27%)**

Recruitment (As of 19 October 2021)

- Community Safety Team Leader — Hired
- Youth Worker — Interviewing
- Community Safety Officer — Successfully candidate
- Community Safety Officer — Interviews scheduled
- Community Care Officer — Hired
- Sport & Recreation Officer — Hired
- Community Safety Officer — Shortlisting
- Community Safety Officer — Shortlisting
- Area Manager — Successfully candidate Reference checks

Workplace Health & Safety

Summary of Actives for the period of October 2021

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- People and Culture staff continue to assist with addressing issues identified during the external audit of the Tennant Creek Swimming pool during March 2021. Areas that area been addressed include;
    1. First aid management and response
    2. Emergency plan and evacuation
    3. Polices and procures
    4. Staff training
    5. Chemical Storage
    6. Signage
- The development and delivery of weekly “safety snippets” continued.

Learning and Development

1. **Weed Control**

   WeedsNT has completed delivery of (non-accredited) Weeds Management (identification, control and tracking) and Chemical Safety workshops across communities. The focus of the training was to build the capacity of Municipal staff to confidently identify and manage declared weeds in their communities. The training also meets DIPL contractual obligations for controlling weeds around assets, such as community airstrips.

2. **Literacy or Life**

   Literacy for Life (LFL) who are currently working with jobseekers in Tennant Creek have contacted BRC about a tour and excursion of BRC including a visit to a community for their students to meet with staff to discuss and share employment experiences and explore employment opportunities that might also exist for them.

   They will be visiting Head Office in Tennant Creek on 27 Oct, and Elliott on 28 Oct.

   This has come about as a result of LFL’s interest in BRC’s Core Skills/LLN and Mentoring program and the resultant outcomes on the workplace.

3. **Qualification Courses**

   The following staff are enrolled in studies towards attaining full qualifications:

C3 Business – Shereena Casson and Amanda Roberts-McCoy;
C4 Business – Makhaim Brandon, Grant Hanson, Alana Khoory;
C4 Training and Assessment – Damien Reynolds;
C4 Human Resource Management – Dumesh Don;
Diploma in Youth Work – Ade Rizal, Elise Larkins;
Diploma in Information Technology (Cyber Security) – Harsh Purohit.

4. **Heavy Machinery training**

- Skid steer and backhoe training (Elliott staff, Sep);
- Grader completions (Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Tennant Creek staff, Oct);
- Backhoe and grader training (Alpurrurulam, Nov).

5. **Aggressive Behaviour Management**

Attended by 20 staff from Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Mungkarta and Tara.

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INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Infrastructure Directorate Report
REFERENCE 331030
AUTHOR Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

This report addresses activities within Infrastructure Directorate from mid-September to mid-October 2021.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

1. Elliott Football Oval Change Rooms: Final Handover inspection on 22/10/2021
2. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Construction in progress
3. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Construction in progress
4. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel: Construction in progress
5. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Construction started
6. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure – Construction to started
7. Alparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment – Construction to started
8. Wutungurra Women's Art Centre – Final Handover inspection on 20/10/2021
9. Lake Mary Ann Dam Picnic Tables- Demolition in progress
10. Dangerous Good Containers for Tennant Creek Swimming Pool – Design in progress
11. Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill – Design in progress

PROCUREMENT:

Future Tenders:

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Final Design and AAPA Certificate received. DIPL to provide access to the land for building the bike path.

PLANNING:

1. Estimate for refurbishment of Admin Office Building at 58 Peko Road has been received. Estimated cost of Approx. $1.4M. Waiting for funding.
2. Estimate for refurbishment of CIVIC hall has been received. Estimated cost of Approx. $1.0M to $2.0M depending on the areas we want to upgrade. Waiting for funding.
3. The estimate from designing street lighting system in Karuru Road has been received. It will cost around $10,000 for designing without land survey and around $30,000 including land survey. The total project cost of design and build is estimated to be approx.. $100,000.00

WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Sell and parker competed removal of scrap metal and cars from Tennant Creek and Elliott. They have planned to start the removal from Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja from late October 2021. Planned to start from Ampilatwatja on 25/10/2021.
2. Tyre Cycle (tyre shredding and recycling company) have received photos of Tyre piles in Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung. Received quote but it is too expensive as compared to previous service provider.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Community Development Directors Report
REFERENCE	331072
AUTHOR	Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the Community Development Report

SUMMARY:

COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

The Community Safety Program had a quiet month with no major events or incidents to report. The management team has focused on recruitment and rearrangement of the Regional Community Safety office in Tennant Creek. This involved some down time due to IT upgrades and some cabling works being completed.

There was some gaps in service delivery due to staff absences and leave, with the exit of our previous Community Safety Manager, filling vacancies at Arlparra, Ampilatwatja, Tara and Murray Downs has been difficult.

Glen (Ralph) McCoy, Ali Curung Community Safety Officer has been assisting the management team by getting out to Tara, Ampilatwatja and Arlparra to provide support to those communities and working with the Regional Manager to recruit to current vacancies. We have several candidates interested in Arlparra for the first time in several months (All communities have staffing except Arlparra which continues to be supported by staff from throughout the region).

The Community Safety Coordinator has attended several training sessions throughout the month on Specialist Homelessness Information Platform (SHIP) which is our data base required for both Elliott and Ali Curung Safe Houses, Trauma Informed Care and identification, assessment and reporting of Domestic and Family Violence and keeping children safe within that space. This will allow for greater liaison and support within the Community Safety & Wellbeing program and linking in with the Safe Houses.

We have successfully recruited to the Community Safety Manager position, with the appointment of Adrian Chong who was previously our Indigenous Environmental Health Worker. This is a promotion for Adrian and we welcome him to our team. He has already commenced trips throughout the region to meet staff and stakeholders.

The Community Safety Team at Elliott have continued to work with community and stakeholders and community members on the proposed Liquor Permit System the community are wanting to introduce.

YOUTHLINX

September has been busy month with our normal program and then the school holiday programs from 25th-30th September

Participant numbers for this month were 2047 including the School Holiday Program.

Events and Training:

Girl Health & Wellbeing Day, at JUNO

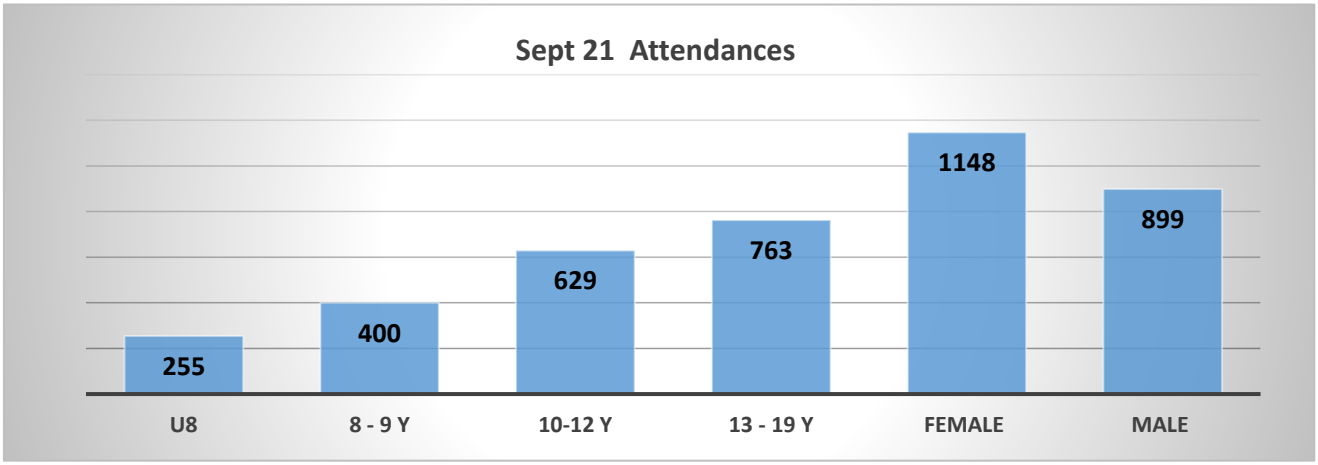
- Youthlinx Team supported with 3 activities including Face Painting, Pampers Day and provision of Beef Stew with Bread and juice.

Deadly Heart Trek

- 14 Sept 21, at Youthlinx Building from 3pm to 8pm and 58 youths have their heart check. 1 youth was identified as having a heart problem..
- 15 Sept 21, at Tennant Creek High School from 8am to 2 pm to assist Deadly Heart Trek Programs.

We Al-Li – Trauma Informed Care

- Lead Facilitator Judy-Kaye Nungala Knox and collaboration with Catholic Care NT and Barkly Regional Deal staff.



REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION

School holiday programmes (Week 1) ran across the region, with extra activities organised and some external visitors on community.

Ali Curung and Elliott had visits from JMF, and a young boy (age 5) in Ali Curung has been highlighted as “one to watch” after showing great skills as a goalie.

Gymnastics NT ran daily clinics in Arlparra for Week 1 of school holidays and had high numbers attending, particularly by 214 children (increasing throughout the week from 20 to 48 total 214 children and 14 to 29 total 211 children).

Arlparra Team Leader also took four young men to visit Alice Kitchen Cabinets to source and cut materials to build their stage. This has really helped with the music programme in community, with their band “New Boys” playing concerts and engaging the youth.

Epenarra had the highest numbers of participants of the year so far. More youth are back on community and there has been more structure to the activities delivered.

Challenges:

Staff not attending work continues to impact on program delivery - Ampilatwatja had 5 closures (2 due to wind and 3 due to lack of staff). Elliott had 3 closures due to staffing issues and Arlparra had 1 closure because of community fighting. The Ampilatwatja S&R facility is currently being upgraded and is several months from completion making programme delivery challenging due to the hot weather – the programme closed twice in September due to extreme wind and dust. Staff had been delivering the program at the oval and are looking to talk with the church on community to see if they can access their facility to run indoor activities.

Ampilatwatja had 5 closures (2 due to wind and 3 due to lack of staff). Elliott had 3 closures due to staffing issues and Arlparra had 1 closure because of community fighting.

Elliott had no vehicles for majority of the month, so attendance has been lower than normal.

Alpurrurulam remains without a Team Leader so has been inconsistent with opening, although recent recruitment of local casual staff (Dianne and Renae) should help invigorate this and we are currently arranging a big family day for October.

Community	5 – 14 Year Olds	15 – 24 Year Olds	Total	Previous Month Total
Ali Curung	583	84	667	774
Alpurrurulam	N/A	N/A	N/A	34
Ampilatwatja	495	24	519	254
Arlparra	323	292	615	250
Elliott	582	28	610	489
Epenarra	384	35	419	397

LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health)

Dogs Rehomed: 4 rehomed all locally
De-sexing: 7 dogs, vac and chipped
Dogs Impounded: 8 (2 are paying fines off and must have fencing fixed before animals can return home).
Euthanasia's: 0
Snake Removals: 1 retrieved from hobby farms – catch and release

Indigenous Environmental Health Worker has commenced with Community Safety and recruitment for this position is underway.

Animal Welfare Report - Dog locked in unit at Blackmore Street flats – no food, no water and required vet assistance for dehydration.

AGED CARE & NDIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER REPORT

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

FLEXI Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL

Number Current month (TM)	6	5	5	6	3	**25**
Number Previous month (PM)	5	5	6	3	4	**23**

CHSP Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	7	13	11	3	4	38
Number Previous month (PM)	7	10	8	3	3	31

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

Comment on overall FLEXI & CHSP:

The CHSP variation commenced in 1 July 2021 and we are tracking well to meet the new outputs, we will exceed outputs in Domestic Assistance and Individual Social Support but will be under in Personal Care, Centre Based Respite and possible Group Activities. There are 100% flexibility provisions again this year so we will be able to move funds between services.

Client satisfaction surveys completed for Arlparra, food surveys also being completed for all clients. These surveys will be rolled out through the region and are being undertaken by the Regional Community Care Manager, also allowing for her to talk with all our clients.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Story time/craft time program run for school holidays, one session every week over the 2 weeks (September 29 & October 6). Each session involves 2x stories read out followed by an associated themed craft, the September 29 theme was Colour.

Statistics	
Adults:	286
Children:	63
Computer users/Hours used:	16 / 18.5
Wi-Fi users/Hours used:	10 / 15
Total patronage:	349
Daily Average:	13
Item Circulation:	439
New Items:	11
Total Members:	887*

Planning has continued around the co-location with reception, soon to be moving into the library.

Interviews have been completed for the Elliott Library position and a local lady has been recruited and due to commence in October.

SAFE HOUSE - ELLIOTT AND ALI CURUNG

Elliott - September 2021	
Adults:	15
Children:	2
Total Client Base:	17

Ali Curung - September 2021	
Adults:	6
Children:	4
Total Client Base:	10

There have been security audits completed on both facilities and provided back to Territory Families for their references and support with funding to address all issues identified. One of the biggest risks is the fencing around Ali Curung Safe House which is only chain mesh and does not provide a secure environment for our clients and staff. They are yet to advise how this will be addressed.

Both Safe House Coordinators attended the We Al-li Trauma Informed Care Initiative, two day workshop at the Barkly Regional Council Chambers Tennant Creek.

The purpose of these Workshop was -

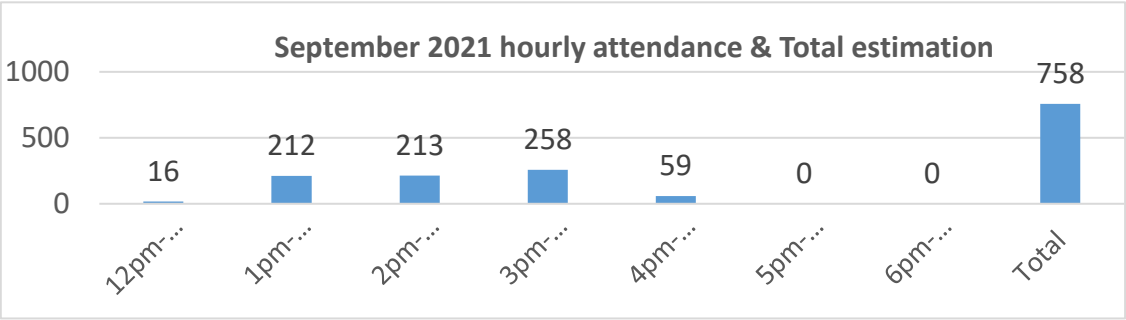
- To understand the community context and needs and to develop an Action Plan for the delivery of We Al-li Programs by co-designing the delivery with local community members, service providers and young people.
- To help establish a Trauma Champion Working Group by identifying ten local community members in the Barkly Region to be skilled up as trauma champions with relevant certificates and other qualifications.

TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

Water Safety Week 23rd and 24th September and School Holiday Activities

Collaboration with Royal lifesaving NT who travelled to Tennant Creek promoting Water safety week. Children had fun learning rescue skills. They were awarded with freebies and a BBQ provided at the end of the day. These events were very well received by community members. We have been working together for Learn to Swim and Lifeguard training that will be delivered in October.

The pool came alive in September with warm weather and school holidays. Preparation is underway for summer trading hours which commence at the beginning of October.



Barkly Sports Initiative

Tennis – Thursday evening session have been pushed back to 6-8pm due to the heat, and the program keeps going from strength to strength. More people are becoming involved and our most successful turnout was 8 participants which is a great outcome for a newly established sport.

Ongoing talks with Tennis NT about a potential visit before the end of the year and also the prospect of youth from around the region attending a smaller scale of the NTIS (which was cancelled in August due to Covid) in Darwin around April next year.

Softball - staff went to Alpurrurulam to support the sports and rec officers and help increase interest in the second upcoming softball carnival which is scheduled to be played in TC in November. We are looking to have multiple teams from all communities and have linked in with our Regional YS&R staff to support ongoing training. All communities have been provided with equipment to support training and intercommunity competitions.

Soccer - A second Monday night training session was created for those players who are committing to coming to the Katherine tournament, which is scheduled for October. We are also seeing good number at the social Wednesday sessions, approximately 16 players consistently for each session is standard now which is promising.

Darts – Meetings held around supporting the Golden Nugget, we have provided some sponsorship with new dart boards.

Yoga – Working well with ongoing small group classes, normally up to 6 people attend which is perfect for the session and facility.

BMX – Support was provided to the Barkly BMX Club for their first calendar meet held at the end of the month. Council provided assistance with donation of old grandstands from Purkiss Reserve, levelling of ground which the depot staff did a great job. There was over 100 riders throughout multiple age groups.

Barkly Sports Hub committee - The chair of the sports hub has been sending out email and organising meetings. First regular meeting for some time will occur 11/10/2021.

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OPERATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	October Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE	331150
AUTHOR	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpurrurulam

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

It has been a very busy month this month I have been working with all of the Communities and the Depot in Tennant Creek to assist in improving Service Delivery and addressing any issues that may have arisen.

We were fortunate enough to get all of the Area Managers into Tennant Creek for a recall for three days. It was great to see everyone here in Tennant Creek and the recall went very well. We had presentations from Weed Management, Infrastructure and Training and Development. We also had a very productive session with Community Development in looking at ways we can improve service delivery in our communities by working together to achieve outcomes for Barkly Regional Council. All in all it was a good productive three days which encouraged information sharing within the Council.

The Tennant Creek Depot was pleased to finally receive the new Dual Cab Hino Truck that was ordered last financial year (pictured below). By the end of the month/early November we hope to have the new Tip Truck for Elliott that was ordered at the same time.

Image supplied by Richard James

Our new water truck has finally been returned to us after being in Alice for an extended period for warranty repairs. It has been very disappointing to have had it out of service for so long. We have been advised that the problem with the transmission has now been resolved.

Tenders are currently out for a new rubbish truck and new 10 Ton Tipper.

Thanks to the new equipment we have acquired in recent years, we have recently sent a variety of old end of life equipment off to auction. It appears we will get a great return from the disposal of the old equipment.

This month I have travelled to Alpurrurulam, Elliott, Wutunugurra and Ali Curung. It have been good for me to be able to get out to the communities and meet with the Area Managers and our staff to assist with resolving any issues they are having. I have been well received in each community and I have enjoyed working with the team.

The Area Managers and their teams have started preparing for the wet season by keeping on top of the mowing, airstrip maintenance, fire breaks as well as keeping the communities as clean as we can. This can be a challenge if staff don't attend work regularly. The result of all this good work is that all of our communities are looking good and it is a credit to the teams on the ground for doing such a good job.

Local Authorities:
The Local Authorities have not met in the past month following Council's resolution to call for nominations. We have three sets of LA nominations for Council to consider at this meeting, with the remaining LA's still requiring more nominations to form new LA's .

Once the new LA's are formed and approved by council my priority will be to set meeting dates and get the committees up and running once more.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	Development Consent Authority
REFERENCE	330113
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council
a) Receive and note the report
b) Nominate a member for the Development Consent Authority

SUMMARY:

Council was previously asked to nominate for members to join the DCA. One of the individuals nominated was a staff member. However, it has been noted by the DCA that staff members of the council cannot be nominated as members. Council is therefore asked to nominated another individual as the fourth nominee to be forwarded to the DCA.

BACKGROUND

The Minister for Infrastructure, planning and logistics wrote to Council asking for nominations for the DCA. The term of the current three members comes to an end on the 3rd of December 2021.

The letter from the minister is attached.

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ATTACHMENTS:
1⇩ Steve Moore - DCA.pdf

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Mr Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Steve Moore

I would ordinarily write to the Mayor on this matter, but given the timing of this correspondence so close to the recent local government elections, I determined it more appropriate to write to you in your capacity as Chief Executive Officer, in this instance.

The term of the three current community members (local government council nominated members) on the Tennant Creek Division of the Development Consent Authority expires on 3 December 2021.

The three current community members are Councillor Siddhant Vashist, Councillor Kris Civitarese and Councillor Hal Ruger (alternate community member). The alternate community member acts for a community member when they are absent or unable.

In accordance with section 91(2) of the *Planning Act 1999*, the number of persons nominated must be at least one greater than the number of vacancies to be filled. Accordingly, could you please nominate four persons you think suitable to appoint as community members.

You are required to include with your nominations a completed registration form (attached) for each nominee.

Community members may be councillors/aldermen, or members of the public with good standing whom the local authority believe will represent the community. An employee of a local authority is not eligible to be appointed as a community member for that local authority.

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Please note that pursuant to section 91(3) of the *Planning Act 1999*, if the local government council fails to nominate the number of persons required, I may appoint any person I consider fit.

Please provide your four nominations and completed registration forms to myself at minister.lawler@nt.gov.au with cc to development.consentauthority@nt.gov.au by 25 October 2021.

If you have any questions in relation to this correspondence please contact Ms Dawn Parkes, A/Director Development Assessment Services on 08 8999 6048 or dawn.parkes@nt.gov.au

Yours sincerely

EVA LAWLER

- 2 SEP 2021

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 17.1
TITLE Correspondence
REFERENCE 329939
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) Receive and note the correspondence.

SUMMARY:

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ATTACHMENTS:
1⇩ 2021.09.22 - Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Chansey Paech MLA, to Mayor Jeffrey McL_6865E7A3.pdf
2⇩ 2021.10.05 - Response Letter from Minister Paech.pdf
3⇩ FA letter to Jeff McLaughlin 22 Sep 21.pdf
4⇩ Certifcate of Appreciation from BMX Club.pdf
5⇩ 2021.10.14 - Letter to Minister Reynolds RE NDIS Staff withdrawal from Tennant Creek.pdf

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Mr Jeffrey McLaughlin
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council

Via email: Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au

Dear Mayor Jeff,

Thank you for your letter of 26 August 2021, regarding rates exemptions for Venture Housing.

I appreciate your advice about the potential impact of a loss of rates revenue on Council finances.

I understand the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) has received advice on the relevant exemption at section 222(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act) and has formed a view that there will be properties managed by social housing providers, such as Venture Housing, that will qualify for an exemption. The actual entitlement will depend on the use of each particular allotment.

Regarding the suggestion in your letter that CM&C pressured councils to grant the exemption, this was not the purpose of the video conference that was held. Rather, as the Department that administers the Act, it is incumbent on CM&C to alert councils to emerging issues, encourage councils to seek their own legal advice, and offer support to assist councils to comply with obligations under the Act. This includes providing advice about risk, such as the risk that an unfavourable determination by the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal could potentially expose the council to having to repay rates from previous years.

I can assure you I recognise the importance of this matter for councils, and ultimately for your communities.

I have directed CM&C to obtain further information from councils and others on this matter, and to provide me with advice about options moving forward. A meeting is being arranged by CM&C in the immediate future with the Chief Executive Officers from the affected councils, along with senior representatives from the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities. I understand this has been discussed with Mr Steve Moore, your Chief Executive Officer. The aim of this meeting is to gain a detailed understanding of the financial, legal and other implications for councils and Government, and work together to identify possible solutions.

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

CM&C will provide me with advice on options following the meeting.

In the meantime, I commend the Council for seeking its own legal advice in collaboration with other impacted councils, fully considering risk, and taking decisions in the best long term interests of your community.

Yours sincerely

CHANSEY PAECH

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Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
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Via email: Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au

Dear Mr McLaughlin Jeff

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 August 2021 regarding the water use requirements associated with a new ablution block and refurbished sports and recreation building being developed by your organisation at Ampilatwatja. I acknowledge the ongoing work of the Barkly Regional Council and the value these facilities will deliver for the health and well-being of community residents.

Although the advice provided to me states that the Ampilatwatja water supply is constrained, I understand there may be a number of factors contributing to increasing levels of water use. Furthermore, I want to convey that this matter is also of significance to the Northern Territory Government to ensure housing projects to improve living conditions at Ampilatwatja can be progressed.

I have asked the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities to work closely with Power Water Corporation to further evaluate water supply infrastructure requirements at Ampilatwatja and to include consideration of your projects within this assessment.

Mr Lindsay Smith, Senior Director, Indigenous Essential Services, will make contact with you to outline the next steps.

Yours sincerely

CHANSEY PAECH
05/10/2021

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

FORTUNE AGRIBUSINESS

Mr Jeff McLaughlin
Mayor
Barkly Regional Council
41 Peko Road
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22 September 2021

Dear Jeff

Congratulations

I am writing to congratulate you on behalf of Fortune Agribusiness for your recent re-election as Mayor of the Barkly Shire Council. The resulting continuity and consistency in this key post bodes well for the period ahead, especially with the focus on the Barkly Deal and the concerted efforts to lift the economic prospects of the region.

As you know, Fortune Agribusiness is relatively new to the Barkly region. We were attracted to this region by the opportunity and potential and we are deeply committed to working with Council and the local communities to help ensure everyone shares in the benefits that our project offers.

Over the past few months we have been pleased to meet with a number of business and Government leaders in Tennant Creek as well as the Local Authority in Ali Curung. Whilst there is enthusiasm for the Singleton project in many quarters of the community, we are also well aware of concerns in some parts of the aboriginal community in particular.

We know we can implement this project with the necessary safeguards to allay people's concerns. However an important challenge for us is to find ways to better inform people about the project and at the same time provide them with simple avenues to ask questions or seek further information. Fran Kilgariff and I very much appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Ali Curung Local Authority in July and I trust that discussion helped explain our proposed plans for the Singleton project and also how we hope that the Ali Curung community can participate. We now need to find other ways to engage more widely and consistently.

I am, again, locked down in Melbourne and unable to visit in person. However I don't want that to prevent continued discussion about the project and what it may mean for local people. We intend to use our website to share more information (www.fortuneagri.com), and I am always happy to have a phone call, participate in a zoom call (or similar) or to forward written responses to any questions that you have or that are raised with you. I would welcome any suggestions from yourself regarding methods of communicating with the wider Barkly community.

The formal review of the water licence decision is still underway and we do not expect to learn the Minister's decision until mid November. Nevertheless we are continuing with our planning for the first stage of the project which we hope to commence later next year.

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As part of that planning we have begun preparation for a small scale trial plot (approx. 0.4 ha) so that we can begin assessing the performance of different varieties of the planned crops. Attached is a short outline of this exercise and it includes an invitation to others to participate in the trial if they wish. We will of course be happy to share the results of this work with any interested people and please feel free to share this summary of the trial plot program.

We are very genuine in our belief that the Singleton project can be a catalyst for significant, real economic opportunity for the people of the Western Davenport and Barkly region and look forward to working with you and the Barkly Council to ensure that is the result.

Best regards

Peter Wood

Chairman

Fortune Agribusiness

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Singleton Horticulture Project

Small Scale Crop Trials

Fortune Agribusiness (FA) has been developing a detailed plan for a horticulture project on Singleton Station since 2015. The site was chosen by FA because it has immediate access to key infrastructure such as power, road and rail and overlies suitable groundwater resources. The region is also relatively free of pests and diseases and has favourable soils and climate for many crops.

A detailed analysis of crop and market distribution options for horticultural production at Singleton has led to a current shortlist of crops. The shortlist includes permanent crops such as citrus, grapes, avocados and jujube while annual crops include onions, muskmelons and carrots among others.

Whilst the soil, water and climate parameters are favourable for many crops, there is very limited commercial production in the region at present. Trialling of different commodities, and different varieties within those commodities, will provide valuable data to enable the optimum selection of crops.

We were recently granted a Water Extraction Licence (WEL) for the project which is subject to the Company fulfilling a number of licence conditions before being eligible to access water, including obtaining all relevant government and EPA approvals. The outcome of these processes may not be known until well into 2022 and the WEL decision is also currently subject to Ministerial review.

In the meantime however FA is permitted to access up to 5 ML per year under a provision in Section 47 of the Water Act. It is intended to use this small quantity of water to trial various crops under conditions similar to those expected for a future larger scale horticulture project. The area for these initial trials will be limited to approximately 0.4 Ha.

This R&D exercise will be conducted with technical support from the NT Government's Plant Industries team and the outcomes will complement a number of other R&D projects being undertaken by NTG in the Western Davenport region in collaboration with nearby land holders. The results will be available to any interested party who may be considering horticulture development in the Western Davenport area.

In this context, if any nearby land owner would like specific commodities included in this trial they should contact us as soon as possible so that plants can be sought and planted to suit the upcoming seasons.

In due course, surplus fruit and vegetable produce from this trial plot can be made available to local communities.

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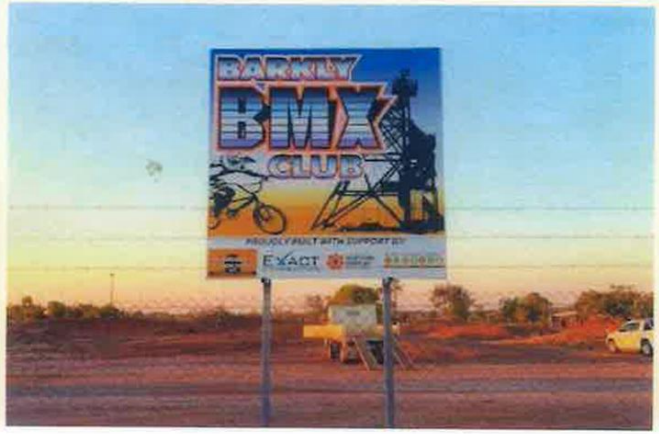

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14 October 2021

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT, 2600

Dear Minister Reynolds,

RE: NDIS Staff Withdrawal from Tennant Creek

At the Council meeting on 23 September 2021, Council requested that I write to you in regards to the withdrawal of NDIS staff from Tennant Creek. NDIS provides support and services to people with disabilities and is crucial in assisting them with day-to-day needs and requirements.

The removal of staff from the Tennant Creek NDIS program is of great concern to Council. The Barkly was the NDIS remote trial site when NDIS was launched, to find that local program Area Coordinators have now been withdrawn from the Region is disappointing. Clients now have nowhere to go and must rely on a phone service when they require assistance with their packages. Given the language barrier this can be difficult and frustrating.

With the Barkly Regional Deal gaining momentum, it is disappointing to see the NDIS jobs disappear from the region along with the support those staff offered local providers and participants. As a NDIS provider, this change affects us and our clients directly.

Council believes this is a crucial service for our community and want to work together to ensure that our residents get the best support and care available to them. Having a NDIS office in the Barkly is a key component of making NDIS successful for our residents that participate in the program.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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