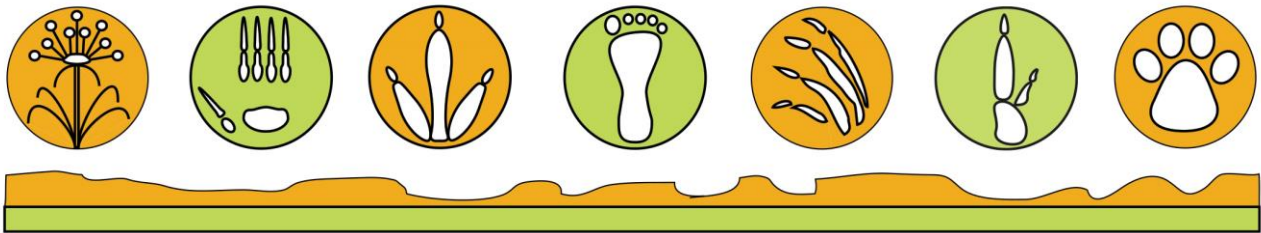


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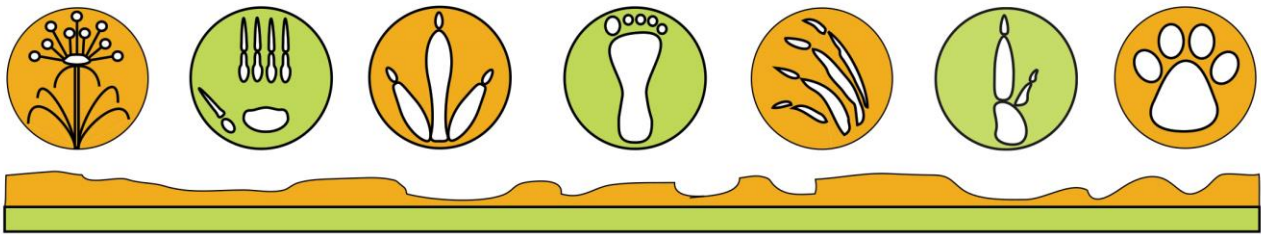
AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 29 JULY 2021

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 29 July 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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18.1 Confirmation of Previous Confidential Minutes

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

18.2 Confidential Action List

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

18.3 Local Authority Update

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (e) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

18.4 Barkly Regional Council Community Benefit Fund

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

18.5 Civic Hall Hire Requests

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

18.6 Outstanding Councillor Allowances Overpayments

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government

(Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

18.7 Error in Organisational Restructure of the Finance Department

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

18.8 Payroll and Payments Audit

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

18.9 Chief Executive Officers Confidential Update

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18.10 Confidential Correspondance

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

18.11 Approval of budgeted expenditure outside the CEO's financial delegation

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

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 321537
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021 and 24 June 2021 as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

Council is asked to confirm the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021 and 24 June 2021.

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

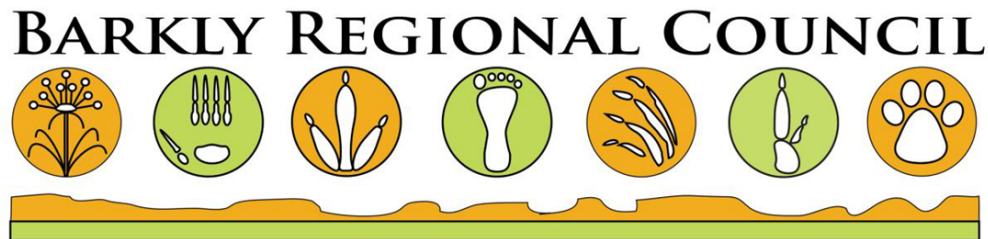
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MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8:42 am with Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 **Elected Members Present**

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Lucy Jackson
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Karan Hayward

1.2 **Staff Members Present**

- Steve Moore
- Mark Parsons
- Gary Pemberton
- Santosh Nirula
- Damian Carter
- Vanessa Goodworth
- Makhaim Brandon

1.3 **Apologies**

- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Noel Hayes

1.4 **Absent Without Apologies**

- Jack Clubb

MOTION

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 77/21

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

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member

- Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – President
 - Tourism Central Australia - Board Member
- Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
 - Member for Barkly - Employee
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – Member
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
 - Senator for the Northern Territory - Employee
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
 - Outback Stores – Employee
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jane Evans – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott – Store Manager
- Cr. Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mark Gillard Painting – Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Secretary

Cr. Hayward declared a conflict of interest at 8.2.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 LGANT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the presentation from Sean Holden (CEO) and Kon Vatskalis (President) of LGANT

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 78/21

Cr Kris Civitarese left the meeting, the time being 8:51 AM

Cr Kris Civitarese returned to the meeting, the time being 8:53 AM

1.2 2021-2022 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

MOTION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the report; and
- (b) Endorse the attached fees and charges for the financial year ending in 2022 for public exhibition and comment
- (c) Declare the following (attached) Schedule Of Fees And Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2022.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 79/21

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Publish the draft budget for public consultation

1.3 DECLARATION OF 2021-2022 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL RATES AND CHARGES

MOTION

That Council

- (a) Receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's certification of the assessment records in line with Section 24(1) Local Government (Accounting) Regulations as attached to this report;
- (b) Authorise the advertisement of the 2021-2022 Barkly Regional Council Rates and Charges for public comment.

Rates

- I. That Pursuant to Section 227 of the Act, the Council adopts the Unimproved Capital Value as the basis of the assessed value of allotments within the Barkly Regional Council Area ("**the Council Area**").
- II. That Pursuant to Section 237 of the Act Council declares that the amount it intends to raise for general purposes by way of rates is \$2,913,100 by the application of a combination of the following fixed charges and differential valuation-based charges with minimum charges being payable:

General Rateable Land

Pursuant to Section 226(c) of the *NT Local Government Act*, Council adopts:

1. Differential valuation-based rates for the township of Tennant Creek fixed for different zones.
2. Differential valuation-based rates for the township of Elliot fixed for different zones.
3. Differential fixed charge for other allotments within the Council area fixed for different zones.

With respect to every allotment of rateable land within that part of the Council Area comprising the towns of Tennant Creek and Elliot the general rate is a valuation-based charge where the basis of assessed value is the unimproved capital value (UCV) of the land subject to rates.

For allotments in other parts of the Council area, the general rate is a fixed charge.

Differential Rates Schedule

Allotments in the Town of Tennant Creek	
Multiplier	Zone
2.8392	SD (Single Dwelling)
0.9261	RL (Rural Living)
3.6630	MD (Multiple Dwelling)
9.0941	CL (Community Living)
1.8848	MR (Medium Density Residential)
6.7437	C (Commercial)
7.2390	TC (Tourist Commercial)
6.2118	SC (Service Commercial)
4.6058	CP (Community Purpose)
3.1366	OR (Organised Recreation)
8.8987	LI (Light Industrial)
8.1918	GI (General Industry)
0.7111	UF (Urban Farm Land)
Allotments in the Town of Elliott	
Multiplier	Description
0.9667	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes (Zone: CM)
0.5684	All other allotments not included above (All Other Zoning)
Allotments in the Town of Newcastle Waters	
Fixed Charge	Description

\$1,018.29	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes (Zone: OC)
\$225.23	All other allotments not included above (All Other Zoning)
Allotments in Community & surrounding Living Areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara & Wutunugurra	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,212.85	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes (Zone: OT)
\$1,023.58	All other allotments not included above (All Other Zoning)
Allotments in Council area (Excluding those comprised in other parts of this schedule)	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,212.85	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes (Zone: OT)
\$1,023.58	All other allotments not included above (All Other Zoning)
<p>Valuations upon which rates have been determined for the 2021-2022 financial year, are based upon a comprehensive valuation prepared by the Valuer-General under the <i>Valuation of Land Act</i> as at 30 June 2018. This valuation has been incorporated into the rating policy for the budget year ending 30 June 2022.</p> <p>Conditionally Rateable Land</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 142(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2008</i>, Land held under the pastoral lease and land occupied under a mining tenement is rated as approved by the Minister for Local Government and determined by the Northern Territory Government. Conditional rates are the subject of a Gazette Notice. A copy of the Gazette notice is also available on the website.</p> <p>Pastoral Leases</p> <p>Assessed Value is as defined at Section 227(b) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>Rates are calculated by using the unimproved capital value multiplied by 0.000306. The minimum rate for these properties is \$376.45.</p> <p>The amount the Council will be able to raise by way of rates is \$109,854.</p> <p>Active Mining Leases</p> <p>Assessed Value is as defined at Section 227(b) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>Rates are calculated by multiplying the assessed value by 0.003475. The minimum amount payable shall be \$890.96.</p> <p>The amount the Council will be able to raise by way of rates is \$22,453.</p> <p>Waste Management Charges</p> <p>In relation to Council's function of sanitation and waste management, Council, pursuant to Section 239 of the <i>Local Government Act (2019)</i>, hereby makes the following charges and service fees:-</p> <p>Council imposes charges and service fees in respect of the garbage collection service for Tennant Creek, Elliott, Newcastle Waters, and allotments in the communities and</p>	

surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and Wutunugurra.

Where a business uses a waste management facility operated by the Regional Council and/or receives waste collection services from the Regional Council, waste charges will apply.

(a) Each allotment in Tennant Creek, Elliott and Newcastle Waters:

Where a waste collection service is provided using a 240 litre capacity receptacle, or where Council is willing and able to provide:

where Council is willing and able to provide:

- each weekly kerbside service
 - Waste Management Charge \$ 397.80 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service
 - Waste Management Fee \$ 397.80 per annum
- ~~each daily kerbside service \$ 1,086.49 per annum~~

(b) Each allotment in the communities and surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra and Wutunugurra:

Where a waste collection service is provided using a 240 litre capacity receptacle, or where Council is willing and able to provide:

- each weekly kerbside service
 - Waste Management Charge \$ 1,151.68 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service
 - Waste Management Fee \$ 516.47 per annum

The amount the Council proposes to raise by way of waste management charges is \$1,005,601.

Penalty for Late Payment

That, pursuant to Section 245 of the **Local Government Act 2019**, Council determines that the relevant interest rate which accrues on overdue rates will be 10 percent per annum.

Rates Concessions

It is acknowledged that some individual ratepayers may experience difficulties adhering to the rating policy.

Consideration will be given to granting a rate concession (that is, a reduced or deferred payment) in instances of financial hardship, to correct anomalies in the rating system or where there is some public benefit.

Ratepayers may seek consideration of their rates through application under the **Rates Hardship Policy**.

Payment

That the Council determines that the Rates and Charges declared under this declaration are all due and payable in four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates:

- 30 September 2021;
- 30 November 2021
- 31 January 2022; and
- 31 March 2021.

Schedule of bin collections

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 80/21*

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 10:17am

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 10:20am

1.1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION: DRAFT BUDGET - 30 JUNE 2022**MOTION****That Council**

- a) **Endorse the Draft 2021-2022 Barkly Regional Council Budget for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*.**

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett****Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 81/21*

Cr Hayward - Vigorously promote the new increases in fees and charges so people are aware WHY the increases are happening- 21 days consultation for the budget.

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 10:26 AM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 10:33 AM

1.1 FINANCE REPORT - APRIL 2021**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the ten months ended 30 April 2021.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward****Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 82/21***MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Move into Confidential session.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese**

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 83/21

18.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.

Tennant Creek – 2 positions available

- b) Approve the nomination of Zanaya Meyers-Rutherford to the Tennant Creek local authority.
- c) Approve the nomination of Clarissa Burgen to the Tennant Creek local authority.
- d) Move into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 84/21

MOTION

Ampilatwatja – 2 positions available

- e) Approve the nomination of Lester Peterson to the Ampilatwatja local authority.
- f) Approve the nomination of Alwyn Morton to the Ampilatwatja local authority.
- g) Move into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Cr. Kris Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 85/21

Jeff declared a conflict with Lester Peterson a nominee for Ampilatwatja and did leave the room for the discussion and vote for this item.

18.4 RATES WAIVER REQUEST

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Decline the rates concession application from NAAJA
- c) Move into ordinary.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 86/21

18.5 ILUA FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the ILUA with the Central Land Council.
- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 87/21

18.6 TENDER ASSESSMENT: BRC 008-21 SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THIRTEEN (13) SHELTERED PICNIC TABLES IN LAKE MARY ANN DAM

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and Note the report
- b) Award the contract of Supply and Installation of Thirteen (13) Sheltered Picnic Tables in Lake Mary Ann Dam to Harvey Developments NT Pty Ltd, 41 Maloney St, Tennant Creek NT 0860 for value of \$135,514.51 (Incl. GST)
- c) Move the item into ordinary council

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 88/21

Cr Civitarese declared a conflict of interest and left the room for the discussion and vote for this entire item.

Where possible the orientation of the shelters will be repositioned to help mitigate wind issues.

18.7 TENDER ASSESSMENT BRC 007-21 BITUMEN RESEAL TENNANT CREEK TOWN STREETS

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

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and Note the report
- b) Award the contract of Bitumen Reseal of Tennant Creek Town Streets (Phase 2) to F&J Bitumen Services Pty Ltd, 50 Spencely Road, Humpty Doo NT 0836 for value of \$499,897.65 (Incl. GST).
- c) Subject to the 2021/2022 Budget being approved
- d) Move the item into ordinary council

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 89/21*

ACTION ITEM: Council requested changes to the language used regarding the “best price” vs. “lowest price”.

Cr Civitarese to mark up correct wording for the tender document

Cr Evans requested that Elliott community gathering area get some of the old seating from Lake Mary Ann.

18.8 UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL AND INTERNAL PROCESS REVIEW

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

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Move to Ordinary

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OCCS 90/21***MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Move into ordinary session.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 91/21*

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr.Sid Vashist

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 92/21

Cr. Civitarese declaration of interests has reverted back and needs to be updated again.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS

MOTION**That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the Action Items

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: Cr.Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 93/21

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

4.1 CAG

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report.

The CAG failed to attend the meeting.

4.2 JULALIKARI NIGHT PATROL

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report.

Julalikari failed to respond to emails regarding their requested attendance to the meeting

ACTION ITEM: CEO to Write to Julalikari CEO about invitations to council meetings as they have failed to respond to numerous emails. Mayor to write a letter to the Julalikari board in regards to their failure to respond.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC*Nil***6. MAYOR'S REPORT****6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT****MOTION****That Council:**

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

RESOLVED**Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 94/21*

Mayor spoke about the need for a Zebra crossing between the school and the store at Ampilatwatja with speed bumps either side.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**7.1 CARETAKER PERIOD AND ELECTION INFORMATION****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett****Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 95/21*

Cr Ronald Plummer left the meeting, the time being 01:13 PM

Cr Ronald Plummer returned to the meeting, the time being 01:18 PM

7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 96/21*

Cr Sid Vashist left the meeting, the time being 01:16 PM

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

8.1 POLICY APPROVAL**MOTION****That Council**

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

formatting of 3.1 and 3.2

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 97/21

8.2 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 98/21

Cr Hayward declared a conflict of interest in regards to cross cultural training for staff as the current RTO in the region for cross cultural training. She did not leave the room.

Director of Corporate Services – Damian explained that cross cultural training plans are upcoming and will be included as part of the induction process.

Add Cr Hayward to the mailing list to receive media releases.

8.3 MYBARKLY PROGRAM UPDATE**MOTION****That Council**

- a) receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 99/21

8.4 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 -

2023
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report b) Adopt the Communication Strategy to provide direction and guidance of Council's communication activities. <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer</p> <p>Seconded: Cr. Kris Civitarese CARRIED UNAN.</p> <p><i>Resolved OC 100/21</i></p>
Track average reach, and amount of posts done with the monthly social media report.

Cr Lucy Jackson left the meeting, the time being 01:46 PM

Cr Lucy Jackson returned to the meeting, the time being 01:52 PM

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the report of activities within Infrastructure Directorate <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Moved: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer</p> <p>Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes CARRIED UNAN.</p> <p><i>Resolved OC 101/21</i></p>

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APRIL REPORT
<p>MOTION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receive and note the Community Development April Report <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward</p> <p>Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer CARRIED UNAN.</p> <p><i>Resolved OC 102/21</i></p>
Community safety and sport and rec team given thanks from the mayor with their

role in helping run and organise the recent traveling music roadshow as part of the Regional Deal.

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

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

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Karan Hayward

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 103/21

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 Director of Operations Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 104/21

Thanks given to the area managers by the Mayor and councillors on the great work they have done over the last month.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17. CORRESPONDENCE**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE****MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 105/21***REGIONAL PLAN**

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18. CLOSE OF MEETING**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) Close the meeting.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Kris Kris Civitarese****Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 106/21*

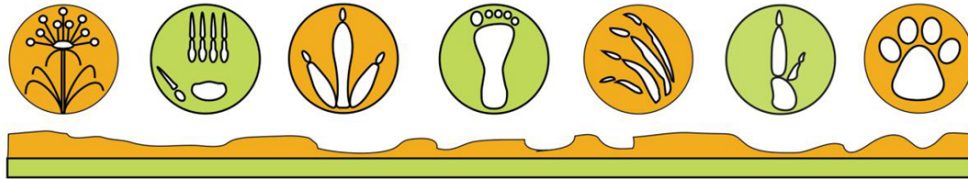
The meeting terminated at 2:04 pm.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



OUR VISION

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

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

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

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

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

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

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

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

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 8.30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8.43 am with Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin as Chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer
Cr. Ray Aylett
Cr. Hal Ruger
Cr. Ricky Holmes
Cr. Sid Vashist
Cr. Jane Evans
Cr. Lucy Jackson

1.2 Staff Members Present

Steve Moore
Damian Carter
Santosh Niraula
David Lighttower
Mark Parson
Millicent Nhepera
Vanessa Goodworth

1.3 Apologies

Cr. Kris Civitarese
Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
Cr. Jack Clubb
Cr. Karan Hayward

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

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

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

- Member for Barkly - Employee

CONTINUED

- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch – President
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
 - KNC (NT) – Managing Director
 - Senator for the Northern Territory - Employee
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
 - Outback Stores – Employee
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jane Evans – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Puma Elliott – Store Manager
- Cr. Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mark Gillard Painting – Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
 - Tennant Creek Pistol Club – Secretary

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

8.4 FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR 2021/2022**MOTION****That Council**

- a) **Resolve to adopt the 2021-2022 Barkly Regional Council Budget Financial Statements in accordance with Section 128 of the Local Government Act 2008**
- b) **Resolve to include the 2021-2022 Barkly Regional Council Budget Financial Statements in the Regional Plan and Budget 2021-2022 in accordance with Section 131 and Section 22 of the Local Government Act 2008**

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Aylett

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 95/21

8.5 REGIONAL PLAN**MOTION****That Council**

- a) **Receive and note the report**
- b) **Approve the Regional Plan for 2021-2022**

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 96/21

8.3 PERMISSION TO PROCEED WITH AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION TO GO TO TENDER FOR THE LLN EDUCATIONAL CONTRACT**MOTION****That Council:**

- a) **Receive and note the report**
- b) **Approves Council to apply for exemption from the NTG for tendering the LLN educational contract to the past local contractor with approval from the NTG.**

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 97/21

8.2 POLICY APPROVAL**MOTION****That Council**

- a) **Receive and note the report**

- b) Approve the Credit Card policy
- c) Approve the Extra Meeting Allowance Policy
- d) Approve the Recruitment and Selection Policy
- e) Approve the Gifts and Benefits Policy (CEO)
- f) Approve the Gifts and Benefits Policy (Staff)
- g) Approve the Procurement Policy
- h) Approve the Learning and development Policy

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 98/21

MOTION

That council

- a) Move into confidential at 8.59am

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 99/21

MOTION

That council

- a) Resume the ordinary meeting at 9.16am

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 100/21

20.1 SEXUAL ASSAULT

Cr. Ruger brought about concerns about the rise in the sexual assault cases in Tennant Creek.

Suggested that Council needs to do something about this matter.

ACTION ITEM: Write a letter to the member of Barkly and the Minister regarding the rise in sexual assault matters .

MOTION

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 101/21

18.4 BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ciii) (d) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person; AND information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the application from the Tennant Creek Volunteer Association Committee
- c) Move into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 102/21

The remaining two applications deferred to the next meeting.

18.7 REQUEST TO BARKLY COUNCIL FOR LAND USAGE (NT POLICE)

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

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Decline the request by NT police for use of the crown land behind Juno Centre
- c) Move the item into ordinary

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Hal Ruger

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 103/21

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Confirm the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021 as a true and accurate record.

Deferred.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**3.1 ACTION ITEMS****RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

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

Deferred.

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING**4.1 NEW ACT BRIEF****RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the brief of the Local Government Act.

Deferred.

4.2 PRESENTATION FROM JULALIKARI**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. MAYOR'S REPORT**6.1 MAYOR'S REPORT****RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

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

Deferred.

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 RATIFICATION OF COMMON SEAL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

1. Deed of Variation to National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program from 2019 to 2023, between Department of Health and BRC;
2. Project Agreement Variation to Children and Schooling Programme for outside School Hours Care Program till 31 December 2021, between National Australian Indigenous Agency and BRC;
3. Memorandum of Understanding for the shared use of Carpark at Lot 50, 164 Patterson Street, Tennant Creek - Between SDA Properties Pty Ltd as Trustee for SD Anderson Property Trust and BRC;
4. Indigenous Land Use Agreement for Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility between, Central Land Council, Patta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and BRC;
5. National Agents and Access Points Program (NAAP) Invitation Pack for the financial year 2021-22 between Services Australia and BRC;
6. Provision of additional Funding Agreement for administration support of the Barkly Backbone Team till 30 June 2022 between, Northern Territory Government, Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet and BRC;
7. Regional Youth Services Program for BRC Holiday Program, to extend Town Pool hours and the recreational activities in Town Camps from 1 April 2021 to 26 April 2021 between, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and BRC;
8. Short Form Grant Agreement of Community Benefit Fund Major Community Organisation Grant for Tennant Creek Pool Cover till 30 June 2022 between, Northern Territory Government care of Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade and BRC; and
9. Variable Term Funding Agreement Schedule of COVID-19 Domestic Family Violence Responses Tranche 3 for the Safe Houses in Ali Curung and Elliott till 30 June 2022 from 29 June 2021 between, NTG and BRC.

Deferred.

7.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

8. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT****RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

8.6 GRANTS REPORT - JUNE 2021**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- (a) Receive and note the Grants Report for the eleven months ended 31 March 2021.

Deferred.

8.7 FINANCE REPORT - MAY 2021**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the ten months ended 31 May 2021.

Deferred.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT****RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE**10.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - MAY 2021 REPORT****RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) note and receive the Community Development May Report

Deferred.

11. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Tennant Creek Local Authority June meeting.
- c) Note the security issue of items missing from graves at the Tennant Creek cemetery.
- d) Recommend that the LA members advise people who have had items stolen from the cemetery to report the matter to police.

Deferred.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

15. OPERATIONS**15.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT****RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

Deferred.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

17. CORRESPONDENCE**17.1 CORRESPONDENCE****RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

Deferred.

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting lost quorum at 9.20am.

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Jeffrey McLaughlin
Council Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Action Items
REFERENCE	321538
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: Troy to update
Item 3: Ongoing
Item 4: No further update
Item 5: Ongoing – have again requested to meet with Patta
Item 6: Complete
Item 7: Complete, allocation cannot be changed
Item 8: Complete

Item A: Blueprints commenced – Wutunugurra complete copy requested

Item B: Ongoing – this can probably be removed

Item C: Progressing – final steps underway

Item D: Ongoing – no further update

Item E: Complete

Item F: Ongoing – looking for funding

BACKGROUND

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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ATTACHMENTS:

1 [Ordinary Council Meeting Action List.pdf](#)



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST
From Meeting – 29 April 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Action/Task	Action Officer	Status
1.	Ordinary Council Meeting 26 July 2018		Lane Ways	<p>CEO to request that Barkly Work camp clean up the alley ways and paint them white</p> <p>CEO to bring back information on the partnership with the Barkly Work Camp on the scope of the works</p> <p>Talk to the school about painting murals.</p> <p>CEO to look at getting lights in the laneways and permission sought from the neighbours.</p> <p>Mayor to facilitate the painting laneways</p>	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 Elliott 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 25 March 2021		Julalikari Night Patrol	<p>Invite Julalikari to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>CEO to Write to Julalikari CEO about invitations to council meetings as they have failed to respond to numerous emails. Mayor to write a letter to the Julalikari board in regards to their failure to respond.</p>	CEO	27.05.2021; Julalikari night patrol did not attend the meeting.
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 29 April 2021		Grants Question	Ask whether the drought funding money that has already allocated to a project can be re-allocated to a different project. .	CEO/FM	
8.	Ordinary Council Meeting 24 June 2021		Sexual Assault	Write a letter to the member of Barkly and the Minister regarding the rise in sexual assault matters in the region.	CEO	



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST
From Meeting – 29 April 2021

No.	Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Completed Status
A	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampilatwatja briefing Community blueprints	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process CEO to meet with DCM and NIAA in regards to community blueprints for Ampilatwatja CEO and Mayor to discuss further and report back to next Council	CEO	12.12.2019 Ongoing
B	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018		Policies and Procedures	All Policies are to be standardized. Add to all Policies, Legislation Standards, Related Policies, Responsibilities and Delegation and Evaluation and Review		12.12.2019 Ongoing
C	Confidential Council Meeting 2 May 2019		Landfill site	Investigate land acquisition of Landfill site	CEO, Director of Infrastructure	12.12.2019 Ongoing
D	Ordinary Council Meeting 31 October 2019		Youth Justice Facility (Regional Deal Project)	Council to be updated on progress with the Youth Justice Facility:		19.03.2020 Ongoing – no update this meeting
E	Ordinary Council Meeting 20 May 2020		People and Culture	Casual and part-time staff and what Council is doing to convert casual to part-time to staff.	CEO	
F	Ordinary Council Meeting 28 January 2021		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.

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Barkly Regional Deal Update
REFERENCE 321540
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Ben will give a verbal update on the Barkly Regional Deal.

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:

ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	School Incentives
REFERENCE	324173
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note a report
- b) Receive and not the presentation from Maisie Floyd
- c) Consider the proposal to expand the student aware program

SUMMARY:

This report pertains to the Juno Lease payments and Council's desire to use the funds to contribute to education activities within the Barkly. Council currently sponsor a TCHS award for \$2,000 at the end of each year.

BACKGROUND

We have received information from Maisie Floyd that the schools in the region would like to follow TCHS's direction of nominating an appropriate student as an incentive for commitment to ongoing education.

The schools in the region include:

Newcastle Waters
Elliot
Rockhampton Downs
TCPS
TCHS
Alekenenge
Murray Downs
Canteen Creek
Epenarra
Alpururulum

Soon to be in the Education boundary:

Neutral Junction
Alparra
Ampilatwatja

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:

There are no attachments for this report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Mayor's Report
REFERENCE 321255
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

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

SUMMARY:

Friday 28th May	Attended meeting at Barkly Arts with Kym and Damian in regards to the Desert Harmony Festival and Territory Day
Tuesday 1st June	9am meeting with the Northern Territory Watery Safety group. Traveled to Marlinja for SREBA information meeting
Wednesday 2nd June	Met with Community members Raymond Dixon, Jane Dixon and Elanore Dixon. Also the meeting was attended by Beetaloo scientists as well as experts in regards to animal, fish and water ology in regards to SREBA. Attended a Youth Crisis meeting in Tennant Creek at 3pm
Tuesday 8th June	Meeting with Steven Edgington, Steve Baldwin and Danial Rochford. 7pm dinner at Wok's up with staff and members of Tourism Central Australia
Wednesday 9th June	Attended a Tourism Action Group meeting before traveling to Ali Curung to assist with the setting up of the Arts & Culture festival that was organized by the Art Centre
Thursday 10th June	Meeting between Steve Moore, Steve Edgington and myself at his office also attended the Tennant Creek Primary School sports day.
Tuesday 15th June	9am called into a meeting with the NTWSM group and had a meeting for the Visitor Park Working group at 1pm
Wednesday 16th June	Drove to Ampilatwatja and Arlparra with Director of Operations to attend both Local Authorities
Thursday 17th June	Travel to Elliott to attend Local Authority meeting with Director of Operations
Friday 18th June	Travel to Alice Springs for flight to Canberra for ALGA conference was cancelled as we couldn't get to Alice Springs due to a truck roll over
Monday 21st June	Attended the Launch of the refreshed Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy in Tennant Creek with Hon Chansey Paech and Hon Selena Uibo.
Wednesday 23rd June	Attended events working group
Thursday 24th June	Council meeting only lasted for 45 minutes as we couldn't get a quorum for longer than that.
Friday 25th June	Assisted Barkly Arts with Territory Day and Desert Harmony planning. Radio interview with Stuart Brash about what happened at the Council meeting
Saturday 26th June	Went to Gary Pemberton's farewell party
Tuesday 29th June	COVID lockdowns in Darwin and Alice Springs were well

	underway. Unfortunately Territory Day celebrations were postponed.
Wednesday 30th July	Tourism Central Australia Meeting. LGANT meeting about the new fees and charges that Councils pay to LGANT Attended a Julalikari Council meeting with Troy Koch Emergency Barkly Arts Meeting RE: COVID
Thursday 1st July	Radio interview with Alex from ABC Alice Springs talking about the current COVID situation
Wednesday 7th July	Barkly Tourism Action Group Meeting Events working group with Barkly Arts
Thursday 8th July	Met up with Nicole Manison Minister for Police Filmed a golden shovel about the tick borne disease to protect our dogs
Friday 9th & Saturday 10th July	Dr. Flouride Played at the memo
Sunday 11th July	Attended a Literacy for Life movie night at the basketball courts
Monday 12th July	Citizenship Ceremony Tourism Meeting about visitor services Ali Curung Local Authority
Tuesday 13th July	Travelled to Alpurrurulam for the LA – Cooked Deputy Mayor Plummer and Local Member Edgo dinner.
Wednesday 14th July	Travelled to Ampilatwatja for the LA Went to Alparra Travelled to Alice Springs for the weekend
Friday 16th July	Interview on 8CCC radio about being the mayor and the regional deal Interview with Stuart Brash at ABC
Monday 19th July	Attended the NAIDOC March hosted by Julalikari Interview with Alex from ABC Alice Met with Barkly Arts in the afternoon
Tuesday 20th July	Joint board meeting with TCA and Tourism Top End Sat down with Steve Moore to discuss the Streetscape
Wednesday 21st July	Wrote an email to Maisie (head of Barkly Education) about a dead tree in the school yard. Met with Ronald to discuss the British Empire Medal his father received. Met with Cr Ruger and his father the old Mayor of Tennant Creek
Thursday 22nd July	Lunch with Literacy for Life
Friday 23rd July	Barkly Arts Events Working Group
Saturday 24th July	Helping Tjupi with their NAIDOC celebration performance
Tuesday 27th July	Working with Barkly Work Camp organizing Desert Harmony logistics Stakeholder meeting to discuss tick borne disease
Wednesday 28th July	Tourism Central Australia Board Meeting Crisis Youth Support Working Group

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ATTACHMENTS:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Ratification of Common Seal
REFERENCE	320592
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. Deed of Variation to National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program from 2019 to 2023, between Department of Health and BRC;
2. Project Agreement Variation to Children and Schooling Programme for outside School Hours Care Program till 31 December 2021, between National Australian Indigenous Agency and BRC;
3. Memorandum of Understanding for the shared use of Carpark at Lot 50, 164 Patterson Street, Tennant Creek - Between SDA Properties Pty Ltd as Trustee for SD Anderson Property Trust and BRC;
4. Indigenous Land Use Agreement for Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility between, Central Land Council, Patta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and BRC;
5. National Agents and Access Points Program (NAAP) Invitation Pack for the financial year 2021-22 between Services Australia and BRC;
6. Provision of additional Funding Agreement for administration support of the Barkly Backbone Team till 30 June 2022 between, Northern Territory Government, Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet and BRC;
7. Regional Youth Services Program for BRC Holiday Program, to extend Town Pool hours and the recreational activities in Town Camps from 1 April 2021 to 26 April 2021 between, Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and BRC;
8. Short Form Grant Agreement of Community Benefit Fund Major Community Organisation Grant for Tennant Creek Pool Cover till 30 June 2022 between, Northern Territory Government care of Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade and BRC;
9. Variable Term Funding Agreement Schedule of COVID-19 Domestic Family Violence Responses Tranche 3 for the Safe Houses in Ali Curung and Elliott till 30 June 2022 from 29 June 2021 between, NTG and BRC;
10. Grant Agreement of Regional Youth Service Program for Youthlinx School Holiday Program, between Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities and BRC till 25 January 2021;
11. Individualised Grant Agreement of Stronger Places, Stronger Families Initiative for Children and Families Program by the Barkly Backbone Team, between Department of Social Services and BRC from 1 July 2021 to 30 November 2024; and

12. Project Schedule and Head Agreement of General Grants, Safety and Wellbeing Program for Youth Sports and Rec, from 31 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, between National Indigenous Australian Agency 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:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Representation on the BRD Interim Governance Table
REFERENCE	323920
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Appoint the Director of Community Development to the Barkly Regional Deal Interim Governance Table

SUMMARY:

As Councillors are aware the Director of Operations recently resigned from Council. One of his roles was to represent Council at the BRD Governance Table meetings.

With representation now being sourced from remote communities and homelands through the newly established Barkly Aboriginal Alliance model, Council may desire to consider the appointment of another Director to the table rather than appointing the acting Director of Operations.

The Director of Community Development, Sharen Lake is a long term resident who has previously been on the table as a representative from the NGO sector, she relinquished this position several months ago but is eager to re-join the table as part of her role with Council.

Mrs Lake would be a good addition to the table and we recommend that Council appoint her to be one of Councils two representatives on the table.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 7.3
TITLE Councilor Resignation
REFERENCE 323962
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

The CEO received the attached letter of resignation from Cr Ray Aylett on the 6th of July 2021. I am sure you will join with me and thank Cr Aylett for his service to council over the past 12 years.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1  Councillor Resignation

From: Iain Loganathan <Iain.Loganathan@nt.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 11:42 AM
To: Steve Moore <Steve.Moore@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Cc: Jeffrey McLaughlin <Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Kirsten Kelly <Kirsten.Kelly@nt.gov.au>; Greg Hibble <Greg.Hibble@nt.gov.au>; Susan Whyte <Susan.Whyte@nt.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Councillor resignation

Thanks Steve I confirm receipt of your email.

Regards

Iain Loganathan
Electoral Commissioner

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From: Steve Moore <Steve.Moore@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 11:32 AM
To: Iain Loganathan <Iain.Loganathan@nt.gov.au>
Cc: Jeffrey McLaughlin <Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Subject: Councillor resignation

Iain

See below email from Cr Ray Aylett.

I have called and spoken to him and he has confirmed his resignation. As per the new Act his resignation comes into effect immediately.

This is the Councillor who has moved to Qld so is no longer eligible to be a Councillor

Regards

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Barkly Regional Council
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From: Jeff and Jane Thorrold <thunderus2@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 9:42 AM

To: reception <reception@barkly.nt.gov.au>

Subject: My resignation from council

Mayor, Jeff McLoughlin and the CEO Steven Moore of the Barkly Shire Council :

I would like to resign as member for Elliot on the Barkly Regional Council, effective as per next council meeting on 29/07/21.

At the Barkly Regional Council election held in 2008, I stood for council in the Elliot area. The result was a tie between myself and another lady. Our names were put in a hat, and mine came out, so I was declared the loser. The lady who was declared the winner wanted a car and house and when told that they were not part of Council entitlements, she resigned .

After the lady's resignation, Council contacted me, and asked if I would take the Council position. I was very reluctant but the people of Elliot encouraged me to take it, so after a bit of thought I decided to accept. The Barkly Regional Council covers an area of 322,713 square kilometres (124,600 square miles) and at that time had a population of almost 7,400. Since my time on Council there have been 9 or 10 CEO's and acting CEO's and 4 mayors.

Over the period on Council since 2008, I have had many enjoyable (and some not so enjoyable) experiences and I thank Council for this opportunity. I tender my resignation effective 27/07/21.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Aylett

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Chief Executive Officer Update
REFERENCE	323997
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

It has been another busy month in Council with plenty of activity around key Council priorities.

The month started with new COVID outbreaks in the southern states and the NT's first lockdowns in Alice Springs and Darwin. While the Barkly was spared from major disruption it did take significant time to review our COVID plans and prepare for a possible lockdown, thankfully the outbreak was contained and life got back to normal after a week. Remember, the most important thing you can do is get vaccinated to protect yourself and your family, it's not over yet!

During the month we have had several meetings with DIPL around the recoverable works projects (Purkiss and the Streetscape) as well as discussing issues around the delay in gaining DCA approval on Council projects. While the Purkiss and Streetscape projects limp on it seems that both are starting to see some minor progress.

We did meet with DIPL and raise our concerns around the length of time it is taking to get DCA approval on projects. It took 9 weeks for the Cemetery Chapel to be approved and 17 weeks for the youth centre permits to be issued with DCA approval still pending.

Our two requests for Crown Land are nearing the finish line. The additional land TC landfill is now sitting with consultants that are filing the applications while the last remaining item is gazetting the road that leads into the landfill. Both of these tasks should be completed within weeks, DIPL can then assess the application.

The bike path designs are finally finished, these are now with DIPL for approval. Once approved the Minister still needs to grant Council access to the land, again we see this being completed in the not too distant future.

We also participated in a tele-conference around the land development process which is currently under review. We certainly expressed some views around the complexity of new land developments and converting crown land to freehold at the new estates in TC. We further commented on the subdivisional guidelines that seem to be written for a tropic climate and not our climate. It seems some changes may occur to better reflect the climate in the Barkly and other regions across the territory. We'll keep council informed of any changes.

I also participated in the LG2030 strategy meeting during the month, this project was put on hold over COVID and is now up and running again. I provided some detailed feedback on the challenges that Regional Councils face around generating income through rates, fees and charges along the challenges around recruiting and retaining staff. While the feedback was direct it seems to have been well received, there seems to be an appetite to achieve real reform in our sector to make Councils more sustainable long term. This looks to be a good forum to be part of and I'll keep Council informed of developments in the coming months.

The Barkly Tourism Action Group continues to meet monthly and plan for future tourism opportunities. The redevelopment of Battery Hill continues to be a priority project to promote with NTG. Most Councillors would be aware there have been large numbers of Tourists passing through the Barkly this year. The aim of the group is to get these travellers to stay a bit longer in the Barkly.

Damian Carter will be departing Council next month to take up a CEO Position at a SA Council, it will be a shame to lose Damian as he has been an important part of the management team. I am sure you will join with me in wishing him well with his new career. This will also mean we have two Directors positions vacant, our priority is to find the right candidates to fill the vacant positions as soon as possible.

With the Council election just around the corner, caretaker period commences next week. While Council will meet as scheduled in August there will be some restrictions on the decisions Council can make.

In the coming month we will be focusing on the smooth transition to the new Council following the election. We will also be conducting voting in our remote communities in the hope of increasing voter turnout so it will be a busy month.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Corporate Services Directorate Report
REFERENCE	324339
AUTHOR	Damian Carter, Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Update from Corporate Services Director

The main focus on the Corporate Services team has been on the recruitment of staff created via the finance team restructure. Although, not finalised the quality of candidates for these positions are extremely strong and it looks like the majority of these positions will be filled through one round of advertising.

The ICT Coordinator (Harsh Purohit) has commenced employment to Council and has already had a significant contribution in reducing customer enquiries and moving along key projects. Acknowledgement has to be provided to staff member Grant Hanson who individually manned the ICT team, while recruitment was undertaken.

Aside from these activities, the Corporate Services team has been focusing on improvement of record management processes and internal communication channels with a staff intranet currently being developed.

People & Culture Unit

The core of the People & Culture Unit's activities this month has been the completion of ordinary day to day activities, such as recruitment and on-boarding.

Environmental Scan

As of the 20 July 2021 the Barkly Regional Council Workforce consists of:

Total Employees:	249	
ATSI Employees:	143	(57%)
Non-ATSI Employees:	106	(43%)
Male Employees:	156	(63%)
Female Employees:	89	(36%)
Un-disclosed:	4	(2%)
Full-Time Employees:	128	(51%)
Part-Time Employees:	51	(20%)
Casual Employees:	70	(28%)

Recruitment (As of 20 July 2021)

• Finance Manager	2 nd Interviews scheduled
• People & Culture Advisor	Advertising Period.
• Finance Officer (Junior)	Advertising Period.
• Director of Corporate Services	Advertising Period.
• Asset Accountant	Advertising Period.
• Director of Operations	Advertising Period.
• Customer Service Officer	Shortlisting.
• Community Coordinator	Shortlisting.
• Handyman	Shortlisting.
• Essential Services Officer – Ampilatwatja	Shortlisting.

Learning and Development

The following activities have occurred in the area of learning and development:

1. Backhoe and bobcat training scheduled for Alpururulam in July deferred because of lockdowns.
2. Environmental Officer will attend Snake Handling training in Alice Springs.
3. 4WD courses scheduled for Tennant Creek and Ampilatwatja (August).
4. WeedsNT will commence delivery of (non-accredited) Weeds Management (identification, control and tracking) and Chemical Safety workshops across all communities over Aug-Sep. (Weeds management is a contractual requirement for Airstrip Maintenance with DIPL.) The Environmental Health Officer and Area Managers will be working closely with WeedsNT.
5. *Literacy for Life* has contacted BRC about accessing and/or adapting resources developed by Central Desert Training (CDT) and Council for the Core Skills/LLN program. Discussions to be had internally on how best to manage this due to the finance cost to Council in delivering the program and developing these materials.

Workplace Health & Safety

Summary of Activities for the period 16th of June to 16th of July 2021

- The May Bi-Monthly inspections of all workplaces completed..
- The July Bi-Monthly inspections commenced the 8th of July. Monthly tool box talk “why we need to do vehicle checks” distributed June. As of the 16th of July it has been presented to 69 staff
- Monthly tool box talk on “COVID 19” distributed for the month of July.
- Two new Tennant Creek based staff member received a full WHS Induction.
- WHSE staff continue to work in partnership with community development staff in 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. Policies and procures
 4. Staff training
 5. Chemical Storage
 6. Signage
- The development and delivery of weekly “safety snippets” continued.
- Asbestos has been found in Community landfill facilities. Work has commenced to examine the best way of reducing the risk of waste or dumped asbestos.
- Work has commenced to review how best to address disposing of residual / out of date chemicals from communities

Incident and Hazards Statistics

Running Totals for Year 2021 ongoing and since last report.

	Incident	Hazards	Incident	Hazards
Rating	Running Total Year 2021		Since Last Report	
Risk Rating Low	16	0	2	0
Risk Rating Medium	34	14	6	5
Risk Rating High	6	6	0	2
Risk Rating Extreme	0	0	0	0

Running Totals for Year 2021, Classification

	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
Classification		
Injury	7	0
Property	30	15
Misc.	19	5
Total	56	20

Number of Incident and Hazards by Calendar month

Month of 2020	Incident Reports	Hazards Reports
January	21	1
February	4	3
March	6	4
April	8	0
May	7	5
June	4	4
July	2	3

SUMMARY INCIDENT AND HAZARD REPORT REGISTER 2021

Number of Incident Reports to Date 2021	56
Number of Hazard Reports to Date 2021	20
Number of Reports Involving Police 2021	15

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

BRC Marketing and Communications Report

Social Media Monthly Report for June:

"Barkly Regional Council" Facebook Account		
Followers (1 st June):	1047	+/- 2.00 %
Followers (31 th June):	1068	
Top three posts:		
<div>1. Golden Shovel – Walk of Fame (1,134) Why it was popular? Shared by externals with big following, video content</div>	<div>2. Dog Ticks PSA (Reach: 863) Why it was popular? local public affected</div>	<div>3. Territory Day Cancelled (Reach: 702) Why it was popular? local public affected</div>
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Media Release Monthly Report for June:

Date:	Topic:	Number of individuals media release was sent to:	Number of Readers:	Number of forwards:	Percentage of database that opened:
June 1	Regional Plan Released for Community Consultation	357	105	170	31%
June 10	Mayor And Member For Barkly Call For \$6 Million Battery Hill Investment	347	109	184	32.2%

BRC Website Monthly Report for June:

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Sessions

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↓ 18.7%

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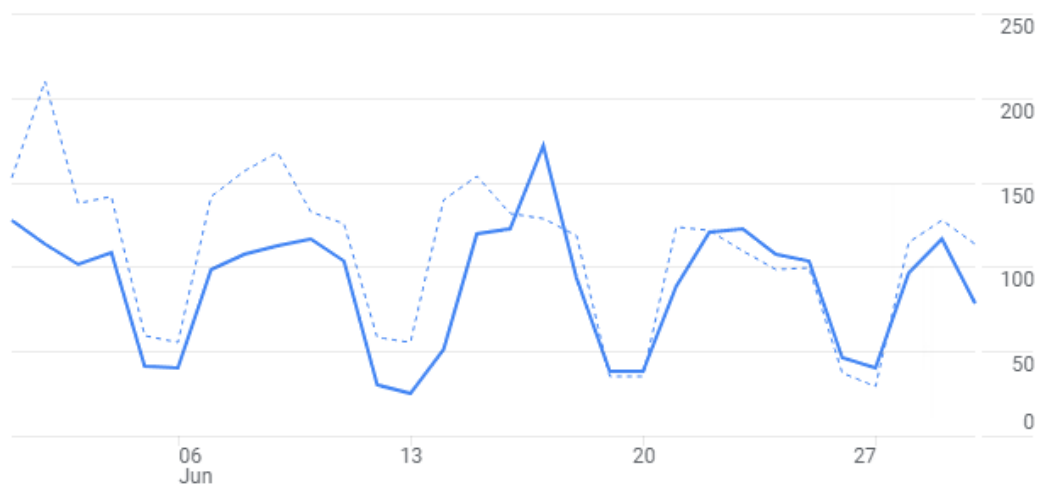
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March	3,302	9,665	00:01:56	65.03%	2.23
April	2,695	7,280	00:01:44	64.85%	2.10
May	2,843	3,624	00:01:36	64.05%	2.21
June	2,259	7,225	00:02:02	58.91%	2.46

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NIL

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NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Endorsement of the allocation of the WaRM grant
REFERENCE	324433
AUTHOR	Damian Carter, Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1) **Receive and note the report**
- 2) **Endorse the allocation of the WaRM grant money of \$148,800 (Excl. GST) to partially fund the implement the Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility Infrastructure upgrade project.**

SUMMARY:

As part of its endeavours to support waste management activities in the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory Government has offered Barkly Regional Council a Waste and Resource Management Grant (WaRM) to the amount of \$148,800 (Excl. GST).

As part of the terms and conditions of the grant, Council is required to pass a resolution endorsing its WaRM project by 31st July 2021.

Having undertaken the strategic planning work for the management of the Tennant Creek waste management facility as part of its landfill expansion activities. It is proposed that the grant money is used to fund the Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility Infrastructure upgrade project.

The project aims to provide the following capital works activities:

- Supply and installation of a demountable container house with one office room, one kitchen and a toilet with all with all fittings, water and power supply and septic system for sewerage (expected to cost up to \$130K).
- Construction of concrete slab and metal shed structure for Storing 4 X 4500L Waste Oil Tanks.
- contribution towards fencing of the new Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility boundaries

Acknowledging the Tennant Creek Waste Management Facility Infrastructure upgrade project will exceed the amount of money offered through the grant. The shortfall in project costs will be funded through Council's capital expenditure budget.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 8.3
TITLE Policy Approval
REFERENCE 324966
AUTHOR Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Mandatory Reporting policy

SUMMARY:

This is the final batch of the required policies in preparation for the new act.

From next month onwards, policy updates will be done to update all current policies that did not need to be updated for the new act, but need to be updated.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  Mandatory Reporting Policy

POLICY



TITLE:	Mandatory Reporting Policy		
DIVISION:	Governance / Corporate Services		
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:	July 2021	DATE OF REVIEW:	July 2024
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:			
AUTHORISED:			

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All Employees, Volunteers and Contractors of the Barkly Regional Council ("Council").

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect children, young people and victims of domestic violence in line with legislation. To ensure relevant personnel understand and comply with the relevant legislation.

SCOPE

The policy applies to elected and Local Authority members, employees, volunteers and contractors (all referred in this policy as "relevant personnel").

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this policy are to:

- to ensure that the best interests of children, young people and victims of domestic violence are paramount, including the need to protect them from harm and to protect their rights.
- ensure all relevant personnel understand their mandatory reporting responsibilities and duty of care obligations to protect children, young people and other members of the community from harm, exploitation, sexual abuse and domestic violence.
- ensure all relevant personnel know how to make a mandatory report and to whom they should report.

POLICY STATEMENT

In line with Council's commitment to the reduction of Domestic Violence in its communities, relevant personnel of Council are required to observe their legal obligations with regard to mandatory reporting if they believe on reasonable grounds that:

- a child has suffered or is likely to suffer harm or exploitation;
- a child aged less than 14 years has been or is likely to be a victim of a sexual offence;
- sexual intercourse or gross indecency has taken place involving a child over 16 years under special care;

BRC Policy: Domestic Violence and Mandatory Reporting Policy
Version: 1.0
Review Date: July 2024

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- a person has caused, or is likely to cause, harm to someone else (the victim) with whom the first person is in a domestic relationship; or
- the life or safety of a person (the victim) is under serious or imminent threat because domestic violence has been, is being or is about to be committed.

Legislation protects the reporter's identity from disclosure. In addition, the legislation provides that as long as the report is made in good faith, the reporter cannot be liable in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding.

Council also acknowledges the importance of privacy and confidentiality and will ensure that any incident of mandatory reporting will be kept strictly confidential.

If, after consultation with a Council Manager, Director or the People & Culture Manager, the relevant personnel member does not reasonably believe their concerns will be reported by them, they are still legally obliged to make a mandatory report to either the Child Abuse Hotline on 1800 700 250, Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or a Police Officer.

In such instances the relevant personnel member should inform their Manager, Director or the People & Culture Manager that they have made the mandatory report.

DEFINITIONS

Child: is a person less than 18 years of age or a person apparently less than 18 years of age if the person's age cannot be proved.

Domestic Violence: is any of the following conduct committed by a person against someone with whom the person is in a domestic relationship:

- (a) conduct causing harm. An example of harm is sexual or other assault;
- (b) damaging property, including the injury or death of an animal;
- (c) intimidation;
- (d) stalking;
- (e) economic abuse;
- (f) attempting or threatening to commit conduct mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e).

Domestic Relationship: A person is in a domestic relationship with another person if the first person:

- (a) is or has been in a family relationship with the other person; or
- (b) has or had the custody or guardianship of, or right of access to, the other person; or
- (c) is or has been subject to the custody or guardianship of the other person or the other person has or has had a right of access to the person; or
- (d) ordinarily or regularly lives, or has lived, with:
 - i. the other person; or
 - ii. someone else who is in a family relationship with the other person; or
- (e) is or has been in a family relationship with a child of the other person; or
- (f) is or has been in an intimate personal relationship with the other person; or
- (g) is or has been in a carer's relationship with the other person.

Exploitation: Exploitation of a child includes sexual and any other forms of exploitation of the child, including:

- (a) sexual abuse of the child; and
- (b) involving the child as a participant or spectator in any of the following:
 - i. an act of a sexual nature;

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- ii. prostitution;
- iii. a pornographic performance.

Family relationship: A person is in a family relationship with another person if the person:

- (a) is the spouse or de facto partner of the other person; or
- (b) is otherwise a relative of the other person. Examples of relatives are stepchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, aunt, nephew, cousin, half-brother, mother-in-law or aunt-in-law. A relative of a person includes someone who, according to Aboriginal tradition or contemporary social practice, is a relative of the person.

Harm: is either one of the following:

(a) Harm to a child is any significant detrimental effect caused by any act, omission or circumstance on:

- i. the physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing of the child; or
- ii. the physical, psychological or emotional development of the child.

including harm caused by:

- i. physical, psychological or emotional abuse or neglect of the child;
- ii. sexual abuse or other exploitation of the child;
- iii. exposure of the child to physical violence. For example, a child witnessing violence between the child's parents at home.

(b) Harm otherwise means physical harm that is serious harm.

MANDATORY REPORTING IN RELATION TO CHILDREN

Every adult in the Northern Territory (NT) is bound by legislation under the Care and Protection of Children Act 2007 to report suspicion of, or a belief on reasonable grounds:

- a child has suffered or is likely to suffer harm or exploitation;
- a child aged less than 14 years has been or is likely to be a victim of a sexual offence;
- sexual intercourse or gross indecency has taken place involving a child over 16 years under special care;

MANDATORY REPORTING OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Every adult in the Northern Territory (NT) is bound by legislation under the Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007 to report to a police officer his or her belief, based on reasonable grounds, that

- a person has caused, or is likely to cause, harm to someone else (the victim) with whom the first person is in a domestic relationship; and/or
- the life or safety of a person (the victim) is under serious or imminent threat because domestic violence has been, is being, or is about to be committed.

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

Relevant personnel who believe on reasonable grounds that a mandatory report should be made should observe the following:

Relevant Personnel should not:

- conduct their own investigation (beyond gathering enough information to form the belief a mandatory report should be made);
- ask leading questions that suggest the abuse took place;
- interview witnesses;

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- take statements;
- collect evidence;
- conduct a physical examination

Relevant personnel should:

- only gather enough information to form the belief, and provide when reporting the matter;
- use open ended questions if talking to any other party involved.

The relevant personnel should nevertheless keep comprehensive, chronologically ordered notes that describe the source of their concerns, e.g. from obvious injuries, behaviours or comments made outlining related events, actions taken and further considerations that determine the need for help. Notes should also reflect who the relevant personnel has been in contact with in relation to this matter.

The following information should be at hand, if known, when making a report to the relevant authority:

- who is making the report;
- what has happened/what is happening at the time;
- when it happened;
- where you are calling from;
- if you live with the person you are reporting;
- name of the family and/or child who is in trouble/requires assistance;
- addresses, language spoken and child's approximate age (if known);
- factual and specific reason for concern;
- the reporter's involvement with the family;
- any other people or agencies involved;
- any concerns about a child protection workers safety in visiting the family;
- best time to find the parents/guardians at home if the family knows the report is being made;
- who is causing the harm.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION & STANDARDS

- Barkly Regional Council Code of Conduct Policy
- Care and Protection of Children Act 2007
- Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years or as required by legislation.

INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Infrastructure Directorate Report
REFERENCE	324144
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-June to mid-July 2021.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

1. Alpururulam Skate Park: Construction in progress
2. Elliott Football Oval Change Rooms: 70% Construction completed
3. Ampilatwatja Ablution Block: Construction started on site
4. Tennant Creek Youth Centre: Construction in progress
5. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel: Construction started on site
6. Ali Curung Youth Centre: Reviewing final design
7. Ampilatwatja Basket Ball Court Enclosure – Construction to start early August 2021
8. Wutungurra BMX Track – Construction Completed
9. Alpururulam Basket Ball Court – Construction in progress
10. Arlparra Sports 'n' Rec Centre Refurbishment – Construction to start late July 2021
11. Wutungurra Women's Art Centre – Construction in progress
12. Tennant Creek Roads Resealing (Phase 2) – Scheduled to start on 09/08/2021.
13. Lake Mary Ann Dam Picnic Tables- Demolition in progress

PROCUREMENT:

1. Chemical Storage facility in Tennant Creek Swimming Pool – waiting for suppliers
2. Demountable Office for Tennant Creek Landfill Site – waiting for quotes from suppliers

Current Tenders: None

Future Tenders:

1. Tennant Creek Bike Path: Significant delay by Fyfe for designing. Final Design sent to DIPL for final review.

PLANNING:

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

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 early to mid- August 2021.

2. Tyre Cycle (tyre shredding and recycling company) have schedule to visit Elliott, Tennant Creek and Ali Curung in mid-August to assess the volume of tyres and provide a quote for shredding and taking them from these three communities.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Community Development June 2021 Report
REFERENCE	324338
AUTHOR	Sharen Lake, Director of Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) receive and note the **Community Development June 2021 Report**

SUMMARY:

COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

The Community Safety Program faced some challenges during the latter half of June with some extended Staff absences and unplanned Management leave.

Barkly Regional Council's 'Community Safety' Program has now well and truly moved into a new phase with our branding complete and new look uniforms and equipment throughout the Communities.



New look signage

Management Team met with Police Command in Southern Desert Division to discuss Community Engagement opportunities and we also met with NIAA in Alice Springs to continue to advocate for our outstanding underspend and variation.

Active and consistent recruiting is paying off with vacancies being filled towards the end of the month. Our 2nd patrol is working well at Elliott and Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja and Wutunugurra positions are being filled steadily with all Communities becoming operational with the exception of Arlparra.

The Alpururulam Team worked with the Community to locate a local elderly man who had become lost, we are glad to report that he was found safe and well.

LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health)

The Local Laws Rangers & Environmental Health Officer have been promoting Dog Health in response to the Ehrlichiosis Canis (Dog Tick) issue, handing out information and conducting information sessions to businesses, Health Clinics and Town Camps.

The team attended training with NT Government on Weeds Management and continue to lay mosquito traps around town to monitor and detect any mosquito problems in and around Tennant Creek. Ongoing observation, gather photographic evidence and report on issues relating to industrial, residential and vacant blocks which are not being maintained due to overgrowth and rubbish. The unit also has been proactive in patrolling around the town and surrounding areas for illegal dumping from businesses and residents. (On going item)

LOCAL LAW RANGERS (includes Environmental Health) Cont'd.

During the month, there was:-

- 1 dog attack which resulted in a child requiring stitches and the dog had to be put down.
- 3 feral cats captured
- 5 dogs impounded
- 1 dog adopted
- 1 cat adopted

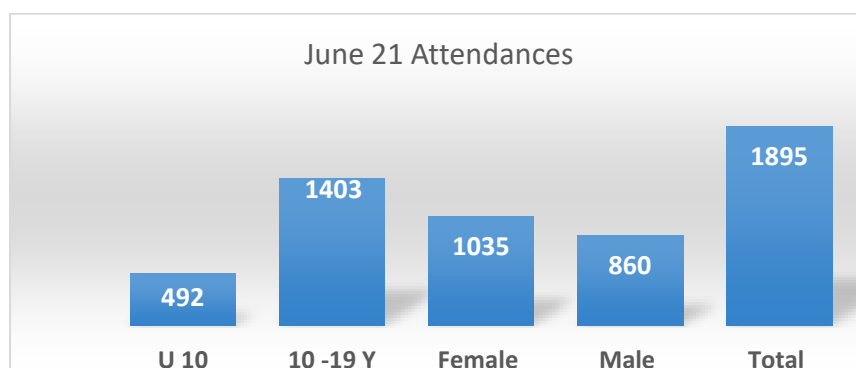
YOUTHLINX

School Holiday Programs commenced at the end of the month (June 26th)

Three sporting competitions - Soccer Comp with JMF, Basketball Comp, and Oz Tag.

- A great day out at Mary Ann Dam, with fun games for the youth, a swim and a refreshments.
- Mini Olympics

Due to their popularity we will continue to run these events.



Youthlinx is pleased to announce that we have now recruited a Bus Driver for pick up and drop off. The Youthlinx Coordinator attended 2 training sessions with the Department of Education Engagement Community Consultation on 21 June 2021.

The Regional Manager and Youthlinx Coordinator attended a meeting with Danni Taylor (Children's Commissioner) to discuss the Youthlinx Program and issues facing local youth in TC. It was great to see Danni joining in with Youthlinx activities later that evening.

At the beginning of June, our Program recruited another Youth Sport and Rec Support Officer, Anna Tomlinson who has been employed on a 6 month contract to support the region.

Our Sport & Rec Support Officers, Anna & Alex have been doing a great job supporting Youthlinx throughout the month and also assisting and providing support to the Youth Sport & Rec Program in various communities within the Barkly.

REMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION

Youth Sport & Rec – (on Community)

Ali Curung –Bush trips have been a big hit with the kids during school holidays. They enjoyed going out looking around country. There has been a lot of break-ins and trouble among some of the younger boys. To help them combat their troubles and see how we can help them, YSR have gotten the older kids to mentor them and take them under their wing. Community Safety (Night Patrol) have been extremely helpful over the school holidays, helping out where they can.

Arlparra- Volleyball NT visited YSR for one week, participation for the school holidays program has been high.

Ampilatwatja- great participation from the 5-14 yo's for this month. The band 'Parcels' played in community and local men joined in and had a 'jam' with them. Renovation work on the Basketball Court has well and truly started.

There had been some challenges in service delivery throughout June, with the end of the month seeing some restrictions on travel to remote communities put in place the last week of June around the COVID concerns but these were soon dispelled.

Elliott- Traditional Owner's in Elliott asked us to close YSR completely for the last week of June due to influx of tourists that were camping in and around Elliott.

Alpurrurulam - closed during June due to Team Leader taking leave from the Community.

COMMUNITY	5-14 year olds	15-24 year olds	Total
Ali Curung	631	175	806
Ampilatwatja	600	45	645
Elliott	559	129	688
Arlparra	486	254	740
Epenarra	Data unavailable		

AGED CARE & NDIS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CARE MANAGER REPORT

Service provision overall has increased over the past 12 months, with Elliott, Arlparra and Ampilatwatja having increased client numbers.

Two Zone Managers were recruited during June, one commencing in July, the other in August.

Ali Curung Community Care took a number of their clients to the Festival held at Ali Curung in June & also held a bush medicine activity at the Centre, which was a great activity for our clients which we hope to continue. Case study and photos attached to report.

During the month we submitted a NATSIFAC Biannual Grant application for Training, new fridges for Alpurrurulam and Elliott & new printer/scanners for each Centre. Application has been made to use our 2019-2020 underspend to lease 4 vehicles from the Council, awaiting outcome.

The Regional Manager submitted a SDAP application for assistance to update Policies and Procedures, Client Paperwork, Evaluate COVID Response, Financial Management (unit pricing).

COVID vaccination data is being entered weekly to My Aged Care by Regional Manager, only numbers of staff vaccinated is entered, no personal details are required.

We have COVID Measures in place at each centre including, Contact Registers, Daily Staff Health Checks & Verbal Client Questionnaires. The Regional Manager receives regular updates from the Department of Health and the Aged Care COVID Response Team.

NDIS - Telehealth now being used in Alpururulam to deliver therapy services and LLN lessons to participants and weekly OT is now being delivered to three participants and weekly speech therapy is being delivered to 1 participant with two more about to come on-board.

During the month we trialled an NDIS specific support worker in Alpururulam and worked on updates as per the audit report.

Telehealth systems have arrived for Ampilatwatja, Ali Curung and Elliott, which will be installed next month.

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

FLEXI Consumers	ALI	AMP	ARL	ALP	ELL	TOTAL
Number Current month (TM)	5	5	6	3	4	23
Number Previous month (PM)	5	5	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)	3	8	6	9	4	30
Number Previous month (PM)	2	4	5	8	4	23

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistics	
Adults:	277
Children:	48
Computer users/Hours used:	25 / 1470
Wi-Fi users/Hours used:	10 / 330
Total patronage:	325
Daily Average:	13
Item Circulation:	269
New Items:	22
*Total Members:	1104

The Games Club session on 26th June had 6 members attend and Neighbourhood Watch visited 22nd June to assist locals complete an online home security analysis. They will be visiting Tennant Creek quarterly and may work with the Library in the future

Library access was restricted 28th/29th June due to concerns caused by visitors from a meeting in Civic Hall. The Emergency fire exit had been 'unlocked' overnight as it had been made to look closed, the public toilet was left in an unhygienic state and many of the people coming in did not comply with COVID check-in.

SAFE HOUSE - ELLIOTT AND ALI CURUNG

Elliott Clients – June 2021	
Adults:	28
Children:	3
Total Client Base:	31

Ali Curung Clients - June 2021	
Adults:	7
Children:	6
Total Client Base:	13

On the 18th of the month the Coordinator held the Elliott Safe House DFV Training, with community women attending, discussing information on Mandatory Reporting, signs of DFV, what other people may express about those experiencing DFV and what the community can do to help those suffering DFV.

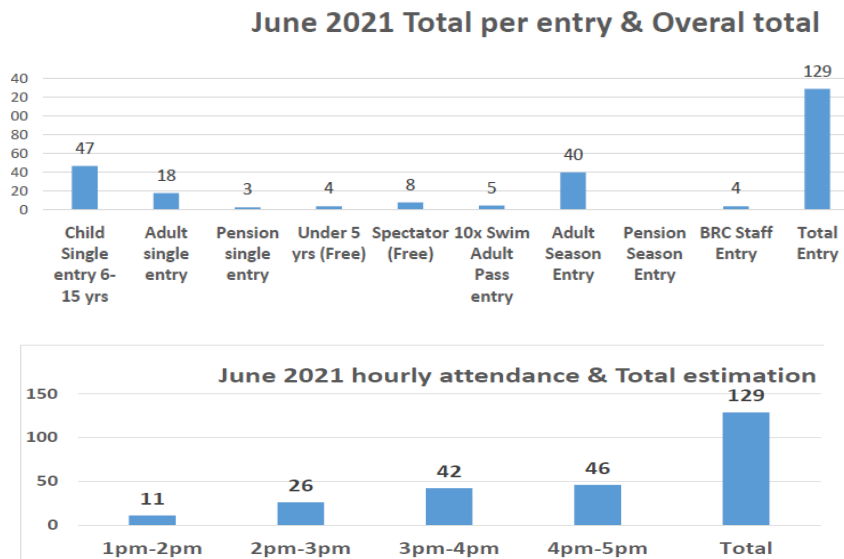
On 28th of June the Elliott Safe House restricted access to Travelling Visitors due to the COVID concerns in both Darwin and Alice Springs. This restriction was lifted eased in line with Council and Health department advice.

Recruitment for the Safe House Coordinator at Ali Curung will be finalised in the coming weeks. The Community Safety Coordinator attended a workshop on the 25th of the month in Alice Springs which was presented by CAWLS. The workshop was attended by a large number of participants from various agencies and included Legal requirements, Rehabilitation for perpetrators, Mandatory Reporting and Conducting In house workshops.

TENNANT CREEK SWIMMING POOL

Besides day to day operation, the month of June was spent predominately working through our Safety Audit which was conducted by Royal Life Saving NT. The Coordinator has been working closely with our WHS Officer to address some of the issues raised. A great deal of the audit highlighted some minor process adjustments which we are working through.

Attendance



Barkly Sports Initiative

Stakeholder Engagement

The Barkly Regional Deal Sports Team has been well engaged throughout June, engaging with a number of key stakeholders, set out below:-

- Tennis NT, with regards to supporting and helping to coordinating their next planned visit, start of term 3 in July.
- Softball NT, around the women's and juniors competition for a Barkly Shield in August.
- Cricket NT, general conversations about what they could offer our region.
- Basketball NT, Hosting Southern Cup.

The Sports Hub sent off paper work to NT licensing and the Barkly Sports Hub (BSH) is officially incorporated. This has been a work in progress for some time and it was great to see this finalised. Further meetings to be held to continue building and supporting the development of the Hub.

Netball

The Netball program that was delivered across 4 weeks of the term saw a great turn out of youth participating. The help from the Stars program and staff from Anyinginyi Sport Rec

was greatly appreciated and good to see everyone working together to achieve the same goal.

League Tag

League Tag started off slow. However, the 4 week program grew steadily and the participation from the youth was good, they all enjoyed learning a different code rather than AFL.

Tennis Courts

The SPC are continuing to fix & organise the tennis courts for use; lights have been installed and the TC Fire & Rescue Service high pressured hosed the courts which was greatly appreciated.

Volleyball set up (Pool)

Equipment has arrived for the volleyball posts to be set up at the pool. Lights for volleyball were installed as well.

Yoga

The SPC have been working with someone in Tennant Creek to work support them in providing yoga for community. Meetings have occurred regarding the logistics, venue and times and now it seems to be gaining traction.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Minutes
REFERENCE	324114
AUTHOR	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Receive and note the minutes from the Tennant Creek Local Authority June meeting.
- c) Note the security issue of items missing from graves at the Tennant Creek cemetery.
- d) Recommend that the LA members advise people who have had items stolen from the cemetery to report the matter to police.
- e) Receive and note the minutes from the Ali Curung Local Authority July Meeting.
- f) Send a letter to PAWA inviting them to attend the next meeting at Ali Curung in regards to explaining use of the generator.
- g) Receive and note the minutes from the Alpururulam Local Authority July Meeting
- h) Receive and note the minutes from the Elliott Local Authority July meeting.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

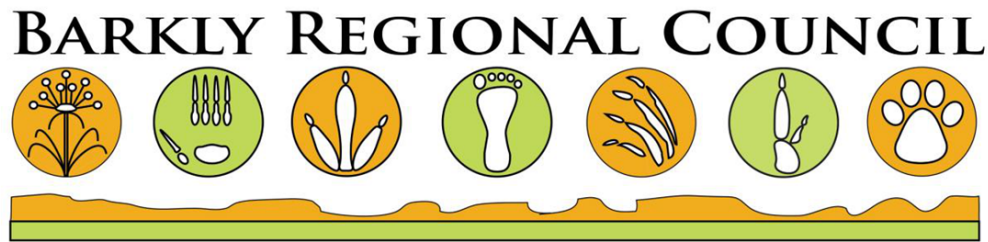
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OUR VISION

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

The Way We Will Work

We will make it happen!

We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.

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

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

We are a responsible Council.

We will be a responsive Council.

We want to empower local decision making.

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

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

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

We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.

MINUTES TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Tennant Creek Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at .

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 1634 with Linda Renfrey as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Jeff McLaughlin
Cr. Karan Hayward
Linda Renfrey
Kara Blankenspoor
Ray Wallis
Michael Burton
Clarissa Burgen
Zanaya Mayers
Lachlan Dunemann

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Damian Carter
Millicent Nhepera

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
 - Christmas Tree Committee – President
 - Tourism Central Australia - Board Member
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
 - Tennant Creek Mob Aboriginal Corporation
- Cr. Kris M. Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek and District Show Society – Vice President
 - The Returned and Service League of Australia, Tennant Creek Sub-Branch
 - Development Consent Authority – Barkly Region Member/Delegate
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors
 - Barkly Art - Board Member

- KNC (NT) – Managing Director
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Arts – Member
 - Tennant Creek High School - Member
 - Multicultural Association of Central Australia – Member
 - Australia-India Business Council – Member
 - Outback Stores – Employee
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Steve Moore – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director
- Karan Hayward – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Chief Executive Officer
 - Mark Gillard Painting – Director
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chairperson
 - Combined Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Ray Wallis – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee
 - Consumer Advisory Group
 - Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee – Member
 - Barkly Regional Accommodation Action Group – Member
 - Tennant Creek Transport
- Linda Renfrey – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Jacal Tint and Automotive – Owner and Operator
 - Tennant Creek Aboriginal Mob - Director

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

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 13th April 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Local Authority Member Michael Burton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 21/21

Amend to state the visitors who came to the last meeting.

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the actions items.

RESOLVED

Moved: Local Authority Member Lachlan Duneman

Seconded: LA Member Ray Wallis

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 22/21

Cr. Hayward noted a security issue with things that a missing off graves. Suggestion to refer to the police to patrol the area.

ACTION ITEM: Refer the security issue to council as a matter that needs attention.

Note the dead trees at Hilda street park.

Update on the bus shelter: Ray will do the costings and provide them at the next meeting.

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 CEO'S REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Local Authority Member Michael Burton

Seconded: Local Authority Member Lachlan Duneman

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 23/21

ACTION ITEM: Send calendar invite to LA members for end of month meeting with stakeholders.

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT - JUNE 2021

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED**Moved: Local Authority Member Zanaya Mayers****Seconded: Local Authority Member Michael Burton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 24/21***6. GENERAL BUSINESS****6.1 BRC REGIONAL PLAN****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Provide feedback on the draft Regional Plan, if any.

RESOLVED**Moved: Local Authority Member Michael Burton****Seconded: LA Member Ray Wallis****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 25/21***6.2 BARKLY VET COSTINGS****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED**Moved: Local Authority Member Lachlan Duneman****Seconded: Local Authority Member Michael Burton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 26/21*

Action item: find out from the operations team if the municipal team has the capacity to build the veranda.

ACTION ITEM: request further quotes for the civil works and also include drawings of what will be done.

ACTION ITEM: find out what the maintenance costs for the x-ray machine will be.

6.3 NOTICE BOARDS**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Decline the request to pay for noticeboards to be placed in the IGA.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis****Seconded: Local Authority Member Michael Burton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 27/21*

After careful consideration, the Local Authority decided that it is not within the LA's best interest to allocate funds to the notice board. The LA decided that funds are better spent in other areas of the community.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

9. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

9.1 MAY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Local Authority Member Michael Burton

Seconded: LA Member Ray Wallis

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 28/21

Add community development report and infrastructure report to the next meeting.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Sharen Lake to disseminate information about a community meeting regarding what can be done about the ticks issue in the Barkly.

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

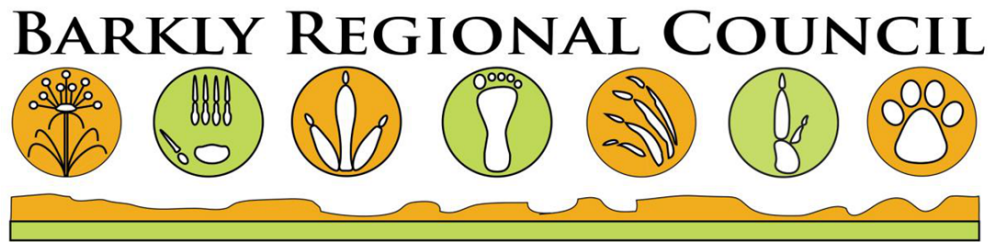
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13. CLOSE OF MEETING at 1803

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Linda Renfrey
Chair

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer



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MINUTES ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Ali Curung Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Monday, 12 July 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting commenced at 1:20PM with Noel Hayes as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
 Cr Noel Hayes
 Andrew Tsavaris
 Peter Corbett
 Ned Kelly
 Jerry Rice
 Derek Walker

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Steve Edgington – Member for Barkly
 Ron Plummer
 Tim Hema – BRC
 Peter Wood – Fortune Agribusiness
 Michael McGregor – PIC
 Neil Pomfref – PIC
 Fran Kilgamff
 Diana Popic – APONT
 Jasmine Lyons – APONT
 Valda Shannon – AIS

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Cr Lucy Jackson
 Troy Koch – BRC

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Confirm the minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 15th June 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 67/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Receive and note the Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 68/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 69/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 70/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT - JUNE 2021**MOTION**

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 71/21

Steve Edgington to find update on the roadworks at Ali Curung LA to invite Territory Families to discuss strategies around young children committing crimes in community.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS**7.1 POWER OUTAGES - USE OF BACK-UP GENERATOR****MOTION**

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 72/21

BRC to send letter to PAWA inviting to attend LA meeting to explain use of Generator.

Steve Edgington – requested copy of letter before he makes enquiries.

7.2 PURCHASE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS (PA) SYSTEM**MOTION**

That the Authority

- (a) Select preferred quote.
(b) Request Council Approval of expenditure of Local Authority funds.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 73/21

This motion was deferred pending advise from Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin that Ali Curung has new PA equipment already back in Tennant Creek. Area manager to confirm if this PA meets the needs of the local Authority

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

12.1 SINGLETON HORTICULTURE PROJECT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the presentation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 74/21

12.2 ABORIGINAL PEAK ORGANISATION OF THE NT (APONT) - LA PRESENTATION

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Receive and note the presentation.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 75/21

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

MOTION

That the Authority

- (a) Confirm the next Ali Curung Local Authority meeting to be held on Monday 9th August 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 76/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 3:45PM

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Noel Hayes
Chair

Tim Hema
Area Manager



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MINUTES ALPURRURULAM LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Alpururulam Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 1:00pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 1:20pm with David Riley as chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Elected Members Present

David Riley
John Mahoney
Pam Corbett
Laney Tracker
Charlie Larkins
Benjamin Olschewsky
Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Troy Koch – BRC Acting Director of Operations
Michelle Heinen – BRC Acting Area Manager
Steve Edgington – Minister for Barkly
Ronald Plummer – Assistant to Minister for Barkly
David Lightowler – BRC Acting Community Services – Via Teleconference

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr. Jennifer Mahoney
Michael Teague

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 as a true & accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 43/21

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm and Remove all completed items from the Action List

Item 1 – Remove from Action List – Works Completed

Item 2 – Acting Director of Operations to follow up with Head Office to find out where we are with this item – On Going

Item 3 – Leave on list until Shiny Shed Fence has been erected. Also AM to find out if they will be engaging local community members when this project is rolled out. And to find out when this might be occurring - Ongoing

Item 4 – Director of Operations to follow up with Director of Community Development when she returns from leave to see what funding she has been able to obtain. AM to obtain rough estimates for Closing in Caged Area & other buildings – Ongoing

Item 5 – Director of Operations to follow up a copy of the letter sent to Waste Store

Item 6 – We discussed some grant options and the Local Authority would like council to try and obtain \$20K per year over 3 years to help support this project.

Item 7 – New – Portable Seating for Funerals & Event – AM to obtain quotes on aluminium lightweight seating.

Item 8 – New – LA Would like a letter written to the people who are looking after border control to find out what is in place to protect Alpururulam from travellers & how the traffic is monitored at the QLD/NT Sandover Border.

Item 9 – New – Larger signs of the version we already have out the front of the community when they wish to restrict people coming into community. AM to work with the community on the wording or if they want to keep it the same, just make it larger. AM to obtain quotes.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 44/21

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded: Chairperson David Riley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 45/21

5. FINANCE

5.1 FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Pamela Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 46/21

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Laney Tracker

Seconded: LA Member Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 47/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

10.1 JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member John Mahoney

Seconded:LA Member Benjamin Olschewsky <i>Resolved ALLA 48/21</i>	CARRIED UNAN.
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11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the next meeting date to be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 1pm

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Charlie Larkins

Seconded:LA Member Pamela Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ALLA 49/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 3:30pm

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Alpururulam Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 13 July 2021 AND CONFIRMED
Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

David Riley
Chair

Michelle Heinen
Acting Area Manager



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MINUTES ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Elliott Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in on Thursday, 15 July 2021 at 10:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:50am with Bob Bagnall as chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 - Cr Jane Evans
 - Bob Bagnall
 - Kevin Gaskin
 - Jody Nish
 - Jason Mullan
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 - Troy Koch
 - Ray Hocking
 - James Somerville
 - Warren Snowden
 - Steven Edgington
 - George Ciolka
 - Vince Jelsman
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 - Chris Neade
 - Ray Aylett
 - Lennie Barton
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the 17th June 2021 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member K Gaskin

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 31/21

3. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3.1 **ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Confirm the removal of items 7, 8 and 10 from the action list.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member K Gaskin****Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ELA 32/21***4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS****4.1 MONTHLY CEO REPORT****MOTION****That Council**

- A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Jody Nish****Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ELA 33/21***5. FINANCE****5.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Jody Nish****Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ELA 34/21***6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT****6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the Area Managers report;
- b) Request council invite Sun Cable to hold community meetings in Elliott to discuss future ventures and employment opportunities within the community.

Local Authority Members asked when the street sweeper is next scheduled to be sent to

Elliott. An updated on the Tree Replacement Program was also requested by members as they are wanting to know when this will be completed in Elliott.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 35/21

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 RISE - NGURRATJUTA CDP REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

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

7.2 SHADE SAIL

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the updated invoice for the shade sail.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 36/21

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

Nil

10. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Warren Snowdon, thanked Health workers and Police for efforts with Covid situation, offered assistance and support with grants and asked about local issues.

James Somerville, Barkly Regional Health Manager gave up date on changes to NT Health structure and what impact it would have in the Barkly.

Discussed the Covid vaccine rollout and praised Elliott with its up take of vaccination

Steve Edgington, Barkly MLA, spoke about the vacant NTG houses, and suggested Council invite NT Housing to discuss the housing situation in the Barkly, the NT Police station, Alcohol changes to the Barkly.

He also thanked Health workers and the police for their efforts during the Covid situation.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

MOTION

That the Authority

(a) Confirm the next meeting date's to be Thursday 12th August 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Jody Nish

Seconded: L A Member Jason Mullan

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 37/21

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

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Chair

Ray Hocking
Area Manager

OPERATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
TITLE	Director of Operations Report
REFERENCE	324175
AUTHOR	Troy Koch, Area Manager - Alpururulam

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

A) Receive and note the Operations Directors Report

SUMMARY:

This month has been a very busy month for me as I have come into Tennant Creek to take on the role of Acting Director of Operations whilst recruitment takes place to fill the position. I would like to thank the Council Staff in Tennant Creek who have been incredibly supportive of me whilst I am covering this position. Having been in the communities for such a long time, you tend to overlook what a great and supportive team we have in Tennant Creek.

I travelled to the communities this month for the local authority meetings with quorum being achieved at Ali Curung, Alpururulam and Elliott. Unfortunately, we did not achieve a quorum in Wutunugurra, Ampilatwatja and Arlparra. This was due to several funerals in the communities and LA members had to travel to meet their cultural obligations and could not get back to their communities in time for the LA Meetings.

Mayor McLaughlin and I attended the Alpururulam local authority meeting and visited Ampilatwatja together it was a great experience to travel with the Mayor, who was well received in the communities that we visited. The communities were ecstatic with the positive feedback that they received from the Mayor and CEO in regards to these visits.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Ali Curung local authority due to other travel commitments, the Area Manager Tim Hema advised me that the meeting went very well. I did attend the Elliott LA Meeting, which was a very good and positive meeting. Ray and the team in Elliott continue to do a great job.

Donna Eddie is doing a good job in Wutunugurra covering the Community Coordinator position whilst recruitment is taking place. Tim Hema and I are supporting Donna whilst she is in Acting Community Coordinator role.

During a visit to Elliott I also attended the Northern Barkly Permit Committee Meeting (formerly the Alcohol Management Committee) which was a very good meeting attended by a Liquor Commission Representative, our Member for Barkly Steve Edgington and the Federal Member for Lingjari Warren Snowden. It was great to see that this process has moved quickly of late and there are only a couple of steps to go through to complete the process and implement an approved permit system.

Michelle Heinen has stepped up to cover the Area Managers Position in Alpururulam whilst I am away and is doing a great job.

We are holding interviews shortly to fill the Handy Man position for the infrastructure in Tennant Creek and hope to have the position filled in the coming weeks.

Barkly Regional Council has received a gift of two Wash Water Trailers from the Northern Territory Government. The trailers are to be used for community events. Both trailers will be based in Tennant Creek initially, with one trailer allocated to Tennant Creek and one trailer for the communities. The trailer allocated to the communities will be managed from Tennant

Creek and transported around communities communities as required to cater for their community events.

Richard and the team at the TC Depot have done an outstanding job this month, receiving compliments in regards to how well the public areas around Tennant Creek are being maintained as well as addressing complaints from the public in a quick and timely manner. The Tennant Creek Cemetery is looking the best it has looked for years and with the construction of the chapel commencing we will end up with a fantastic asset for the community.

This month we had conducted a bin audit around town; this was done to ensure council is up to date on household and businesses in town having the correct amount of bins allocated to suit needs. A big thank you to Richard and the Depot team for doing such a good job and for supporting me whilst I am in Acting Director of Operations role.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	LGANT Call for Motions
REFERENCE	322594
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Recommend any motions to put forward to the LGANT General meeting in November 2021
- c) Put forward the following motion to LGANT:
That LGANT lobby the NTG to amend section 222 of the local government act 2019 to reflect that Council may choose to provide a rates exemption at Council's sole discretion.

SUMMARY:

Councillors may be aware that section 222 of the Local Government Act deals with the matter of rates exemptions. At present NTG properties, Crown land and some Charities are exempt from paying rates.

These legislated exemption have the ability to severally impact Council's ability to levy rates to some property owners. With Council's needing to become more self-sufficient, it is time for these exemptions to be removed from the Act and for individual Councils to decide who, if anyone, gets exempted from paying Rates.

Rates represent an important part of our income and provide the money we need to maintain and improve community infrastructure. Without this income items such as swimming pools, public parks and other amenities could not be operated or maintained.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [LGANT call for nomination.pdf](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 July 2021 8:41 PM
To: **Council CEOs <CEOs@lgant.asn.au>; **Mayors and Presidents <mayorsandpresidents@lgant.asn.au>
Cc: **LGANTStaff <lgantstaff@lgant.asn.au>
Subject: Re: CALL FOR MOTIONS FOR LGANT GENERAL MEETING

Good morning

Re: CALL FOR MOTIONS FOR LGANT GENERAL MEETING

Please find attached LGANT Call for Motions form for the General Meeting to be held in Alice Springs in November 2021.

Closing date for motions will be **Thursday 23 September 2021** and it would be appreciated if motions can be returned on or before that date.

Kind regards



Terri Hart PSM | Executive Support & Projects

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.2
TITLE	Caretaker Period and Election Information
REFERENCE	323928
AUTHOR	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

Important Dates

As of today, we are approximately three weeks from the early voting opening, and about four weeks from election day for NT Local Government election 2021.

Important dates are as follows:

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

See attached election time table from the NT Electoral Commission.

Caretaker Period

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

Councillors are reminded of the following regarding the Caretaker Period:

1. As per the Caretaker Policy, Council resources (including staff) are not to be used for the purposes of campaigning for a candidate. Council resources may be used to help with running the general election or to encourage voter participation.
2. Council is not to make any major decisions during the caretaker period. Major decisions include the following:
 - entering into any high value contract or lease agreement exceeding \$99,999.
 - entering into a new or substantially changed funding agreement, unless there is real risk the eligibility for funding will be lost;
 - committing Council funds outside the adopted budget;
 - amending the Council's caretaker policy;
 - amending the Council's delegations; and
 - making a decision relating to the employment or remuneration of the CEO or Acting CEO.

3. Regarding the communications:

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

Conclusion:

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

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

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

Postal: GPO Box 2419, Darwin, Northern Territory 0801

Phone: [1800 698 683](tel:1800698683)

Phone: [08 8999 5000](tel:0889995000)

Email: ntec@nt.gov.au

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

Please note the office is closed on public holidays.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Caretaker-Policy-V1.0.0 (1).pdf

POLICY

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

PURPOSE:

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

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy:

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

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

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

2. PRINCIPLE

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

3. APPLICATION OF POLICY

3.1 Role of the CEO

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



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

3.2 Major decisions

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

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

Major decisions include:

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

However, major decisions do not include:

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

3.3 Council resources

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

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



3.4 Community engagement

3.4.1 Communications

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

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

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

3.4.2 Public consultation

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

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

3.4.3 Events and functions

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

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

3.4.4 Electoral information

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

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 16.3
TITLE Council Meeting Dates
REFERENCE 323950
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the September Council meeting date as Thursday the 23rd of September 2021 commencing at 8.30am

SUMMARY:

Council has previously selected Council meeting Dates up until August 2021. With Council elections in late August, Council also needs to select a date for the September Ordinary Council Meeting.

The recommendation is to set the September meeting date as the 23rd of September commencing at 8.30am. This is 10 days after the Election is declared.

We will also seek agreement with the new elected members to conduct a swearing in ceremony and new councillor induction for Wednesday the 22nd of September.

Subsequent council meeting dates will be set by the new Council at the September 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:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORRESPONDENCE



ITEM NUMBER	17.1
TITLE	Correspondence
REFERENCE	321542
AUTHOR	Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the Correspondence.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT BUDGET IMPLICATION

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [1](#) Letter of Support - Barkly Regional Arts - ILA Program.pdf
- 2 [2](#) Letter of Support - Travel Exemption Letter - Lai Szu Lum.pdf
- 3 [3](#) Response Letter Re Purkiss Football Oval - Jack Green.pdf
- 4 [4](#) Response Letter Re Tennant Creek Animal Control - Kirra Carse.pdf
- 5 [5](#) Response Letter Re Tennant Creek BMX Park - Nick Horwood.pdf
- 6 [6](#) Response Letter Re Tennant Creek Cemetery Improvements - Ibe Bathern.pdf
- 7 [7](#) Response Letter Re Tennant Creek Recycling - Leanza Hingston.pdf
- 8 [8](#) Response Re Tennant Creek Library - Xiaonan Wang.pdf
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- 10 [10](#) Staff Recognition.pdf
- 11 [11](#) Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy.pdf
- 12 [12](#) Australia Postal Savings Bank.pdf
- 13 [13](#) Tree Planting Day.pdf
- 14 [14](#) ToR_draft_Western Davenport Ti Tree Water Advisory Committee.pdf



4 June 2021

Office of the Arts
GPO Box 594
Canberra ACT 2601

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Letter in Support of Barkly Regional Arts Indigenous Languages and Arts (ILA) Program

This letter confirms our support of Barkly Regional Arts in their application for multi-year funding for their Winanjjikari Music Media programs in Tennant Creek and throughout the Barkly Region.

Their programs across the region and in digital form are delivered to and engage with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and are an important factor in recording and preserving indigenous languages and culture.

Sincerely,

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08 June 2021

108 Paterson Street
Tennant Creek
Northern Territory 0860

To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Exemption to Travel into Australia

Please take this letter as confirmation of Barkly Regional Council's support of a travel exemption being granted to Ching Wen Chen.

Mr. Lai Szu Lum is currently employed at a local restaurant in Tennant Creek and has worked and lived in town since July 2019. Towards the end of 2019, his defacto partner Miss Ching Wen Chen traveled overseas and has since been stranded due to COVID travel restrictions.

The separation of Mr. Lai and Miss Chen for more than a year has caused strain on their mental wellbeing and has forced Mr. Lai to consider leaving Australia to join Miss Chen. Tennant Creek already experiences great difficulty attracting and retaining skilled workers, our remote location and perceived social problems can make staff recruitment extremely difficult.

Mr. Lai's place of employment, Woks Up is one of few long standing restaurants in Tennant Creek, apart from the employment they provide, the restaurant is a social hub for the community and one of only a few places we can go for a sit down meal. Keeping this business operating is vitally important to our small town's social fabric.

Mr. Lai is currently in Australia under a Temporary skill shortage visa and is subject to renewal mid-year 2022.

Should you require any additional information please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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4 June 2021

Jack Green
Tennant Creek High school
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Dear Mr Green, *Jack.*

RE: Purkiss Reserve Football Oval

Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding the Tennant Creek Purkiss Reserve Football Oval. I am writing to you today in response to your letter in regards to your request.

Council appreciates the time you have taken to submit your feedback in regards Tennant Creek Purkiss Reserve Football Oval maintenance.

The current schedule in which the Barkly Regional Council municipal staff are able to cut the grass at the football oval is fortnightly, this has recently changed from weekly due to reduction in growth rate due to the cooler weather.

Council staff work hard to maintain this schedule, though it can change due to equipment breakdowns or lack of staff. The oval is only one small part of Council's grass cutting program and all areas need to be adequately maintained.

If you have more suggestions, concerns or ideas do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience

Sincerely,

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4 June 2021

Kirra Carse
Tennant Creek High school
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Dear Miss Carse, *Kirra*

RE: Tennant Creek Animal Control

Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding our Tennant Creek Animal Control program. I am writing to you today in response to the concerns you have raised in your letter regarding Tennant Creek Animal Control operating practices.

Council appreciates the time you have taken to submit your suggestion in regards Tennant Creek Animal Control.

Current policy with animals is that Council's By-law's rangers pick up unaccompanied animals or any animals that are deemed at large or risk to the public, these animals are then kept in the pound for a minimum of 5 days in which time we try to find its owner. If dogs are not registered this can be a difficult task.

We have several outlets in which we use to advertise to the public the image of the animal and other distinct markings, if after 5 days no owner is found the dog is then eligible for adoption. It is important to note that Council is not an Animal welfare organisation but rather an enforcement agency, if the owner can't be found and no one wants to adopt the animal we are placed in a difficult position.

Council rarely euthanasia's animals, though it does happen, this generally involves dangerous or sick animals. We also have an ongoing agreement with Alice Springs animal shelter in which the local laws rangers will take any animals our pound cannot accommodate so they can be adopted. Unfortunately, from time to time abandoned animals are put down, the best way to overcome this is promote responsible animal ownership. If people look after their dogs, keep them in their yard or on a lead, register them and keep them treated for pests the issue of putting down dogs would disappear.

If you have more suggestions, concerns or ideas do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience

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4 June 2021

Nick Horwood
Tennant Creek High school
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Tennant Creek, NT, 0860

Dear Mr Horwood,

*Nick***RE: Tennant Creek BMX Park**

Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding the Tennant Creek BMX Park. I am writing to you today in response to your letter in regards to your questions on the Tennant Creek BMX Park.


Council appreciates the time you have taken to contact us in regards Tennant Creek BMX Park.

The BMX track is currently under the management of the Barkly BMX club, they are responsible for the opening and closing times of the park. The BMX track is still under construction and Council is not involved in either the construction or operation of the park.

Council is happy to forward your correspondence on to Mrs Ruth Hillier of the Barkly BMX club for consideration.

If you have more suggestions, concerns or ideas do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience

Sincerely,



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4 June 2021

Ibe Bathern
Tennant Creek High school
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Dear Miss Bathern,

RE: Tennant Creek Cemetery Improvements

Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding beautification of the Tennant Creek cemetery. I am writing to you today in response to your letter in regards to the Barkly Regional Council fixing up and improving the Tennant Creek cemetery.

Council appreciates the time you have taken to submit your thoughts on the beautification of the Tennant Creek cemetery.

There is currently a project established to improve the facilities at the cemetery, this includes new plants and grass sections, a new chapel and new toilets. The construction project is expected to be completed by the end of July 2021. This represents a \$500,000 investment from Council to improve the facilities at the cemetery.

As for greenery and shading at the cemetery, council has recently completed a project in conjunction with the TC MOB to plant native trees and shrubs. This is in addition to the works to improve headstones on gravesites that the MOB has been working on for some time.

If you have more suggestions, concerns or ideas do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience

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Leanza Hingston
Tennant Creek High school
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Dear Miss Hingston, *Leanza*.

RE: Tennant Creek Recycling

Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding recycling in Tennant Creek. I am writing to you today in response to your letter and share your concerns.

Council appreciates the time you have taken to submit your suggestion in regards to recycling in Tennant Creek.

Council has in the past looked into the possibility of a recycling initiative in the region and currently lacks the land at the landfill site to construct a recycling facility. We also lack the financial ability to employ skilled workers that could operate such a facility. We are hoping to change this and are currently looking into a recycling program in the Barkly region.

This has been an ongoing objective of council and was one of the first issues they chose to work on. Council has a desire to make Tennant Creek a recycling & processing hub and make use of the rail line that is currently built.

We encourage all residents to recycle all they can, Council does currently recycle steel and some specific items such as car batteries, pressure vessels and oil. We are also aiming to introduce a small recycling program at Council buildings, this will reduce the amount of waste we are putting into landfill. Should this trial be successful we'll aim to expand the program in the future.

Council is eager to work with commercial operators and the general public to reduce the amount of rubbish going into landfill and we encourage you to help by being sure to recycle where you can.

If you have more suggestions, concerns or ideas do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience

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4 June 2021

Xiaonan Wang
Tennant Creek High school
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Dear Xiaonan,

RE: Tennant Creek Library

Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding the Tennant Creek Library. I am writing to you today in response to your letter in regards to the concerns you have raised with our Tennant Creek Library.

Council appreciates the time you have taken to submit your suggestion in regards to the Library.

The current size of the library is based on visitor numbers over a period of time, the current library size is appropriate for the traffic it receives. If in the future the number of visitors to the library increases, council would take that into consideration when looking to increase the facility size.

We will consider the options of reformatting the seating and lighting to improve the experience for visitors to the library as it has been quite some time since the fittings have been upgraded. We will also raise the matter on new book stock with our hard working librarian.

Council will forward your correspondence to the Library Coordinator Kylie Rose who I am sure will give due consideration to your letter.

If you have more suggestions, concerns or ideas do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience

Sincerely,

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In reply please quote

TC 260421

21 May 2021

Mr Jeffrey McLaughlin
Mayor, Barkly Regional Council
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Dear Mr McLaughlin

The Bureau of Meteorology is committed to providing an outstanding service to the Australian community. As part of this commitment, we are pleased, as part of the Barkly Regional Deal, to be delivering a dual-Polarised Doppler radar for Tennant Creek and surrounding areas, jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments.

Dual-polarised Doppler radars are one of the best tools for helping communities see rainfall and wind conditions in real-time, across large areas. They also collect information that feeds into Bureau models and forecasts to deliver rainfall and flood warnings, estimates of accumulated rainfall and stored soil moisture, hail location and strength of wind changes.

Following the meeting you attended with Bureau representative Andrew Collins on 15 January, I want to provide you with some further information about the project. I also wish to extend the offer of a regular briefing on the installation of the Tennant Creek radar from now until its data appears on the Bureau's website.

The Bureau has finalised the contract with the Northern Territory Government that will enable us to order the radar from our supplier and secure an appropriate site. We anticipate the radar will be operational, barring unforeseen delays, in December 2022. We will keep you regularly informed about progress and any timeline changes.

As you are aware, work to identify a potential radar site has started. This process involves several technical and practical considerations. For example, radar locations need to be located slightly away from the communities they cover, as they otherwise can't detect rainfall directly overhead. They also need the surrounding skyline to be clear of obstructions to prevent potential interference with the radar signal, as well as year-round site access. The Bureau also needs to consider access to power and communications at the site, together with the need for a lengthy lease. Once we have completed work to identify an appropriate site, and signed the lease, we will be able to announce the radar location, likely in the coming months.

We are monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on global logistics, and on the ability of our technical experts to travel between states. Should there be a significant impact on the Tennant Creek Radar project, we are committed to keeping you and the community informed.

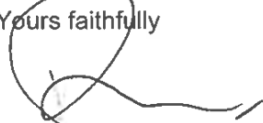
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Given the high level of interest in the radar in the Barkly Region, I would like to offer you or your office an update on progress every quarter. A representative from the Bureau will be in touch to arrange a convenient time.

If you have questions of the Bureau, please feel free to contact me directly on 0409 798 374 or by email at Bryan.Hodge@bom.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



Bryan Hodge
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Australia's National Meteorological Service

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From: Marsh, Michael <Michael.Marsh@pfes.nt.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 July 2021 4:38 PM
To: David Lightowler <David.Lightowler@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Steve Moore <Steve.Moore@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Cc: Gargan, Crispin <Crispin.Gargan@pfes.nt.gov.au>; Tjiangu Thomas <Tjiangu.Thomas@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Subject: Recognition of recent night patrol and council assistance.

Good afternoon Steve and Dave

I would like to thank your teams for their assistance with several situations that recently arose in my area. Several weeks ago the Ali Curung night patrol team led by Damien Brown tracked a group of youth offenders through scrubland. These offenders had broken into a community members house and stole their vehicle keys. This along with a coordinated Police response led to the locating and apprehension of the youths along with the stolen property.

The second situation involved vulnerable victims of domestic violence who were at risk of further harm in Epenarra. At the time Ali Curung Police staff were occupied with an arrest for an unrelated domestic violence incident. A coordinated effort with Donna Eddy from Epenarra Council and Tim Hema from Ali Curung Council utilising night patrol resources and staff, led to the victim and her family being transported to safety at the Ali Curung Womens Shelter, before being transported to Tennant Creek Womens Shelter the next day.

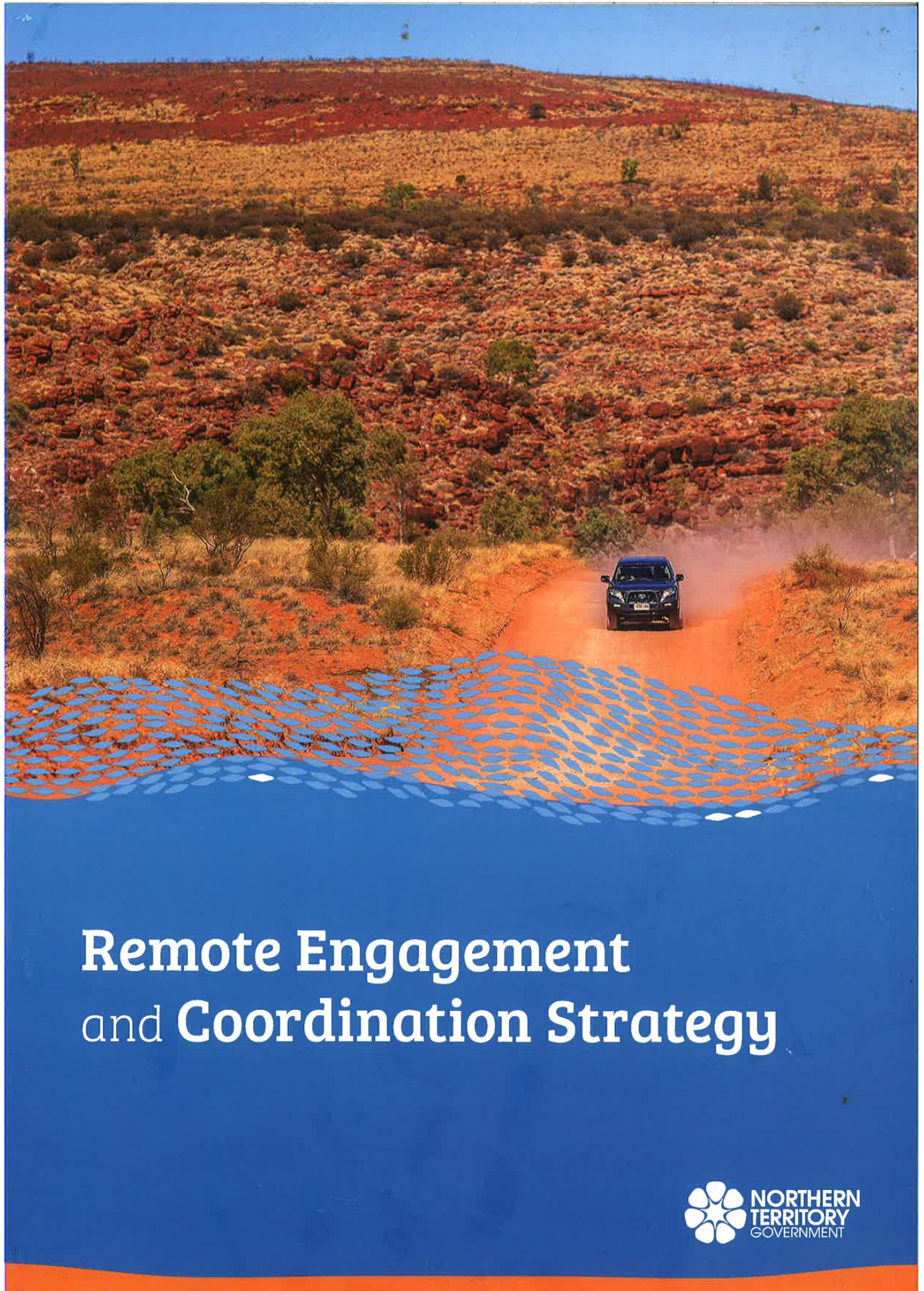
This assistance, along with being a great example of interagency cooperation on a local level, was invaluable and much appreciated.

Many thanks

Mike

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Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy



Acknowledgement

The Northern Territory Government respectfully acknowledges the First Nations people of this country and recognise their continuing connection to their lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and their leaders past, present and emerging.

While this strategy uses the term 'Aboriginal', we respectfully acknowledge that Torres Strait Islander peoples are First Nations people living in the Territory.

“Aboriginal communities and government should negotiate through working together properly and respectfully – not rushing over the top of the other – but negotiating a way forward calmly together, with integrity.”¹

Gäwa Elder, Both Ways Engagement Workshop

Introduction

The Northern Territory Government Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy (RECS) aims to improve the way we coordinate our services and engage with regional and remote Aboriginal community members. Doing this will lead to better outcomes through more culturally appropriate engagement between our workforce and the diverse Aboriginal peoples and cultures across the Northern Territory. The RECS is underpinned by the Northern Territory Government's (NTG) commitment towards self-determination and local decision making. It also aligns with the 'Everyone Together' Aboriginal Affairs Strategy 2019-2029 and the implementation of the Closing the Gap Report 2020, and their focus on supporting community aspirations and achieving better outcomes.

The RECS was designed by an interagency working group based in Alice Springs through a series of workshops. The group included representatives of agencies whose core work involves remote service provision, two regional councils and the Charles Darwin University.

The broader NTG including regional staff and other organisations provided additional input to ensure the RECS was informed by knowledge and experience of engagement in the Territory's unique physical and social environments. As the RECS continues to be implemented and evaluated, it will develop further. This will

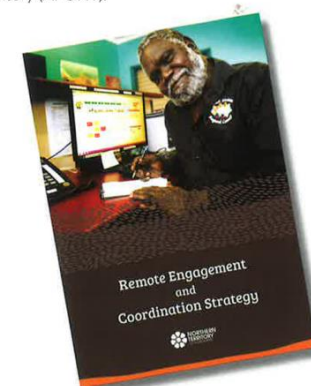
REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

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include agency and remote community input to continually strive for best practice and improved community engagement.

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

The RECS was reviewed in 2019 to ensure it remains relevant and informed by best practice in remote community engagements. The 2019 review was conducted by a second working group whose members represented those NTG agencies who provide direct services to Aboriginal communities, as well as the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APONT).



RECS 2016-2019

“We are pleased to see the emphasis on NTG agencies establishing and maintaining good relationships with Aboriginal people and organisations.”²

Wurrumiyanga community member

¹ The skills, practices and techniques detailed within the RECS encompass regional and urban engagement. These best practice skills and methods are transferable across all engagement settings.

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REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

Context

The Northern Territory's regional and remote communities are home to many diverse Aboriginal peoples and cultures, most of whom speak their own and other ancestral languages and maintain traditional cultural practices and obligations.

Traditional governance and decision making in Aboriginal communities is unique and operates under a complex Aboriginal lore and kinship system. Traditional and contemporary forms of negotiation and agreement require willingness to engage with and learn from those who have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of how each local and regional community operates. Even geographically close communities could have quite different issues and circumstances. Understanding of and respect for Aboriginal peoples and culture is critical to successful engagement and sound outcomes.

Challenges in practising good engagement and coordination in regional and remote Northern Territory areas are intensified by sparsely populated regions, long distances, a harsh climate, many different language and cultural groups, a history of fraught relationships with governments, multiple programs working in the same space with the same people and high staff turnover. The NTG is committed working to address these challenges to ensure effective engagement in partnership with Aboriginal people.

“It is not about more consultations but about listening to what the true message is. What is wanted is quality meetings that people act on...”³

Gunbalanya community member



Nyirripi community.

First Language

Aboriginal people make up one-third of the Northern Territory's population of approximately 230 000. The majority of the Aboriginal population live in remote and very remote communities with more than 100 Aboriginal languages and dialects spoken.

The Northern Territory is one of the most linguistically diverse areas of the world.

NTG agencies are at the forefront of establishing and maintaining good relationships with Aboriginal people and organisations. Effective engagement includes ensuring mutual understanding of information through the use of qualified interpreters.

The Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) in the Northern Territory employs qualified, professional, impartial and registered interpreters to cover the major languages of the NT. Interpreters cover close to 100 languages and dialects and interpreter trainers come from backgrounds such as linguistics, health, adult education and law.

The AIS facilitates effective cross-cultural communication between service providers and Aboriginal people who do not speak English as a first language.

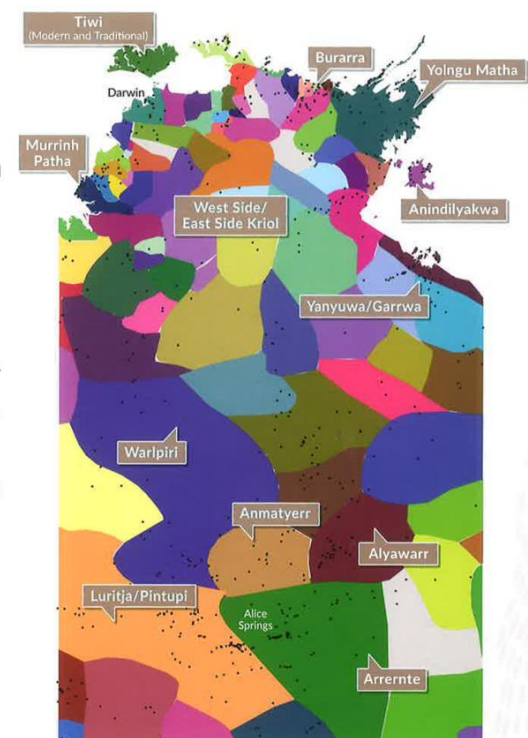
For more information on the AIS, including how to book an interpreter or arrange a training session, visit: ais.nt.gov.au

“Indigenous language interpreting services are critical for effective two-way engagement between government and non-English speakers.”⁴

Commonwealth Ombudsman — Accessibility of Indigenous Interpreters: Talking in Language Follow Up Investigation

REMOTE ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION STRATEGY

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* Based on the Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages Map – Northern Territory 2019

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Judbarra /Gregory National Park.

Purpose

The RECS aims to achieve better outcomes for remote community members including:

- Community members know who is coming to their community from NTG, when and for what purpose; and have time to prepare for engagement before meetings are held.
- Engagement meetings are relevant and effective for the community member(s) and NTG.
- Trust exists between community members and NTG.
- Community members are informed about the outcomes of engagement meetings – 'closing the loop'.
- Engagement is culturally appropriate, including the use of interpreters where English is not the first language.

The RECS aims to achieve better outcomes for NTG including:

- NTG uses community feedback to continuously improve engagement practices.
- Stakeholders are confident that NTG agencies are aware of and responding to local, regional, remote and Territory-wide issues.
- Policy, program and service delivery for remote communities is informed, responsive and coordinated.
- Engagement is cost effective.
- NTG agencies coordinate and collaborate.

“By listening to locals rather than deciding before they come what they want to hear... actually understanding what is happening in the community”⁵

Ntaria community member

Values and Principles

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

Respect and Integrity

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

Commitment

- RECS policy, processes and practice are endorsed, implemented and properly resourced.
- Enough time is given for practices to change and outcomes to improve.

Accountability

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

“We see the planes come in and go out and often we have no idea who came and why.”⁶

Ngukurr community member

Clarity

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

Inclusion

- Enough time and space are allowed for dialogue, to reflect and to develop shared understanding and decision making processes.

Working Together

- Sound relationships are established, maintained and based on mutual trust and respect.
- Ways of engagement are place-based to suit local needs, language, time-frames and cultural protocols.
- Participation is encouraged and representative.
- All points of view are freely expressed, heard and understood.
- Effective engagement is based on dialogue and active listening.
- Effective communication and coordination occur within and across levels of government, other stakeholders and regional and remote community members.

Who is the RECS for? Impacts

The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy* is designed for use by NTG and funded service providers staff who work in the Northern Territory. Other organisations will find the RECS useful when planning and coordinating a community visit.

“We have enough meetings already. What is bad is when government calls a meeting without plenty of notice and without telling us what it's about...”⁷

Umbakumba community member

Commitment to the RECS values, principles and practices will have the following impacts:

- **Regional and remote community members** actively participate in policy development, program management and service delivery affecting their communities resulting in better, more sustainable services.
- **Regional staff** are valued as an essential link between management, other stakeholders and remote communities and have input into planning and processes.
- **Management** have confidence that agencies are responding effectively to ideas, issues and needs raised at community level, and that policy, program and service delivery decisions and development are well-informed, inclusive and aligned.



Engagement with a Yirrkala community member.

Remote Engagement and Coordination

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

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

“Remote engagement and coordination are mutually dependent on each other – engagement will only work if there is good coordination and coordination will only work if there is good engagement. They must be understood and practised together, rather than separately”⁸

Professor Michael Christie, Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University



Community engagement meeting Gapuwiyak.

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Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination

While many aspects of engagement and coordination are universal, some are specific to work that takes place in remote communities.

This table is a *Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination* with remote community members.

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



Focus	Engagement – Key Actions	Coordination – Key Actions
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out about the community, language, Aboriginal governance, cultural protocols, restrictions, local dynamics and any 'burning' issues bushtel.nt.gov.au. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Aboriginal authorities, key stakeholders, other community members and regional staff who you should be informing, working with and learning from on the project or issue.
You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider your self-awareness, engagement skills, cultural competency, basic skills and training and identify gaps in your knowledge and skills. Be aware of assumptions and cultural bias you may be bringing, or even whether you are suited to regional and remote work. Stay open to learning and reflect on your performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, organise and promote professional support, learning or training opportunities you may need. Record your reflections and evaluations.
Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define the project, opportunity or issue as well as the objectives and outcomes. Clarify the decisions being made including negotiable and non-negotiables and who will make them, as well as any related decisions already made so that there is clarity on what can be influenced. Identify community and other stakeholders. Describe the role of the stakeholders and the intended relationship of the stakeholder with the government agency. Identify the level and goal of engagement for each stakeholder group (see Levels of Remote Community Participation spectrum). Identify the community engagement purpose, objectives, community expectations and outcomes (describe what success would look like if these engagement goals were to be met). Plan and use methods and tools that suit the engagement and ensure the full participation of all stakeholders. Identify risks and plan how to manage them throughout the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out what is already known about the project, opportunity or issue, knowledge gaps, relevant history, level of interest and potential conflict or risk. Use Remote Information Coordination Systems for planning, documenting and evaluating engagement, coordination and visit bushtel.nt.gov.au and bushready.nt.gov.au. Find out how to contact other stakeholders, and where opportunities for collaboration, coordination, challenges or conflicts may exist or arise. Develop, support and use community-based and regional processes (e.g. Aboriginal governance groups, inter-agency meetings, Regional Coordination Committees). Facilitate community members' understanding of government processes and responses. Establish a clear sequence of communications and engagement activities that aligns with the community's governance and protocols. Identify critical resources such as the Aboriginal Interpreter Service and other resources necessary for the engagement process.
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good relationships are essential – find ways to build understanding and trust with Aboriginal authorities, community members and other stakeholders. Respect and follow local cultural protocols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work closely with community-based and regional staff and others who have well-developed relationships with community members. Keep everyone well informed at every stage of the project/process.
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid rushing – allow time and flexibility to build relationships and enable maximum participation. Allow time for community members and other stakeholders to understand and provide input into the project, opportunity or issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early pre-engagement planning is crucial for getting the community prepared and ready. Base the negotiation of timing and timeframes on both community and government parameters. Ensure all stakeholders are kept up to date and have time to respond when things change.
Communication and Close the loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate in ways that are appropriate and understood. Understand the diversity of the target audience, including those living in regional and remote locations with a disability. Where possible use a qualified Aboriginal Interpreter who can assist with communicating in first language. Ensure community members and other stakeholders are informed before, during and after the engagement. Follow up and close the loop with community members and other stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage the Aboriginal Interpreter Service early in your project to understand what is needed to communicate your project or information effectively in first language. Help community members raise ideas and issues with the appropriate government agencies or organisations. Obtain and pass on responses to these.
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before you start, plan evaluation of the engagement objectives, outcomes and process – from introducing the project, staying in touch and receiving feedback. As you go along, document, monitor and evaluate what happens, whether planned engagement objectives were met or not and any unplanned outcomes. Ensure evaluation process is relevant and meaningful to the stakeholders. Use evaluation to continuously improve engagement practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate input into the ongoing evaluation and improvement of the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy and the Remote Information Coordination System from community and other stakeholders at regional and executive levels.

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Elements

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



The *Best Practice Guide for Remote Engagement and Coordination* brings universal aspects of best practice community engagement and coordination together with elements of practice tailored to the specific needs of remote Northern Territory communities.



The *Levels of Regional and Remote Community Participation* tool is designed to help identify the level of participation of community members in an engagement process as well as appropriate methods.



The *Remote Information and Coordination System (RICS)* gathers and documents information, captures issues and facilitates a response and supports coordination within and across levels of government, other stakeholders and regional and remote community members.

The access points to the RICS are the public facing BushTel and BushReady sites, which provide users up to date information and tools when looking to engage regional and remote communities.

bushtel.nt.gov.au

“We often have people approaching us for information about remote communities. It is fantastic to be able to refer them to BushTel so they can access up to date information about the community and current events. It's a valuable resource...”⁹

Ground Up team, Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University



The *Remote Engagement Essentials* workshop identifies induction and professional learning components that will support new and existing staff to develop knowledge, skills and behaviour required to work effectively in regional and remote communities in the Northern Territory, making them 'BushReady'.

If you are interested in attending a workshop in your region, register by emailing RECS@nt.gov.au



The *Evaluation Framework* outlines the process for continuous improvement in regional and remote engagement and coordination practices through ongoing review, evaluation and change.



The *Remote Engagement and Coordination Online Toolkit* (bushready.nt.gov.au) is a user-friendly website to support remote engagement and coordination.

It includes information and tools such as sample policies, processes and templates, stories and case studies, links to professional learning, the *Remote Information Coordination System (RICS)* and other systems.

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“We work closely with a lot of Indigenous consultants and researchers in remote communities. Through the RECS (and associated work, such as REC-IER), these consultants are now being approached much more often to assist with engagement and coordination work in their communities”¹⁰

Ground Up team, Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University

Levels of Regional and Remote Community Participation

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

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

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

“...talk to the right people, not just the people who want to talk to them, the first ones they meet.”¹¹

Ntaria community member

“Never give up – find a way. You have it in you to find a way. Sit down on the ground with people and find the way together.”¹²

Yirkkala Elder, Both Ways Engagement Workshops



Making decisions in Yirkkala.

Levels of Regional and Remote Community Participation

	Inform	Consult	Actively participate
Goal of the engagement	Community members are well-informed.	Community members are well-informed and give feedback that government considers.	Community members are well-informed and actively contribute to decision making.
Decision making level of community members	Community members don't have a say in the final decision. The final decision is made by government.	Community members might have a say in the final decision. The final decision is made by government.	Community members will have a say in the final decision. Community can actively participate at one of three levels:
Government commitment to community members	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide information in the right way to the right people to help you understand ensure you know the whole story keep you informed enable you to ask questions. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to you and make sure we understand what is important to you ask you for ideas and feedback consider what you tell us give you feedback on how you influenced the decision. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> work with you at each step of the process make sure your ideas are included as much as possible work with you to find different options and decide what the best decision will be actively use the principles and strategic directions of the NTG Local Decision Making (LDM) Framework.
Example tools and methods	Use qualified Aboriginal interpreters, posters, flyers, community noticeboards, walking around talking with people, newsletters, local radio, presentations, social media, websites, meetings, storytelling.	Use qualified Aboriginal interpreters, interviews, storytelling, small group discussions (interest, family, clan, governance groups etc.), focus groups, workshops.	Discussions over a period of time, use qualified Aboriginal interpreters interviews, storytelling, group discussions (interest, family, clan, governance groups etc.), focus groups, workshops.

Actions



Results

Best practice remote engagement and coordination leads to:

- 1 informed decision making with better and more sustained results
- 2 communities actively participating in policy and program delivery
- 3 government being better informed about communities and community issues
- 4 communities aware of the government's agenda relating to the policies and programs that affect them and how they can influence or direct them in accordance with their local needs and issues
- 5 community residents having a better understanding of government
- 6 better relationships with community leaders, organisations and community members
- 7 fewer unnecessary trips
- 8 reduced engagement burden (communities and the service provider have positive experience of engagement)
- 9 more effective use of resources
- 10 communities getting a response (closing the loop).

“Better they change the way they think. Listen to us... and... let us teach them in our community. We can show them.”¹³

Yuendumu community member

Glossary

Aboriginal authorities	Leaders, Elders, Traditional Owners or other Aboriginal people who are recognised authorities in their community (sometimes community leaders will delegate responsibility to other community members)
Management	Decision makers in government – could include senior staff, agency executives or CEOs, Members of Parliament or Ministers
Remote community members	Aboriginal people living in remotely located communities, homelands and outstations
Regional Coordination Committee	A committee that meets regularly, comprising senior staff from government departments and sometimes other organisations operating in a particular region
Regional staff	NTG staff based in regional centres
Stakeholder	A person or group with an interest, influence or concern (stake) in something
Joint management boards/committees	Boards or committees with majority Aboriginal membership who are responsible for looking after jointly managed NTG parks and reserves

Sources of Information

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

Quotes from community members were taken from the 2018–2019 'Ground Up team, Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University' Remote Engagement Coordination – Indigenous Evaluation Research project and the 2010–2011 'Langford Team' research project managed under the Commonwealth, States, and Northern Territory Government's Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement.

Additional quotes were gathered from discussions held with Aboriginal organisations and remote community members across the NT as part of the 2019 RECS review; the NTG Review of Regional Governance in 2013 (Department of Local

Government and Regions) and from the Both Ways Engagement Workshops conducted by the Yolngu Aboriginal Consultants' Initiative (YACI) and Charles Darwin University in 2013.

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

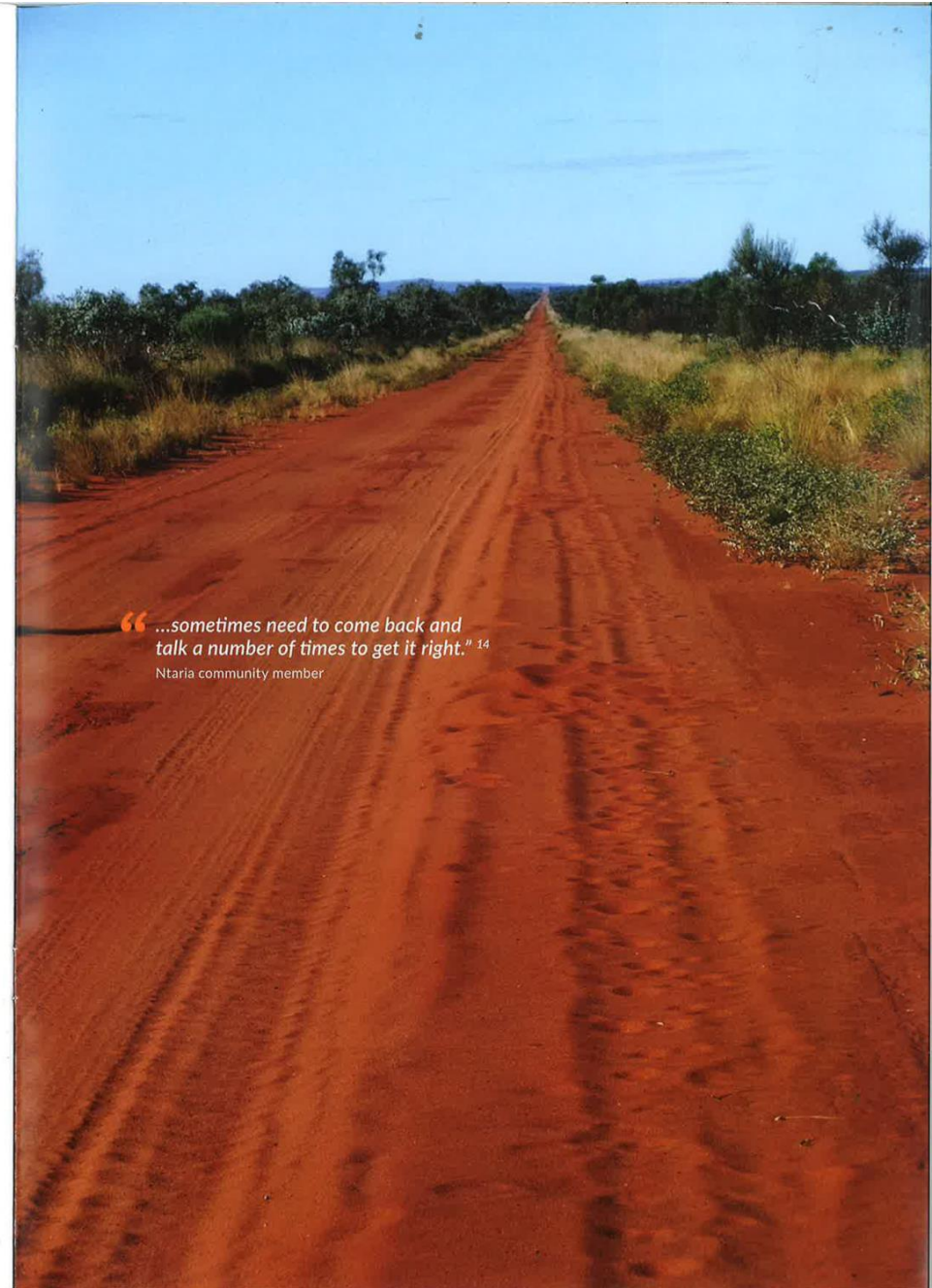
The RECS team acknowledges with much appreciation the crucial role of the late Cr B Abbott of MacDonnell Regional Council in the initial development and roll out of RECS and continually advocating for effective remote engagement across Central Australia.

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

For more information or assistance email the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy team at: recs@nt.gov.au

*The quotations and statements within RECS have been derived from a collection of Northern Territory and Australian community engagement research papers, engagement activities and experiences portrayed by community members themselves. The Northern Territory Government remain focussed on improving engagement with Aboriginal Territorians and are continuing to demonstrate many positive changes in this area, however the RECS working group still consider the quotes and statements relevant today to achieving effective engagement in regional and remote Aboriginal communities.

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“...sometimes need to come back and talk a number of times to get it right.”¹⁴

Ntaria community member

Australia's return to a fair and true People's Bank



THE WIN-WIN POST OFFICE 'PEOPLE'S BANK' SOLUTION

19 May 2021 — The campaign to achieve justice for Christine Holgate and the thousands of licensed post offices (LPOs) she saved has exposed glaring deficiencies in the structure and management of Australia Post. Given the importance of post offices and postal services to Australian communities, reforming Australia Post to fix these failings would be good for the whole country, as well as LPOs. A post office people's bank that guarantees financial services to everyone and the long-term financial viability of LPOs, is a win-win solution for all Australians.

The 2,850 small business LPOs are the most vested stakeholders in Australia Post; on average, they each have more than a million dollars of their own capital (\$3 billion collectively) invested in their businesses that provide postal services to the Australian people. LPOs exist because the government corporatised Australia Post and established the model of running post offices under license as small businesses to make Australia Post a self-funding service. Before Christine Holgate became CEO, however, LPOs were going bankrupt, and had been for decades. "The busier they are, the more money they lose, which is a pretty crazy business model", Senator Nick Xenophon said to ABC in September 2014, during a Senate inquiry into LPOs. Yet neither the government nor the management of Australia Post cared. All the years LPOs were going broke the government kept extracting around \$200 million from Australia Post in annual dividends for the federal budget—the LPOs were effectively subsidising taxpayers out of their own pockets! The management of Australia Post were just as bad. Their callous advice for struggling LPOs was to combine their post office businesses with other businesses like coffee shops and florists. The community-minded LPOs were appalled, as this would mean cannibalising other small businesses in their towns to subsidise a service the

government should have ensured was properly funded.

It is well documented how Christine Holgate turned around the fortunes of the LPOs, starting with the 2018 deal that required the major banks to pay a \$20 million annual community representation fee for post offices to serve customers abandoned by the banks through branch closures. Achieving this deal was a miracle. The board of Australia Post predicted she couldn't do it and gave her a deadline of 30 September that year to land a deal, otherwise they would scrap banking services at post offices. The big four banks did not want to pay, despite the fee being less than 0.4 per cent of each of their mega profits. They complained about Christine Holgate to then-Treasurer Scott Morrison, who didn't lift a finger to help her. Only after Josh Frydenberg took over as Treasurer and Christine Holgate convinced him to support her plan, and he called the banks on her behalf, did three of the big four agree to pay. (ANZ refused, which is why ANZ customers can't bank at post offices now.)

The truth about Christine Holgate: She saved Australia Post!



LPO Group Executive Director Angela Cramp revealed in an [8 February 2021 Citizens Insight interview](#) that the deal increased payments to LPOs by 50 per cent on average, depending on how much banking LPOs do in their particular locations. This made a world of difference to their businesses—



Angela Cramp said for the first time she was able to sleep soundly instead of fretting over whether her business would survive. It's why the LPOs were so loyal to Christine Holgate two years later when she was attacked in Parliament for buying Cartier watches as rewards for the executives who worked on the deal.

By contrast, the government and Australia Post management were not loyal to Christine Holgate at all. Despite paying lip service to her brilliance as a CEO, they were treacherous, shunting her out as quickly as they could and then lying to cover up

their intent. This underscores the ongoing problem facing the LPOs: the government and management don't care if they survive. As for the two-faced banks, they may renew the deal, but only if it suits their management priorities; in the meantime, they have jacked up the fees on Bank@Post transactions to a ridiculous \$4.50. This means the future viability of the LPOs is at the mercy of banks that continue to demonstrate their disregard for their retail customers by shutting down bank branches en masse and ripping out thousands of ATMs all over Australia, especially in the regions.

Win-win solution

The Citizens Party has drafted a bill for a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank (CPSB) that will solve many problems, for Australia Post and the nation:

- Permanently secure the financial viability of Australia Post and the LPOs. The CPSB will be a custom postal bank to permanently operate through post offices, based on a legislated agreement with Australia Post that guarantees the LPOs share the revenue—their income will not be at the mercy of the private banks deciding whether or not to renew their Bank@Post deals, nor of the fickle management of Australia Post.
- Guarantee financial services for all Australians. The private banks have abandoned small towns in regional Australia and low-income suburbs, but they all have post offices, through which they will be able to bank with the CPSB.

- Guarantee bank deposits. The CPSB will be a public bank, owned by the government, which will guarantee all deposits, so Australians who bank at the postal bank will know they won't lose their savings in a financial crisis or deposit "bail-in".
- No "de-banking". As a public bank, the CPSB will not be allowed to discriminate by de-banking lawful businesses, as the private banks do.
- Support cash payments. The private banks are trying to do away with cash, which would be a disaster; the CPSB would allow people to always access cash (as Christine Holgate ensured post offices do now).

The CPSB would be a people's bank that serves all Australians and breaks the monopoly of the Big Four banks, which makes it more than just a good idea—it's an urgent necessity. Join the fight to make it a reality.

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COMMONWEALTH POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL 2021

Background to the Bill's provisions

The following is an excerpt from the Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Bill 2021 Explanatory Memorandum.

The 2018 Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (Banking Royal Commission) revealed and confirmed many failings of Australia's banking system. The revelations fuelled an ongoing debate about the structure of the banking system, in particular the way just four large institutions dominate Australia's financial sector. The Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank (CPSB) would address many of the structural failings in the Australian banking system.

The Big Four banks—CBA, NAB, ANZ and Westpac—account for around 80 per cent of Australia's financial system. This level of concentration undermines genuine competition in financial services; indeed, the chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Rod Sims told the 5 April 2018 AFR Banking and Wealth Summit that the behaviour of the major banks "more resembles

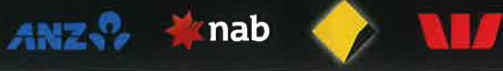
synchronised swimming than it does vigorous competition".

Besides their sectoral dominance, the major banks are to varying degrees vertically integrated conglomerates of commercial banking, investment banking, stock broking, insurance, and superannuation. Consequently, customers who use those banks for basic financial services—deposits, payments and loans—are also exposed to the consequences of the other activities those banks engage in, including the profitable but high-risk investment banking trade in financial derivatives that the banks have expanded enormously in recent decades.

The Banking Royal Commission found that many Australians did not have access to financial services. In his final report Commissioner Hayne noted that about 28 per cent of the Australian population, nearly 7 million people, lived in regional or remote

areas, but only 4 per cent of all branches of ADIs and 2 per cent of ATMs were located in areas classified as remote or very remote. Furthermore, he noted: "The banks' branch networks have been shrinking for some years. The banks have fewer face-to-face points of presence." The 6 October 2018 Daily Telegraph reported figures from the banks showing that between September 2017 and September 2018, the Big Four banks shut down 196 branches and removed 734 ATMs, leaving many rural and regional communities, and low-income metropolitan communities, without access to financial services.

The "Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry"—shocked Australians with revelations of the crimes of the banks and failings of the regulators.



The closure of bank branches led to increased demand from customers banking at local post offices, which act as agents for the banks. In 2018 Australia Post negotiated a deal with the banks, to pay more to cover the actual cost of post offices serving the banks' customers. The three-year deal enabled Australia Post to expand its Bank@Post service, which made Australia Post profitable and ensured the viability of its 2,900 community licensed post offices (CLPOs) and financial services for the communities abandoned by the banks. Bank@Post demonstrates the clear benefits of Australia Post providing financial services, both to the business model of Australia Post and to the communities it serves.

Banks also withdraw financial services through de-banking individual businesses, which the banks claim is to reduce reputational risk and the risk of exposure to crimes such as money laundering. De-banking involves closing the accounts of the business, as well as the personal accounts of its principals, and sometime even their family members; moreover, de-banked businesses often find all banks, not just their own bank, will deny them financial services. As private businesses it is the banks' right to decide who to conduct business with, but businesses that are legal under Australian law should have the right to access financial services.

Likewise, the major banks are aggressively promoting cashless payments systems, and are pursuing targets to reduce cash use in the economy. The banks promote cashless payments in terms of ease, efficiency and security for their customers, but the reduction in the availability and use of cash disadvantages the elderly and disabled, and immigrant communities, who prefer the certainty and simplicity of cash transactions. It also exposes Australians to being stranded from transacting by failures of the electronic payments system when natural disasters and infrastructure problems cause power and/or telecommunications failures.

The Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank would:

- Be a public institution dedicated to the economic prosperity and welfare of the people of Australia;
- Promote genuine competition in the banking system, as the original Commonwealth Bank did for 85 years from 1911 to its privatisation completed in 1996, after which bank profits soared and service declined;
- Provide basic deposit and loan financial services to all Australians, separated from the risks of investment banking and guaranteed by the government;
- Ensure rural and regional communities and low-income metropolitan communities have access to financial services through the post office network;
- Not discriminate against lawful businesses;
- Support and maintain cash use and availability, which is especially important in rural and regional Australia.

Structure and operations of CPSB

The legislation provides that the CPSB would be a standalone national corporation, structured to operate wholly through post offices. This structure avoids the need for Australia Post to have its own banking licence, which has complex implications relating to whether Australia Post would need one banking licence or many for each of its licensed post offices; this structure also allows the management of the two institutions to focus on their core specialty while cooperating closely. The CPSB's structural relationship to Australia Post would be similar to how the Commonwealth Bank started operations in 1912 using post offices as branches, except the CPSB would be a permanent postal banking service.



The arrangement between the CPSB and Australia Post would somewhat replicate the current Bank@Post arrangement between Australia Post and the private banks, in that the CPSB would compensate Australia Post for being the agent of its financial services. However, it would be different in crucial respects. First, as a permanent arrangement it would not require periodical renegotiation, whereas the Bank@Post deal is subject to renewal by banks, which banks could choose not to do if they cease to see it as in their commercial interest. Second, it would be genuinely mutually beneficial to Australia Post and its CLPOs, based on a fee structure agreed

to by Australia Post that the legislation stipulates must reflect the actual cost of post offices serving bank customers, including a reasonable return to Australia Post and its CLPOs. This arrangement would secure Australia Post a permanent source of extra revenue that can subsidise postal delivery and guarantee its future as a public postal service, as well as the future of its unique licensed post office franchise network.

In its operations, the CPSB would generally meet demand that private financial institutions are unwilling to meet due to their business calculation of insufficient profitability. Because the CPSB's primary motivation is service, not profit, and because it is owned and backed by the Commonwealth government, it will have the financial flexibility and patience to serve marginal and neglected sectors and regions and in doing so, help to revive their economic prospects. The CPSB would not be restricted to areas not served by private banks however, as one of its benefits is increasing competition in the banking system, especially in retail banking services.

For many Australians, the CPSB would be an attractive alternative to the private banks. It would provide face-to-face retail banking services, easily accessible through post offices. Being owned by the Commonwealth, it would provide the security of a full Commonwealth government guarantee for deposits, not the more limited guarantee of the Financial Claims Scheme.

The CPSB's operational cost advantage—from using existing post offices instead of needing to invest in expensive new branch locations, and from enjoying a Commonwealth government guarantee—would enable it to subsidise banking services for Australians who are underbanked and unlikely to be served by existing banks.

It would provide credit to communities that have difficulty obtaining credit due to the commercial priorities of private banks; the CPSB would extend credit through competitive loans to individuals, to local businesses including farms, and to local governments for infrastructure. While CPSB customers would initiate loan applications through their local post office, the applications would be assessed and approved by qualified and specialised staff at the CPSB, to ensure high lending standards.



The legislation provides that the CPSB could invest surplus deposits in Commonwealth and State infrastructure projects, including by investing in Commonwealth government financial institutions. This envisions the possibility of a Commonwealth government-owned national infrastructure bank, through which the deposits of CPSB customers could be invested in the economic development of Australia.

As a postal bank, owned and guaranteed by the Commonwealth, and dedicated to increasing banking competition, providing financial services to all Australians and credit for neglected communities, and promoting economic development, the CPSB would be a safe alternative to the private financial system that serves the Australian people and the real economy.

What you can do

- Tell your MP and Senators to support a post office people's bank.
- Share this flyer with your local Australia Post branch.
- For extra copies of this flyer that you can distribute through your local community, especially to the businesses, contact the Citizens Party on 1800 636 432.

Sign petition for an Australia Post people's bank:
info.citizensparty.org.au/auspost-bank-petition

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Watch 'The untold story of the Australia Post scandal'

All Australians must watch the Citizens Party's latest *Citizens Insight* YouTube interview, with Licensed Post Office Group Executive Director Angela Cramp, called "The untold story of the Australia Post scandal". Every Australian uses the local post office, but most would have no idea of the immense struggle that the small business families who run licensed post offices (LPOs) have gone through over the past two decades just to survive. Angela Cramp vividly recounts that struggle, allowing all concerned citizens to see the Australia Post scandal through the LPOs' eyes.

[Click here to watch "The untold story of the Australia Post scandal"](#).

The Senate inquiry into the unlawful removal of Christine Holgate as CEO of Australia Post laid bare the issues and agendas besetting the national postal service. These include the longstanding agenda to run Australia Post into the ground as a pretext for privatisation, to which Christine Holgate's successful management became an obstacle; and the practice of successive governments and ministers interfering politically in Australia Post's management, in breach of the law, such as when Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Communications Minister Paul Fletcher unlawfully ordered the Chair to stand Christine Holgate aside.

The final report of the inquiry made excellent recommendations to address these issues, but the question is: who will enforce them? Scott Morrison and Paul Fletcher won't—they are contemptible politicians who are contemptuous of parliamentary due process and being held accountable for their actions. Will the Nationals, under born-again leader Barnaby Joyce, who was the first MP aside from Bob Katter to support Christine Holgate and the LPOs, and whose Senate allies Bridget McKenzie and Matt Canavan were very supportive in the inquiry, but who must govern in coalition with Morrison? Will Labor, which actually instigated the scandal through Senator Kimberley Kitching's vicious ambush of Christine Holgate and Anthony Albanese's dishonest question that provoked Morrison's "SHE—CAN—GO" tirade, and then opportunistically switched sides when public opinion shifted and they saw it as a way to damage Morrison (with the honourable exception of Senator Kim Carr, who did an excellent job in the inquiry)? Or will it be left to the Greens and One Nation, who through inquiry chair Senator Sarah Hanson-Young and inquiry initiator Senator Pauline Hanson teamed up successfully in the inquiry?

To appreciate how absolutely crucial it is that the inquiry's recommendations are enforced, see it through the LPOs' eyes by watching Angela Cramp tell "The untold story of the Australia Post scandal".

Angela Cramp recounts the fascinating but disturbing story of why and how the LPO Group formed in 2012, to save their businesses, and, by doing so, save the post office services Australians use every day. For decades, as Australians lined up at post offices, assuming they were using a government service that would always be available, they would have had no idea that the families running most of Australia's post offices as small businesses were being exploited by the government and Australia Post management.

While the cost of living and business expenses soared in the first decade of the 2000s—cost of living was the reason Kevin Rudd defeated John Howard in the 2007 election—payments to LPOs were effectively frozen for a decade. Yet Australia Post continued to make profits, and the government continued to extract an annual dividend of, on average, \$200 million. "That dividend came out of our pockets, and the board knew that", Angela explains. LPOs found that the busier they were and the more work they did the more money they lost.

It is a damning indictment on successive Coalition and Labor governments' commitment to essential services for the Australian people that they had such callous disregard for the people who actually provided the service. The LPOs were on their own, and in desperation they reached out to each other and found they were all in the same predicament. This led to crucial meetings with receptive individual politicians, including then-Senators Nick Xenophon and Ron Boswell (Senator Boswell called it the most "distressing" meeting he'd ever had with constituents), the formation of the LPO Group as a business association to properly represent LPOs, and a comprehensive Senate inquiry in 2014. However, only a few positive changes flowed from that first inquiry, while Australia Post management continued with its downsizing agenda that was preparing the company for full or partial privatisation.



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Big Four in cold sweat over post office people's bank

In another victory for the grassroots campaign that exposed the real agenda behind Scott Morrison's unlawful removal of Australia Post CEO Christine Holgate, two of the Big Four banks have recommitted to Australia Post banking services long-term. On 1 July, Australia Post announced CBA and NAB had agreed to renew their Bank@Post deals for ten years, while Westpac is also looking at a long-term deal and even ANZ, which wasn't part of the first deal, is considering signing up.

This long-term deal is a relief for the almost 3,000 licensed post offices (LPOs) and the communities they serve. The original Bank@Post deal that Christine Holgate achieved in 2018 was a game-changer. The banks had agreed to pay a \$20 million annual Community Representation Fee (CRF) for post offices serving bank customers, and Christine Holgate had ensured a significant proportion of those payments went to the LPOs, which, for many, secured their financial viability for the first time, and saved banking services in hundreds of regional communities. However, this was also the deal for which Christine Holgate was subjected to a brutal character assassination and railroaded out of Australia Post two years later, on the pretext of the watches she had awarded as recognition to the executives whose hard work had achieved the deal. For that reason, the renewal of the deal was up in the air, leaving the LPOs and their communities facing an uncertain future; on paper at least, this ten-year deal provides certainty.

While this appears to be a great outcome, it is important to be clear how it came about, and also to know the details of what CBA and NAB have agreed to. Essentially, this is a PR exercise by the banks, forced on them by the campaign to support Christine Holgate. Without taking anything away from the hard work of the Australia Post executives who negotiated this renewal of Bank@Post, the fact is those negotiations took place in the context of the LPO Group and Citizens Party shining an enormous floodlight on how brilliant Christine Holgate's original deal had been, which for many Australians was the first they had heard of it. For that reason alone, the banks would have found it impossible to pull out of Bank@Post without it becoming a PR disaster. On top of that, the campaign doubtless spooked the banks by promoting their worst nightmare: a public postal bank that would break the monopoly of the Big Four and force them to truly compete for the first time in decades. The banks hope that a ten-year deal will neutralise calls for a public postal bank. It won't.

And the reason it won't is because while the deal appears to provide financial certainty for Australia Post and the LPOs, it doesn't change the nature of the banks. They are still the same predatory financial institutions that threaten Australia's economy with their reckless mortgage lending and derivatives gambling, and that abandon their customers at will. It is therefore suspicious that the banks and Australia Post are keeping the terms of the renewed deal confidential, whereas when Christine Holgate announced the 2018 deal, she proudly publicised its terms, especially the central \$20 million CRF. Why is the new deal confidential? Are the banks still paying \$20 million, or have they squeezed Australia Post to accept a smaller CRF? Are the banks truly locked in for ten years, or are they able to "reconsider" their involvement at certain intervals? Are the payments for LPOs truly guaranteed? And what fees will banks charge for Bank@Post transactions, which are already far too high?

It is a great achievement that the Australia Post campaign has spooked the banks, which now want to be seen to be onside with public opinion, but the stakes are too high to settle for PR exercises. There is no substitute for a post office people's bank!

Click here to sign the petition:

[An Australia Post 'people's bank'—a win-win solution for the nation](#)

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From: National Tree Day <treeday@planetark.org>
Sent: Wednesday, 21 July 2021 11:30 AM
To: Jeffrey McLaughlin <Jeffrey.McLaughlin@barkly.nt.gov.au>
Subject: Join your community in celebrating National Tree Day!



Dear Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin,

On behalf of Planet Ark, I invite you to join your community on Sunday, August 1 and take part in National Tree Day, Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event.

This year we are encouraging participants to reflect on how the simple act of planting a tree can enrich their community and the environment at large.

National Tree Day is an excellent opportunity for mayors to acknowledge volunteers' efforts, as well as highlight the work their own councils put into preserving Australia's natural beauty.

If your council isn't hosting a site or facing restrictions, you can visit the link below to find a site in your area where you can join your community in tree planting. By doing so you will be part of a movement that's led to over 26 million trees being planted across Australia since 1996.

[Find an Event](#)

We hope you and your community enjoy this opportunity to connect with nature.

Best regards,

Paul Klymenko
CEO, Planet Ark



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Western Davenport and Ti Tree Water Advisory Committee

DRAFT Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The Western Davenport and Ti Tree Water Advisory Committee (the Committee) is established by the Minister for Environment (the Minister) to advise the Controller of Water Resources (the Controller) on:

- the implementation and effectiveness of the Western Davenport Water Allocation Plan 2018-2021 (Western Davenport plan) and its review
- the preparation of a new Western Davenport plan, due to be declared by 7 December 2021
- the implementation and effectiveness of the Ti Tree Water Allocation Plan 2020-2030 (Ti Tree plan) and its review due by 17 February 2025
- other matters referred to it by the Controller.

2. Statutory context

The Western Davenport plan was declared on 28 December 2018 and a new plan is due to be declared before the current plan expires on 7 December 2021. The Ti Tree plan was declared on 17 February 2020 with a mid-term review required before 17 February 2025.

When a water allocation plan is declared, section 23(1A) of the *Water Act 1992* (the Act) authorises the Minister to establish, and appoint the members of a water advisory committee and allocate a name to the committee. The Committee's name, membership and broad purpose are determined by a signed instrument.

Under section 23(1B)(a) of the Act, a water advisory committee appointed under section 23(1A) is to advise the Controller of Water Resources on the effectiveness of the water allocation plan in maximising the economic and social benefits within ecological constraints and to carry out any other functions that the Controller of Water Resources may from time to time direct the water advisory committee to perform.

A water advisory committee shall consist of such members as the Minister thinks fit and the members shall hold office at the Minister's pleasure, as outlined in section 23(2) of the Act. A Committee shall consider and advise the Controller on such matters within its jurisdiction as are referred to it by the Controller, Section 23(3) of the Act.

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3. Functions

The function and matters the Committee shall advise the Controller on are established in these Terms of Reference, signed by the Controller or as otherwise requested in writing from the Controller to the Chairperson.

The Committee's general functions are to:

- Provide advice to the Controller and the department on the effectiveness of the Western Davenport plan and the Ti Tree plan in maximising the economic and social benefits within ecological constraints.
- Consider and advise the Controller on any other matters referred to it by the Controller.
- Comply with the Northern Territory Government Boards Handbook.

Specifically in relation to the Western Davenport plan the Committee will:

- Consider stakeholder and community feedback on the implementation and effectiveness of the Western Davenport plan.
- Provide advice to the Controller on the review of the Western Davenport plan.
- Provide advice to the Controller on key matters to be addressed in a new Western Davenport plan.
- Provide advice on the implementation of the new Western Davenport plan.

Specifically in relation to the Ti Tree plan the Committee will:

- Provide advice on the implementation of the Ti Tree plan.
- Consider stakeholder and community feedback on the implementation and effectiveness of the Ti Tree plan.
- Provide advice to the Controller on the review of the Ti Tree plan.

4. Additional matters referred to the Committee by the Controller

- Communicate water planning processes and plans to stakeholders and the broader community to keep them informed of the environmentally sustainable use and management of the water resource.
- As otherwise requested in writing from the Controller to the Chairperson.

5. Terms of appointment

Members are appointed to the Committee by the Minister for Environment under section 23(1A) of the Water Act 1992 and hold office at the Minister's pleasure.

As per the appointment instrument, memberships will expire following the finalisation of the five year review of the Ti Tree Plan in February 2025.

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6. Composition

The Committee will consist of members appointed at the Minister's pleasure. One member will be appointed as the Chairperson.

Membership will aim to reflect the following factors, skills, knowledge and experience with a focus on the plan area:

- diversity of stakeholders representing consumptive and non-consumptive users of water
- breadth of knowledge about water and its sustainable use
- diversity in terms of race, ethnicity and age
- gender balance
- local champions for environmentally sustainable water use
- members who are well-connected to the community and key stakeholders, and can represent their views in a collaborative and constructive way
- members who are good communicators for disseminating information and collecting feedback from the community and key stakeholders.

7. Proxy members

Proxy members are not encouraged. If members require additional support to participate in the meeting, the Chairperson may invite other people to attend and participate for that purpose.

Requests must be made to the Chairperson and approved at least five business days prior to the meeting date.

8. Operating arrangements

Members shall declare conflicts of interest and inform the Chairperson immediately if a matter comes before the Committee in which they may have a personal, financial or other substantial personal interest. The member shall abstain from discussions on the affected matter, by removing themselves from the meeting. Declared conflicts of interest will be recorded in the minutes of each meeting.

Meetings will be held to conduct the business of the Committee. The Committee may meet in person or remotely via telephone, email or video or a combination of these methods. It is likely that meetings will be held at a minimum six monthly frequency or more frequently when plans are subject to review or at times when the Controller has requested Committee's advice.

Confidentiality will be maintained by all meeting participants at all times. The Chairperson can decide if all or part of a meeting will be held in camera, such as if there are sensitive or confidential discussions requiring this.

The quorum will comprise the Chairperson and at least half the number of members of the Committee.

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9. Decision-making

Whenever possible, the Committee will seek consensus in its positions or recommendations. Only committee members participate in providing advice to the Controller.

The Committee may elect to present different advice or options that reflect the different views within the Committee. If consensus is not possible, a motion can be passed if there are at least 75% of members present who support the motion.

10. Role of the Chairperson

The Chairperson is the presiding member of the Committee and has the following responsibilities:

- to set meeting dates and agendas for meetings in consultation with the department's secretariat
- to conduct meetings in way that fosters effective, respectful consideration of issues referred to the Committee or raised by members
- to invite observers to provide information or advice to the Committee
- to approve attendance by observers and those providing support to members and advice the department's secretariat of any approvals given
- to remind members of their roles and obligations if required
- to ensure accurate minutes and timely reporting of advice to the Controller after each meeting
- to be the primary media spokesperson.

In the event that the Chairperson is not able to attend a meeting, she/he shall nominate an alternate Chairperson or, if this is not possible, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson from those members present at the meeting. This person will have responsibilities related to the conduct of the meeting and members and ensuring accurate minutes and timely reporting of advice.

11. Role of the Committee members

Members of the committee:

- shall bring relevant expertise, knowledge, skills, perspectives and opinions related to the beneficial uses of water and water management in the Plan area - in doing this, members are expected to canvass the views of stakeholders and the broader community
- will ensure that considerations relate to all beneficial uses of water as far as is practicable. Beneficial uses include agriculture, aquaculture, environment, cultural, industry, rural stock and domestic use, Aboriginal economic development, mining activity, petroleum activity and public water supply.

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- are required to respect each other and the views of other Members as well as those of any people presenting to the committee or providing advice to the committee
- are required to accept advice and information provided by the department as being the best advice available but are not required to agree with it - where an alternative view is provided by a Committee member, it is to be expressed in respectful way.

The Chairperson may refer inappropriate behaviour of Committee members to the Controller which can result in membership being reviewed by the Minister.

12. Role of the department

The department will support the efficient and effective operations of the Committee by providing secretariat support and resources to the Committee including the payment of remuneration and assisting the Chairperson to organise meetings, prepare agendas and record the outcomes of a meeting.

The Executive Director Water Resources has budgetary decision-making responsibility for the Committee and will oversee the payment of remuneration. Sitting fees, travelling allowance and other entitlements will be paid as per the Remuneration for Statutory Bodies Schedule payable to non-government appointees in accordance with the Handbook. Members may also be reimbursed for use of their private vehicle to travel to and from meetings held away from their usual place of residence, as stated in the Handbook.

Subject to budgetary and resourcing considerations, the department will use its best endeavours to ensure that the Committee is:

- informed of matters relevant to the Committee's purpose, role and functions
- provided with support and resources to assist the Committee to develop its advice and report in a timely and efficient way.

JOANNE TOWNSEND
Controller of Water Resources

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