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AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2018

Barkly Regional Council's Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in on Thursday, 31 May 2018 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

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18.3	Confidential CEO update <i>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.</i>	
18.4	Infrastructure Plan <i>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.</i>	
18.5	Operation of Tennant Creek Pool Kiosk <i>The report will be dealt with under Section 65(2) (ci) of the Local Government Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.</i>	

18.6 Anzac Hill update

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

18.7 Late Payment Fees

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

18.8 MOU Barkly Work Camp

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.

18.9 Compliance Review

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.

18.10 Fracking

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.

19 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of minutes held 19 April 2018
REFERENCE	245252
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the minutes from the Ordinary council meeting held 19 April as a true and accurate report.

SUMMARY:

Ordinary Council meeting was held at the Tennant Creek Council Chambers 19 April 2018

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

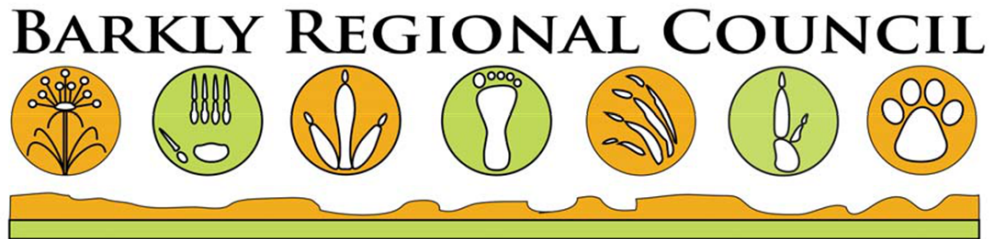
BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Ordinary Council - unconfirmed minutes - 19.04.2018.pdf



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MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018

The Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers on Thursday, 19 April 2018 at 8:30am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 8:30 am with Kris Civitarese as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Sid Vashist
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Ricky Holmes
- Cr. Jane Evans
- Cr. Jack Clubb
- Cr. Jennifer Mahoney (Teleconferenced)

1.2 Staff Members Present

- Steve Moore – Chief Executive Officer
- Stephen Dawkins – Director of Community Services
- Neil Jones – HR Manager
- Manu Pillai – Records and Compliance Officer
- Mark Parsons – Director of Operations
- Gary Pemberton – Finance Manager
- Elai Semisi – Director of Infrastructure
- Makhaim Brandon – Administration Officer – Minute Taker
- Caitlin Dunn - Executive Assistant – Minute Taker

1.3 Apologies

- Mayor Steven Edgington
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ray Aylett
- Cr. Noel Hayes
- Cr. Lucy Jackson

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

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

- 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 – Vice President
 - Development Consent Authority – Barkly Region Member/Delegate
 - Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory – Tennant Creek Committee Member
 - Rotary – Paul Harris Fellow Awarded
 - T & J Contractors – Senior Manager
 - Barkly Art - Board Member
- Cr. Raymond E. Aylett – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Sporties Club, Tennant Creek – Member
- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association - Secretary/Public Officer
 - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Barkly Art – Board Member
- Cr. Noel Hayes – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Tennant Creek – Board Member
 - Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs – Board Member
 - Housing Reference Group – Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Memorial Club - President
 - Tennant Creek Children's Christmas Tree – President
 - Territory Generation – Employee
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Barkly Regional Arts - Member
 - Tennant Creek Playgroup - Member
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
 - Nundahraga Entertainment – Sound sub-contractor
- Cr. Ronald Plummer – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Pururutu Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Patta Aboriginal Corporation – Board Member
 - Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation – Member
- Cr. Jane Evans - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - BP Elliott
- Steve Moore - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Battery Hill – Director

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.0 NOMINATION FOR CHAIR

MOTION

- a) Cr. Vashist and Cr. Plummer nominated Cr. Civitarese to Chair.
- b) Cr. Civitarese accepted being appointed chair

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 53/18

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 March 2018 at Tennant Creek as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 54/18

3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 ACTIONS FROM ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ON 22 MARCH 2018

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Note actions 3,4 7,8,9,12,14,15,17,18 and 19 be removed from the action list
- c) CEO to meet with PMC in regards to accommodating the Tara play group
- d) request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampilatwatja process.

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved OC 55/18

4. ADDRESSING THE MEETING

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7. COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

8:57 am Steve Moore left the room

8:58 am Steve Moore returned

7.1 MAYORS REPORT - APRIL 2018

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Mayors Report
- b) Receive and note the verbal report from CEO Steve Moore and Chair Kris Civitarese

Moved: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

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

Resolved OC 56/18

MOTION

0909 Break for media interview

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes **CARRIED UNAN.**

OC 57/18

0926 Reopen ordinary council meeting

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes **CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved OC 58/18

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve CEO and Mayor to represent Barkly Regional Council at the Centre Roc meetings

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer**Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 59/18*

0952 Steve Moore left the room

0956 Steve Moore returned

8.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note this report

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes**Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 60/18***8.3 ADJOURN FOR MORNING TEA 10:07 am****Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer****Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 61/18*

10:07am Jillian Ritherdon and Matthew Adcock entered the meeting

4.1 VENTURE HOUSING COMPANY PRESENTATION**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note presentation from Venture Housing

Moved into confidential

11:12am Jillian Ritherdon and Matthew Adcock left the meeting

9. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT - 31 MARCH 2018

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the nine months ended 31 March 2018.

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 62/18

11:21 am Cr. Holmes left the meeting

11:25 am Cr. Holmes returned

10. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORT - MAR/APR 2018

MOTION

That Council

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

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 63/18

11. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

11.1 UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: Cr. Ronald Plummer

Seconded: Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 64/18

12. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS**12.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local Authority Minutes from meeting held 03.04.2018
- b) Receive and note the Elliott Local Authority Minutes from meeting held 03.04.2018
- c) Receive and note the Alpururulam Local Authority Minutes from meeting held 04.04.2018
- d) Receive and note the Wutunugurra Local Authority Minutes from meeting held 05.04.2018
- e) Receive and note the Arlparra Local Authority Minutes from meeting held 11.04.2018
- f) Authorise funds from Arlparra Local Authority be allocated to Animal Management, amount being \$15,000
- g) Authorise funds from Arlparra Local Authority be committed to the construction of a multi-purpose shelter, amount being \$99,999

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist**Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 65/18***12.2 AMENDED AMPILATWATJA LA MINUTES****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the revised Ampilatwatja Local Authority minutes from meeting held on 11 April 2018
- b) Authorise funds from Ampilatwatja Local Authority be committed to purchasing a ride on mower for Atwengerrepe, amount being \$6819.00
- c) Authorise funds from Ampilatwatja Local Authority be committed to Animal Management, amount being \$15,000

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist**Seconded: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 66/18***13. COMMITTEE REPORTS***Nil***14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

15. RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

11:45 am Steve Moore left the meeting

11:48 am Steve Moore returned

11:48 am Cr. Plummer left the meeting

11:53 am Cr. Plummer returned

16.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: Cr. Jane Evans

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 67/18

16.2 RATIFICATION OF THE COMMON SEAL

MOTION

That Council

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common seal from 14.03.2018
- Department of Health Variation to agreement of the agreement signed between BRC and DOLI.
 - Department of Trade, Business and Innovation Aboriginal Employment program memorandum of Agreement.
 - Northern Territory Government Registrar General's Directions Lease agreements S87/028 Lot 25,41,44,51,53,58,62 and 69
 - Northern Territory Government Registrar General's Directions Lease agreements S87/028 Lot 66
 - Central Land Council – Wetenngerr Corp Licence agreement Wutunugurra

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 68/18

16.3 REQUEST TO CLOSE LANEWAYS IN TENNANT CREEK**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Instruct the CEO to seek public feedback on Tennant Creek laneways

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist**Seconded: Cr. Jane Evans****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 69/18***16.4 INCIDENT REPORTING POLICY AND PROCEDURE****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Approve the Incident Reporting Policy and Procedure

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes**Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 70/18***17. CORRESPONDENCE****17.1 CORRESPONDENCE****MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the attached correspondence

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb**Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved OC 71/18***17.2 SABINA'S RIDE 4 LIFE****MOTION**

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OC 72/18

18. RESUMPTION OF MEETING

18.9 MOVE OUT OF CONFIDENTIAL MEETING

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved OCCS 73/18

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 2:56 pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ordinary Council Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 19 April 2018 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 31 May 2018.

Steven Edgington
Mayor

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Action list from meeting held 19 April 2018
REFERENCE 246053
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the action list from meeting held 19 April 2018
- b) Note all actions completed since last council meeting.

SUMMARY:

Item 1.
Item 2. Requested
Item 3. Complete
Item 4. Complete (attached)
Item 5. Still waiting for final design
Item 6. EBA ready for consultation – workforce review and planning continuing
Item 7. Complete
Item 8. Complete
Item 10. Yet to be completed
Item 11. Ongoing
Item 13. Gary to update
Item 16. Complete

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:

- 1  action list .pdf
- 2  Snake handling.pdf

<div>  <div> BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL ACTION LIST Meeting of the 19 April 2018 </div> <div>Updated 19 April 2018</div> </div>						
Meeting Date	Timeframe	Subject	Resolution	Action Officer	Action/Task	Completed Status
1. Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Tara Play group	CEO to meet with PMC in regards to accommodating the Tara play group	CEO		
2. Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Ampliatwatja briefing	CEO to request a briefing from the department in regards to the Ampliatwatja process	CEO		
3. Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Regional Plan	When complete the regional plan budget is to be circulated to councillors.	CEO		
4. Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018		Snake Handling Procedure	Council request a snake handling procedure to be presented	Community services		
5. Ordinary Council Meeting December 08 2016		Past Meeting Action List - 20 October 2016	<p>Director of Infrastructure to complete a report that establishes the wording, size, cost and available funds for erecting three signs at the Council entrance boundaries</p> <p>Resolved OC 273/16</p>	Director Infrastructure	<p>Complete a report that establishes the wording, size, cost and available funds for erecting three signs at the Council entrance boundaries</p> <p>25.01.2018 Stephen Dawkins, Jeff McLaughlin, Ronald Plummer and Ray Aylett to draft designs and bring them back to the next council meeting. Signs to include language names.</p> <p>23.02.2018 Southern sign design is complete.</p> <p>22.03.2018 Ongoing</p> <p>19.04.2018 Received photo and has been forwarded on to the designer.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Designs were an issue. A good sign writer will work on them and the Work Camp are willing to put them up. Mayor would like this to be done before the next meeting.</p>
6. Ordinary Council Meeting 27 April 2017		13.7 AUDIT COMMITTEE	<p>MOTION That Council</p> <p>a) Receive and note the report</p> <p>b) The Audit Committee recommend to Council that the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement be updated and signed by all parties by 31 December 2017</p> <p>c) A Council wide review of all staff positions be undertaken to ensure that the levels staff are being paid match the roles and responsibilities outlined in the relevant job description and that the</p>	HR Manager	EBA updated by 31 December 2017 Review all staff positions by 30 June 2018	In progress 22.03.2018 Ongoing

Ordinary council meeting - Action list - 19.04.2018

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				job description reflects the actual duties being undertaken and to be completed no later than 30 June 2018	
				Resolved OC 72/17 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	
7.	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018	Slip Lane Elliott		CEO to notify DJPL about the 2 way slip lane on the main road of Elliott needing a yellow line and/or arrow to indicate the road is 2 ways	CEO
8.	Ordinary Council Meeting 19 April 2018	Lane Ways		Seek public feedback in regards to Lane Way Closure	CEO
10	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018	Community blueprints		CEO to meet with DCM and PMC in regards to community blueprints for Ampliatwatja	CEO
11	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018	Policies and Procedures		All policies are to be Standardised. Add to all policies Legislation Standards, Related policies, Responsibility and delegation and Evaluation and review	Manu
13	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018	Policy Circulation		Circulate to the Councillor, councillors insurance policy	Gary P
16	Ordinary Council Meeting 22 March 2018	Peko road roundabout		CEO to seek further recommendations from DIPL in regards to what the most practical	CEO
					19.04.2018 To be commenced
					19.04.2018 ongoing
					19.04.2018 ongoing
					19.04.2018 intersection will be closed for 2 days whilst work is being done.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

TITLE:	Procedure - Snake Handling		
DOCUMENT OWNER:			
DATE OF ADOPTION:			
DOCUMENT NUMBER:			
VERSION NUMBER :		REVIEW DATE:	
AUTHORISED :			

THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES TO:

All workers engaged by or on behalf of Barkly Regional Council

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to describe how Barkly Regional Council staff will ensure correct and safe handling of snake catching and trapping and to understand the hazards involved and to adhere to all applicable measures to maintain the safety of all involved.

2. PROCEDURE - ALWAYS CATCH WITH A TRAINED PARTNER**STEP 1: PINNING**

Snake sticks have a flat head which can be effectively used to pin down a snake before it manages to slither into cluttered areas. This feature is helpful if you're catching in a house or somewhere where the catching process can be complicated by objects.

It also allows you to subdue the snake while people vacate the area. Having too many people around you will restrict your movement and adds a serious danger factor to the equation, always have at least a few metres around you where nobody is allowed to stand.

Do not grip the end of the pinner, simply apply pressure with your palm.

(Never squash a snake down, use only enough force to keep it from slithering away.)



Step 2: LIFTING WITH M1 TONGS

The one way to catch a snake is to lift it up in the middle.

Start by moving your M1 snake tongs towards the snake about a third of the way from the head. Almost all methods of catching snakes will involve dividing the snake up into thirds. Keep the M1 tongs flat to the ground and move it in underneath the snake.

(Avoid collecting any debris as this will hinder the usability of the tongs)

At this point the snake will usually try to move away from you however **DO NOT** release pressure from the pinner until your partner has the snake firmly in the tongs.

(Await confirmation from your partner that it is safe to release the pinner off the snake)

**STEP 3: SECURING THE SNAKE**

ALWAYS PLACE SOMETHING IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BIN FOR THE SNAKE TO HIDE UNDER

Once you have the snake firmly with the M1 tongs, you can proceed to secure it.

Ensure the tail of the snake is in the bin before you release the tongs grip.

Angle the snake downwards and release into bin (this will prevent the snake from climbing up the tongs onto you)

Your partner will be ready with the bin lid to secure the snake once you release it from the tongs grip



ADDRESSING THE MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Department of housing and Community Development
REFERENCE 246354
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive the presentation from Len Griffiths

SUMMARY:

Receive a presentation from Len Griffiths from the Department of Housing and Community Development

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Draft Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan & Budget 2018-2019
REFERENCE	245985
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) **Adopt the Draft 2018-19 Regional Council Plan for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.**
- b) **Confirm that formal adoption of the 2018-19 Regional Council Plan following consideration of comments received during the exhibition period is scheduled for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be conducted on Thursday, 28 June 2018.**

SUMMARY:

The Draft 2018/19 Regional Council Plan is required to be advertised for public inspection with comments invited for at least a period of 21 days. Council is then required to consider the submissions and make any revision to the Regional Council Plan as appropriate before finalising the plan.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 February 2018 the Council endorsed the Budget Policy CP000002, which established the operational framework and process for preparation of the 2018/19 Regional Council Plan.

During the lead up to the Regional Plan process, council officers conducted community planning consultation with community members across the region during the Local Authority meetings. The Local Authority members identified the community priorities which will determine the Regional Council priorities for 2018/2019.

On 22 February a planning meeting was held where the Councillors were invited to contribute issues and priority projects for inclusion into the 2018/19 Regional Council Plan. These items have been compiled and, in consultation with the relevant staff within the Council, a draft Regional Council Plan has been developed by council officers that aims to incorporate the priorities of the Councillors and communities.

The key components of the Regional Council Plan are as follows:

- The Service Delivery Plan which outlines each service delivered by the Council as well as the current and future service delivery activities.
- The Annual Corporate Plan which addresses the projects and activities to be undertaken in 2018/19.
- The Annual Budget for 2018/19.
- Rating Policy for 2018/19
- Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2018/19.
- Maximum Allowances for Elected and Appointed Members.
- Community Plans

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Refer to Budget Analysis 2018-2019 paper.

Refer to Declaration of Rates and Charges 2018-2019 paper.

Refer to Schedule of Fees and Charges 2018-2019 paper.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Options

The Council may direct the staff to make changes to the Regional Council Plan as required. The Council must adopt the Regional Council Plan and budget on or before 31 July 2017 in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. If the Council is not satisfied with the contents of the Regional Council Plan and budget, it can seek an extension to this time with the Minister for Local Government.

Relevant Legislation

Section 24 of the *Local Government Act* deals with the annual review of the Regional Council Plan. Revisions must be adopted between 1 April and 31 July each year and a copy forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.


Section 128 of the *Local Government Act* states that the Council must adopt a budget on or before 31 July of each financial year.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Draft 2018/19 Regional Council Plan is required to be advertised for public inspection with comments invited for at least a period of 21 days.

The Draft Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan & Budget 2018-19 will be made accessible on the Council's website and available at Council's offices on Friday, 1 June 2018 and will be open for public consultation for a period of 21 days. The availability of the document for public consultation will be advertised in the Tennant Creek Times Friday 1 June 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL PLAN 2018-19

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Message from the Mayor [insert pic]

It is my pleasure to present the Barkly Regional Council's Regional Plan and Budget 2018-2019.

As I prepare this message I reflect on the hectic but rewarding schedule for myself as Mayor and the team of 12 councillors since the August 2017 elections and subsequent swearing-in ceremony.

Council has approached the preparation of the Regional Plan with an emphasis on delivering services that each community and the region as a whole needs, and then defining the service levels to be delivered.

This process has involved input from the various Local Authorities, submissions from individuals and organisations as well as suggestions from Elected Members and staff. Council has also conducted planning workshops and special budget meetings to review and refine the Regional Plan.

Adopting such a logical and practical approach has meant that Council has settled on a Plan and Budget that reflects the expectations of each community and ensures that they do get what they asked for. This can be anything from upgrades to sports facilities and football ovals to landfill and waste improvements.

Delivering core municipal services to an acceptable standard continues to be a priority. Another priority is strengthening the role of Local Authorities (LAs) in all seven communities and for Council to work with LA members as a team with our communication with them clear.

As Council Mayor I am learning a lot from travelling out to each community and attending LA meetings. The importance of voices at a local level being heard cannot be stressed enough with changes to Council's Local Authority Policy introduced to encourage community ownership and a grass-roots approach.

Members of LAs in each community now meet monthly, as opposed to four times a year, and seven members from each community have been appointed. This was initiated to ensure the timely exchange of information as Council works closely alongside each LA to achieve goals and projects identified as part of a five-year infrastructure plan to improve services and facilities for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

Long-term, strong and sound financial management is also essential and Council has adopted measures to achieve this. It is committed to ensuring that all rates, fees and charges levied, along with government funds, from both a Territory and Federal level, are all relevant to Council responsibilities and sufficient to cover the costs of service delivery.

The Barkly region is a vast area with a dispersed and diverse population. It is a region which creates not only unique challenges but opportunities, and Council is committed to ensuring the Barkly is a better place to live, work, visit and invest in.

On behalf of elected members, I acknowledge the commitment of Council staff and all their hard work, and extend my gratitude to the CEO Steve Moore for his support in leading the team across the region. We share a common aspiration to serve the community as a responsive, efficient and respectful Council.

I invite you to review the Regional Plan 2018-2019 and the service delivery and budgetary plans it contains to be sure you know what to expect from the Council during the upcoming financial year.

Steven Edgington, Mayor Barkly Regional Council

Chief Executive Officer's Report [insert pic]

As we look forward to the 2018-2019 financial year, Council continues to operate in a tight fiscal environment. Rates and charges income makes up approximately 10% of our annual revenue and provides important income for Council to improve service delivery to the Towns and Communities across the Barkly.

Council also relies heavily on grants from the Australian and Northern Territory governments to deliver core Council services across the Barkly Region, which covers approximately 323,000 km².

The role of Local Authorities has been expanded to provide information to Council on Community Priorities. With Local Authorities now scheduled to meet monthly, our aim is to increase the flow of information between council and communities, allowing Council to speed up the decision making process and reduce the time it takes to deliver outcomes for the benefit of all residents.

During the current year, Council has committed a great deal of time developing longer-term plans. This has included the development and implementation of a five-year Strategic Plan (2019-2023), a five-year Infrastructure Plan (2019-2023), a workforce plan and asset management plans. With this strategic work now completed the upcoming financial year will see Council implement the plans and deliver improved, value-for-money facilities across the Barkly region.

To deliver larger infrastructure projects additional grant funding will be required to achieve the desired outcome. While Council will work hard to gain the funding required, other, smaller projects will be funded by Council and the Local Authorities to improve community assets.

One large infrastructure project that will be completed during the coming year will be the \$5m upgrade of Purkiss Reserve in Tennant Creek. This is a major project funded by the Northern Territory Government to improve sporting facilities for residents and visitors to the region.

A significant capital budget for the new financial year will see us continue to purchase much needed plant and equipment and continue with our fleet replacement program. Our aim is to give our staff the tools they need to work faster, smarter and safer.

A new Council was elected in August 2017 and elected members have already been highly engaged and actively embedded in their respective communities. I look forward to continue working with our Mayor and the elected members to deliver on our vision of making Tennant Creek and the Barkly region the preferred location to live, work, visit and invest in.

With a strong, visionary Council, engaged and proactive Local Authorities, sound financial management and committed, dedicated staff, Barkly Regional Council is ready to face the new financial year and deliver on the contents of this Regional Plan.

Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

About Us [insert pic]

Who We Are (Sub heading)

Barkly Regional Council is a regional council, providing infrastructure, services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children's groups, schools, businesses and agencies across the Barkly. This region has a resident population of 7,530 (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016).

Where We Are

Situated between Alice Springs and Katherine with the town of Tennant Creek at its heart, the Barkly region covers 323,514 square km. Roughly the same size as New Zealand, the region consists largely of open grass plains and some of the world's largest cattle stations. Its boundaries extend eastwards from Tennant Creek [570.1km] to the community of Alpururulam near the Queensland border. It runs as far south as Barrow Creek (206km south of Tennant Creek), 487.2km north of Tennant Creek to Newcastle Waters and westwards into the Tanami Desert.

Who We Serve

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

Our Indigenous Culture

Indigenous people and their culture are an important part of the Barkly region. At Barkly Regional Council we recognise and respect the traditional owners of communities and the fact that Indigenous culture is the oldest continuing culture in the world. Approximately 70 per cent of the people who live in the Barkly are Indigenous with 16 language groups. English is frequently a third or even fourth language. Indigenous people have had their own forms of governance for tens of thousands of years and it is in this cross-cultural atmosphere and spirit of trust that Council works with traditional owners and community residents. Having strong and effective Indigenous representatives on the Council also provides an opportunity to discuss and develop effective two-way communication and engagement as well as develop strong governance principles and practices. Council is also one of the largest employers of Indigenous staff in the region.

Governance [insert pic]

Administration and Regulatory Framework

The Council is bound by the Local Government Act and Regulations as well as other Northern Territory and Federal legislation. As such, compliance with a range of statutory obligations is essential. That is, the normal day-to-day operations of the Council and internal systems and procedures must be adequate to efficiently record and manage these compliance matters.

History

In October 2006 the Northern Territory Government (NTG) announced the reform of local government areas. The intention of the reform was to improve and expand the delivery of services to towns and communities across the Northern Territory by establishing 11 new super shires.

On 1 July 2008 the Barkly Shire Council was formed; becoming the second largest Local Government area in Australia at 323,514km², after East Pilbara shire in Western Australia at 380,000km².

Following a review of Local Government, the NTG announced that amongst other changes the name "Shire Council" would be changed to "Regional Council" in the eight large Northern Territory Shires. Council agreed to introduce this change on the 1st January 2014, marking the start of a new era for the Barkly Regional Council.

The NTG also flagged increasing the responsibility of Local Authorities, formerly known as Local Boards, in representing local communities and towns. These changes were embraced and reflect a growing sophistication and acknowledgment of the developing regional responsibility of the Barkly Regional Council.

Elected Members

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

Alyawarr Ward (4 elected members)

Patta Ward (6 elected members, including Mayor)

Kuwarnangu (2 elected members)

Alpururulam (1 elected member)

Council holds Ordinary Council Meetings every month at Council Chambers in Tennant Creek with Special Council Meetings called as required. All council meetings are open to the public, unless confidential business is being considered. We encourage attendance by residents of our townships, our communities and other members of the public. Agendas and minutes are available on the Barkly Regional Council website <https://barkly.nt.gov.au>

Governance [insert pics]

Council Committees

Council holds regular committee meetings with staff and elected members present. The following councillors have been appointed to the following committees:

- Audit Committee: Mayor Steven Edgington, Cr. Kris Civitarese, Cr. Sid Vashist, Cr. Ronald Plummer and Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin;
- Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee: Cr. Kris Civitarese and Cr. Ronald Plummer;
- Cultural Competency Advisory Committee: Mayor Steve Edgington, Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes, Cr. Ronald Plummer, Cr. Jack Clubb, Cr. Ricky Holmes, Cr. Lucy Jackson and Cr. Jennifer Mahoney ;
- Animal Management Working Group : Cr. Ray Aylett and Cr. Ronald Plummer;
- Local Tourism Advisory Committee: Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin;
- Development Consent Authority Committee: Mayor Steve Edgington and Cr. Hal Ruger; and
- Friends of the Cemetery Committee: Cr. Hal Ruger, Cr. Sid Vashist and Cr. Ronald Plummer.

Local Authorities

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

- To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government
- To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government
- To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality, as well as policies for the area and the region
- To take the views of local communities back to council and act as advocates on their behalf
- To develop a Local Authority Plan for their community and contribute to the Regional Plan.












Council approves the nominations for each Local Authority at a Council Meeting. As vacancies arise, potential members nominate themselves for the Local Authority and a Chairperson of each Local Authority is chosen from their memberships. All meetings are attended by the Mayor and Ward Councillors when available, and senior Barkly Regional Council staff. Agendas and minutes are available on the BRC website, <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au>

Council Elected Members - to be updated by designer

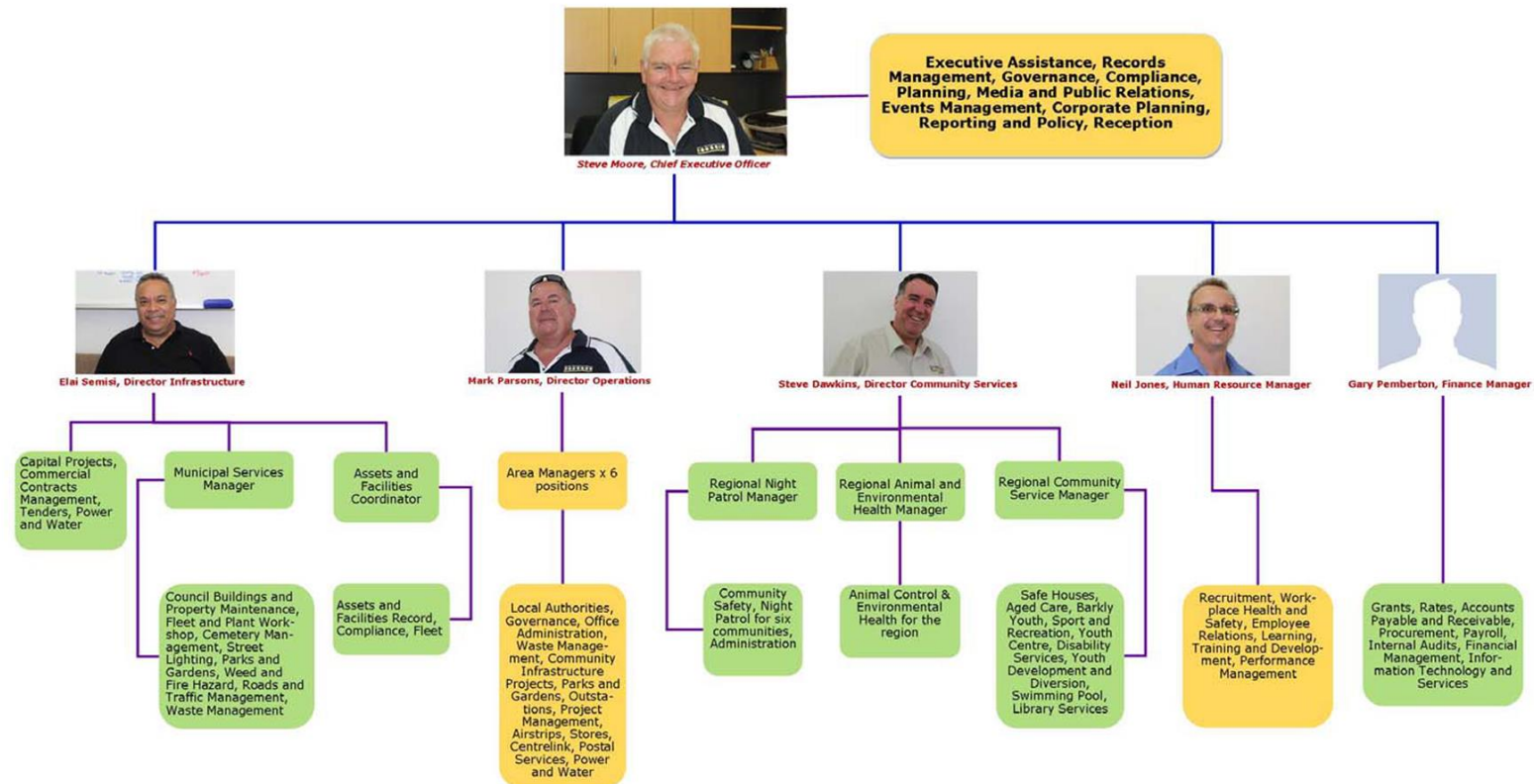
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Barkly Regional Council Organisational Chart



Our Vision [insert pics]

Core Business

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

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

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

Core Competence

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

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

Core Values

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

- We believe that all people in all communities are equal in dignity and have equal rights
- Our staff is committed to working with people and communities in ways that value them, that are non-discriminatory, and that promote social justice
- We are committed to the common good. Our staff work with people to ensure that they have access to the resources and services they need to effectively participate in the community
- Our staff value the contributions of clients and communities, and foster local community driven services

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Monitoring Council Performance

Community

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

Local Authorities

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

Councillors

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

Directorates

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

Council Staff

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

NT Government and General Public

Council documents, including agendas, policies, financial reports, confirmed minutes, annual reports and media releases, are available on the Council website <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au>. Barkly Regional Council has a principle of transparency wherever possible to ensure that our stakeholders, community residents and other members of the public are aware of Council operations and key governance measures. Council conducts community feedback questionnaires on a range of issues on its provision of services.

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

Regional Strategy and Service Delivery [insert pic]

Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Our Strategic Plan outlines the overarching goals, objectives and actions set by Barkly Regional Council for the next five years. Council's Strategic Plan has set seven goals, listing objectives to aid in achieving these goals and has established actions and timeframes that need to be achieved towards completing the overall strategy. The Actions/Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will be monitored throughout the life of the five-year plan, and will also be reviewed annually to measure progress in achieving the goals and to make any updates to reflect the changing environment Council operates in.

Regional Plan 2018-2019

The Regional Plan 2018-19 describes the vision, values and core competence of the Council to identify and meet the needs of its towns, communities and residents in the upcoming financial year. Two major infrastructure projects (see page 29) have been identified as a priority. There will also be an emphasis on delivering services that residents of the two townships of Tennant Creek, and Elliott and the five communities of Arlparra, Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Alpurrurulam and Wutunugurra are seeking and then defining the service levels, projects and programs to be delivered. Projects completed in the 2018-2019 financial year assist with council planning for the next five years. Plans will be reviewed regularly to ensure they accurately reflect the changing needs of the wider community and Council.

Local Authority Plans

Our Local Authority Plans cover the goals and priorities for individual communities within the Barkly region. Each of these plans has been developed in consultation with residents and Local Authority members of each individual community. Projects highlighted by the Local Authorities of each community then feed into a five-year Infrastructure Plan to set out priorities, objectives and timelines.

Infrastructure Plan 2018-2023

The Infrastructure Plan outlines a list of major, infrastructure-related projects identified for the Barkly region over the next five years 2018-2023. Projects are initiated either through feedback from Local Authority meetings, Council selection or through asset renewal with the plan clearly outlining Council's future needs around infrastructure and equipment. Major projects are those which cost more than \$250,000. Barkly Regional Council has limited discretionary funds and relies on grants from both the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments to meet the costs of projects.

Asset Management Plan

The Asset Management Plan provides the details and condition of the Council's current assets, valued around \$57m. The plan defines the level of service to be provided and how the service is to be provided. This plan includes the effective and efficient management of Council assets for transport infrastructure, building and facilities, parks and gardens, streetlights and a range of vehicles. It also identifies and outlines the cost to upgrade and replace infrastructure and equipment as they reach the end of their useful lives.

Our Goals

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

Five-year Strategic Plan: 2018-2023

GOAL 1. Become the employer of choice in the Barkly			
Objectives	Key Performance Indicators	Target Date	Complete
1.1 Reduce staff turnover by 10 per cent per annum for full and permanent part-time employees	Action 1. Introduce two (2) new staff engagement initiatives each year: 1. Length of service awards and; 2. At least one staff function per community per year	Annually	
	Action 2: Document robust and timely recruitment procedures to ensure consistent recruitment standards	December 2018	
	Action 3: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	Action 4: Conduct annual staff surveys	Annually	
	Action 5: Conduct bi-annual staff performance appraisals	Bi-annually	
1.2 Develop a workforce plan	Action 1: Develop Individual training and development plans to align with strategy	June 2019	
	Action 2: Bi-annual staff performance appraisals	Bi-annually	
	Action 3. Identify current gaps between current staffing and workforce needs	June 2018	
	Action 4: Creating employee career paths	December 2018	
1.3 Improve staff engagement and morale	Action 1. Introduce two (2) new staff engagement initiatives each year: 1. Length of service awards and; 2. At least one staff function per community per year	Annually	
	Action 2. Publicly acknowledge staff who perform well above expectation		Ongoing
	Action 3. Implement an employee of the month program	February 2019	
	Action 4. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		Ongoing

1.4 Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly region	Action 1. Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	December annually	
	Action 2. Maximise the use of CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent or part time employment		Ongoing
	Action 3. Advertise staff vacancies on local notice boards	June 2018	
	Action 4. Implement an annual open day for the general public	March 2019	
1.5 Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	Action 1. Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback.	Bi-annually	
	Action 2. Streamline and document the recruitment process	December 2018	
	Action 3. Accurately track contract completion date		Ongoing
	Action 4. Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy		Ongoing

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GOAL 2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate and respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly region			
Objectives	Key Performance Indicators/Actions	Target Date	Complete
2.1 Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	Action 1. Ensure Local Authorities meet as scheduled.	Monthly meeting	Ongoing
	Action 2. Rigorously enforce the LA attendance policy		Ongoing
	Action 3. Hold a minimum of one public forum in each community annually	Annually	
	Action 4. Conduct resident satisfaction surveys annually in each community	August annually	
2.2 Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	Action 1. Conduct satisfaction surveys at least once per year	August annually	
	Action 2. Hold a minimum of one public forum per community each year	Annually	
	Action 3. Hold regular meeting with government agencies and external stakeholders		Ongoing
2.3 Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross-cultural environment	Action 1. Develop individual training and development plans for each employee	March 2019	
	Action 2. Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	Action 3. Introduce a program for Councillors & LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history	March 2019	
	Action 4. Develop a community and culture induction booklet	March 2019	
2.4 Develop an internal and external communication strategy	Action 1. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		Ongoing
	Action 2. Increase the use of social media platforms by 1 per year		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop a program to keep council notice boards current and relevant	June 2018	
	Action 4. Monthly email updates to staff	May 2018	

GOAL 3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly region			
Objectives	Key Performance Indicators	Target Date	Complete
3.1 Effectively maintain existing infrastructure of a high standard including: roads, footpaths, lighting in public spaces and council properties, council properties including council owned houses, public parks and gardens, landfills, plant and equipment	Action 1. Develop a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure	June 2018	
	Action 2. Engage local contractors when work loads are above staffing numbers		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop and implement a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damage.	May 2018	
	Action 4. Develop and implement an audit system to identify faulty/damaged property.	May 2018	
3.2 Develop a five-year infrastructure plan	Action 1. Identify new infrastructure projects that need to be completed	Bi-annually	
	Action 2. Identify maintenance needs of existing infrastructure		Ongoing
	Action 3. Budget to meet infrastructure requirements within the budgeting framework	Annually	
3.3 Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	Action 1. Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community	Annually	
	Action 2. Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA		Ongoing
	Action 3. Conduct at least one survey in each community each year.	July annually	
3.4 Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	Action 1. Develop a workforce plan	June	
	Action 2. Annual maintenance budgets to be sufficient to cover maintenance needs	Annually	
	Action 3. Develop asset management plan and review annually	July 2018	
	Action 4. Develop and implement maintenance plan as part of the asset management plan	July 2018	

GOAL 4. Provide services, facilities and programs to advance the region			
Objectives	Key Performance Indicators	Target Date	Complete
4.1 Provide employment opportunities for Barkly residents.	Action 1. Forward plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year	December annually	
	Action 2. Develop individual training and development plans		
	Action 3. Introduce apprenticeships and traineeships to grow our own staff	April 2018	
	Action 4. Identify new funded programs that fit within councils strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities		Ongoing
4.2 Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly	Action 1. Participate in local, Territory and National forums to promote the needs of Barkly Residents		Ongoing
	Action 2. Increase positive media coverage of the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 3. Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly		Ongoing
4.3 Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities	Action 1. Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented (grass, graffiti and light		Ongoing
	Action 2. Improve Municipal service delivery	September 2018	Ongoing
	Action 3. Participate in the annual tidy towns competition	April 2019	
4.4 Develop a five-year infrastructure plan	Action 1. List of new infrastructure required in each community	Annually	
	Action 2. A plan for maintaining current infrastructure	June 2018	Ongoing
4.5 Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly	Action 1. Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives		Ongoing
	Action 2. Implement a grants working group to better support the Grants Officer	May 2018	

GOAL 5. Supporting and promoting the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors			
Objectives	Key Performance Indicators	Target Date	Complete
5.1 Attract new investment into the Barkly	Action 1. Lobby Territory and Federal governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Actively participate in the Regional Economic Development Committee (REDC)		Ongoing
	Action 3. Identify new business opportunities through public consultation		Ongoing
	Action 4. Engage with government and business to identify new business opportunities		Ongoing
5.2 Gain additional government spending in the Barkly region	Action 1. Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to invest in the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Lobby Territory and Federal Governments to effectively support the Barkly region through filling current funding gaps		Ongoing
	Action 3. Promote the needs of the Barkly to the wider community (Media)		Ongoing
5.3 Increase tourism in the Barkly region	Action 1. Develop a Tourism Master Plan	June 2018	
	Action 2. Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media sites	June 2018	
	Action 3. Support and promote community events		Ongoing
	Action 4. Provide an annual budget to support community events	Annually	
5.4 Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly	Action 1. Establish partnerships with organisations that promote the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Establish partnerships to make greater use of council assets		Ongoing
	Action 3. Partner with local business and the REDC to identify new business opportunities for the region		Ongoing

GOAL 6. Be the leading council by maintaining best practice in governance and financial management			
Objectives	Key Performance Indicators	Target Date	Complete
6.1 100% compliance with the Local Government Act.	Action 1. Undertake internal compliance reviews and periodic audits in all locations to ensure compliance with internal policies and LG legislation	July 2018	Ongoing
	Action 2. Implement a risk management strategy and policy (Audit and Risk Committee to oversee)	July 2019	
	Action 3. Conduct an annual review of the finance manual	Annually	Ongoing
6.2 Zero incidents of fraud and no Audit qualifications	Action 1. Review all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures are in place	December 2018	
	Action 2. Continuous improvement of policies and procedures ensuring relevance and identifying where additional policies are required.		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop an internal audit framework with appropriate annual audit plan	June 2019	
6.3 Elected members are fully aware of their role and responsibilities	Action 1. Conduct annual governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with Elected Members	Annually	Ongoing
	Action 2. Ensure Elected Members are aware of changes in Government applicable Government legislation		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop a Local Authorities handbook and training program for LA members	August 2019	
6.4 Implement an integrated planning framework that provides financial stability	Action 1. Complete annual and five year cash flows and review quarterly	July 2018	Ongoing
	Action 2. Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	May annually	Ongoing
	Action 3. Implement and monitor annual community plans	Annually	Ongoing
	Action 4. Review strategic planning processes to better integrate community plans	Annually	Ongoing
	Action 5. Move from five year to ten year forward planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial planning Asset management plans Infrastructure planning Strategic planning Workforce plans 	December 2019	

6.5 Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly region.	Action 1. Complete accurate annual operating, cash flow and capital budgets and review twice yearly	Annually	Ongoing
	Action 2. Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget with funding agreements		Ongoing
	Action 3. Liaise with external stakeholders to promote council's interest and share services where possible to maximise return on financial investment		Ongoing
	Action 4. Improve financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management	December 2018	Ongoing

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GOAL 7. Protect and promote the environment, resources and natural heritage of the Barkly region			
Objectives	Actions: Key Performance Indicators	Target Date	Complete
7.1 Stop illegal dumping in the Barkly	Action 1. Fully develop and implement a public awareness campaign	September 2018	Ongoing
	Action 2. Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers		Ongoing
	Action 3. Review annual dump fees	May Annually	
	Action 4. Regularly monitor illegal dump sites to catch offenders		Ongoing
7.2 Have environmentally sound waste management practices	Action 1. Review all Barkly landfill sites	August 2018	
	Action 2. Develop a recycling program for Tennant Creek, Elliott and major communities	2020	
7.3 Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the region	Action 1. Support appropriate, environmentally friendly mining development proposals within the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Promote the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage		Ongoing
	Action 3. Develop the Tourism NT Master Plan for the Barkly	July 2018	
7.4 Protect the natural beauty and cultural heritage in the Barkly	Action 1. Promote responsible, environmentally friendly mining in the Barkly		Ongoing
	Action 2. Develop waste management plans	August 2018	

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Regional Plan 2018-2019

For 2018-2019, the following priorities have been set. Barkly Regional Council's aim is to achieve each of these objectives (KPIs) during the year.

GOAL 1 : Become the employer of choice in the Barkly			
Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How	Target Date
1.1 Reduce staff turnover by 10% per department	Action 1. Introduce two new staff initiatives	Initiatives introduced	December 2018 and June 2019
	Action 2. Conduct bi-annual staff reviews	Bi-annual reviews set	December 2018 and June 2019
	Action 3. Introduce individual training programs	Training programs set	December 2018
	Action 4. Implement the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA)	EBA implemented	November 2018
1.2 Develop a workforce plan	Action 1. Workforce plan to be completed	Number of internal consultations	December 2018
1.3 Improve staff engagement and morale	Action 1. Introduce two new staff initiatives to improve staff engagement	Two new staff initiatives introduced	September 2018 and February 2019
	Action 2. Implement an employee of the month program	Program implemented	September 2018

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GOAL 2 : Have a strong, culturally appropriate & respectful relationship with all residents, Government agencies and stakeholders within the Barkly

Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How/Measures	Target Date
2.1 Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	Action 1. Ensure all Local Authorities meet at least eight times in the year	Target achieved – 8 meetings	Throughout year
	Action 2. Ensure all Local Authority recommendations are presented to the next council meeting.	Target achieved – 8 meetings	Throughout year
2.2 Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	Action 1. Hold at least one public forum in each town and community.	Number of external consultations and which communities	Throughout year
	Action 2. Maintain current regular meeting schedule with Government agencies and stakeholders	Number of external consultations	Throughout year
	Action 3. Conduct at least one resident satisfaction survey	Survey Monkey results and data findings	Throughout year
2.3 Develop an internal and external communication strategy	Action 1. Conduct quarterly staff briefings	Briefings x 4 annually	Throughout year
	Action 2. Email updates to staff	Monthly	Monthly
	Action 3. Increase the use of social media platforms	Council FB and Website	Daily, weekly, monthly

GOAL 3 : Improve community infrastructure within the Barkly

Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How/Measures	Target Date
3.1 Effectively maintain existing infrastructure	Action 1. Develop and implement footpath and road maintenance program	Budget spent	Ongoing
	Action 2. Complete land fill masterplans for each community	Plans completed	September 2018
	Action 3. Complete minor infrastructure work for five public parks	Works completed	April 2019
3.2 Identify new infrastructure projects	Action 1. Obtain funding and commence works on two major infrastructure projects	Funding received	March 2019
	Action 2. Complete one minor infrastructure project in each town and community	Projects completed	June 2019

GOAL 4 : Provide services, facilities and programs to advance the region			
Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How/Measures	Target Date
4.1 Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities	Action 1. Gain additional funding to extend the Youth Links program	Additional funding received	January 2019
	Action 2. Increase the number of NDIS clients by 10%	Target achieved	June 2019
	Action 3. Gain funding to complete two major infrastructure projects	Target achieved	June 2019
	Action 4. Identify two (2) new programs that fit within Council's scope and apply for contracts	Target achieved	June 2019
4.2 Advocate on behalf of all residents of the Barkly	Action 1. Maintain regular media coverage on council activities.	Council FB, Website and email newsletters	Daily, weekly and monthly
	Action 2. Regularly lobby government and private industry to invest in the Barkly	Target achieved	Ongoing
4.3 Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities	Action 1. Keep public spaces clean and well presented	Target achieved	Ongoing
	Action 2. Participate in the 2019 Tidy Towns Awards Program	Council takes part	April 2019

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GOAL 5 : Supporting and promoting the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors			
Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How/Measures	Target Date
5.1 Gain additional government spending in the Barkly	Action 1. Complete the Barkly Tourism Masterplan to maximise investment in tourism	Eoi accepted and Masterplan completed	September 2018
	Action 2. Participate in the Regional Economic Development Committee and any other forums that promote investing in the Barkly	Number of meetings attended	Ongoing
5.2 Attract new investment into the Barkly	Action 1. Participate in regional forums to promote the Barkly region	Number of forums attended	Ongoing
	Action 2. Participate in the cross border commission with Mt Isa to increase cross border trade.	3 meetings per year to be held	Annually
	Action 3. Support local businesses by buying locally when possible so money remains in the Barkly	Percentage spent with Barkly businesses	Annually
5.3 Increase tourism in the Barkly	Action 1. Complete the Barkly Tourism master plan	Masterplan completed	September 2018
	Action 2. Support the NTG Turbo Charging Tourism initiative to insure the best use of government funds to promote the Barkly	Successful allocation of \$5.5m	October 2018

GOAL 6 : Be the leading council through maintaining best practice in governance and financial management			
Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How/Measures	Target Date
6.1 100% compliance with the Local Government Act	Action 1. Review all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures	Target achieved	Ongoing
6.2 Provide sound financial management	Action 1. Achieve the annual budget	Target achieved	June 2019
	Action 2. Ensure council purchases represent value for money	100% compliance with procurement policy	Ongoing
6.3 Implement an integrated planning framework that provides financial stability	Action 1. Complete a five-year cash flow forecast	Cash flow development and bi-annual reviews	Annually
	Action 2. Complete two budget reviews	Completion of 2 projects	Annually
	Action 3. Achieve the annual budget	Budget achieved	June annually
	Action 4. Expend the available capital budget	Capital budget expended	June annually

GOAL 7: Protect and promote the environment, recourses and natural heritage of the Barkly			
Objectives	Actions/ Key Performance Indicators	How/Measures	Target Date
7.1 Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers	Action 1. Complete rollout of the 'Dob in a Dumper' campaign	10% increase in reports of dumping	June 2019
	Action 2. Reduce illegal dumping through enforcement protocols	10% reduction in recorded dumping and recording the number of warning and fines issued	Annually
	Action 3: Promote the use of local landfill sites	Reduction in illegal dumping	Ongoing
7.2 Develop a recycling program for the region	Action 1. Complete EOI for kerbside recycling	Reduction in recyclables going into landfill	December 2018
	Action 2. Remove car bodies from at least three communities/towns	Cars collected	November 2018
7.3 Develop waste management plans	Action 1. Complete landfill Masterplans and seek funding to improve deficiencies	Plans completed	August 2018

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Service Delivery Priorities

The Barkly Regional Council area covers approximately 323,000km² and we are often required to move personnel and equipment across this vast region to deliver services. This tyranny of distance presents many unique challenges to Council and we have developed long-term strategic planning to help alleviate some of these challenges.

Our aim for 2018-19 is to improve service delivery through some key initiatives. These are:

- Purchase additional heavy machinery that will be based in communities to reduce the need to transport equipment between communities
- Train community Municipal staff to operate the new equipment
- Through the recent appointment of a Director of Operations provide better support to staff in remote communities
- Appoint a supervisor to the Tennant Creek Landfill site to provide improved service to residents and commercial users
- Improve the appearance and reduce the amount of manpower required to keep public parks and sporting fields grassed through the increased use of reticulation.
- Improve road maintenance through the use of local contractors and formation of a Council road crew
- Introduce an on-going program to improve footpaths in Tennant Creek and Elliott

Council staffing numbers will remain reasonably static; subject to program grant funding remaining steady. Some positions will be changed or upgraded to provide recognition of the skill level of some Council staff. This will also assist to achieve a greater level of customer service and accountability throughout Council.

Human Resources

The HR Department has identified a number of initiatives that they will focus on in 2018 – 2019 to provide improved staff engagement throughout Barkly Regional Council. These projects are:

- Review and update the existing Enterprising Bargaining Agreement (EBA) and implement the agreed document.
- Improve our recruitment process to ensure that we are compliant and vacant positions are filled with minimal delay.
- Implement an Employee Performance Appraisal process. This process will utilise the updating of Position Descriptions.
- Create and implement an employee training matrix for all Council positions to ensure that training will benefit both the Council and the employee.
- Informing our employee of Human Resources practices by creating a three monthly electronic newsletter.

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Community Services Directorate

Our Community Service Directorate is responsible for the delivery of funded programs including Aged Care, NDIS, Sports and Recreation (Barkly Youth), Youth Links Centre (Tennant Creek), Libraries (Tennant Creek and Elliott), Safe Houses, Night Patrol, Tennant Creek Swimming Pool, and Animal Management and Environmental Health. The recruitment and retention of staff is an ongoing issue and has a direct impact on the delivery of services in remote communities. Working with multiple funding sources is also a challenge, especially as Council relies on almost 100% on external funding to provide services.

For the coming year the Directorate will focus on:

- Continuing to deliver high-quality services in Aged Care and Sport and Recreation to each community we are funded to operate in
- Expand the range of non-traditional activities provided as part of our Sport and Recreation program such as music, creative arts and cultural activities on each community
- Undertake training in the prevention of violence against women to all BRC staff and elected members
- Work with the NO MORE campaign to coordinate activities within the Barkly region
- Undertake a stock take of all resources held by Tennant Creek and Elliot libraries
- Work with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to ensure Council is seen as the “provider of choice” for all National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) clients within the Barkly
- Undertake an audit of all Sport and Recreation equipment and develop an asset replacement program for equipment
- Actively seek external funds to demolish and rebuild the Sports Centre at Ali Curung
- Actively seek external funds for the redevelopment of the Youth Links complex in Tennant Creek
- Work with NDIA to increase NDIS client numbers on all communities
- Increase client participation in respite activities delivered as part of our Aged Care services
- Develop and undertake a strategic promotion plan to increase revenue at the Tennant Creek swimming pool
- Actively seek external funds to install solar heating and solar pool covers at the Tennant Creek swimming pool
- Ensure all staff undertake professional development activities as appropriate to their job role
- Provide a range of cultural activities as part of the Youth Links After Hours Youth Service in Tennant Creek

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Infrastructure Directorate [insert pics]

Our Infrastructure Directorate is responsible for maintaining and upgrading Council assets (parks, gardens, and cemetery management, mechanical fleet and vehicle management, car parks, storm water drains, civic buildings maintenance and repairs), roads, equipment and machinery across the Barkly region. Other core services include garbage collection and disposal, waste landfill management and the maintenance and repairs of sporting facilities – swimming pool, water parks, and football ovals with their change rooms, stands and ablution blocks.

The Directorate also manages our Municipal team in Tennant Creek as well as the delivery of numerous diverse projects across the region. All this work is provided in accordance with safe work methods and in compliance with the relevant legislative authorities of NT Work Safe and NT EPA.

For the coming year the Infrastructure Directorate will focus on:

- Implementing our asset management plan
- Continuing our fleet replacement program
- Implementing our five-year infrastructure plan, including the upgrade of recreational facilities at Lake Mary Ann, footpath construction program, revamping the existing Kargaru oval, improve transport networks (bike paths and lighting), introduce smart city lighting (vandal proof LEDSSs), continuation of the refurbishment of Tennant Creek Cemetery
- Tendering for two major projects from the above list for the coming financial year
- Infrastructure upgrades in each community
- Purkiss Reserve upgrade (see story on following page)

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Major Infrastructure Project

Purkiss Reserve Upgrade [insert pic]

Barkly Regional Council has received \$5 million from the Northern Territory Government to upgrade Purkiss Reserve, an important public space in Tennant Creek.

The multi-million dollar funds, which were part of an election promise in 2017 by the Northern Territory Labor Government, were approved in May 2018.

Funded by the NTG's Department of Tourism and Culture with a recoverable works agreement between Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL), work is scheduled to start on the upgrade in the new financial year.

Mayor Steve Edgington said Purkiss Reserve, which is approximately 9.6ha, contains the swimming pool, ovals and many sporting facilities.

"It provides cultural, sporting, entertainment and facilities for healthy lifestyles of all ages," he said. "This gives rise to community health, happiness and safety and drives key value and amenity for the town.

"It is the only space of this kind where people can access open green space to walk and exercise. It also brings great visual relief to town which is placed in what can be a harsh environment."

The Mayor welcomed the funding injection for the upgrade of such a critical amenities site in Tennant Creek.

"We also need to recognise the hard work of members of the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee, both past and present, and councillors from the previous council and staff," he said.

"They have all contributed to the development of Purkiss Reserve, and we would not be where we are today without their determination and foresight."

In 2016 Council and the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee engaged Bennett Design Architect and Elton Consulting to deliver a Master Plan for Purkiss Reserve.

A spokesperson from Elton Consulting said Council should be congratulated on their initiative to consult with the community and deliver more value to this important public asset.

Remote Community Operations [insert pictures]

Our Operations Directorate is responsible for delivering Municipal and essential services to the remote communities of Ali Curung, Alpururulam, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Wutunugurra and the town of Elliott. The Directorate also liaises with the Area Managers for each of the communities. During the coming financial year 2018-19, the Operations Directorate will focus on:

- Supporting Area Managers to ensure there is a clear understanding of Council's expectations.
- Ensure all communities have sufficient equipment that is in safe working order to carry out essential works and repairs.
- Ensure the right staff members are hired to carry out works.
- Ensure these staff members have the appropriate training to carry out their work.
- Working with the Director of Infrastructure and the Tennant Creek Municipal Depot Manager to where necessary, set a roster for machinery allocation to each community on a regular basis.
- Work with the infrastructure team and Area Managers to establish a maintenance roster for community vehicles.
- Work with Local Authority to ensure meetings take place as scheduled.
- Work with Area Managers to ensure Local Authorities are effectively supported and guided to make effective decisions to support the community.
- Provide effective governance support to Area Managers and Local Authorities.
- Improve communication between communities, management and Barkly Regional Council.

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Council Services

	Tennant Creek	Elliott	Ali Curung	Alpururulam	Ampilatwatja	Arlparra	Wutunugurra	Tara
Municipal Services								
Cemetery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Community Roads	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grass, Parks & Sportsground Maintenance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Housing Homeland	*	✓	✓		✓			
Library	✓	✓						
Waste Collection, Management & Landfill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Swimming Pool	✓							
Water Parks		✓	✓					
Council Infrastructure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Car Parks	✓							
Storm Water Drains	✓	✓						
Community Services								
Animal Management Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Aged Care	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Night Patrol	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Play Group	*							*
Youth Sport and Recreation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Safe House	*	✓	✓					
NDIS	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Commercial Functions								
Airstrip Maintenance	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Centrelink	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Essential Services	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Post Office Agency	*		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Street Lights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Street Sweeping	✓	✓						

Key = * Other agencies providing services

Community Profiles and Local Authority Projects

Ali Curung: INSERT PIC

Ward: Alyawarr

Population: 494 (Australian Census 2016)

Location: 151.5km, south of Tennant Creek

Road conditions: Sealed

Languages: Warlpiri, Warumungu, Kaytetye and Alyawarr

Local Authority Members

Chair: Cr Noel Hayes

Deputy Chair: Edith Hanlon

Appointed Members: Cysila Rose, Derek Walker, Sammy Ladd, Jerry Rice, Peter Corbett, Andrew Tsavaris

Elected Members: Cr. Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Ricky Holmes

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

History:

Ali Curung is a Kaiditch (*Kaytetye*) word meaning country of the dogs, dog area, or dog dreaming with two important dog dreaming sites within close proximity (6km) of the community. Totemic ancestors, including the ancestral dogs which travelled near Ali Curung, are believed to have created the landscape in their travels. Ali Curung has adopted the dog as its official emblem to signify the importance of the ceremonial story. Due to their relationship to the ancestral stories and sacred sites in the area, all dogs are regarded as extremely important.

During the late 1950s, small groups of people were collected from around the region and relocated to Warrabri Settlement. These included Kaytetye people from Barrow Creek, Warlpiri people from Bullocky Creek areas and Alyawarra people from Murray Downs and Hatches Creek. Over 1,200 people populated Ali Curung in its early days. Warrabri was established in 1956 under its original name of 'Warrabri Settlement'. The community changed its name to Ali Curung in 1978.

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
New Sport and Recreation Hall	High	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Roof over Basketball Court	High	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Cemetery Upgrade – fencing, shade & water	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Airstrip Sealed	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Softball Field Lights	Low	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Lights for Basketball Court and fencing cemetery (Murray Downs)	Low	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

Alpurrurulam: INSERT PIC

Ward: Alpurrurulam

Population: 420 (Australian Census 2016)

Location: 576.2km, east of Tennant Creek and 17km from the Northern Territory-Queensland border

Road conditions: Sealed and unsealed. During the wet season all road access to the community is cut off

Languages: Alyawarr

Local Authority Members

Chair: Cameron Long

Deputy Chair: Clarence Campbell

Appointed Members: Doreen Kelly, Meredith Morton, Valerie Campbell, Garry Kopps, Gordon Long

Elected Members: Cr. Jennifer Mahoney

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

History:

Pastoralists called Alpurrurulam, which lies on an important source of water in dry country, Lake Nash, but its Aboriginal name is *Ilperrelhelame*. In the time of the Dreaming, great beings passed through that country: *antyipere*, the flying fox, *nyemale*, the grass rat, who partly formed the river, and *kwerrenye*, the green snake. Compared to other groups in the Barkly Tablelands contact with white people came relatively late. Until about 1920, the Alyawarr continued to live traditionally in relative peace, hunting emu and kangaroo and foraging over their country and enjoying a rich ceremonial life.

Alpurrurulam was formed out of a discord between Lake Nash Station and the Aboriginal population living on the nearby Georgina River. At the time many of the community members worked at Lake Nash Station but in the early 1980s there were plans to move the community to Bathurst Downs. For the locals this was “poison country”, no good to live on and posed a risk during wet season. In 1982 the community wrote to the then Chief Minister of the Northern Territory Government requesting a parcel of land to call their own near Lake Nash Station. After many legal battles, 10 square km area was excised from the pastoral lease and given back to the community in 1983. Alpurrurulam Land Aboriginal Corporation (ALAC) was then formed to be the land owner (a board of Community Elders) for the land.

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
Road repairs and maintenance within community, including resealing of road to airstrip	High	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Creation of a new dump site	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2, 7.1, 7.2
Safe House	Low	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Men's Shed	Low	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Upgrade two public toilets	High	3.1, 3.3, 3.4

Ampilatwatja: INSERT PIC

Ward: Alyawarr

Population: 418 (Australian Census 2016)

Location: 307km south-east of Tennant Creek

Road conditions: 100km sealed and 220km dirt

Languages: Alyawarr

Local Authority Members

Chair: Donald Simpson

Deputy Chair: Teresa McKeeman

Appointed Members: Leslie Morton, Jeannie Beasley, Ada Beasley, Anita Bailey, Peter Morton

Elected Members: Cr Jack Clubb, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Ricky Holmes

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

History

Ampilatwatja is in the heart of Alyawarr country on the Sandover Highway. The Alyawarr people have always lived there and would travel between soaks (water sources) in the hot weather. The people of this region also have close ties to the people who live at Alpururulam, and in the days of early European settlement (1877-1910) they would walk to Alpururulam to collect rations of food and tobacco. In the 1990s, with the return of Utopia Station to traditional ownership, the Alyawarr people of Ampilatwatja made a claim for their traditional homelands, gaining small excisions from the local pastoral lease to continue their life on the land.

Art is an important expression of the Alyawarr people's connection with the land. Local artists are said to "exude a complex and progressive approach to depicting the traditional knowledge of dreaming and country through the translation of water holes and soakages, bush medicines and bush tuckers, mountains, sand hills and ant hills". Their art works retain the heritage and feature the cultural history and values of Alyawarr lore.

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
Ablution Block – WC & Shower	High	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Close in Basketball Court	High	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Fencing and shade at Cemetery	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Bigger workshop	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
Shade area at Anugapar	Low	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

Arlparra: INSERT PIC

Ward: Alyawarr

Population: 483 (Australian Census – 2016)

Location: 234 km south-east of Tennant Creek

Roads: Unsealed. During the wet season - December to March - the roads, the connecting Sandover highway and the river are often impassable. Around 20km of the road is sealed bitumen from Arlparra north to Urapuntja Health Centre and the airstrip.

Languages: Alyawarr and Anmatyerre

Local Authority Members:

Chair: Joycie Jones

Deputy Chair: Esau Nelson

Appointed Members: Susan Chalmers, Dennis Kunoth, Ruby Morton, Lucy Kunoth, Mark Sheals, Susanlina Nelson

Elected Members: Cr. Jack Clubb, Cr. Noel Hayes, Cr. Lucy Jackson, Cr. Ricky Holmes

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

History:

Named by German settlers in the early 1920s, Utopia was a pastoral lease owned by the Chalmers family. Aboriginal people originally lived close to the main homestead area now known as Three Bores Homeland. The property was sold and became alienated Crown land held on behalf of Aboriginal people. After a lengthy land claim hearing, this land legally became known as the Angarapa Aboriginal Land Trust under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976. Aboriginal families then moved back to their more traditional areas. The Utopia homelands are now one of the more established homelands in the NT, comprising of 16 dispersed communities. These communities are separated by rough, corrugated dirt roads and in some cases by the dry and sandy river bed of the Sandover River. The most central community is Arlparra, on the eastern perimeter of the Western Desert adjacent to the traditional land of the Eastern Anmatyerre and Alyawarr people.

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
Consultation with the community is yet to be completed		

Elliott:

Ward: Kuwarrangu

Population: 302 (Australian Census 2016)

Location: 250km north of Tennant Creek

Road conditions: Sealed

Languages: Mudburra, Jingili, Wombaya and Warumungu

Local Authority Members

Chair: Christopher Neade

Deputy Chair: Jodie Nish

Appointed Members: Raymond Dixon (resigned May 2018), Mona Rennie, Loureena Ulamari (Newcastle Waters), Bob Bagnall, Gordon Jackson

Elected Members: Cr. Ray Aylett and Cr. Jane Evans

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

History:

The traditional name for the township of Elliott is Kulumindini. It is the country of the Jingili desert people with the Wambaya people to the east and south-east; the Yangman and Mangarrayi to the north; the Mudbura and Gurindji to the west and the Warlpiri, Warlmanpa and Warramungu to the south and south-west. These people all had traditional associations with the Jingili and ceremonial ties to the watered areas around Elliott. The lands around Elliott lie across the important Dreaming tracks of the Emu and the Star (Baribari dreaming). The spirit ancestors travelled through country on their way to the southern parts of the Northern Territory. The rocks found in this area are amongst the oldest in central Australia, some over 1900 million years old.

Elliott is the Barkly region's second largest town and sits on the edge of Newcastle Waters Station. Named after Army Captain Reginald Douglas Elliott (MBE), it began life at the site of Number 8 bore as an Australian Army Camp during World War II (1942). A war memorial statue stands on the site of the camp, next to the bore used to supply water to troops. Its population is largely Aboriginal, who live in two outstations at either end of the town – Gurungu (North Camp) and Wilyuku (South Camp).

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
Football Field (2018-2019)	High	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Speed Signage & Pedestrian Crossing (School & Hotel)	High	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Community Pool or extended Water Park	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Shade Structures by Memorial	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Access Roads & Footpaths	Medium	3.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.2
Redevelop Golf Course & Other Sporting Facilities	Low	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2, 7.3
Staff housing/units	Low	1.4, 3.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.2

Tennant Creek: INSERT PIC

Ward: Patta

Population: 2,991 (Australian Census – 2016)

Location: 508.3km north of Alice Springs, 988.8km south of Darwin

Road conditions: Sealed

Languages: Warumungu, Warlpiri, Walmanpa, Alyawarr, Kaytetye, Wambaya and Jingili

Local Authority Members

Chair: Karan Hayward

Deputy Chair: Josephine Bethel

Appointed Members: Kathy Burns, Ray Wallis, Greg Liebelt, Wayne Green, Tony Civitarese

Elected Members: Cr. Hal Ruger, Cr. Sid Vashist, Cr. Ronald Plummer, Cr. Kris Civitarese, Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

History:

Tennant Creek is a remote Northern Territory town shaped by Aboriginal culture, gold mining and pastoralism. It includes the smaller communities of Kargaru, Tingkarli, Wuppa, Marla Marla, Village Camp, Munji-Marla and Mulga camp. The surrounding area is called the Barkly Tablelands, a region characterised by wide grassy plains, endless blue sky and massive cattle stations. The traditional owners of the area surrounding Tennant Creek are Warumungu living on Patta land. Local Aboriginal lore says the town grew up around the home of the spiky tailed goanna, a powerful Wirnkarra or ancestral being. The rocks are situated in the Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre next to the Stuart Highway which passes through the middle of town.

European history in this area began in 1860 when explorer John McDouall Stuart passed this way on his unsuccessful first attempt to cross the continent from south to north. He named a creek to the north of town after John Tennant, a financier of the expedition and a pastoralist from Port Lincoln, South Australia. Tennant Creek was also the site of Australia's last gold rush during the 1930s, and at that time was the third-largest gold producer in the country. The town was located 12 km south of the watercourse as the Overland Telegraph Station had been allocated on an 11 km reserve.

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
Bike/walking path with lighting	High	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Cemetery Upgrade	High	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Footpaths with Lighting	Medium	3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Lake Mary Ann Upgrade	Low	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2

Wutunugurra: INSERT PIC

Ward: Alyawarr

Population: 154 (Australian Census 2016)

Location: 205.8km south-east of Tennant Creek on the north-eastern edge of the Davenport Ranges

Roads: Around 87km of sealed road and 118.8km of unsealed. Access to the community is variable, depending on weather conditions.

Languages: Alyawarr, some Warlpiri, some Kaytetye

History:

It is the artists that best capture the spirit of small, remote Aboriginal communities like Wutunugurra.

Located on the north-eastern edge of the Davenport Ranges and the eastern side of the Frew River, Wutunugurra is set in an arid landscape that is criss-crossed with watercourses, rocky hills, barren outcrops and valleys. When the land receives significant rain it transforms into a vibrant escarpment, set against the hues of trees, rocks and hills. At these times the waterholes connect and spill across the country.

Wutunugurra itself was named after a large waterhole next to Epenarra homestead, about 2km away. Their dreaming is Rain Dreaming.

Like many other communities in the Barkly region and the Northern Territory non-Aboriginal settlement began with the building of the Overland Telegraph line in 1872. By the 1950s the Warumungu and Alyawarr people had been forced on to the poorest land and the traditional owners were not allowed to live on their own country. The community of Wutunugurra was excised (99ha) from Epenarra Pastoral Lease in the early 1980s. The Clough family then enabled a small portion of Epenarra Station to be returned to the traditional custodians as a community living area (CLA); a form of de facto land rights.

Local Authority Members

Chair: Owen Torres

Deputy Chair: Geraldine Beasley

Appointed Members: Rochelle Bonney, Lennie Beasley, Mark Peterson, Julie Peterson, Tommy Peterson

Elected Members: Cr Noel Hayes, Cr Lucy Jackson, Cr Ricky Holmes, Cr. Jack Clubb

Ex-Officio: Mayor Steve Edgington

Community Priorities 2018-2023

Project	Priority Level	Strategic Goals
Work on Cemetery, Fences, Signs & Shade	High	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2
Upgrade Water Tank	Medium	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.1, 5.2

Financial Planning

Budget Summary 2018-19

The budget for 2018-19 has been completed on a consultative basis and aims to address the needs of the residents of, and visitors to, the Barkly region in conjunction with the grant funded programs under the Barkly Regional Council's direction and control.

The 2018-19 Budget has been prepared using an approach whereby Council:

- Analysed community service requirements and grant funding arrangements;
- Determined the resources needed to fulfil those requirements including staffing levels;
- Estimated the relevant costs associated with those resources;
- Established the highest level of community service provision possible, within the operational constraints of Council's available resources; and
- Prepared a budget to efficiently and effectively achieve this level of service provision.

During the 2018-19 financial year, Barkly Regional Council is expected to receive total operating revenues of \$23.27 million. Of this revenue, 71% is expected to be sourced from grants, 15% from general rates and kerbside collection charges, 8% from Government contracts and agency services, 5% from general services and user charges, and the remaining 1% from other sources. In addition, Council will be looking to source and additional \$3.65 million in capital grant revenues in order to facilitate two major capital infrastructure projects in the Barkly.

Council budgets to levy \$3.56 million in rates revenue, increasing general rates and kerbside waste levy charges by 1.1%. Additional detail is provided within the "Rates" section of the Regional Plan.

An analysis of Council's income streams highlights the reliance of the Barkly region on funding from other levels of government and the limited ability to raise revenue through its own source income such as rates and user charges. This is of concern as the council loses its autonomy to make community based decisions when funding is based at the Territory or Commonwealth government level.

In expenditure terms, the five largest service delivery program areas for the Council are: Night Patrol, Youth Services, Community & Aged Care Services, Municipal & Area Management Services, and Council Services General. The largest component of operating expenditure is wages, salaries and related employee costs, a total of \$14.89 million or 59.9% of total operating costs. This is budgeted to fund 192 full-time equivalent positions across the Barkly region. This makes Council one of the largest employers in the region, and also one of the largest employers of Indigenous people in the Barkly Regional Council area.

The increase in costs of employing staff within the remote locations of the Northern Territory is an ongoing issue Council continues to deal with. This increase is not considered fully by funding agencies when determining grant allocations, often hampering the council's ability to provide quality services to the community.

Additionally, Council has budgeted \$7.02 million for capital expenditure; \$4.56 million of this expenditure is contingent upon Council obtaining sufficient grant support to fund at least 80% of the anticipated project costs. The majority of this budget will be used in the construction of footpaths and an exercise corridor in Tennant Creek and the construction of a purpose-built sports and recreation hall in Ali Curung. Other large

capital upgrades are planned to enhance administration, animal management, information technology, and security & safety services for the region. Funds have been committed to the renewal of footpaths in Elliott and Tennant Creek, and the air-conditioning of the Tennant Creek Civic Hall. There are ten vehicles due for replacement as per Council's Vehicle replacement program.

The 2018-19 Council budget projects a \$1.6 million operating deficit after covering for depreciation of \$3.04 million. Council is aiming to fund 47% of its depreciation, funding capital renewals, replacements, and new infrastructure from depreciation, grant contributions and existing cash reserves.

Budget Assumptions:

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

Long-Term Financial Plan 2019-2023

The detailed long-term financial plan is contained on pages 56-59.

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

- Continuing reduction in corporate overheads over the next four years;
- Consistent investment into replacement of council assets in accordance with Council's Asset Management plans;
- 2% annual increase in CPI effecting costs and grant revenues; and
- 2% annual rate increase.

BUDGET 2018-2019

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Actual 2017 \$'000	Forecast 2018 \$'000	Budget 2019 \$'000
INCOME			
Rates	3,416	3,518	3,558
Statutory charges	3	93	84
User charges	1,317	1,062	1,168
Grants, subsidies and contributions	17,974	16,039	16,492
Investment income	104	114	104
Contract Services/Reimbursements	1,440	1,550	1,835
Other income	610	34	29
Total Income	24,864	22,410	23,270
EXPENSES			
Employee costs	13,289	13,098	14,894
Materials, contracts & other expenses	8,736	7,604	6,918
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3,003	2,707	3,037
Finance costs	14	14	14
Total Expenses	25,042	23,423	24,863
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(178)	(1,013)	(1,593)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	(76)	158	-
Amounts Received Specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	1,897	3,651
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	(254)	1,042	2,058
Other Comprehensive Income			
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	(5,438)	-	-
Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve	(944)	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(6,636)	1,042	2,058

BUDGETED BALANCE SHEET**as at 30 June 2019**

	Actual	Forecast	Budget
	2017	2018	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10,166	11,584	9,959
Trade & other receivables	1,053	1,334	1,208
Inventories	42	52	37
Total Current Assets	11,261	12,970	11,204
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	30,181	28,685	32,672
Total Non-current Assets	30,181	28,685	32,672
Total Assets	41,442	41,655	43,876
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	1,397	341	380
Provisions	748	974	1,098
Total Current Liabilities	2,145	1,315	1,478
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	279	279	279
Total Current Liabilities	279	279	279
Total Liabilities	2,424	1,594	1,757
NET ASSETS	39,018	40,061	42,119
EQUITY			
Accumulated (Deficit)/Surplus Current Year	(254)	1,042	2,058
Accumulated Surplus	15,484	15,230	16,272
Asset Revaluation Reserves	23,789	23,789	23,789
TOTAL EQUITY	39,018	40,061	42,119

BUDGETED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**for the year ended 30 June 2019**

	Actual 2017 \$'000	Forecast 2018 \$'000	Budget 2019 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Rates - general & other	3,454	3,601	3,691
Fees & other charges	1,291	1,756	1,344
Investment receipts	87	62	104
Grants utilised for operating purposes	18,305	16,510	16,537
Other operating receipts	2,618	1,675	2,194
<u>Payments</u>			
Employee Costs	(13,167)	(12,648)	(14,770)
Contractual services & materials	(8,454)	(8,213)	(7,338)
Finance payments	(321)	(14)	(14)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	3,813	2,2729	2,729
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Sales of replaced assets	36	158	-
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	2,026	3,651
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	(506)	(3,495)	(7,024)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	(470)	(1,311)	(3,373)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	3,343	1,418	(1,625)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,823	10,166	11,584
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	10,166	11,584	9,959

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF EQUITY**for the year ended 30 June 2019**

	Actual 2017 \$'000	Forecast 2018 \$'000	Budget 2019 \$'000
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Balance at the end of the previous reporting period	15,484	15,230	16,272
Net Result for the Year	(254)	1,042	2,058
Transfer from Reserves	-	-	-
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-
Balance at the end of the period	15,230	16,272	18,330
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE			
Balance at the end of the previous reporting period	30,171	23,789	23,789
Gain on Revaluation of Property, Plant & Equipment	(5,438)	-	-
Impairment expense offset to asset revaluation reserve	(944)		
Balance at the end of the period	23,789	23,789	23,789
TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	39,019	40,061	42,119

BUDGETED UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES**for the year ended 30 June 2019**

	Actual 2017 \$'000	Forecast 2018 \$'000	Budget 2019 \$'000
Operating Revenue	24,864	22,410	23,270
Less Operating Expenses	(25,042)	(23,423)	(24,863)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Capital Amounts	(178)	(1,013)	(1,593)
Less Net Outlays on Existing Assets			
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of existing assets	(506)	-	-
less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(3,003)	(2,707)	(3,037)
less Proceeds from the Sale of Replaced Assets	36	158	-
	(3,473)	(2,549)	(3,037)
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets			
Capital Expenditure on new and upgraded assets	-	3,495	7,025
less Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	(2,026)	(4,185)
	-	1,469	2,840
Net Lending/(Borrowing) for financial year	3,295	67	(1,396)

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2019-2023

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME 2019 - 2023

	Budget 2019 \$'000	LTFP 2020 \$'000	LTFP 2021 \$'000	LTFP 2022 \$'000	LTFP 2023 \$'000
INCOME					
Rates	3,558	3,629	3,702	3,776	3,852
Statutory charges	84	86	88	90	92
User charges	1,168	1,191	1,215	1,239	1,264
Grants, subsidies and contributions	16,492	16,822	17,158	17,501	17,851
Investment income	104	106	108	110	112
Reimbursements	1,835	1,872	1,909	1,947	1,986
Other income	29	30	31	32	33
Total Income	23,270	23,736	24,211	24,695	25,190
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	14,894	15,192	15,496	15,806	16,122
Materials, contracts & other expenses	6,918	7,056	7,197	7,341	7,488
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	3,037	3,098	3,160	3,223	3,287
Finance costs	14	14	14	14	14
Total Expenses	24,863	25,360	25,867	26,384	26,911
OPERATING DEFICIT	(1,593)	(1,624)	(1,656)	(1,689)	(1,721)
Amounts Received Specifically for new, replacement or upgraded assets	3,651	2,871	3,360	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	2,058	1,247	1,704	(1,689)	(1,721)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2,058	1,247	1,704	(1,689)	(1,721)

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

2019 - 2023

	Budget	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Accumulated Surplus					
Balance at end of previous reporting period	16,272	18,330	19,577	21,281	19,592
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	2,058	1,247	1,704	(1,689)	(1,721)
Balance at end of period	18,330	19,577	21,281	19,592	17,871
Asset Revaluation Reserve					
Balance at end of previous reporting period	23,789	23,789	23,789	23,789	23,789
Balance at end of period	23,789	23,789	23,789	23,789	23,789

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN BALANCE SHEET

2019-2023

	Budget	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS					
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	9,959	8,654	7,746	7,286	6,858
Trade & other receivables	1,208	1,232	1,257	1,282	1,308
Inventories	37	44	45	45	44
Total Current Assets	11,204	9,930	9,048	8,613	8,210
<u>Non-current Assets</u>					
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	32,672	35,223	37,839	36,616	35,329
Total Non-current Assets	32,672	35,223	37,839	36,616	35,329
Total Assets	43,876	45,153	46,887	45,229	43,539
LIABILITIES					
<u>Current Liabilities</u>					
Trade & Other Payables	380	388	396	404	412
Provisions	1,098	1,120	1,142	1,165	1,188
Total Current Liabilities	1,478	1,508	1,538	1,569	1,600
<u>Non-current Liabilities</u>					
Provisions	279	279	279	279	279
Total Non-current Liabilities	279	279	279	279	279
Total Liabilities	1,757	1,787	1,817	1,848	1,879
NET ASSETS	42,119	43,366	45,070	43,381	41,660
EQUITY					
Accumulated Surplus	18,330	19,577	21,281	19,592	17,871
Asset Revaluation Reserves	23,789	23,789	23,789	23,789	23,789
TOTAL EQUITY	42,119	43,366	45,070	43,381	41,660

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2019 - 2023

	Budget	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP	LTFP
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
<u>Receipts</u>					
Rates - general & other	3,691	3,629	3,702	3,776	3,852
Fees & other charges	1,344	1,253	1,278	1,304	1,330
Investment receipts	104	106	108	110	112
Grants utilised for operating purposes	16,537	16,822	17,158	17,501	17,851
Other operating receipts	2,194	1,902	1,940	1,979	2,019
<u>Payments</u>					
Employee Costs	(14,770)	(15,170)	(15,474)	(15,783)	(16,099)
Contractual services & materials	(7,338)	(7,055)	(7,190)	(7,333)	(7,479)
Finance payments	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)	(14)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	1,748	1,473	1,508	1,540	1,572
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
<u>Receipts</u>					
Amounts specifically for renewal, replacement or upgraded assets	3,651	2,871	3,360	-	-
<u>Payments</u>					
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	(7,024)	(5,649)	(5,776)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	(3,373)	(2,778)	(2,416)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held	(1,625)	(1,305)	(908)	(460)	(428)
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period	11,584	9,959	8,654	7,746	7,286
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	9,959	8,654	7,746	7,286	6,858

Rating Policy

Rate Revenue

Council's budget for 2018/2019 contains rate revenues from rates and charges of \$3.557M.

Basis of Rates

Under the *NT Local Government Act (Chapter 11)*, land within a local government area is divided into three basic categories:

- General rateable land;
- Conditionally rateable land; and
- Exempt land.

Rates are charged against rateable and conditionally rateable land.

General Rateable Land

Pursuant to Section 148(3) 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 classes of allotments.
3. Differential fixed charge for other allotments within the Council area fixed for different classes of allotments.

For allotments in 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
0.064477	C (Commercial)
0.087410	CL (Community Living)
0.044036	CP (Community Purpose)
0.133853	GI (General Industry)
0.132185	LI (Light Industrial)
0.025929	MD (Multiple Dwelling)
0.015660	MR (Medium Density Residential)
0.029989	OR (Organised Recreation)
0.013968	RL (Rural Living)
0.059390	SC (Service Commercial)
0.026014	SD (Single Dwelling)
0.069213	TC (Tourist Commercial)
0.006799	UF (Urban Farm Land)

Allotments in the Town of Elliott	
Multiplier	Description
0.009302	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
0.005392	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in the Town of Newcastle Waters	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$973.59	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$215.34	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in Community & surrounding Living Areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara & Wutunugurra	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,159.62	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$978.65	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in Council area (Excluding those comprised in other parts of this schedule)	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,159.62	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$978.65	All other allotments not included above

Conditionally Rateable Land

Pursuant to Section 142 of the *NT Local Government Act*, 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

<https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au/uploads/pdfs/G17-24-April-2018.pdf>

Pastoral Leases

Rates are calculated by using the unimproved capital value multiplied by 0.000302. The minimum rate for these properties is \$371.99.

The amount the Council will be able to raise by way of rates is \$103,951.

Active Mining Leases

Assessed Value is as defined at section 149(3) of the *Local Government Act*.

Rates are calculated by multiplying the assessed value by 0.003434. The minimum amount payable shall be \$880.40.

The amount the Council will be able to raise by way of rates is \$2,584.

The following table shows the number of properties by location within each of rating zones.

Zone	Tennant Creek	Elliott	Newcastle Waters	Ali Curung	Alpurrurulam	Ampilatwatja	Arlparra	Wutunugurra
C - Commercial	72	6						
CL – Community Living	10							
CP – Community Purposes	6							
GI – General Industrial	8							
LI – Light Industrial	74							
MD – Multi Dwelling Residential	164							
MR – Medium Density Residential	1							
OR – Organised Recreation	3							
RL – Rural Living	29							
SC – Service Commercial	9							
SD – Single Dwelling Residential	684							
TC – Tourist Commercial	4							
UF – Urban Farmland	1							
Pastoral	49							
Active Mining	1							
Fixed Charge Residential	16	36	7	88	83	49	5	31
Fixed Charge Commercial	70	-	5	2	1	2	0	1

Waste Management Charges

That, in relation to Council's function of sanitation and waste management, Council, pursuant to Section 157 of the *Local Government Act (2008)*, hereby makes the following charges:-

Council imposes charges in respect of the garbage collection service for Tennant Creek, Elliott, Newcastle Waters, and allotments in the communities and surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, 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:

- each weekly kerbside service \$ 329.70 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service \$ 365.98 per annum
- each daily kerbside service \$ 1,059.58 per annum

(b) Each allotment in the communities and surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, 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 \$ 949.33 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service \$ 475.17 per annum

The amount the Council proposes to raise by way of waste management charges is \$876,669.

Penalty for Late Payment

That, pursuant to Section 162 of the **Local Government Act NT**, 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**. Information is available on the website.

Social and Economic Impacts of Rating Policy

The Council's current income is derived from four basic sources:

- Income from rates and statutory charges;
- Local Government Operational Grants;
- Grants provided by other Agencies to undertake specific funded programs (such as Aged Care); and
- Commercial income which is generated from commercially let contracts.

In determining the rating regime for this year, the Council has considered a number of factors, including:

- The Council's statutory and legislative obligations;
- The service level expectations of the communities, residents and ratepayers;
- The funding environment and the overall reduction in income from grant and own source income.
- The asset management and asset renewal obligations of the Council;
- The Council's priorities with regards to local employment and maintenance of community based employment and training opportunities;
- How current and future rating practices will impact on the Council's financial sustainability,
- How existing services (particularly waste management and animal management) can be funded from existing revenue sources; and
- The impact of the leasing arrangements for Aboriginal owned land on the Council's existing budget.

In determining the rating regime for 2018/2019, the Council has considered its sources of "own source income" as discussed in the "**Analysis of Budget**".

Elected Member and Local Authority Allowances

Elected Member Allowances

In accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act NT*, Barkly Regional Council proposes to pay the following elected member allowances in 2018/2019:

Elected Member Allowances			
Allowance	Mayor	Deputy-Mayor	Councillors
Base Allowance	\$73,856.62	\$27,310.21	\$13,283.35
Electoral Allowance	\$19,439.65	\$4,860.80	\$4,860.80
PD Allowance	\$3,690.22	\$3,690.22	\$3,690.22
Maximum Extra Meeting Allowance	-	-	\$8,855.55
Total Claimable	\$96,986.49	\$35,861.23	\$30,689.92

Acting Principal Member Allowance		
Allowance	Amount	The maximum Acting Principal Member Allowance is 90 days per acting Principal Member.
Daily Rate	\$256.96	
Maximum Claimable	\$23,126.40	

The amount budgeted for the Elected Member expenses and allowances (excluding travel costs and accommodation expenses) is \$163,718.

Local Authority Allowances

Local Authority Allowances are established by the Minister for Local Government. The allowances for Local Authorities based on revenue units as follows:

- Chair, if eligible, 143 revenue units
- Other eligible members 107 revenue units.

The Department of Treasury and Finance has established the revenue unit for the period 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019 at **\$1.15** per unit. The amount budgeted for the Local Authority member expenses and allowances (excluding catering, travel and support expenses) is \$120,341.

Local Authority Allowances		
Allowance	Chairperson	Member
Revenue Units	143	107
Base Allowance per Meeting	\$164.00	\$123.00
Maximum 12 meetings per year	\$1,968.00	\$1,476.00

Fees and Charges Schedule 2018-2019

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Rates		
Rates search	\$96.00	\$98.00
Failure to notify change of address – 20 penalty units @ \$153.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
Animal Control		
Annual Registration – Intact dog	\$262.00	\$267.00
Annual Registration – Desexed dog	\$42.00	\$43.00
Annual Registration – Intact dog Concession	\$210.00	\$214.00
Annual Registration – Desexed Concession	\$36.00	\$37.00
Pound fees – Charge per day	\$84.00	\$84.00
Dog and Cat traps (per day per trap)	\$10.00	Free
Deposit for traps	\$105.00	\$110.00
Replacement registration tag	\$21.00	\$21.00
Animal Control Penalties – Tennant Creek as Per By-Laws Control of Dogs (2016)		
Keeping a dog that is not registered	\$210.00	\$200.00
Dog, when at large, is not under effective control	\$210.00	\$200.00
Dog attacks a person	\$525.00	\$525.00
Dog attacks an animal	\$210.00	\$500.00
Dog menacing person	\$210.00	\$500.00
Dog menacing animal	\$210.00	\$500.00
Enticing a dog to act in manner that may render owner liable to prosecution	\$210.00	\$200.00
Dog chasing vehicles / Bicycles	\$210.00	\$200.00
Abandoning a dog within the municipality	\$210.00	\$210.00
Dogs causing nuisance		\$200.00
Abandoning dogs	\$210	\$500.00
Obstructing pound supervisor in the execution of his/her duties	\$210.00	\$200.00
Sterilisation marks and certificates		\$200.00
Providing false information		\$200.00
Keeping more than 2 dogs unless the premises are licenced	\$210.00	\$210.00
Diseased dogs		\$200.00
Sale of impounded dogs		FREE
Daily in pound fee		\$40 per day
Library		
Interlibrary loans – interstate only POA	POA	POA
Overdue videos, DVD, CD (per day)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Overdue books and spoken word (per day)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Replacement cost – Video, DVD, CD At cost	At Cost	At cost

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Library Continued		
Replacement – Books	At Cost	At Cost
Replacement – Spoken Word Audio	At Cost	At Cost
Replacement– Interlibrary Loan Books	At Cost	At Cost
Replacement – Lost or Damaged items	At Cost	At Cost
Internet access – 1 hour (Non-members only)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Internet access – 30 minutes (Non-members only)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Civic Hall Hire		
Hire rate per hour (min 3 hour)	\$60.00	\$60.00
Hire rate per day – (Government & Commercial)	\$579.00	\$590.00
Hire rate per day – (Concession is available to community associations and events on application)	\$287.00	\$292.00
Acoustic operation fee per hour (min 3 hour)	\$35.00	\$36.00
Bond (refundable after cleaning inspection)	\$551.00	\$560.00
Cleaning fee per hour (max \$450.00)	\$71.00	\$72.00
Key deposit (Cash only)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Alarm Callout Fee	POA	\$100.00
Cemetery		
GAZETTED CEMETERIES (TENNANT CREEK & ELLIOTT)		
Single Plot	\$900.00	\$900.00
Single Plot – half size grave	\$600.00	\$600.00
Double Plot (first burial)	\$900.00	\$900.00
Double Plot (second burial)	\$900.00	\$900.00
Niche Wall	\$750.00	\$750.00
Reserve Plot	\$900.00	\$900.00
Exhumations	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Funerals Directors licence – annual	\$120.00	\$120.00
NON-GAZETTED CEMETERIES (ALL OTHER LOCATIONS)		
Preparing gravesite ready for funeral and covering	POA	POA
Waste Disposal – Recyclable		
All Green Waste (any size – no mixed loads)	FREE	FREE
All Cardboard (any size – no mixed loads)	FREE	FREE
All Metal (no mixed loads)	FREE	FREE
Clean fill free (No rubbish, rubble, stone, rocks etc.)	FREE	FREE
Rubbish – Barkly Resident Household Only (proof of residential address required)		
Sedan /Station wagon/Motorcycles	FREE	FREE
Small trailer up to 4'x 6'	FREE	FREE
UTES (up to 1 tonne capacity)	\$20.00	FREE
Standard box trailer (7'x 5')	\$20.00	FREE
Standard box trailer (7'x 5') with gates	\$30.00	FREE
Large trailer (greater than 7'x5')	\$30.00	FREE
Large trailer (greater than 7'x5') with gates	\$60.00	FREE

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Commercial Operators and non-residents		
Utes up to 1 tonne	\$20.00	\$20.00
Standard trailer 4x6		\$20.00
Standard trailer 7x5		\$20.00
Truck (up to 4.5 tonne gross tare) light rigid	\$80.00	\$80.00
Truck (between 4.5 tonne and 12 Tonne gross tare) heavy rigid – price per ton of capacity	\$400.00	\$30.00 per tonne capacity
Truck (Greater than 12 Tonne Gross tare) Semi Trailers per trailer	\$1200.00	\$40.00 per tonne capacity
Car bodies (drained)	\$180.00	\$180.00
Car bodies(undrained)	\$280.00	\$280.00
Stove	\$5.00	\$5.00
White goods (fridge, freezer – degreased and doors removed)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Air conditioner (degassed only)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Effluent (dumped by contractors per litre)	\$0.10	\$0.15
E-waste per kg	\$10.00	\$10.00
Oil (Hydrocarbon) disposal (per litre)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Oil (Cooking) (per litre)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Tyre Disposal		
Car / Motor Cycle tyres (Each)	\$15.00	\$20.00
Small truck/4WD tyres (Each)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Large truck / semi trailer tyres (Each)	\$40.00	\$45.00
Plant (tractor, loader, grater etc.) tyres each	\$60.00	\$65.00
Retrieval of Abandoned Vehicles		
Removal of abandoned vehicle	\$285.00	\$285.00
Storage of abandoned vehicle per day	\$15.00	\$15.00
Administration / Advertisement	\$175.00	\$180.00
Plant Hours [Rates for private hire include operator]		
FE Loader – includes operator	\$288.00	\$280.00
Grader – rate per hour	\$288.00	\$280.00
Mobilisation of plant – rate per kilometre	\$3.15	\$3.20
Dozer – D4 or D5 – including operator	\$288.00	\$280.00
Backhoe – including operator	\$260.00	\$260.00
10 tonne tipper – including operator	\$260.00	\$260.00
Water truck	\$208.00	\$200.00
Low loader (Prime Mover and trailer)	\$485.00	\$500.00
Compactor	\$260.00	\$260.00
Bus hire per day (8 hours)	\$983.00	\$800.00
Bus Hire – Min 4 hours	\$532.00	\$100.00
Chainsaw / Push mower / Brush Cutter	\$125.00	\$10.00
Tractor per hour	\$173.00	\$160.00
Tractor with attachment – including operator	\$208.00	\$180.00
Sweeper – including operator (Per Hour Charge)	\$260.00	\$280.00
Sewage pump out per hour – includes travel time return trip to the Depot	\$288.00	\$290.00
Skid Steer loader – including operator per hour	\$219.00	\$180.00
Fork lift (per hour or part thereof)	\$115.00	\$80.00

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	Fees & charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & charges 2018-19
Plant Hours Cont. [Rates for private hire include operator]		
Telehandler		\$120.00
Fork lift – Telehandler	\$180.00	\$160.00
Labour Hire per hour	\$102.00	\$105.00
Supplier water from stand pipe (Per KL + \$40.00 opening and closing fee for each use)	\$2.30	\$2.40
Information Act Fees and Charges		
Application Fee non-personal information	\$30.00	\$30.00
Access information (per hour)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Deposit for access to information	\$25.00	\$25.00
Administration		
Binding A4 document	\$17.00	\$20.00
Laminating A4	\$2.00	\$2.00
Laminating A3	\$4.00	\$5.00
By Laws (free on website)	\$29.00	\$30.00
Copy of Minutes (free on website)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Copying Services		
Laminating Business Card Size	\$3.00	\$3.00
A4 B/W	\$0.20	\$0.20
A4 Colour	\$0.50	\$0.50
Faxing Services		
Fax A4 - First Page	\$4.00	\$4.00
Per page thereafter	\$1.00	\$1.00
Fax A4 – Overseas - First Page	\$12.00	\$12.00
Per page thereafter	\$2.00	\$2.00
Free Call - All pages	\$2.00	\$2.00
Receive faxes per page	\$5.00	\$5.00
Public places fee per month		
Billboards on adjoining lands	\$55.00	\$60.00
Advertising on buildings	\$55.00	\$60.00
Signboard in or on a public place	\$66.00	\$70.00
Removal of flammable undergrowth POA		POA
Removal of Rubbish		POA
Swimming Pool		
Adult	\$5.50	\$5.50
Child	\$2.75	\$2.50
Child under the age of 5 (with a paying adult/supervisor)	FREE	FREE
Pensioner	\$3.00	\$3.00
Spectator	FREE	FREE
Carer of a person with disability	FREE	FREE
Early Morning Lap Swimming	\$5.00	\$3.00
Adult 10 Swim Concession cards	\$50.00	\$50.00
Child 10 Swim Concession cards	\$25.00	\$22.00
Pensioner 10 Swim Concession cards	\$27.00	\$27.00
Adult Season Pass (pro rata available)	\$300.00	\$310.00

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Swimming Pool Cont.		
Child Season Pass (pro rata available)	\$150.00	\$155.00
Pensioner Season Pass (pro rata available)	\$165.00	\$170.00
Family Season Pass (2 adults, 2 children) (pro rata available)	\$600.00	\$615.00
Family Pass Extra Child	\$46.00	\$48.00
Pool Hire Non-Commercial including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (out of hours)	\$250.00	\$260.00
Pool Hire Non-Commercial including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (facility closed)	\$300.00	\$310.00
Pool Hire Commercial including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (out of hours)	\$350.00	\$360.00
Pool Hire Commercial including 2 Lifeguards p/h (facility closed)	\$450.00	\$460.00
School Swimming Carnival including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (facility closed)	Admission + \$100.00	POA
School Swimming Carnival Extra Lifeguard p/h	\$46.00	\$55.00
Lane Hire per month	\$75.00	\$80.00
Parties/functions (during pool hours)		\$5 per adult
Purkiss Reserve, Peko Park and Lake Mary Ann		
Main Oval and Change Rooms (Community-Non-Profit)	\$200.00	POA – User Agreement
Main Oval and Change Rooms - Corporate	\$400	\$400
Main Oval and Change Rooms (Seasonal Annual)	POA – User agreement	POA – User agreement
Kiosk - Corporate	\$100.00	\$100.00
Kiosk - Seasonal-Annual		POA – User Agreement
Baseball Oval - Corporate	\$50.00	\$50.00
Baseball Oval – Seasonal (annual)		POA – User Agreement
Basketball Court	\$30.00	\$30.00
Basketball Court – Seasonal (Annual)		POA – User Agreement
Tennis Courts	\$30.00	\$30.00
Tennis Courts – Seasonal (Annual)		POA – User Agreement
Youth Links Building	POA – User Agreement	POA – User Agreement
General Area	\$50.00	\$50.00
Peko Park	\$200.00	\$100.00
Peko Park Power	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit
Lake Mary Ann	\$400.00	\$200.00
Lake Mary Ann Power	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit
Facility Bond (as per Terms and Conditions of Hire)	\$300.00	\$300.00

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges for 2018-2019
REFERENCE	246117
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) **Adopt the Draft 2018-19 Declaration of Rates and Charges for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.**

SUMMARY:

The Draft 2018/19 Declaration of Rates and Charges is required to be advertised for public inspection with comments invited for at least a period of 21 days. Council is then required to consider the submissions and make any revision to the Declaration of Rates and Charges as appropriate before finalising the 2018/19 Rates and Charges.

BACKGROUND

Council's draft budget for 2018-19 provides for rates revenues from general rates and charges totaling \$3.557 Million.

The total average increase in general rates and charges represents an overall increase of 1.1%, equivalent to Darwin annualized CPI increase for the year to March 2018.

Social and Economic Impacts of Rating Policy

The Council's current income is derived from four basic sources:

- Income from rates and statutory charges;
- Local Government Operational Grants;
- Grants provided by other Agencies to undertake specific funded programs (such as Aged Care); and
- Commercial income which is generated from commercially let contracts.

In determining the rating regime for this year, the Council has considered a number of factors, including:

- The Council's statutory and legislative obligations;
- The service level expectations of the communities, residents and ratepayers;
- The funding environment and the overall reduction in income from grant and own source income.
- The asset management and asset renewal obligations of the Council;
- The Council's priorities with regards to local employment and maintenance of community based employment and training opportunities;
- How current and future rating practices will impact on the Council's financial sustainability,
- How existing services (particularly waste management and animal management) can be funded from existing revenue sources; and
- The impact of the leasing arrangements for Aboriginal owned land on the Council's existing budget.

Basis of Rates

Under the *NT Local Government Act (Chapter 11)*, land within a local government area is divided into three basic categories:

- General rateable land;
- Conditionally rateable land; and
- Exempt land.

Rates are charged against rateable and conditionally rateable land.

General Rateable Land

Pursuant to Section 148(3) 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 classes of allotments.
3. Differential fixed charge for other allotments within the Council area fixed for different classes of allotments.

For allotments in 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
0.064477	C (Commercial)
0.087410	CL (Community Living)
0.044036	CP (Community Purpose)
0.133853	GI (General Industry)
0.132185	LI (Light Industrial)
0.025929	MD (Multiple Dwelling)
0.015660	MR (Medium Density Residential)
0.029989	OR (Organised Recreation)
0.013968	RL (Rural Living)
0.059390	SC (Service Commercial)
0.026014	SD (Single Dwelling)
0.069213	TC (Tourist Commercial)
0.006799	UF (Urban Farm Land)

Allotments in the Town of Elliott	
Multiplier	Description
0.009302	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
0.005392	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in the Town of Newcastle Waters	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$973.59	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$215.34	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in Community & surrounding Living Areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara & Wutunugurra	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,159.62	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$978.65	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in Council area (Excluding those comprised in other parts of this schedule)	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,159.62	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$978.65	All other allotments not included above

Valuations upon which rates have been determined for the 2018-2019 financial year have not changed from 2017-2018. The next comprehensive valuation to be prepared by the Valuer-General under the *Valuation of Land Act* is due for completion on 30 June 2018 and will be incorporated into the rating policy for the budget year ending 30 June 2020.

Conditionally Rateable Land

Pursuant to Section 142 of the *NT Local Government Act*, 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.

Pastoral Leases

Rates are calculated by using the unimproved capital value multiplied by 0.000302. The minimum rate for these properties is \$371.99.

The amount the Council will be able to raise by way of rates is \$103,951.

Active Mining Leases

Assessed Value is as defined at section 149(3) of the *Local Government Act*.

Rates are calculated by multiplying the assessed value by 0.003434. The minimum amount payable shall be \$880.40.

The amount the Council will be able to raise by way of rates is \$2,584.

The following table shows the number of properties by location within each of rating zones.

Zone	Tennant Creek	Elliott	Newcastle Waters	Ali Curung	Alpurrurulam	Ampilatwatja	Arlparra	Wutungurra
C - Commercial	72	6						
CL – Community Living	10							
CP – Community Purposes	6							
GI – General Industrial	8							
LI – Light Industrial	74							
MD – Multi Dwelling Residential	164							
MR – Medium Density Residential	1							
OR – Organised Recreation	3							
RL – Rural Living	29							
SC – Service Commercial	9							
SD – Single Dwelling Residential	684							
TC – Tourist Commercial	4							
UF – Urban Farmland	1							
Pastoral	49							
Active Mining	1							
Fixed Charge Residential	16	36	7	88	83	49	5	31
Fixed Charge Commercial	70	-	5	2	1	2	0	1

Waste Management Charges

In relation to Council's function of sanitation and waste management, Council, pursuant to Section 157 of the *Local Government Act (2008)*, hereby makes the following charges:-

Council imposes charges in respect of the garbage collection service for Tennant Creek, Elliott, Newcastle Waters, and allotments in the communities and surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, 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:

- each weekly kerbside service \$ 329.70 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service \$ 365.98 per annum
- each daily kerbside service \$ 1,059.58 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 \$ 949.33 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service \$ 475.17 per annum

The amount the Council proposes to raise by way of waste management charges is \$876,669.

A total average increase in Waste management charges has been applied for the draft budget year ending 30 June 2019.

Penalty for Late Payment

That, pursuant to Section 162 of the **Local Government Act NT**, 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**.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

Refer to Budget documents.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Options

The Council may direct the staff to make changes to the 2018/19 Declaration of Rates and Charges as required.

The Council must adopt the Regional Council Plan and budget, including the Declaration of Rates and Charges on or before 31 July 2017 in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. If the Council is not satisfied with the contents of the Regional Council Plan and budget, it can seek an extension to this time with the Minister for Local Government.

Relevant Legislation



Section 24 of the *Local Government Act* deals with the annual review of the Regional Council Plan. Revisions must be adopted between 1 April and 31 July each year and a copy forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Section 128 of the *Local Government Act* states that the Council must adopt a budget on or before 31 July of each financial year.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Draft Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan & Budget 2018-19, , including the Declaration of Rates and Charges will be made accessible on the Council's website and available at Council's offices on Friday, 1 June 2018 and will be open for public consultation for a period of 21 days. The availability of the document for public consultation will be advertised in the Tennant Creek Times Friday 1 June 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2018-2019
- 2  Government Gazette: Conditionally Rateable Land 2018-19



DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2018/19

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Sections 155, 157 and 158 of the Local Government Act ("the Act"), that the following Rates and Charges were declared by the Barkly Regional Council (the Council) at its General Council Meeting held on 28 June 2018 in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2019.

BASIS OF ASSESSED VALUE

Pursuant to section 149(1) of the Act, Council adopts, as the basis of determining the assessed value of all allotments in the Council area, the unimproved capital value as it appears on the valuation roll prepared by the Valuer-General under the Valuation of Land Act.

BASIS OF RATES

Pursuant to Section 148 of the Act, Council adopts, as the basis of rates, a combination of fixed charge and a valuation based charge within the Council area. Basis of Rates:

- for allotments in the towns of Tennant Creek and Elliott is a valuation-based charge where the basis of assessed value is the unimproved capital value (UCV);
- for land held under pastoral lease and land occupied under a mining tenement is a valuation based charge subject to a specified minimum charge where the basis of assessed value is unimproved capital value (UCV); and
- for allotments in other parts of the Council area, is a fixed charge.

Pursuant to Section 148 (3) of the Act, Council adopts:

- differential valuation-based rates for the township of Tennant Creek fixed for different zones;
- differential valuation-based rates for the township of Elliott fixed for different classes of allotments; and
- differential fixed charge for other allotments within the Council area fixed for different classes of allotments.

CLASSES OF ALLOTMENTS

Council adopts the followings classes of allotments in the Council area:

- Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes; and
- All other allotments i.e. the allotments not principally used for commercial or business purposes.

CONDITIONALLY RATEABLE LAND

Pursuant to section 142 of the Act, Land held under the pastoral lease and land occupied under a mining tenement is rated as per the proposal approved by the Minister for Local Government.

DIFFERENTIAL RATES SCHEDULE:

Allotments in the Town of Tennant Creek	
Percentage	Zone
2.6014	SD (Single Dwelling)
1.3968	RL (Rural Living)
2.5929	MD (Multiple Dwelling)
8.7410	CL (Community Living)
1.5660	MR (Medium Density Residential)
6.4477	C (Commercial)
6.9213	TC (Tourist Commercial)
5.9390	SC (Service Commercial)
4.4036	CP (Community Purpose)
2.9989	OR (Organised Recreation)
13.2185	LI (Light Industrial)
13.3853	GI (General Industry)
0.6799	UF (Urban Farm Land)

Allotments in Council area (Excluding those comprised in other parts of this schedule)	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,159.62	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$978.65	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in the Town of Elliott	
Percentage	Description
0.9302	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
0.5392	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in the Town of Newcastle Waters	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$973.59	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$215.34	All other allotments not included above

Allotments in Community & surrounding Living Areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara & Wutunugurra	
Fixed Charge	Description
\$1,159.62	Allotments used principally for commercial or business purposes
\$978.65	All other allotments not included above

Conditionally Rateable Land (Approved rating proposal 2018/19 pursuant to sec 142 Local Government Act 2008)		
Percentage	Description	Min Rate
0.0302	Land held under pastoral lease	\$371.99
0.3434	Land occupied under a mining tenement	\$880.40

GENERAL RATE DECLARATION

Pursuant to section 155 of the Act, Council hereby declares that in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2017 Council intends to raise \$2,569,878 as rates for general purposes.

CHARGES

A. That pursuant to section 157 of the Act, Council declared the following charges in respect of the garbage collection service for Tennant Creek, Elliott, Newcastle Waters, and allotments in the communities and surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara and Wutunugurra.

(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:

- each weekly kerbside service \$329.70 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service \$365.98 per annum

(b) **Each allotment in the communities and surrounding living areas of Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Ampilatwatja, Imangara 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 \$949.33 per annum
- each additional weekly kerbside service \$475.17 per annum

(c) On request, a pickup on each day of the week (other than Sundays and Public Holidays) will incur a charge of \$1,059.58 per 240 litre receptacle. This charge will replace the collection charge described in (a) above.

Council intends to raise \$876,669 from the abovementioned charges.

PAYMENTS OF RATES AND CHARGES

Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid by four (4) approximately equal installments on the following dates, namely:

- First Installment** Friday 31st August 2018
- Second Installment** Friday 30th November 2018
- Third Installment** Friday 22nd February 2019
- Fourth Installment** Friday 26th April 2019

(a) Details of due dates and specified amounts are listed on the relevant Rates Notice.

(b) That recovery action may be instituted in respect of all the rates outstanding after the due date.

PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with Section 162 of the Act at the rate of 10% per annum and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer



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Local Government Act

Notice of Rateability of Conditionally Rateable Land

I, Gerald Francis McCarthy, Minister for Housing and Community Development, under section 142(2) of the *Local Government Act*, give notice that conditionally rateable land is rateable as follows:

- (a) land over which there is a pastoral lease, as defined in section 3 of the *Pastoral Land Act*, is rateable as specified in Schedule 1;
- (b) land that is subjected to a mining tenement is rateable as specified in Schedule 2.

Dated 16 April 2018

G. F. McCarthy
Minister for Housing and Community Development

Schedule 1

- 1. For section 149 of the *Local Government Act*, the assessed value is the unimproved capital value.
- 2. For section 148(1)(b) of the Act, the rate consists of the assessed value multiplied by 0.000302.
- 3. For section 148(2) of the Act, the minimum charge is \$371.99.

Schedule 2

- 1. For section 149 of the *Local Government Act*, the assessed value is the unimproved capital value.
- 2. For section 148(1)(b) of the Act, the rate consists of the assessed value multiplied by 0.003434.
- 3. For section 148(2) of the Act, the minimum charge is \$880.40.
- 4. Contiguous tenements or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person are to be rated as if they were a single tenement.
- 5. If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of another interest in land (the ***other interest***) then:
 - (a) if the rate calculated in accordance with items 1 to 4 for the mining tenement is less than or equal to the rate payable for the other interest - no rate is payable for the mining tenement; or

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- (b) if the rate calculated in accordance with items 1 to 4 for the mining tenement (**amount A**) is greater than the rate payable for the other interest (**amount B**) – the rate payable for the mining tenement is the difference between amount A and amount B.

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Northern Territory of Australia***Petroleum Act***

Release of Information under Section 61(8)

I, Vicki Lorraine Jackson, the Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources, in pursuance of section 61(8) of the *Petroleum Act* -

- (a) notify that I propose to make the information specified in the Schedule available or publicly known;
- (b) invite interested persons to give to me, within 45 days after the publication of this notice, a notice objecting to the whole or any part of the information being made available or publicly known; and
- (c) notify that if a person does not make an objection in accordance with this invitation, the person will be taken to have consented to the information being made available or publicly known.

Note

- 1. A notice objecting to information being made available or publicly known shall set out the person's reasons for making the objection.
- 2. A person may not object to information being made available or publicly known under this -
 - (a) a trade secret; or
 - (b) any other information the disclosure of which would, or could reasonably be expected to, adversely affect the person in respect of the lawful business, commercial or financial affairs of the person.

Dated: 18 April 2018

Made under the *Petroleum Act* of the Northern Territory of Australia

V. L. Jackson
Delegate of the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources
Pursuant to Instrument of Delegation Dated 11 October 2016

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PR	Tenure	Onshore Interpretive data, Reports and Samples	Release Date	Legislation	Notes
PR2012-0041	EP115	Surprise 1 Re-Entry Well Completion Report (Interpretive)	20/12/2017	Section 61(8) <i>Petroleum Act</i>	Routine
PR2012-0016	EP115	Surprise 1 Re-Entry HST1 Well Completion Report (Interpretive)	13/01/2018	Section 61(8) <i>Petroleum Act</i>	Routine

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PR2013-0002	EP103 EP104 EP127	Seismic Interpretation, Structural Mapping and Geological Review of 2011 Emma (Ross Infill) seismic survey	21/01/2018	Section 61(8) <i>Petroleum Act</i>	Routine

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MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2018-2019
REFERENCE	246153
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) **Adopt the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2018-2019 for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.**

SUMMARY:

The Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2018-2019 is required to be advertised for public inspection with comments invited for at least a period of 21 days. Council is then required to consider the submissions and make any revision to the Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2018-2019 as appropriate before finalising the 2018/19 Regional Plan and Budget.

BACKGROUND

Council's draft budget for 2018-19 provides for revenues from fees and other charges totaling \$1.168 Million, which represents 5.02% of Council's operating revenues. This total comprises:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Fuel Sales | \$18,000 |
| • Landfill/Waste Management Fees | \$207,000 |
| • Service Fees (Aged Care) | \$460,000 |
| • Sales and Admission Charges | \$110,000 |
| • Rental and Visitor Accommodation | \$373,000 |

A general increase of 2 percent is proposed in respect of fees and charges for 2018-2019.

As in 2017-18, recyclable waste disposal at Council's waste management sites is free. For 2018-19, it is proposed that household waste disposal for Barkly residents (with proof of residential address) will also be offered as a free service.

Commercial and non-resident disposal fees have remained constant, with trucks greater than 4.5 ton now being levied on a per ton capacity basis, rather than a flat fee. The increase in tyre disposal costs reflects the costs incurred in disposing of this waste which was incurred by Council in the 2017-18 year.

Plant hire rates have been reduced to be more reflective of the costs incurred by Council in the operation and management of Council's fleet.

Fees and charges have been formulated on the basis of a full-cost pricing model, where applicable, such that Council does not take any competitive advantage from the levels of funding support it may receive that is not generally available to the commercial operators in the Barkly region.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Refer to Budget documents.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Options

The Council may direct the staff to make changes to the 2018/19 Schedule of Fees and Charges as required.

The Council must adopt the Regional Council Plan and budget, including the Declaration of Rates and Charges on or before 31 July 2017 in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. If the Council is not satisfied with the contents of the Regional Council Plan and budget, it can seek an extension to this time with the Minister for Local Government.

Relevant Legislation


Section 24 of the *Local Government Act* deals with the annual review of the Regional Council Plan. Revisions must be adopted between 1 April and 31 July each year and a copy forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Section 128 of the *Local Government Act* states that the Council must adopt a budget on or before 31 July of each financial year.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Draft Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan & Budget 2018-19, , including the Schedule of Fees and Charges will be made accessible on the Council's website and available at Council's offices on Friday, 1 June 2018 and will be open for public consultation for a period of 21 days. The availability of the document for public consultation will be advertised in the Tennant Creek Times Friday 1 June 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1  Fees and Charges - Draft.pdf



FEES AND CHARGES
2018-19

Release Notice

File Name: 2018-2019 Fees and Charges
Reason for release: Draft for public comment prior to Council Adoption
Contact information: For further information contact:
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Chief Executive Officer

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General Conditions

Indemnity

Organisations hiring Regional Council facilities are required to have public liability insurance cover.

Groups and individuals without their own public liability insurance must be aware that Barkly Regional Council will not be held liable for any accident occurring through the actions or negligence of group members or guests.

Responsibility for Damage to Council Property

The cost of damage to Council property will be recovered from the party responsible. In the case of hire of Council property the hirer will be held responsible and in the case of a permit/licence holder the holder will be held responsible. The cost of repairs will be calculated as the:

- Actual invoiced cost to Council of materials and services used
- Cost of Council labour, plant and stores used including overheads
- Sub Total
- Add 15% to Sub-Total = Total Cost that will be recovered.

All services are subject to availability. Please check with the local Council office to confirm availability.

Fees and Charges Schedule 2018-2019

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Rates		
Rates search	\$96.00	\$98.00
Failure to notify change of address – 20 penalty units @ \$153.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
Animal Control		
Annual Registration – Intact dog	\$262.00	\$267.00
Annual Registration – Desexed dog	\$42.00	\$43.00
Annual Registration – Intact dog Concession	\$210.00	\$214.00
Annual Registration – Desexed Concession	\$36.00	\$37.00
Pound fees – Charge per day	\$84.00	\$84.00
Dog and Cat traps (per day per trap)	\$10.00	Free
Deposit for traps	\$105.00	\$110.00
Replacement registration tag	\$21.00	\$21.00
Animal Control Penalties – Tennant Creek as Per By-Laws Control of Dogs (2016)		
Keeping a dog that is not registered	\$210.00	\$200.00
Dog, when at large, is not under effective control	\$210.00	\$200.00
Dog attacks a person	\$525.00	\$525.00
Dog attacks an animal	\$210.00	\$500.00
Dog menacing person	\$210.00	\$500.00
Dog menacing animal	\$210.00	\$500.00
Enticing a dog to act in manner that may render owner liable to prosecution	\$210.00	\$200.00
Dog chasing vehicles / Bicycles	\$210.00	\$200.00
Abandoning a dog within the municipality	\$210.00	\$210.00
Dogs causing nuisance		\$200.00
Abandoning dogs	\$210	\$500.00
Obstructing pound supervisor in the execution of his/her duties	\$210.00	\$200.00
Sterilisation marks and certificates		\$200.00
Providing false information		\$200.00
Keeping more than 2 dogs unless the premises are licenced	\$210.00	\$210.00
Diseased dogs		\$200.00
Sale of impounded dogs		FREE
Daily in pound fee		\$40 per day
Library		
Interlibrary loans – interstate only POA	POA	POA
Overdue videos, DVD, CD (per day)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Overdue books and spoken word (per day)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Replacement cost – Video, DVD, CD At cost	At Cost	At cost

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Library Continued		
Replacement – Books	At Cost	At Cost
Replacement – Spoken Word Audio	At Cost	At Cost
Replacement– Interlibrary Loan Books	At Cost	At Cost
Replacement – Lost or Damaged items	At Cost	At Cost
Internet access – 1 hour (Non-members only)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Internet access – 30 minutes (Non-members only)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Civic Hall Hire		
Hire rate per hour (min 3 hour)	\$60.00	\$60.00
Hire rate per day – (Government & Commercial)	\$579.00	\$590.00
Hire rate per day – (Concession is available to community associations and events on application)	\$287.00	\$292.00
Acoustic operation fee per hour (min 3 hour)	\$35.00	\$36.00
Bond (refundable after cleaning inspection)	\$551.00	\$560.00
Cleaning fee per hour (max \$450.00)	\$71.00	\$72.00
Key deposit (Cash only)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Alarm Callout Fee	POA	\$100.00
Cemetery		
GAZETTED CEMETERIES (TENNANT CREEK & ELLIOTT)		
Single Plot	\$900.00	\$900.00
Single Plot – half size grave	\$600.00	\$600.00
Double Plot (first burial)	\$900.00	\$900.00
Double Plot (second burial)	\$900.00	\$900.00
Niche Wall	\$750.00	\$750.00
Reserve Plot	\$900.00	\$900.00
Exhumations	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Funerals Directors licence – annual	\$120.00	\$120.00
NON-GAZETTED CEMETERIES (ALL OTHER LOCATIONS)		
Preparing gravesite ready for funeral and covering	POA	POA
Waste Disposal – Recyclable		
All Green Waste (any size – no mixed loads)	FREE	FREE
All Cardboard (any size – no mixed loads)	FREE	FREE
All Metal (no mixed loads)	FREE	FREE
Clean fill free (No rubbish, rubble, stone, rocks etc.)	FREE	FREE
Rubbish – Barkly Resident Household Only (proof of residential address required)		
Sedan /Station wagon/Motorcycles	FREE	FREE
Small trailer up to 4'x 6"	FREE	FREE
UTES (up to 1 tonne capacity)	\$20.00	FREE
Standard box trailer (7'x 5')	\$20.00	FREE
Standard box trailer (7'x 5') with gates	\$30.00	FREE
Large trailer (greater than 7'x5')	\$30.00	FREE
Large trailer (greater than 7'x5') with gates	\$60.00	FREE

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Commercial Operators and non-residents		
Utes up to 1 tonne	\$20.00	\$20.00
Standard trailer 4x6		\$20.00
Standard trailer 7x5		\$20.00
Truck (up to 4.5 tonne gross tare) light rigid	\$80.00	\$80.00
Truck (between 4.5 tonne and 12 Tonne gross tare) heavy rigid – price per ton of capacity	\$400.00	\$30.00 per tonne capacity
Truck (Greater than 12 Tonne Gross tare) Semi Trailers per trailer	\$1200.00	\$40.00 per tonne capacity
Car bodies (drained)	\$180.00	\$180.00
Car bodies(undrained)	\$280.00	\$280.00
Stove	\$5.00	\$5.00
White goods (fridge, freezer – degreased and doors removed)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Air conditioner (degassed only)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Effluent (dumped by contractors per litre)	\$0.10	\$0.15
E-waste per kg	\$10.00	\$10.00
Oil (Hydrocarbon) disposal (per litre)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Oil (Cooking) (per litre)	\$2.50	\$2.50
Tyre Disposal		
Car / Motor Cycle tyres (Each)	\$15.00	\$20.00
Small truck/4WD tyres (Each)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Large truck / semi trailer tyres (Each)	\$40.00	\$45.00
Plant (tractor, loader, grater etc.) tyres each	\$60.00	\$65.00
Retrieval of Abandoned Vehicles		
Removal of abandoned vehicle	\$285.00	\$285.00
Storage of abandoned vehicle per day	\$15.00	\$15.00
Administration / Advertisement	\$175.00	\$180.00
Plant Hours [Rates for private hire include operator]		
FE Loader – includes operator	\$288.00	\$280.00
Grader – rate per hour	\$288.00	\$280.00
Mobilisation of plant – rate per kilometre	\$3.15	\$3.20
Dozer – D4 or D5 – including operator	\$288.00	\$280.00
Backhoe – including operator	\$260.00	\$260.00
10 tonne tipper – including operator	\$260.00	\$260.00
Water truck	\$208.00	\$200.00
Low loader (Prime Mover and trailer)	\$485.00	\$500.00
Compactor	\$260.00	\$260.00
Bus hire per day (8 hours)	\$983.00	\$800.00
Bus Hire – Min 4 hours	\$532.00	\$100.00
Chainsaw / Push mower / Brush Cutter	\$125.00	\$10.00
Tractor per hour	\$173.00	\$160.00
Tractor with attachment – including operator	\$208.00	\$180.00
Sweeper – including operator (Per Hour Charge)	\$260.00	\$280.00
Sewage pump out per hour – includes travel time return trip to the Depot	\$288.00	\$290.00
Skid Steer loader – including operator per hour	\$219.00	\$180.00
Fork lift (per hour or part thereof)	\$115.00	\$80.00

	Fees & charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & charges 2018-19
Plant Hours Cont. [Rates for private hire include operator]		
Telehandler		\$120.00
Fork lift – Telehandler	\$180.00	\$160.00
Labour Hire per hour	\$102.00	\$105.00
Supplier water from stand pipe (Per KL + \$40.00 opening and closing fee for each use)	\$2.30	\$2.40
Information Act Fees and Charges		
Application Fee non-personal information	\$30.00	\$30.00
Access information (per hour)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Deposit for access to information	\$25.00	\$25.00
Administration		
Binding A4 document	\$17.00	\$20.00
Laminating A4	\$2.00	\$2.00
Laminating A3	\$4.00	\$5.00
By Laws (free on website)	\$29.00	\$30.00
Copy of Minutes (free on website)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Copying Services		
Laminating Business Card Size	\$3.00	\$3.00
A4 B/W	\$0.20	\$0.20
A4 Colour	\$0.50	\$0.50
Faxing Services		
Fax A4 - First Page	\$4.00	\$4.00
Per page thereafter	\$1.00	\$1.00
Fax A4 – Overseas - First Page	\$12.00	\$12.00
Per page thereafter	\$2.00	\$2.00
Free Call - All pages	\$2.00	\$2.00
Receive faxes per page	\$5.00	\$5.00
Public places fee per month		
Billboards on adjoining lands	\$55.00	\$60.00
Advertising on buildings	\$55.00	\$60.00
Signboard in or on a public place	\$66.00	\$70.00
Removal of flammable undergrowth POA		POA
Removal of Rubbish		POA
Swimming Pool		
Adult	\$5.50	\$5.50
Child	\$2.75	\$2.50
Child under the age of 5 (with a paying adult/supervisor)	FREE	FREE
Pensioner	\$3.00	\$3.00
Spectator	FREE	FREE
Carer of a person with disability	FREE	FREE
Early Morning Lap Swimming	\$5.00	\$3.00
Adult 10 Swim Concession cards	\$50.00	\$50.00
Child 10 Swim Concession cards	\$25.00	\$22.00
Pensioner 10 Swim Concession cards	\$27.00	\$27.00
Adult Season Pass (pro rata available)	\$300.00	\$310.00

	Fees & Charges 2017-2018	Proposed Fees & Charges 2018-19
Swimming Pool Cont.		
Child Season Pass (pro rata available)	\$150.00	\$155.00
Pensioner Season Pass (pro rata available)	\$165.00	\$170.00
Family Season Pass (2 adults, 2 children) (pro rata available)	\$600.00	\$615.00
Family Pass Extra Child	\$46.00	\$48.00
Pool Hire Non-Commercial including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (out of hours)	\$250.00	\$260.00
Pool Hire Non-Commercial including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (facility closed)	\$300.00	\$310.00
Pool Hire Commercial including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (out of hours)	\$350.00	\$360.00
Pool Hire Commercial including 2 Lifeguards p/h (facility closed)	\$450.00	\$460.00
School Swimming Carnival including 2 x Lifeguards p/h (facility closed)	Admission + \$100.00	POA
School Swimming Carnival Extra Lifeguard p/h	\$46.00	\$55.00
Lane Hire per month	\$75.00	\$80.00
Parties/functions (during pool hours)		\$5 per adult
Purkiss Reserve, Peko Park and Lake Mary Ann		
Main Oval and Change Rooms (Community-Non-Profit)	\$200.00	POA – User Agreement
Main Oval and Change Rooms - Corporate	\$400	\$400
Main Oval and Change Rooms (Seasonal Annual)	POA – User agreement	POA – User agreement
Kiosk - Corporate	\$100.00	\$100.00
Kiosk - Seasonal-Annual		POA – User Agreement
Baseball Oval - Corporate	\$50.00	\$50.00
Baseball Oval – Seasonal (annual)		POA – User Agreement
Basketball Court	\$30.00	\$30.00
Basketball Court – Seasonal (Annual)		POA – User Agreement
Tennis Courts	\$30.00	\$30.00
Tennis Courts – Seasonal (Annual)		POA – User Agreement
Youth Links Building	POA – User Agreement	POA – User Agreement
General Area	\$50.00	\$50.00
Peko Park	\$200.00	\$100.00
Peko Park Power	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit
Lake Mary Ann	\$400.00	\$200.00
Lake Mary Ann Power	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit	\$20.00 \$100 Key Deposit
Facility Bond (as per Terms and Conditions of Hire)	\$300.00	\$300.00

MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Mayors Report
REFERENCE	246006
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report from Mayor Edgington

SUMMARY:**Mayor's Report**

I was recently on leave from 13 April 2018 until 7 May 2018.

Since returning from leave I am pleased to advise I have attended the following meetings and events:

8 May 2018	Councillor Sid Vashist and I attended the Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting.
10-11 May 2018	<p>I spent two days in Canberra representing the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) on the newly renamed Local Government Safe Cities Network (previously National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Committee).</p> <p>Committee Members from across the nation shared information on their new and continuing programs and activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safer Suburbs Forum interagency update; - Public domain security risk assessments; - GC2018 Commonwealth Games; - Disaster recovery program; - Defibrillators and CPR awareness initiative; - Graffiti management project; - Crowded Place Assessments (CCTV; internal team method and progress, implementation plans; - Anti social behaviour; - Liquor restrictions and initiatives in the NT; - New Safer Design (CPTED) Guide; - Emergency Awareness Project; and - Smart Cities project. <p>Presentations delivered by guest speakers included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crowded places and spaces handbook - Australian Institute of Disaster Resilience; - National Drug Strategy and National Alcohol Strategy (consultation draft) - Department of Health; - Reducing alcohol related harms - VicHealth; - Music festival pill testing trial and population health - ACT Government; - CBR NightCrew - facilitating a safer night out; and - International and local research - National Drug Research Institute. <p>All up, it was a great opportunity to hear and learn about some</p>

	very good initiatives being implemented to improve community safety.
15 May 2018	Attended the Community Safety Committee Meeting in Tennant Creek.
15 May 2018	Released a media statement about one of our Council employees having to be tested for infection after being stuck by a needle while collecting rubbish at the back of the Elliott Health Clinic.
15 May 2018	<p>Councillor Kris Civitarese and I attended the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Wayne Green and included discussion about the Purkiss Reserve facilities and the proposed \$5 million upgrade.</p> <p>A Project Steering Group consisting of representatives from the Department of Infrastructure Planning & Logistics, the Barkly Regional Council, the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee and the Department of Tourism & Culture has been formed to guide the project through to completion.</p>
16 May 2018	<p>I was honoured to officially swear in Mrs Mere Vakadurivalelotuvou, Mrs Somsri Harris and her daughter Miss Punyeesar Tonghan, Mr Raphael Paragas and Ms Lara Pulumbarit as Australian citizens in front of family, friends and peers in the Council Chambers.</p> <p>Mr Richard James presented a Welcome to Country for the ceremony, with Councillors Kris Civitarese and Sid Vashist in attendance.</p> <p>I am proud to formally welcome our new Australian citizens and I welcome them all to be part of the Tennant Creek and Barkly community.</p>
16 May 2018	I was pleased to see the first of a number of CCTV Cameras being installed in Tennant Creek.
17 May 2018	<p>Met with Scott McConnell MLA: Member for Stuart.</p> <p>Scott and I used the opportunity to share information about some of the issues being faced across Central Australia and the Barkly region particularly in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - urban & remote public housing; - tourism; - law enforcement in remote communities; - liquor restrictions; and - point of sale interventions. <p>We had a constructive about ways to improve government service delivery in our regions.</p>
17 May 2018	Attended Purkiss Reserve to check out the new NO MORE sign with Tony Civitarese (T&J), Sharen Lake (CatholicCare NT) and Wayne Green (AFL Barkly) and to support the NO MORE Campaign.
17 May 2018	The CEO and I met with Dr Denise Riordan Mental Health

	Services - NT Government.
18 May 2018	<p>Councillor Kris Civitarese and I travelled to Wonarah then down to McConnell Dowell's Camp 3 adjacent to Jemena's Northern Gas Pipeline.</p> <p>The purpose of the visit was to attend, along with representatives from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, NT Government, Jemena and McConnell Dowell, a presentation delivered by Mr Allen Punch, Chairman of the Arruwurra Aboriginal Corporation.</p> <p>Arruwurra has a vision to increase full-time employment and cultural awareness for Aboriginal people by establishing a training facility for 24 people, including kitchen, training rooms etc at Wonarah.</p> <p>Given the number of mining projects scheduled to come on line over the next few years, civil works and agricultural opportunities, the timing is right to maximise training and employment opportunities for locals.</p> <p>I was impressed with the presentation and proposal and encourage the NT and Commonwealth Governments to support the project.</p> <p>It's fantastic to see the vision and motivation displayed by Arruwurra.</p>
22 May 2018	I attended a reception to recognise and celebrate Volunteers in the Territory at the Star of Alice Function Centre in Alice Springs – thank-you to Minister Wakefield for the invite.
23 May 2018	<p>I attended a forum to listen to the NT Government's Reform Management Office deliver a presentation about supporting children, young people and families experiencing vulnerability.</p> <p>The government is focused on delivering generational change for children and families.</p> <p>Feedback provided by key stakeholders indicated that generational change will only come from a comprehensive, collaborative and coordinated approach combined with the development, investment and delivery of a strategic public and social housing plan for Tennant Creek and the Barkly region.</p>
23 May 2018	The CEO and I met with and received a verbal briefing from Ms Gina Wilson about the Gas Pipeline project.
23 May 2018	<p>The CEO and I attended the Barkly Region Accommodation Action Group (BRAAG) meeting held in the Julalikari conference room.</p> <p>It was great to have around 20 people from the government and non-government sector working together to discuss housing priorities for Tennant Creek and the Barkly region.</p> <p>Some of the issues discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building a new boarding school to free up the hostel for use as visitor accommodation; - the need for new housing; - transitional housing; - crisis accommodation;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tenancy support programs; and - building a new BRADAAG treatment and rehabilitation facility to help free up 21 dwellings to use for public housing. <p>A good meeting with many ideas and practical solutions for consideration.</p>
24 May 2018	The CEO and I met with Ms Bridgett Bellenger and Rebecca Moore to discuss government's Local Decision Making framework and opportunities for the Barkly region.
24 May 2018	<p>The CEO and I attended a Graduation Ceremony for the Gas Operator Training Program delivered by Jemena.</p> <p>It was good to have all Patta Ward Councillors present, Hal Ruger, Sid Vashist, Jeffrey Mc Laughlin, Kris Civitarese and Ronald Plummer.</p>

BACKGROUND**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT****BUDGET IMPLICATION****ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES****CONSULTATION & TIMING****ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [Minister Fyles letter and response.pdf](#)



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Mayor Steve Edgington
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TENNANT CREEK NT

Dear Mayor Edgington

Mayor

I write to update you on the alcohol management activities in Tennant Creek. Reducing alcohol-related harm is a key priority of the Northern Territory Government, and I welcome the opportunity to strengthen our partnership with local government and community members.

I am pleased to report that the Department of Health is continuing to provide secretariat support to the Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group, and the Chair, Ms Karan Hayward, has begun expanding membership to encourage more community organisations to attend, with a specific invitation extended to the Council of Elders. At the most recent meeting of the Group on 16 April 2018, the Group began the process of reviewing the existing Alcohol Management Plan, to determine which strategies and ideas are still relevant and to document additional ones. Their initial discussions have focused on increasing school attendance, other youth engagement programs and better responses to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. There has already been some uptake of ideas from the Plan in other governance settings, such as the Community Safety Action Committee.

The historical structure of an Alcohol Management Plan into demand, supply and harm reduction strategies is also designed to let clear areas for action to be outlined. The Plan is however, a voluntary activity and has no ability to enforce action of any agency, particularly in the area of supply management. This was recognised by the *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Report*, which has recommended that attention be given to separate processes to regulate for Liquor Accords and develop Liquor Supply Plans, as the Liquor Commission begins its work and as the *Liquor Act* is rewritten.

The Northern Territory Government recently released the *Northern Territory Alcohol Harm Minimisation Action Plan 2018-19* (Action Plan). The Action Plan contains tangible actions that the Northern Territory Government is committed to in the immediate, medium and long term to ensure the NT minimises harms related to alcohol. A key priority in this plan is for engagement and planning processes in communities to be reinvigorated and aligned with Local Decision-Making approaches. Progress reports against the Action Plan will be published six monthly, with the first of these due in August 2018.

I would like to commend your leadership in your local community, and look forward to continuing to work constructively with you to create safe and healthy communities.

Yours sincerely

Natasha

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08 MAY 2018





21 May 2018

Hon Natasha Fyles MLA
Minister for Health
Northern Territory Government

Dear Minister,

Thank-you for your letter dated 8 May 2018 updating our Council on the alcohol management activities in Tennant Creek.

It is clear, from feedback received in Tennant Creek and during public consultations with Mr Trevor Riley last year that you have done very little to ensure the Alcohol Reference Group has been supported and that the Tennant Creek Alcohol Management Plan & Action Plan 2014-2017 was fully implemented.

Schedule 2 of the Administrative Arrangements Order makes it clear that you, as the Minister for Health are responsible for Alcohol Management Plans and I note in October 2017, the Riley Report recommended at 2.12.7 that your government reinvigorate the Alcohol Management Plan process.

I note your government has recently released the Northern Territory Alcohol Harm Minimisation Action Plan 2018-2019 in response to the Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report (the Riley Report). Our Council agrees that a Comprehensive, Collaborative & Coordinated approach is required to implement the plan and we look forward to working closely with your government to ensure successful implementation.

You also advise that secretariat support is being provided to the Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group and that the Tennant Creek Alcohol Management Plan is now being reviewed without all key stakeholders at the table.

It is very concerning that you have chosen to appoint a Principal Alcohol Action Officer for the Barkly but based the position in Alice Springs. I am also concerned that you have chosen not to use an open and transparent process to call for expressions of interest from a diverse cross section of stakeholders in Tennant Creek to form a reinvigorated Alcohol Reference Group.

Can you please advise why you have chosen to base the position of Principal Alcohol Action Officer for the Barkly region in Alice Springs rather than Tennant Creek and whether you intend to implement and oversee an open and transparent process to ensure a diverse cross section of stakeholders in Tennant Creek, including the

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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Barkly Regional Council are given an opportunity to become part of the Alcohol Reference Group.

Our Council supports "local jobs for local people" and is committed to working with you to prevent and minimise harms associated with alcohol misuse.

Yours sincerely

Mayor Steven Edgington

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MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	Draft 2018-2019 Barkly Regional Council Budget
REFERENCE	246320
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- (a) **Adopt the Draft 2018-2019 Barkly Regional Council Budget for inclusion in the Draft 2018-19 Regional Council Plan for public exhibition and comment in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.**

SUMMARY:

The Draft 2018/19 Regional Council Plan incorporating the Draft 2018-2019 Barkly Regional Council Budget is required to be advertised for public inspection with comments invited for at least a period of 21 days. Council is then required to consider the submissions and make any revision to the Regional Council Plan as appropriate before finalising the plan.

Section 127 of the *Local Government Act* states that:

Annual budgets

- (1) A council must prepare a budget for each financial year.
- (2) The budget for a particular financial year must:
 - (a) outline:
 - (i) the council's objectives for the relevant financial year; and
 - (ii) the measures the council proposes to take, during the financial year, towards achieving those objectives; and
 - (iii) the indicators the council intends to use as a means of assessing its efficiency in achieving its objectives; and
 - (b) contain estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year (differentiating between operating and capital expenditure); and
 - (c) state the amount to be allocated to the development and maintenance of each class of infrastructure for the financial year; and
 - (d) state the amount the council proposes to raise by way of rates, and set out the rates structure, for the financial year; and
 - (e) contain an assessment of the social and economic effects of its rating policies; and
 - (f) state the allowances for members of the council for the financial year and the amount budgeted to cover payment of those allowances; and
 - (g) contain any other information required by any guidelines that the Minister may make.
- (3) Subject to the regulations, a council must not budget for a deficit.

BACKGROUND

1. Executive Summary

The budget has been developed, with a 1.1% general rates increase and a 1.1% increase in the fixed garbage charge.

Council is projecting an operating deficit of \$1.593 million and total comprehensive income of \$2.058 million after budgeting for \$3.651 million in direct grant funding for capital additions. Council operations are projected to be cash-flow positive with a \$1.748 million contribution to cash reserves. With a net cash contribution of \$3.373 million to investment in capital programs, Council's overall cash reserves are budgeted to reduce by \$1.625 million during the budget year.

It is proposed that \$7.024 million be expended to renew, upgrade or replace aging plant, Information Technology equipment and infrastructure and buildings. Grant funding totalling \$3.651 million is to be sourced for two major projects during the year. Should Council be unsuccessful in obtaining the requisite funding these projects will be unable to proceed. Council has been operating in an environment with a deteriorating asset base for many years, impacting on the ability to provide key services.

2. Budget Assumptions and Methodologies

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 February 2018 the Council endorsed the Budget Policy CP000002, which established the operational framework and process for preparation of the 2018/19 Regional Council Plan.

The 2018-19 budget was developed using the following steps:

2.1. Establishment of Council service objectives and acceptable service levels in accordance with Councils Regional Planning framework

2.2. Finalisation of organisation structure and calculation of total salaries and wages expenditure

Council's organisation structure was reviewed and confirmed with the Executive, Area Managers and other Budget Holders based on required service levels for the 2018-19 financial year.

Both long service leave and annual leave accruals have been included to ensure full costing of services.

Salaries and wages are budgeted at full employment at 46 weeks work and the accrual of 6 weeks annual leave. This does require vacancies for leave to be covered using current staffing levels.

An initial 5 percent salary and wage increase at 1 July 2018, and a further rise of 1.1 percent at 1 November 2018 is included in the budget, consistent with the 2019 draft Enterprise Bargaining Agreement ("EBA"). The EBA is currently subject to negotiation and endorsement.

2.3. Determination of grant funds

With a large number of funding arrangements due for renegotiation, the majority of ongoing funding has been budgeted at current levels with a 1.1 percent increase for CPI, unless information has been received to the contrary.

2.4. Calculation of service costs and allocation of costs through established cost drivers

Compared to previous years indirect costs (not overheads or administration) will be calculated and allocated to their relevant programs utilising a more robust system of direct allocation and internal charging to establish a baseline for the true cost of Council service provision. The table following details information as to how the costs have been allocated.

Internal Cost Item	Calculation of Cost	Cost Driver for allocation	Weakness
Staff Housing	Utilities, maintenance, rent, depreciation, offsetting staff contributions	Direct allocation of costs to staff actually in staff housing.	Depreciation estimate only. Allocated across all salaries and wages irrelevant of whether staff are actually in staff housing.
Technology	Phone, internet, IT salaries and wages, councilbiz etc, depreciation. Total cost of IT department.	Direct allocation of costs.	Assumptions on who has/should have PC/laptop. Many positions may have a phone only and are allocated no cost.
Motor vehicle	Running costs including fuel, depreciation, mechanics workshop	Direct allocation of costs on an identified vehicle basis. Internal allocation to cost centres on a cost recovery basis.	Communication of change of use of vehicles. Administratively intensive process.
Plant	Running costs including fuel, depreciation, mechanics workshop	Direct allocation of costs on an identified vehicle basis. Internal allocation to cost centres on a cost recovery basis.	Communication of plant utilisation. Administratively intensive process.
Building	Utilities, maintenance, rent, depreciation, waste levy	Direct allocation of costs on an identified building basis. Internal allocation to	Administratively intensive process.

Internal Cost Item	Calculation of Cost	Cost Driver for allocation	Weakness
		cost centres on a cost recovery basis.	
Training	Total cost of learning and development department	Salaries and wages	

Internal Cost Item	Calculation of Cost	Cost Driver for allocation	Weakness
Grant Admin Fee	Set percentage as per grant agreement, or 15% when not stipulated.	Grant income	Inconsistent across grant agreements.

2.5. Calculation of remaining costs.

Overhead areas costs were calculated by providing costs for committed contracts and then determining remaining minor expenditure items based on the current 2017/18 spend together with implementation of cost savings initiatives across Council operations.

Grant funded program costs were based on remaining grant funds as well as minimum operating and service provision levels.

2.6. Establishment of a Capital Projects Budget and sources of funding for the Capital Budget

2.7. Determination of a Baseline rates and charges levy.

2.8. Drafting of the Budget so as to comply with the Local Government Act

3. Analysis of Budgeted Financial Statements

This analysis provides information from a whole of council perspective.

3.1. Budgeted Statement of Comprehensive Income

3.1.1. Rates

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
3,416	3,522	3,518	3,558

The budget has been calculated based upon a general rate increase of 1.1%, consistent with the Annualised CPI for the City of Darwin to 31 March 2018. Under the pending enterprise bargaining agreement a payroll increase of 1.1% is forecast for 2019. With salaries and wages comprising approximately 60% of total operating expenditure, this is the minimum rate increase that Council can apply. With such a low rate base analysis suggests that this increase does not place a significant financial burden on ratepayers.

The budget has also applied a 1.1% increase on its fixed garbage charge. Council is currently under pressure to improve its landfill sites, however does not have the ability to pay for such improvements without significant funding inputs from higher levels of government.

3.1.2. User Charges

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1,317	2,481	1,062	1,168

The increase in user charges results from budgeting for a 100% recovery of services fees from community care participants for the 2018-19 financial year. The original budget incorporated income from NDIS services into income from User Charges. As this revenue flows from a contractual obligation to NDIA and participants it has been reclassified as Contract Services/Reimbursement income for the purposes of the 2018 forecast and the 2019 budget.

3.1.3. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
17,974	16,889	16,039	16,492

The following grants have been included in determining the 2018-19 budget.

Grant Item	Amount \$
Australia Day Council	3,000
Local Authority Allocations	460,880
Indigenous Environ Health	100,000
Remote Animal Management	200,000
General Purpose Funding	1,827,867
NTJP Operating Grant	4,067,245
Local Roads Funding	389,574
Roads to Recovery	533,650
Night Patrol	2,418,991
Indigenous Sport & Rec	719,628
Active Remote Communities	204,000
Public Library Funding	186,022
Youth Centre	350,000
NTJP Aged Care	752,992
Home Care Package	763,305
School Holiday	45,455
Cwmlth Home Support Program	524,525
Safehouse	373,305
OSHC	510,908
CAYLUS	120,000
Indigenous Jobs Dvpt	968,000
MES and HMP	972,170

3.1.4. Contract Services/Reimbursements

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1,440	123	1,550	1,835

As discussed previously, the original 2018 budget did not incorporate income from NDIS services into income from User Charges. Budget expectation is for a 50% increase in NDIS income in the next financial year as Council is becomes more established in this sector and is geared to provide more core services under participants Individual Care Contracts. Council provides additional contract services regionally in relation to Australia Post, Centrelink, Essential Services, and Airstrips Maintenance contracts. Council was not reappointed to the Patterson Street road cleaning contract reducing contract income by around \$300,000 for the budget year.

3.1.5. Employee Costs

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
13,289	14,030	13,098	14,894

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	191.12	172.01	190.3

A 5% salary and wage increase has been included consistent with Council's draft Enterprise Bargaining Agreement plus a 1.1% CPI increase. In dollar terms this represents a \$842 thousand increase in Council's wages expenditure over the 2018 forecast. Budget projections assume that 100% of approved positions are filled. With an average vacancy rate of around 10% during 2018, cost savings totalling \$870 thousand (\$1.403 million saving less additional overtime costs of \$533 thousand to supplement unfilled positions). This represents 95.3% of the variance between forecast wages for 2018 and wages expenses as budgeted for the 2018-19 year.

Salaries and wages are only included at 46 weeks and accrue 6 weeks annual leave. This does require leave to be covered using current staffing levels. In non grant funded activities this creates a true saving however within grant funded activities this usually leads to unexpended grants only, which eventually need to be expended or paid back.

3.1.6. Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
8,736	7,436	7,604	6,918

Materials, contracts and other expenses were determined by

- estimating costs on current committed contracts,
- 2018/19 forecasted spend of major expense items including fuel and utilities
- estimating spending on grant funded operations based upon historical data and contractual commitments in regard to required service levels.

3.1.7. Depreciation

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
3,003	2,950	2,707	3,037

3.1.8. Operating Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual	Original Budget	Forecast	Budget
2017	2018	2018	2019
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
(178)	(1,321)	(1,013)	(1,593)

The budget is anticipating an operating deficit of \$1.593 million, a \$272 thousand worse position over the previous budget year. Council has been unable to recoup the full cost of necessary wages and salaries increases to ratepayers. Moving forward with the cessation of legacy contracts, eg.. Civica and as Council moves towards a position of maintaining capital assets at an adequate level, a level of sustainable operational cost neutrality can be achieved, whereby 100% of depreciation can be funded and a balanced budget presented.

3.2. Budgeted Cash Flow Statement**3.2.1. Cash Balance and Movement**

The budget anticipates a decrease in Council's cash position of \$1.625 million. This is as a result of the allocation of funding to additional asset renewals and replacement, as council continues to struggle with old plant, vehicles, IT and buildings.

3.2.2. Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets.

The following allowances have been included within the budget for capital replacement

Capital Item	Amount	Grant Funded
Council Contribution to Local Authority Projects	\$86,000	No
IT Replacement	\$100,000	No
Motor vehicle Replacement	\$432,000	No
Plant Replacement	\$201,500	No
Council Buildings	\$847,000	No
Footpaths	\$100,000	No
Major Infrastructure	\$4,564,000	Yes
Emergent Capital	\$233,500	No

4. Analysis of Budget by Program

4.1. Core Council Business

Area	Expenditure (after adjustment for internal charges)	Percentage of Total Expenditure
Corporate Overheads	\$2,252,920	16%
Community Services	\$1,570,935	11%
Area Management and Operations	\$2,261,462	17%
Municipal Services	\$4,655,070	34%
Depreciation	\$3,037,000	22%
TOTAL	\$13,777,387	100%

Area	Core Funding	Percentage of Total Core Funding
Financial Assistance Grants	\$6,026,092	54%
General Rates and Kerbside Collection	\$3,627,701	33%
Roads Funding	\$923,000	8%
Animal Management Funding	\$300,000	3%
Library Services	\$188,000	2%
TOTAL	\$11,064,793	100%

4.1.1. Council and Local Authorities

Expenditure (after adjustment for internal charges)	Percentage of Total Expenditure
\$746,558	3.2%

Council has budgeted to maintain its commitment to community engagement and participation at a Council and Local Authority level. Full participation at monthly Council and Local Authority meetings at the maximum rates allowable under the applicable legislation are provided for.

4.2. Grant Funded Activities - Community Services

Grant funded operations have been budgeted for on the basis of the provision of the maximum level of service within the constraints of funding levels available, ensuring

that non-core activities are fully revenue neutral and do not represent a financial burden to Council's Core functions.

4.2.1. Community Care

Income	Expenses	Internal Charges	Total Expenses & Internal Charges	Surplus/(Deficit)
\$3,774,983	\$3,013,654	\$761,329	\$3,774,983	-

Council will levy an administrative overheads charge of 20 percent on non-wage based grant funding to the Community Care Program in 2018-2019 on advice from Aged Care Consultants engaged during the 2017-2018 year. This represents a revenue contribution of around \$600 thousand to Council general operating revenues for the year. Community Care is an area in which Council can create significant levels of untied general funds from a grant-funded environment

Provision has been made to employ an Accountant/Senior Finance Officer within this program to facilitate more efficient and effective administrative processes in a legislatively complex area of Council's operations.

4.2.2. Safe House

Income	Expenses	Internal Charges	Total Expenses & Internal Charges	Surplus/(Deficit)
\$373,305	\$308,768	\$64,537	\$373,305	-

4.2.3. Youth Services

Income	Expenses	Internal Charges	Total Expenses & Internal Charges	Surplus/(Deficit)
\$1,949,991	\$1,782,429	\$167,562	\$1,949,995	-

4.2.4. Night Patrol

Income	Expenses	Internal Charges	Total Expenses & Internal Charges	Surplus/(Deficit)
\$2,418,991	\$2,216,839	\$202,152	\$2,418,991	-

4.3 Additional Information

An analysis of expenditure by Local Authority Area will be provided as an additional supplementary paper to this report.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

This is the analysis of the Draft 2018-2019 Barkly Regional Council Budget.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Options

The Council may direct the staff to make changes to the Regional Council Plan as required. The Council must adopt the Regional Council Plan and budget on or before 31 July 2017 in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. If the Council is not satisfied with the contents of the Regional Council Plan and budget, it can seek an extension to this time with the Minister for Local Government.

Relevant Legislation

Section 24 of the *Local Government Act* deals with the annual review of the Regional Council Plan. Revisions must be adopted between 1 April and 31 July each year and a copy forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Community Services.

Section 128 of the *Local Government Act* states that the Council must adopt a budget on or before 31 July of each financial year.

CONSULTATION & TIMING

The Draft Barkly Regional Council Regional Plan & Budget 2018-19 will be made accessible on the Council's website and available at Council's offices on Friday, 1 June 2018 and will be open for public consultation for a period of 21 days. The availability of the document for public consultation will be advertised in the Tennant Creek Times Friday 1 June 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Dob in a Dumper Logo Competition
REFERENCE	246056
AUTHOR	Ktima Heathcote, Public Relations and Events Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Congratulate the winners of the three categories, Community, Primary School and High School at a morning tea

SUMMARY:

The Dob in a Dumper Logo competition was launched in March 2018 to encourage community participation for a logo for Council's Dob in a Dumper campaign.

BACKGROUND

Council launched a competition in March 2018 to find a logo for its Dob in a Dumper campaign. Dozens of entries were received from the Tennant Creek Primary School, Tennant Creek High School, the community, Alpurrurulam Primary School and Mungkarta School. Winners were selected in April with two of the winning entries combined into one logo by local designer Michael Campbell.

Winner of the Community Prize is Jasper Barber, High School Prize is Andrew Peckham and the Primary School Prize goes to Mungkarta School as a whole.

Winners have been notified with certificates and prize money to be handed out by the Mayor at a special ceremony during morning tea. The final logo is attached.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil


ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Chief Executive Officer Update - May 2018
REFERENCE	246086
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and not the report

SUMMARY:

It's been another busy month for Council Staff, the priority has been to complete the draft Regional Plan and budget for the 2018-2019 financial year. These documents are included in the council agenda for council's consideration. Once approved the document will be put out for public consultation prior to being approved at the June Council meeting. My thanks to all those staff that contributed to gathering the information and completing reports for the publication.

During the month we received several large grants from NTG including \$5m for the Purkiss Reserve upgrade, \$200,000 for animal management and \$100,000 for the Tourism Masterplan. All projects are well underway with DIPL project managing the Purkiss Reserve upgrade and TRC being selected to complete the Tourism Masterplan. We are currently working how to best manage the animal management funding to ensure the best outcome for the region.

A staff member was injured at Elliott after receiving a needle stick incident when collecting rubbish from the Clinic, the incident is currently being investigated by the Department of Health and the EPA. If there is not a satisfactory outcome the matter will be referred to the Ombudsman for further investigation.

We held two workshops with Ignite Performance to improve teamwork within the Management team and our Tennant Creek Municipal team. Early indications are that both workshops were very successful and look to be leading to much more positive workplaces. I will give a further brief in the confidential section of the council meeting.

An Area Manager recall was also held during the month, our AM team does not get together very often and it was good to meet the team and discuss Council priorities and hear of the daily challenges faced in Communities. Their time in Tennant looks to be very successful and I will leave it to the Director of Operations to further brief Council.

The Department of Lands and Planning has continued design work for the new Hilda Street park. The Tennant Creek Local Authority has also committed funding to the project so we should end up with a great new public space in Tennant Creek. We have tapped into the design consultant that came to Tennant with the department and they are currently working up some concept designs for Eldorado Park, ANZAC Hill and the spare space at the pool.

Work continues on Staunton Street oval ground work and the cemetery fencing, both are near completing so the projects can move onto the next phase. We are expecting the oval to be completed in the near future, the cemetery work will take much longer and require input from the Friends of the Cemetery committee which has not met in recent times.

ANZAC day was a big day in Tennant, I would like to congratulate the RSL on holding some very successful events in Tennant Creek, The dawn service was particularly well attended

and it was pleasing to see many Council Staff and councillors in attendance. The High School and the Primary School both held events the day before and again, both were very well done and very well attended.

The 'No more Violence' community garden project is continuing to gain momentum, Council is working with the various stakeholders to assist with the installation of a community garden on Paterson street next to the primary school.

A year in Review

I have now been with Council for 12 months and it is interesting to look back on what has been achieved during this time, a list of key achievements are listed below for councils information.

- New council elected, sworn in and inducted.
- Local government elections delivered below budget
- Council events continue to be highly successful
- Annual report completed on time.
- Three out of five members of the Management team replaced
- Minor Corporate restructure implemented
- Council and Local Authorities now meeting monthly
- Majority of LA funding has been committed, including un-allocated amounts from previous years
- Reviewed the way we manage WH&S and implementation of a WHS committee
- Management reviews completed with new position descriptions and KPI's put in place.
- Financial review completed to identify tied and un-tied funds.
- Depreciation schedules updated
- Capital expenditure program put in place and executed
- Fleet replacement commenced
- Tenders released for Street Sweeper, Alpurrurulam R2R, 2x Backhoes, Elliott S&R Hall and Road Maintenance equipment.
- Funding received for Communications upgrade (tender exemption received), Purkiss upgrade, Animal management, Elliott oval, 2x aged care 4wd busses and numerous operational and minor grants.
- Infrastructure improvement at Aged Care facilities (\$265,000)
- NDIS identified as a key program for Council to deliver and grow
- Commitment to local employment and training improving, including the employment of two trainees and one apprentice
- Program put in place to upskill out IT team
- Fire alarm replacement almost complete
- A detailed budget and achievable Regional Plan prepared for the coming financial year.
- Numerous policies and procedures reviewed and updated.

This is just a snippet of what has been achieved during the year, many smaller projects have been continuing in the background. Council staff continue to work hard to deliver on Council's priorities and improve service delivery for residents and visitors to the Barkly.

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.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Human Resources Report
REFERENCE	246087
AUTHOR	Neil Jones, Human Resources Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

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

SUMMARY:

NT Anti – Discrimination Commission

The NT Anti – Discrimination Commission held three workshops in Alice Springs between 30th April and 2nd May 2018. The Human Resources Manager represented the Barkly Regional Council at the workshops. The three workshops were:

- **Challenging Unconscious Bias**
The workshop was divided into three parts.
 - Examining what unconscious bias is and where it comes from.
 - Exploring the impact of unconscious bias on other in the real world
 - Considering and discussing strategies that may help to reduce and manage unconscious bias and its consequences in the workplace and organisational cultural change.
- **The Contact Officer Role**
The workshop consisted of the role and function of a Contact Officer within an organisation. The aim was to assist to provide the skills, knowledge and resources to act as a first point of contact in dealing with complaints, provision of support and information to workers with a grievance.
- **Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying for Employees, Managers and Supervisors.**
The workshop was to assist Managers and other staff to improve their knowledge and skills in preventing discrimination, harassment and bullying in the workplace.

Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

The Human Resources Manager held an information session with the Area Managers regarding the delivery of the EBA to the employees throughout the organisation. It was discussed the importance of timeframes and the documentation of the process.

It is anticipated that the start of the bargaining procedure will be Monday 4th June 2018.

Procedure Review

Recruitment Process:

The timeframe for the recruitment process is eight weeks from the start (Contract Request submitted) to the finish (Letter of Offer signed). The Human Resources team is currently reviewing the process to identify areas where it can be streamlined and more productive to shorten the anticipated timeframe.

It also has been identified that there are some communication procedures that can be improved to assist in this process to produce a positive outcome in reducing the timeframe.

Recruitment (as of 22nd May 2018)

- Administration and Facilities Coordinator

Advertising is closed, now shortlisting candidates for interview.

- Animal Health Officer

Advertising is closed, now shortlisting candidates for interview.

- Human Resources Advisor

Advertising is closed, now shortlisting candidates for interview.

- Mechanic

Advertising Closed, re-notifying candidates

- Municipal Worker – Ali Curung
Closes 25/05/2018. Internal Advertising

- Records and Compliance Officer

Interviewing shortlisted candidates

- Regional Animal & Environmental Coordinator

Successful candidate chosen – completing Referee checks

- Youth Sport & Rec Team Leader – Elliott
Advertising is closed, now shortlisting candidates for interview.

- Youth Sport & Rec Team Leader – Ali Curung

Advertising is closed, now shortlisting candidates for interview.

- Safe House Worker

Closes 25/05/2018. Internal Advertising

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Territory Day 2018
REFERENCE	246205
AUTHOR	Ktima Heathcote, Public Relations and Events Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Barkly Regional Council is jointly hosting the 40th anniversary celebrations of Territory Day with Barkly Regional Arts. This is a summary of the background and what will be happening on Sunday, 1 July.

BACKGROUND

Council and Barkly Regional Arts are joint hosts for Territory Day which celebrates 40 years. It is a big occasion this year with both Council and Barkly Arts reporting to NT Major Events for the event, including a fireworks display by Howard & Sons, and the community pop-up banquet. Territory Day is being held at the Tennant Creek Showgrounds. Council will be assisting with the event through providing five staff to assist during the day, with the cost to be shared between Barkly Arts and Council. Vendor Registration Forms for the community pop-up banquet have been emailed and the PR & Events Manager will assist in bump in and bump out on the day. This is an important community initiative with an invite to the Mayor to give a speech and councillors and staff invited to attend.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Council is working with Barkly Regional Arts and NT Major Events on WH&S. There will be security and St John's Ambulance on site with the NTFRS and TC Police both informed. Howard & Sons, who organise and carry out the fireworks display, also do their own WH&S.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Half the cost of wages for five Depot staff, three staff requested to work for three hours and two staff for two hours. Wages for PR Manager on Sunday will be for 7.6 hours.

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Finance Report - 30 April 2018
REFERENCE	246008
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Finance Report for the ten months ended 30 April 2018.

SUMMARY:

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

18 Financial reports to council

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

BACKGROUND

For the year to 30 April 2018, Council operations are performing ahead of budget expectation. Expenditure year to date is \$447K less than budget, with cost savings in wages of \$1.088 million, from unfilled budgeted positions, depreciations savings of \$0.2 million, and an unbudgeted gain on disposal of motor vehicles of \$134 thousand.

Grant revenues are \$216 thousand less than budget with the cessation of the School Nutrition Program, \$623 thousand being the major contributor to this variance. Council has reported an actual net surplus of \$1.5 million which is \$694 thousand in excess of budget.

There are no major issues identified at a Balance Sheet level with Council reporting a current ratio of 7.49 as at 30 April 2018.

Council continues to maintain strong cash reserves with total cash holdings of \$11.48 Million at 30 April.

Collection rates for rates debtors improved over the month with a further \$306 thousand decrease in outstanding rates balances for April.

Six external debtors owe Council amounts totaling \$12,914 at 60 days past due.

Council has expended \$1,874,353 on capital additions (including \$895,639 of funded capital) to 30 April 2018. An itemized listing has been provided detailing the location, usage and budget utilized for each capital item. The remaining capital budget is now fully committed for the remainder of the year.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

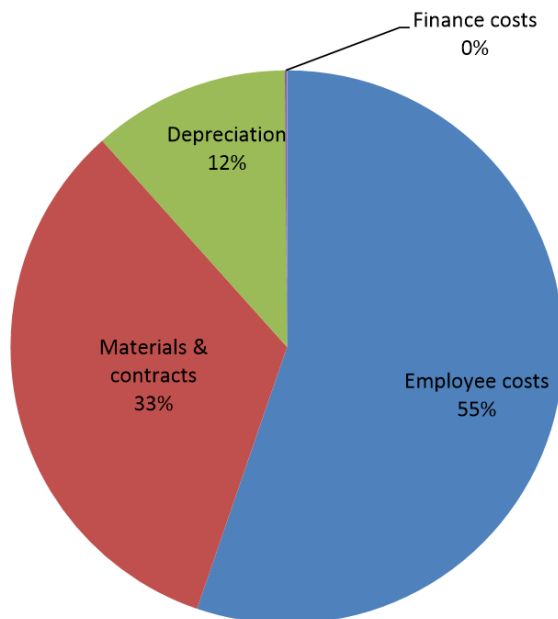
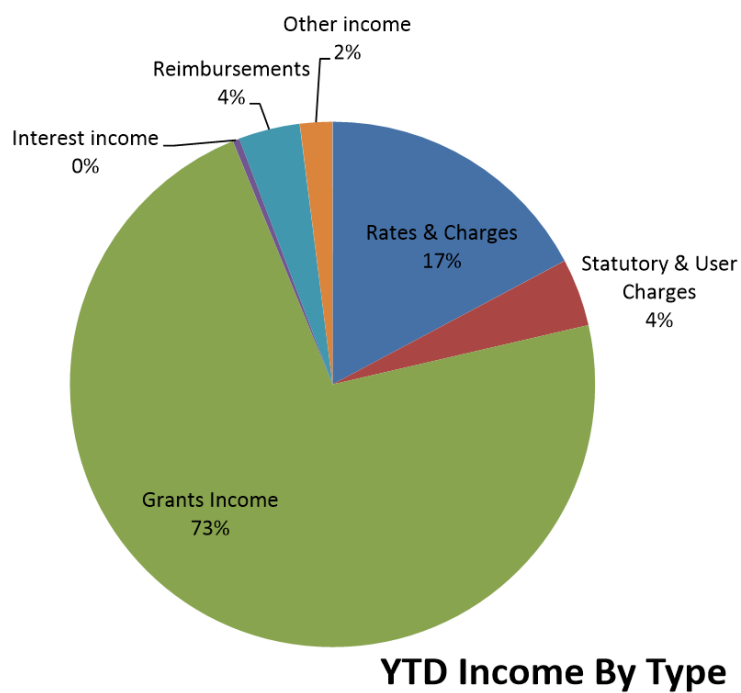
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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the ten months ended 30 April 2018

	ACTUAL 2018 \$'000	BUDGET 2018 \$'000	Variance		ANNUAL BUDGET \$'000
			\$'000	%-age	
INCOME					
Rates	3,607	3,522	85	2.41%	3,522
Statutory charges	12	3	9	300.00%	3
User charges	861	852	9	1.06%	1,843
Grants, subsidies and contributions	15,182	15,398	(216)	-1.40%	16,889
Investment income	87	8	79	987.50%	10
Reimbursements	793	631	162	25.67%	761
Other income	418	433	(15)	-3.46%	60
Total Income	20,960	20,847	113		23,088
EXPENSES					
Employee costs	10,828	11,905	(1,077)	-9.05%	13,730
Materials, contracts & other expenses	6,484	5,677	807	14.22%	7,736
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	2,256	2,458	(202)	-8.22%	2,950
Finance costs	25	-	25		-
Total Expenses	19,593	20,040	(447)		24,416
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,367	807	560		(1,328)
Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	134	-	134		-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,501	807	694		(1,328)
Transferred to Equity Statement					
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	1,501	807	694		(1,328)
Capital Expenditure					
- Grant Funded	895,639				566,322
- Council Budgeted Capital	978,714				1,285,000
	1,874,353				1,851,322



BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**
for the ten months ended 30 April 2018

Here list each individual change and the component of equity

		Accumulated Surplus	Asset Revaluation Reserve	TOTAL EQUITY
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2018	Notes			
Balance at end of previous reporting period		15,231	23,788	39,019
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		1,501		1,501
Other Comprehensive Income				
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>				
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-	-
Impairment (expense) / recoupment offset to asset revaluation reserve				-
Balance at end of period		16,732	23,788	40,520
2016				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		15,484	23,788	39,272
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(253)		(253)
Balance at end of period		15,231	23,788	39,019

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 April 2018

	ACTUAL 2018 \$'000	ACTUAL 2017 \$'000
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,476	10,166
Trade & other receivables	1,151	1,053
Inventories	68	42
Total Current Assets	12,695	11,261
Non-current Assets		
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	29,668	30,181
Other Non-current Assets	132	-
Total Non-Current Assets	29,800	30,181
Total Assets	42,495	41,442
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade & Other Payables	701	1,396
Provisions	995	748
Total Current Liabilities	1,696	2,144
Non-current Liabilities		
Provisions	279	279
Total Non-Current Liabilities	279	279
Total Liabilities	1,975	2,423
NET ASSETS	40,520	39,019
EQUITY		
Accumulated Surplus	16,732	15,231
Asset Revaluation Reserves	23,788	23,788
TOTAL EQUITY	40,520	39,019

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the ten months ended 30 April 2018

	Notes	Actual \$'000	Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
<u>Receipts</u>				
Rates - general & other		3,343	3,368	(25)
Fees & other charges		1,256	1,692	(436)
Investment receipts		51	8	43
Grants utilised for operating purposes		16,347	14,389	1,958
Other operating receipts		1,020	135	885
<u>Payments</u>				
Employee Costs		(10,627)	(11,091)	464
Contractual services & materials		(7,624)	(8,676)	1,052
Other operating payments		(677)	-	(677)
Finance payments		(25)	-	(25)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities		3,064	(175)	3,239
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
<u>Receipts</u>				
Sale of replaced assets		121	-	121
<u>Payments</u>				
Expenditure on new/upgraded assets		(1,875)	(1,388)	(487)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		(1,754)	(1,388)	(366)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		1,310	(1,563)	2,873
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		10,166	10,166	-
Net cash assets transferred on restructure		-	-	-
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period		11,476	8,603	2,873

CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL

CASH & EQUIVALENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand and at Bank	6,442
Short Term Deposits & Bills, etc	5,034
	<u>11,476</u>

Cash on Hand and at Bank

- ANZ Operating Account	4,433,333
- Westpac Operating Account	2,007,790
- Cash Floats	1,320
	<u>6,442,443</u>

Investments

- ANZ Term Deposit	2,000,000	Matures: 31-05-2018
- Westpac Term Deposit	3,033,515	Matures: 27-05-2018
	<u>5,033,515</u>	

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the ten months ended 30 April 2018

STATEMENT OF DEBTS OWED TO COUNCIL

RATES - GENERAL & OTHER		Not Yet Due			Overdue
		Instal Two	Instal Three	Instal Four	
		853,771			
April		853,771	-	452,359	401,412
					47.02%
March		1,159,544	-	744,414	415,130
					35.80%

TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		Current			
		30 Days Past Due	60 Days Past Due	90 Days Past Due	
		175,779			
April		175,779	156,314	1,905	4,662
			88.93%	1.08%	2.65%
					7.34%
March		136,453	79,808	14,455	5,350
			58.49%	10.59%	3.92%
					27.00%

SIGNIFICANT DEBTORS OVER 60 DAYS +

Debtor Number	Amount	Comment
00019	\$ 4,272.33	Numerous attempts to recover funds,
00213	\$ 4,521.24	Recoverable. Debt Agreement in place
00175	\$ 4,120.00	Recoverable. Debt Agreement in place
	\$ 12,913.57	

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE REPORT TO COUNCIL
for the ten months ended 30 April 2018

STATEMENT OF DETAILED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Asset	Cost	Commitments	Location	Program	Funding Source
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Manual	43,472.61		Tennant Creek	Pool Vehicle	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Hyundai Tucson Active Petrol Auto	24,986.40		Tennant Creek	Pool Vehicle	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Automatic	45,573.09		Tennant Creek	Mayor	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Automatic	43,500.50		Tennant Creek	CEO	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
CAT Compactor	10,331.82		Tennant Creek	Dump	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Canon - IRADVC 5560 i Photocopier	7,727.00		Tennant Creek	Area Manager	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Canon - IRADVC 3520 i Photocopier	5,384.00		Elliott	Area Manager	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Manual	41,968.30		Elliott	Area Manager	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Manual	41,968.30		Ali Curung	Area Manager	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Manual	41,968.30		Amplatwatja	Area Manager	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Manual	41,968.30		Alpururulam	Area Manager	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Dual Cab 3.2Lt Manual	45,625.73		Tennant Creek	Pool Vehicle	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Ranger XL 4WD Super Cab 3.2Lt Manual	43,375.65		Tennant Creek	Animal Management	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Supply & Instal Airconditioners	12,056.60		Amplatwatja	Aged Care	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Vandalproff Light Installation - Davidson	7,680.00		Tennant Creek	Parks & Gardens	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
JCB S&D 3CX Elite T4 Backhoe	170,000.00		Ali Curung	Municipal Services	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
JCB S&D 3CX Elite T4 Backhoe	170,000.00		Alpururulam	Municipal Services	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Kubota F3690SN Outfront Mower	29,081.82		Ali Curung	Municipal Services	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Hino 617 Long Crew Truck	58,271.80		Amplatwatja	Municipal Services	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Oven Replacement	8,189.00		Ariparra	Aged Care	Catering Revenues: CDP Lunch Preparation
Supply & Instal Security Screens	8,266.36		Tennant Creek	Staff Housing	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
Supply & Instal Security Screens	18,509.09		Amplatwatja	Aged Care	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
MF445.4C 80hp cab tractor	58,809.09		Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	Council 2017-2018 Capital Expenditure Budget
AUSROAD HD TRUCK	169,850.00		Tennant Creek	Municipal Services	2016/2017 Infrastructure Grant
Kitchen Renovations - Safe House	18,181.82		Ali- Curung	Community Care	Dept. of Health - Alcohol Actions Initiative
Kubota Tractor	49,640.00		Ali Curung	Municipal Services	Ali-Curung Local Authority Funding
1,200 Lt fire fighting trailer	14,080.00		Ali Curung	Municipal Services	Ali-Curung Local Authority Funding
Town Clock (50% Deposit)	18,180.00		Tennant Creek	Parks & Gardens	Tennant Creek Local Authority Funding
Childrens Playground (50% Deposit)	32,025.37		Elliott	Community Care	Dept. of Health - Alcohol Actions Initiative
Childrens Playground (50% Deposit)	19,221.00		Ali- Curung	Community Care	Dept. of Health - Alcohol Actions Initiative
Mens Shed	38,818.18		Elliott	Community Care	Dept. of Health - Alcohol Actions Initiative
Irrultja Elevated Watertank	68,827.27		Amplatwatja	HMS/MES	Special Purpose Grant
Aluminium tiered seats Lot 90 Main St	7,350.00		Epenarra	Parks & Gardens	Epenarra Local Authority Funding
4 metre 4 Tier Stands with Backrests (8)	24,184.00		Epenarra	Parks & Gardens	Epenarra Local Authority Funding
Fire Services Upgrade	169,820.00		Tennant Creek	Council Buildings	Special Purpose Grant
Elliott Sports Oval	7,600.00		Elliott	Sport & Rec	Special Purpose Grant
Watertank	24,045.45		Amplatwatja	HMS/MES	Special Purpose Grant
2018 Ranger 4x4 PU XL double 3.2L diesel	44,194.11		Tennant Creek	Animal Management	Special Purpose Grant
Toyota Hiace Bus LWB + Wheel Chair Lift & Step	119,107.11		Alpururulam	Community Care	Special Purpose Grant
Shiny Shed Upgrade	70,514.69		Alpururulam	Sport & Rec	Alpururulam Local Authority Funding
	1,874,352.76				

INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Infrastructure Directorate Report for April/May 2018
REFERENCE	246214
AUTHOR	Elai Semisi, Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

- a) **That Council** receive and note the report of activities within the Infrastructure Directorate.

SUMMARY:

This report addresses significant activities within Infrastructure between Apr and May 2018 to date.

BACKGROUND

Current projects update

1. Karguru Oval development works – Staunton St, Tennant Creek:
 - Top soil spread and oval levelled to planned reduced levels (RL's) - completed
 - Oval reticulation under construction by Lavery Plumbing - 12-14day task
 - Seeding to follow – basic oval without fencing and lighting - expected date of completion circa mid-June 2018
2. TC Cemetery extension
 - Perimeter fencing previously reported as completed is not completed due to misunderstanding by builder – a lineal length of 107m of fencing in total scheduled for completion end of May.
3. Fire Alarm Upgrade by Ronin Security – Peko Rd Council Buildings including library, civic hall and administration offices.
 - Project is 95% complete – upgrade of switchboards at civic hall completed at time of writing; Council premises at 41 Peko Rd scheduled for completion by the time of 31st May OCM
 - NT FAST hook-up and commissioning contingent on electrical upgrade
4. Elliott:
 - Construction projects for sports & recreation, men's shed – completed by GK as per tender
 - Ecoloo foundation completed by GK – awaiting transportation of Ecoloo to site ex-TC – scheduled for early to mid June

Tenders

Published Tenders:

- Roads to Recovery projects for Alpururulam – closes 1st June 2018

Tenders in progress:

- NDRRA (national disaster relief and recovery arrangements) funding application for the sum of \$500,000 submitted to Treasury for Indaringinya Road re-construction in Utopia.
- Elliott football oval – funding received – Design & Construct tender in progress at time of writing – expected date of publishing on TenderLink 25th May 2018

Tender bids:

- DIPL tender (select) for airstrip maintenance (T17 – 2706 - 36 months) to be re-advertised end of May 2018.

MUNICIPAL/FLEET

- Waste Management Landfills master plan – reports due end May 2018
- EoI for kerbside recyclables advertised – nil submissions
- CAT skid steer loader and milling head – arrived at TC Depot and awaiting registration
- JCB backhoe/FELs – arrived at TC Depot and awaiting registration
- Lead time for arrival of Rosmech Street Sweeper – earliest Aug/latest Oct 2018
- New TC Landfill Supervisor appointed – Mr Matthew Hicks

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

First draft of Asset Management Plan (AMP) and 5 year Infrastructure Plan completed – refer to agenda item

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

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ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT
NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION
NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Update on Activities Community Services Directorate
REFERENCE	245424
AUTHOR	Stephen Dawkins, Director Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

This report provides an update of activities across a number of program areas in the Community Services Directorate

BACKGROUND

NDIS

- We are now processing all our claims electronically and these are all now error free and payments are being processed promptly
- 2 new clients have been added making a total of 30 NDIS clients across the region
- We are working with allied health providers (OT and speech therapists) to facilitate visits to clients on communities
- The Director presented a paper on the experience of BRC as a NDIS provider in a remote region to a conference for NDIS providers in Perth. Western Australia is just commencing the NDIS journey and the experiences and lessons learnt from the Barkly were well received. All expenses were covered from the conference organizers.

Tennant Creek Swimming Pool

- Since late April we have been offering a weekend breakfast service. This has proved popular and increased income has resulted
- Pool hours have been adjusted to reflect a decrease in patronage due to the cooler weather. The early morning lap swims have been stopped and the kiosk is on reduced hours during the week.

Animal Management

- On May 3 we undertook a full day de sexing program at Ali Curung. We were able to de sex 15 dogs. A further visit will be arranged in the near future
- Staff have begun to issue caution and infringement notices. We always aim to give people a warning via a caution notice to allow them the opportunity to address the issue of concern but for any repeat issues we will not hesitate to issue infringement notices

Youthlinks

- With the \$350,000 per annum grant now confirmed Council is now working with Territory Families to develop and operation plan and key performance indicators.
- A draft budget developed with expenditure within the grant amount will allow the service to operate 4pm to 8pm Tuesdays to Saturdays. Territory Families have been made aware of this and have not yet made any response.

- Overwhelmingly the youth centre is in a good position at the moment with stable numbers, a positive reputation, sufficient staff, a functional indoor space, and a shared outdoor space.
- The recent Holiday/Youth Week Program successfully saw activities each day. The team should be congratulated for providing meals, opening the youth centre for drop-ins and delivering a peak activity each day. Also like to thank
 - A contractor brought on to support the team
 - Barkly Arts
 - Barkly AFL
 - Stuart and his team through the Language Institute
 - Juno and the team delivering 'Love Bites'
- Territory families continue to have two staff drop-in each for an hour or two assisting with supervision and engaging with children. There has been a small amount of feedback that some parents don't want their children at the youth centre because of territory family staff.
- Youth Patrol is proving to be an invaluable asset to the centre dropping of upwards of 30 children per night. For most YP is the transport of choice thus freeing up BRC staff. Now BRC staff consistently finish before 10pm and spend about 50-70% less time driving.
- An additional \$100,000 from territory families for youth in TC for the 18/19 financial year remains uncommitted. It is hoped that additional information regarding the bidding process will be released soon and that BRC will be well positioned to pursue it.

Night Patrol

- Our current funding agreement with Prime Minister and Cabinet finishes on 30 June 2018. Despite repeated requests there are no details of ongoing funding arrangements or the process for funding beyond 30 June.
- All communities continue to have staff vacancies and these are filled as soon as the recruitment process allows.
- Night Patrol will be submitting a nomination for the NT Training Awards which will be announced later this year. This application has been supported by Charles Darwin University, our major training provider.

Tennant Creek Library

Statistics

April 2018

April 2018	
Adults:	557
Children:	115
Internet use:	79
Total patronage:	672
Daily Average:	27
Item Circulation:	1281
New Items:	47
New Members:	27

- The library was approached by the Pool Manager to assist in the creation of a new look café menu which included the new weekend breakfast menu. The library has helped create a number of publications to this effect, including a trifold brochure of all menu items for customers to take, plus an A4 breakfast only menu to have at the counter, and a series of table numbers to use onsite.

- Working with Alba from Youth Services, the library hosted some Youth Week/School Holiday events from April 14-21. On the two inclusive Saturdays, craft sessions were run, DIY Glitter Globes and Scratchboard Photo Frames. During the weekdays we ran a kids movie every afternoon from 3pm for the kids to unwind after a day full of fun activities.
- The library was also approached by CAWLS to host a legal information talk, with their recent set up in Tennant Creek and to tie in with Law week (May 14-18). CAWLS have also organised for some of the other legal services in town to participate and together they held a “know you rights and services” session on Tuesday 15th May from 3pm – 4pm
- We have been advised that we will receive notification in June of a new 5 year funding agreement for our library services. This will replace the current 1 year agreement which has been rolled over year by year for the past 10 years. This is a welcome move and will give us some funding certainty.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATION

All programs are operating within grant financial parameters

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

N/A

CONSULTATION & TIMING

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

ITEM NUMBER	11.2
TITLE	Update on Youthlinks Funding
REFERENCE	246003
AUTHOR	Stephen Dawkins, Director Community Services

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

Council has requested some background information in relation to funding received for the Youthlinks program

BACKGROUND

Over the 2015 / 2016 Christmas holidays a “trial” was held providing a limited program at the Youthlinks facility. It is understood this “seed” funding of approximately \$40,000 was provided by the NT government and many “volunteers” were used.

Following this at some stage during the second half of 2016 Territory Families approved funding of \$242,000 per annum for 2 years ending 30 June 2018. By the time planning had been undertaken and staff hired, the program did not commence until December 2016. An amount of \$51,387 was carried forward at 1 July 2017, giving total funding of \$299,895 available for expenditure on the Youthlinks program in the 2017-2018 financial year. This time lag explains how we were able to run the program at the current levels and make the funds last until now. In addition it would be fair to say that true costs of running the program (namely internal costs) were not allocated in the 16/17 and 17/18 budgets.

During 2017 Territory Families approached Council and provided an amount of \$92,000 to provide 10 weeks of additional service during 10 weeks of school holidays. These were delivered during the July 2017, October 2017 and December / January 17 and 18 school holiday periods.

In February this year a meeting of all youth providers was held in Tennant Creek at which Territory Families “announced” that an amount would be provided to BRC as core funding for Youthlinks (we knew unofficially that this was to be \$350,000) and an additional amount (again unofficially of \$100,000) would be put out for competitive tender.

To date we have not been made aware of the process or criteria for this additional allocation but agencies around town have put the shutters up and are not attending meetings to look at cooperative ideas for this money. The exception has been Barkly Arts.

On March 29 we received official notification of the funding from Territory Families of \$350,000 per annum for 2 years. A draft budget was developed which, for this amount, would enable the service to operate 5 days per week from 4pm to 8pm each of the 5 days. This “reduced” service was communicated to Territory Families. As this report is being written we are working with TF to develop a project plan for the delivery of “core after-hours youth services in Tennant Creek”.

At 30 April 2018, Youthlinks monthly spending is on average \$26,000 per month. At this level of expenditure it is estimated that the program will be overspent by around \$6,000 for the year to 30 June 2018.

Based on financial calculations we estimate to provide the current level of service which includes an extended program over school holidays would cost around \$ 415,000 per annum. This is well short of the funding levels currently proposed.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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BUDGET IMPLICATION

The proposed funding for 18/19 and 19/20 of \$350,000 per year will only allow the centre to operate 5 nights per week 4pm to 8pm. Under this funding there will be no ability to provide extended hours during school holidays as had previously been done with the extra \$90,000 of funding..

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

CONSULTATION & TIMING

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Call for Elliott Local Authority Nominations
REFERENCE	244886
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive Resignation of Raymond Dixon from the Elliott Local Authority
- b) Call for Nominations for the Elliott Local Authority

SUMMARY:

Guide line

Regional Councils and Local Authorities

8. Nominations and appointment process

8.1 As soon as practicable after a vacancy arises, a regional council must call for nominations and allow 28 days for nomination to be received.

8.2 the call for nominations must be advertised and promoted in a manner that ensures that residents of the relevant area are aware of it.

8.3 Nominations are to be returnable to a named regional council employee working in the relevant town or community.

8.4 The list of nominations received and consideration regarding the filling of positions for which nominations have been received, must be an agenda item at the first ordinary regional council meeting after nominations have closed.

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  Raymond Dixon Resignation.pdf

To whom it may concern,

I have been fortunate enough to be employed with the Consolidated Pastoral Company at Newcastle Waters Station.

With this being I will be unable to fulfill my obligations on the Elliott Local Authority.

Please accept this as my formal resignation.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Dixon.



LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	12.2
TITLE	Local Authority reports for May 2018
REFERENCE	246018
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Ali Curung Local authority meeting minutes from meeting held 10.05.2018
- b) Receive and note the Ampilatwatja Local authority meeting minutes from meeting held 09.05.2018
- c) Receive and note the Arlparra Local authority meeting minutes from meeting held 09.05.2018
- d) Receive and note the Elliott Local authority meeting minutes from meeting held 03.05.2018
- e) Call for nominations for the Elliott Local Authority
- f) Receive and note the Tennant Creek Local authority meeting minutes from meeting held 08.05.2018
- g) Recommend to council the equipment that should be installed at the Hilda Street park with the pre- allocated LA funding of \$60,000
 - Water Bubbler
 - Shade above seating & BBQ (the size of the shelter will need to be revisited due to the easements that run through the property)
 - Bench seating along footpath
 - Exercise equipment along footpath
 - Signage for exercise equipment

SUMMARY:

Ali Curung –

No recommendations to Council

Ampilatwatja –

No Recommendation to Council

Arlparra –

No Recommendation to Council

Elliott –

Call for nominations for the Elliott Local Authority

Tennant Creek –

Recommend to council the equipment that should be installed at the Hilda Street park with the pre- allocated LA funding of \$60,000

- Water Bubbler
- 6x6 Shade above seating
- Bench seating along footpath
- Exercise equipment along footpath
- Signage for exercise equipment

Alpurrurulam

No Quorum

Wutunugurra

No Quorum

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [!\[\]\(e40bb48ad1470e3a14017c64c5673877_img.jpg\)](#) Ali Curung Unconfirmed minutes - 10.05.2018.pdf
- 2 [!\[\]\(de28875f44a359ca6d30bbb1d9f6cdbd_img.jpg\)](#) Minutes - Unconfirmed.pdf
- 3 [!\[\]\(2d84cfc19096ca16fe323c530253896b_img.jpg\)](#) Arlparra LA meeting - Unconfirmed Minutes 09.05.2018.pdf
- 4 [!\[\]\(6b933a0050dc38b6c79d63f70c853f8d_img.jpg\)](#) Elliott Unconfirmed Minuets - 03.05.2018.pdf
- 5 [!\[\]\(54cb7c61ff385eb40d6f6ccc42e89c3b_img.jpg\)](#) Tennant Creek LA - Unconfirmed Minutes - 08.05.2018.pdf



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MINUTES

ALI CURUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

The Ali Curung Local Authority was held in Ali Curung on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 10:00am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:38am with Noel Hayes as chair.

1. **OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Elected Members Present

Cr. Noel Hayes
Cr. Lucy Jackson
Derek Walker
Peter Corbett
Cysila Rose
Edith Hanlon

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Ian Skedgwell – Campbell Project Management
David Curtis Snr – DHCD – Local Govt NT
Ian Grieve – Arlpwe Art Center
Colleen Court – Ali Curung Clinic
Joe Cooper – Community Engagement, NT Police
Nadia Simpson – Aged Care Ali Curung
Graham Beasley – Art Center
Michael Liddle – Desert Knowledge Australia
Alston Nelson – BRC Municipal
Tim Hema – BRC Area Manager

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Jerry Rice – LA Member
Andrew Tsavris – LA Member
Sammy Ladd – LA Member
Mark Parsons BRC – Director of Operations
Katie Young BRC – Night Patrol

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ali Curung Local Authority Meeting held on the 8 March 2018 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Edith Hanlon
Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett **CARRIED UNAN.**
Resolved ACLA 15/18

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 ALI CURUNG ACTION ITEM LIST

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Note and remove all completed items from the list.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: LA Member Derek Walker

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 16/18

4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

4.1 ALI CURUNG AREA MANAGERS REPORT FOR MONTH APRIL 2018

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Derek Walker

Seconded: LA Member Cysila Rose

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 17/18

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

6. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

7. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

8. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

9. LATEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

9.1 ALI CURUNG MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Lucy Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Edith Hanlon

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 18/18

10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

Nil

12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

14. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 ALI CURUNG CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes

Seconded: LA Member Edith Hanlon

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 19/18

15.2 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Derek Walker

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ACLA 20/18

15.3 NEXT MEETING DATE**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the date of the next Ali Curung Local Authority meeting as the first Thursday of every month.

RESOLVED**Moved: Cr. Noel Hayes****Seconded: Cr. Lucy Jackson****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ACLA 21/18***16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS****16.1 DESERT KNOWLEDGE AUSTRALIA PRESENTATION****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the presentation

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett****Seconded: LA Member Edith Hanlon****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ACLA 22/18***16.2 POWER AND WATER PRESENTATION****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the presentation

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Edith Hanlon****Seconded: LA Member Derek Walker****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved ACLA 23/18***17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC***Nil***18. CLOSE OF MEETING**

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Noel Hayes
Chairperson

Tim Hema
Area Manager



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MINUTES

AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

The Ampilatwatja Local Authority was held in Ampilatwatja on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 10.00am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at (Fill in time)am with (Fill in Name) as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting held 11 April 2018 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 21/18

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Note that all completed items are removed from the action list

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Donald Simpson

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 22/18

4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

4.1 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes****Seconded: LA Member Leslie Morton****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 23/18***4.2 APRIL AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED**Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes****Seconded: LA Member Donald Simpson****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved 24/18***5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN***Nil***6. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL***Nil***7. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA***Nil***8. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED***Nil***9. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA***Nil***10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR***Nil***11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS***Nil***12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN***Nil***13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR***Nil***14. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA**

Nil

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 AMPILATWATJA APRIL FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Peter Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 25/18

15.2 NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm that the next Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting will be held on the 13th of June 2018

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Peter Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 26/18

16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

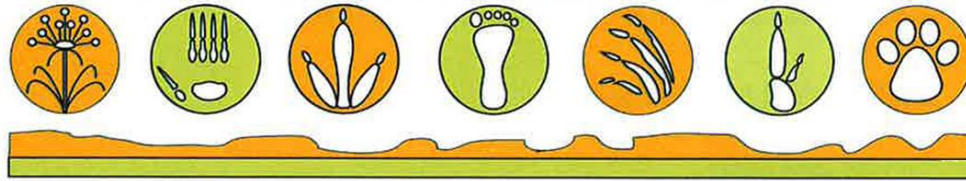
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Donald Simpson
Chairperson

Robert Smith
Area Manager

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MINUTES

ARLPARRA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

The Arlparra Local Authority was held in Arlparra on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 1.30pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 1:47pm am with Joycie Jones as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Cr. Jack Clubb
Joycie Jones
Dennis Kunoth
Mark Sheals
Susan Chalmers
Ruby Morton

1.2 Staff Members Present

Michael Gravener

1.3 Apologies

Esau Nelson
Susalina Nelson
Mark Parsons

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest – Councillors And Staff

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Arlparra Local Authority Meeting held 11 April 2018 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member M Sheals

Seconded: LA Member D Kunoth

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 18/18

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm that all completed items are removed from the action item list

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jack Clubb

Seconded: LA Member S Chalmers

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 19/18

4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

4.1 AREA MANAGER REPORT ARLPARRA APRIL 2018

MOTION

That the Authority accept this report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member M Sheals

Seconded: Chairperson Joycie Jones

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 20/18

4.2 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member D Kunoth

Seconded: LA Member M Sheals

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 21/18

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

6. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

7. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

8. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

9. LATEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

Nil

10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

11. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**
Nil
12. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**
Nil
13. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**
Nil
14. **BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA**
Nil
15. **OTHER BUSINESS**

15.1 NEXT MEETING DATE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm that the next Arlparra Local Authority meeting will be held on the 13th of June 2018.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member D Kunoith

Seconded: Cr. Jack Clubb

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 22/18

16. **VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

16.1 ARLPARRA VISITOR PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

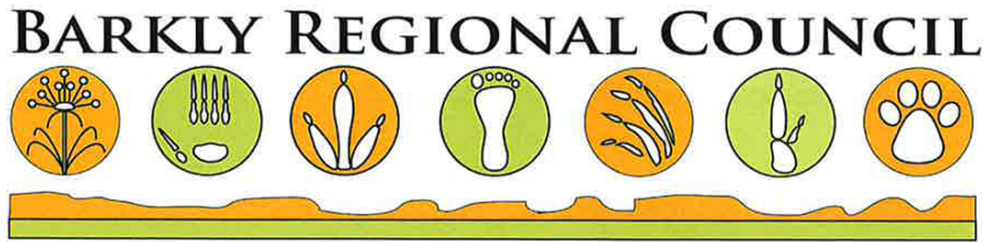
17. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting terminated at pm.

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Joycie Jones
Chair Person

Michael Gravener
Area Manager



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MINUTES

ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2018

The Elliott Local Authority was held in Elliott on Thursday, 3 May 2018 at 10:30am

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:32am with Chris Neade as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

Cr. Ray Aylett
Cr. Jane Evans
Bob Bagnall
Mona Rennie
Jody Nish
Christopher Neade

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Shelley McDonald
Manu Pillai
Brian Wollogosang
Brody Moore
Melissa Brenner

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Loureena Ulamari
Gordon Jackson
Mark Parsons

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

Elliott BP – Cr Jane Evans

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a)** Confirm the minutes of Local Authority meeting held on the 3 April 2018

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Jodie Nish

Seconded: LA Member M Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 26/18

3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Note all completed items to be removed

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Jodie Nish

Seconded: Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 27/18

4. AREA MANAGERS REPORT**4.1 ELLIOTT APRIL AREA MANAGER'S REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member M Mona Rennie

Seconded: LA Member J Jodie Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved

4.2 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member B Bob Bagnall

Seconded: Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 28/18

5. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

6. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

Nil

7. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

8. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

9. LASTEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

9.1 ELLIOTT MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Jodie Nish

Seconded: LA Member B Bob Bagnall

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved

10. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

11. ANY RELEVANT COMMUNITY PLAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OR LOCAL AUTHORITY

Nil

12. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

Nil

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

14. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

15. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 ELLIOTT CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Jodie Nish

Seconded: LA Member M Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 29/18

16.2 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting to be held on 7 June

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Jane Jane Evans

Seconded: LA Member M Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 30/18

16.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER RESIGNATION**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member B Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member J Jodie Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 31/18

16.4 CALL FOR ELLIOTT LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS**MOTION****That Council**

- a) Receive Resignation of Raymond Dixon from the Elliott Local Authority
- b) Call for Nominations for the Elliott Local Authority

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member B Bob Bagnall

Seconded: LA Member J Jodie Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 32/18

16.5 PRESENTATION FROM JULALIKARI**MOTION**

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Jodie Nish

Seconded: LA Member M Mona Rennie

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 33/18

17. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

17.1 ELLIOTT CLINIC PRESENTATION

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the presentation be Blossom Buckland

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ray Ray Aylett

Seconded: LA Member J Jodie Nish

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved ELA 34/18

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

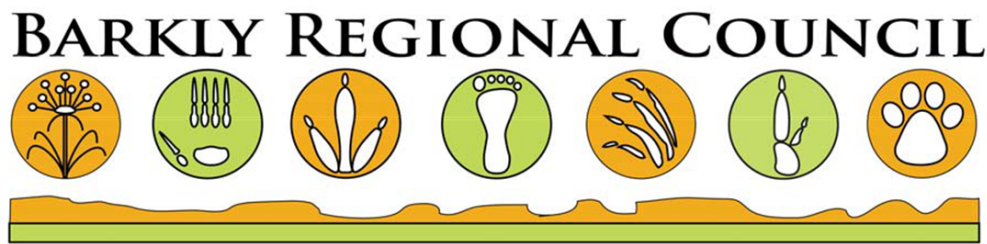
Nil

19. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Elliott Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 3 May 2018 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday, 7 June 2018.

Chris Neade
Chairperson

Shelley McDonald
Area Manager



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

TUESDAY, 8 MAY 2018

The Tennant Creek Local Authority was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 at 4:30pm.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 4:30 pm with Karan Hayward as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

1.1 Elected Members Present

- Karan Hayward (chair)
- Wayne Green
- Josephine Bethel
- Kathy Burns
- Tony Civitarese
- Mayor Steven Edgington
- Cr. Sid Vashist

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

- Steve Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
- Elai Semisi (Director of Infrastructure)
- Gary Pemberton (HR Manager)
- Caitlin Dunn (Executive assistant – Minute Taker)

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

- Cr. Kris Civitarese
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Cr. Hal Ruger
- Cr. Ronald Plummer
- Ray Wallis
- Greg Liebelt

1.4 Absent Without Apologies

1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

- Cr. Siddhant Vashist – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association - Secretary/Public Officer
 - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
 - Battery Hill – Member
 - Tennant Creek Primary School Committee – Invited member
 - Tennant Creek High School Committee – Invited Member
- Mayor Steve Edgington – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Institute of Managers and Leaders - Associate Fellow
 - Australian Institute of Company Directors - Member
 - Law Society Northern Territory - Associate Member
 - Tennant Creek Regional Consumer Advisory Group
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee - Member
 - Tennant Creek Economic Development Committee – Member
 - Rotary – Member
 - Bizspeak Pty Ltd– Director
 - Battery Hill - Member

- Wayne Green - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Tennant Creek Cricket Association
 - Tennant Creek Athletics Club
 - AFL Northern Territory
 - Tennant Creek Primary School Council
 - Tennant Creek High School Council
 - Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee
- Ray Wallis - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee
 - Consumer Advisory Group
- Karan Hayward - Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - Chamber of Commerce Barkly Region – Chair
 - Alcohol Reference Group – Chair
- Tony Civitarese – Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
 - T & J Contractors – Owner

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES 03.04.2018

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm the minutes of the Tennant Creek Local Authority held 3 April 2018 as a true and accurate record

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: LA Member W Wayne Green

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 27/18

3. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

4. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 ACTION ITEMS 03.04.2018**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the action list
- b) Remove action item 3 from the action list.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Josephine Bethel

Seconded: LA Member K Kathy Burns

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 28/18

5. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

Nil

6. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

7. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA**7.1 UPDATE FROM THE CEO****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member T Tony Civitarese

Seconded: LA Member K Kathy Burns

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 29/18

8. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

9. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

10. FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY

Nil

11. LATEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

Nil

12. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DELEGATION OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

Nil

14. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

15. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

Nil

16. **BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA**

Nil

17. **OTHER BUSINESS**

17.1 REQUEST TO CLOSE LANEWAYS IN TENNANT CREEK

MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Conduct a public survey through survey monkey.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member T Tony Civitarese

Seconded: LA Member K Kathy Burns

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 30/18

17.2 TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member J Josephine Bethel

Seconded: LA Member T Tony Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 31/18

17.3 NEW PARK ON HILDA STREET TENNANT CREEK

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Recommend to Council the equipment that should be installed at the Hilda Street Park with the pre-allocated LA finding of \$60,000:
 - Water Bubbler
 - 6x6 Shade above seating
 - Bench Seating along footpath
 - Exercise equipment along footpath
 - Signage for exercise equipment

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member K Kathy Burns

Seconded: LA Member T Tony Civitarese

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 32/18

Add to action list

- Guidelines around LA Authorisation
- Council project costings

18. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

19. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

20. CLOSE OF MEETING

Chair closed the meeting 5:43 pm

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Tennant Creek Local Authority HELD ON Tuesday, 8 May 2018 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday, 5 June 2018.

Karan Hayward
Chair

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.1
TITLE	Purkiss Reserve nomination
REFERENCE	245994
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Call for nominations for one new member of the Purkiss reserve Committee

SUMMARY:

Purkiss reserve Committee has 1 position available due to a resignation of Emma Rush in May 2018.

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 16.2
TITLE Policies to be approved
REFERENCE 244591
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report's
- b) Approve the Low Aromatic Fuel Policy
- c) Approve the Donations and Sponsorship Policy

SUMMARY:

Find attached two updated policies to be approved, there are no significant changes in the policies.

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:

- 1  CP000039 - Low Aromatic Fuel Policy.pdf
- 2  Donations and Sponsorship Policy - CP000033.docx

POLICY



TITLE:	Low Aromatic Fuel (OPAL) Policy		
DIVISION:	Corporate		
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:		DATE OF REVIEW:	
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:	CP000039		
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

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

SUMMARY

This Policy commits the Barkly Regional Council and its contractors to use low aromatic petrol whenever possible as well as committing the Barkly Regional Council to encourage and promote the use of this type of fuel.

OBJECTIVES

To reduce the incidence and impact of petrol sniffing amongst youth and communities by supporting the use of OPAL (low aromatic fuel) within the Council area and surrounding regions.

BACKGROUND

Petrol sniffing can be a major problem in communities across four Australian states. It destroys health and families.

The introduction of a "non-sniffable" petrol variety has greatly reduced, but not ended sniffing. Since 2005, some petrol providers have offered low aromatic substitutes for regular, unleaded, 91 petrol specifically designed to reduce this form of substance abuse. An evaluation report written for the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing in 2008 revealed that in 17 out of the 20 communities surveyed where OPAL was the only available petrol, the prevalence of petrol sniffing had declined. The largest decrease was observed in Central Australia and the APY lands of South Australia, with 94% and 93% decreases respectively. The number of people sniffing had most significantly dropped among heavy, regular user groups (90%), leading to a comparable substantial decrease in the negative social impact caused by sniffing in communities in the sample.

Replacing most of the aromatic compounds (such as benzene, toluene and xylene) in regular unleaded petrol with non-aromatic compounds, low aromatic fuels are designed to reduce the narcotic effect induced from sniffing petrol and to discourage sniffing. Conforming to the National Fuels Quality Standards Act 2000, low aromatic fuel has replaced regular unleaded 91 fuels at a number of selected sites throughout Central Australia.

POLICY



In 2013 the Commonwealth enacted legislation to enable the Minister to establish *low aromatic fuel areas* and *fuel control areas*. ". [See Appendix One – page 4](#)

POLICY STATEMENT

Recognising the very serious health risks associated with petrol sniffing, the Barkly Regional Council supports the use of Opal and low aromatic fuel whereby the aim is to reduce the incidence and impact of petrol sniffing amongst youth and communities.

Barkly Region is designated a "Low Aromatic Fuel (Designated Area) – Instrument 2016". [See Appendix One – page 4](#)

- Use low aromatic fuel in all Barkly Regional Council vehicles suited to low octane fuel subject to its availability
- Include, in all contracts and tender documents the requirement for Council contractors (and their employees) to use low aromatic fuel in all vehicles works suited to this type of fuel when undertaking work pursuant to the contract and where low aromatic fuel is available
- Ensure that Barkly Regional Council employees do not transport to or store any high octane fuel in any of its communities
- Use of high aromatic fuel in the Barkly Regional Council depot must be stored in a secured locked area after hours
- Direct Barkly Regional Council employees on or visiting communities not to use or transport any higher octane fuel
- Include in contracts and tender documents a requirement imposing a similar obligation upon Barkly Regional Council contractors and their employees
- Continue to work with Federal and Territory agencies and other organisations to encourage and promote the exclusive use of low aromatic fuel within the Barkly region

Note:

As a direct substitute for regular unleaded fuel with an octane rating of 91, both Opal fuel and Unleaded 91 Low Aromatic fuel can safely be mixed with the regular unleaded 91 already in a vehicle.

However, it is important to note, Opal fuel and Low Aromatic fuel is not suitable for vehicles that require a premium unleaded fuel with an octane rating of 95 or higher.

TERMINOLOGY & DEFINITIONS

Policy

The Barkly Regional Council Policy sets out what the Council wants to do and how they do it. Policies are formed to meet legislative requirements and to ensure smooth decision making. Policies must be formally adopted in a meeting of Council and comply with the Barkly Regional Council's legal obligations and relevant standards.

Low Aromatic Fuel

Low aromatic unleaded fuel has been specially designed to contain lower levels of the toxic aromatic compounds such as benzene, toluene and xylene. Low aromatic unleaded fuel has a minimum octane rating of 91 so it can be used in any engine in which manufacturers recommend the use of regular unleaded 91 fuels.

POLICY



High Octane Fuel

High aromatic fuel has levels of the toxic aromatic compounds such as benzene, toluene and xylene which give people who sniff petrol a "high".

Fuel Control Areas

In 'low aromatic fuel areas', corporations cannot supply, transport or possess regular unleaded fuel.

In 'fuel controlled areas', the Minister may determine a range of requirements relating to fuels. This may include, for example, how fuels are stored, what information is communicated in relation fuels, and record keeping requirements.

REFERENCES

Barkly Regional Council Purchasing & Procurement Policy
Barkly Regional Council Hazardous Chemicals Policy
Barkly Regional Council Risk Management Policy
Barkly Regional Council Conduct in the Workplace Policy

LEGISLATION & STANDARDS

Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013
Work, Health & Safety Legislation (NUL) 2011
Work, Health & Safety Act (NUL) 2011
National Fuels Quality Standards Act 2000 (In Force –being Reviewed-Superseded Version)

LINKS

<https://www.lowaromaticunleaded.gov.au/for-communities/faq>
<https://www.lowaromaticunleaded.gov.au/faq-page>
<https://www.lowaromaticunleaded.gov.au/low-aromatic-fuel-areas>
<https://www.lowaromaticunleaded.gov.au/tenant-creek-consultations>
http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/num_act/lafa2013180/
<http://www.abc.net.au/health/library/stories/2005/11/24/1831506.htm>
http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nt/num_act/whasula201139o2011543/
http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nt/num_act/whasula201139o2011543/
<https://www.environment.gov.au/topics/environment-protection/fuel-quality/legislation/about-act>

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

Barkly Regional Council
Elected Members
Chief Executive Officer
Director Corporate Services
Director Infrastructure
Director Community Services

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

31 August 2017 (Review)

APPENDIX ONE



Low Aromatic Fuel (Designated Areas) (Barkly Region) Instrument 2016

I, Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, make the following instrument.

Dated 12.2.2016

NIGEL SCULLION
Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Low Aromatic Fuel (Designated Areas) (Barkly Region) Instrument 2016

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1 Name

This is the *Low Aromatic Fuel (Designated Areas) (Barkly Region) Instrument 2016*.

2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	Day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

(2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 14(1) of the *Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Act means the *Low Aromatic Fuel Act 2013*.

5 Designated low aromatic fuel areas

(1) For subsection 14(1) of the Act, the area of Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, within the area bounded by geodesic lines connecting the sequential points 1 to 62, then back to point 1, contained in the table below, is designated as a low aromatic fuel area:

Point No.	Latitude				Longitude		
	Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")		Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")
1	-19	37	25.9365		134	11	29.3706
2	-19	37	22.4254		134	11	29.3719
3	-19	37	24.1807		134	11	33.8931
4	-19	37	25.0511		134	11	36.2031
5	-19	37	31.0321		134	11	51.7862
6	-19	37	23.0863		134	11	49.9615
7	-19	37	21.7586		134	11	49.8099
8	-19	37	22.3758		134	11	55.5058
9	-19	37	26.6934		134	12	2.6387
10	-19	37	35.0704		134	12	2.2969
11	-19	37	37.7301		134	12	9.2291
12	-19	37	40.1916		134	12	13.362
13	-19	37	40.7148		134	12	19.1435
14	-19	37	44.3222		134	12	18.9439
15	-19	37	48.4588		134	12	23.0056
16	-19	37	53.9056		134	12	26.2545
17	-19	38	27.284		134	12	39.8147
18	-19	38	51.1055		134	12	49.4972
19	-19	38	57.9435		134	13	1.0782
20	-19	39	2.8692		134	13	7.1902
21	-19	39	13.4501		134	13	27.1615
22	-19	39	20.8474		134	13	39.1132
23	-19	39	22.5762		134	13	42.4906
24	-19	39	25.0499		134	13	42.5372

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Latitude				Longitude			
Point No.	Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")		Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")
25	-19	40	7.2055		134	13	43.939
26	-19	40	32.8735		134	13	42.114
27	-19	40	31.2715		134	13	17.015
28	-19	40	43.7013		134	12	35.6338
29	-19	40	51.4927		134	12	9.7465
30	-19	41	4.7701		134	11	25.5267
31	-19	41	15.8664		134	10	48.5854
32	-19	41	27.5898		134	10	45.0111
33	-19	41	37.3764		134	10	45.7421
34	-19	41	43.5089		134	10	48.2404
35	-19	41	43.4554		134	10	39.2386
36	-19	41	43.4262		134	10	33.3978
37	-19	41	25.8148		134	10	32.1898
38	-19	41	20.9247		134	10	31.5729
39	-19	41	16.1275		134	10	30.4026
40	-19	41	11.4807		134	10	28.6919
41	-19	41	7.0484		134	10	26.4605
42	-19	41	2.8544		134	10	23.7352
43	-19	40	58.9665		134	10	20.5492
44	-19	40	41.845		134	10	4.8748
45	-19	40	22.0776		134	9	46.7993
46	-19	40	9.6615		134	9	35.4587
47	-19	40	5.0367		134	9	31.4748
48	-19	40	0.2113		134	9	27.7879
49	-19	39	55.1751		134	9	24.4111
50	-19	39	49.9551		134	9	21.3546
51	-19	39	44.5635		134	9	18.6289
52	-19	39	39.0543		134	9	16.2425
53	-19	39	33.4096		134	9	14.205

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Latitude				Longitude			
	Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")		Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")
Point No.							
54	-19	39	27.6449		134	9	12.526
55	-19	39	21.8093		134	9	11.2106
56	-19	39	15.907		134	9	10.2593
57	-19	39	9.4098		134	9	9.4208
58	-19	37	23.7988		134	9	9.3806
59	-19	37	26.9458		134	9	44.5948
60	-19	37	28.3209		134	10	0.0998
61	-19	37	30.4427		134	10	24.095
62	-19	37	36.2303		134	11	29.3785

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(2) For subsection 14(1) of the Act, the area near the intersection of Stuart Highway and Barkly Highway in the Northern Territory, known locally as Threeways Roadhouse, within the area bounded by geodesic lines connecting the sequential points 1 to 6, then back to point 1, contained in the table below, is designated as a low aromatic fuel area:

Point No.	Latitude				Longitude		
	Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")		Degrees (°)	Minutes (')	Seconds (")
1	-19	26	10.5333		134	12	28.3319
2	-19	26	7.6499		134	12	31.0892
3	-19	26	8.601		134	12	40.3091
4	-19	26	13.4782		134	12	39.737
5	-19	26	14.48		134	12	30.7132
6	-19	26	14.6675		134	12	28.9634

All geographic coordinates are expressed in terms of the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94) as described in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette GN35 of 6 September 1995, which can be considered equivalent to World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) for this instrument.

Note

1. All legislative instruments and compilations are registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments kept under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

See www.comlaw.gov

Low Aromatic Fuel (Designated Areas) (Barkly Region) Instrument 2016

TITLE:	Donations and Sponsorship Policy		
DIVISON:			
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council		
DATE OF ADOPTION:		DATE OF REVIEW:	
MOTION NUMBER:			
POLICY NUMBER:	CP000033		
AUTHORISED:	Barkly Regional Council		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All employees of the Barkly Regional Council and Elected Members

PREAMBLE

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

DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Donation	Where Council provides financial or in-kind support to a community organisation carrying out a project, activity, or purchase of material goods. Acquittal of funds is not required. GST is not applicable. Council is recognised for its contribution.
Sponsorship	Where Council provides financial or in-kind support to a community activity or event, and where Council is widely identified as a sponsor of the event as per details in the Agreed Conditions of Funding. Acquittal of funds is not required. GST is applicable.

SUMMARY

This Policy sets out the principles and procedures for donations or sponsorship of a program, service, event or project and procedures for donations or sponsorship of Council activities. The policy does not apply to government grants or government sponsored activities or the Council's own *Community Grants Program*.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy aims to provide clear definitions, guidelines and procedures for donation and sponsorships, to ensure an accessible, open and transparent process in assessing proposals for the Council.

BACKGROUND

Barkly Regional Council may enter into donations or sponsorship arrangements with organisations or individuals to support new or existing programs, services, facilities or events

which contribute to the quality of life for the community and may accept external sponsorship for the Council's own programs.

In addition to donations or sponsorship, the Council has a *Community Grants Program* aimed at assisting community organisations with the development of activities and services to benefit a broad cross-section of the community. *Community Grants are not covered by this Policy.*

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will make donations and provide sponsorship to community events and projects based on one or more of the following eligibility criteria:

1. the applicant must be a non-profit or unfunded organisation or group
2. the applicant must show community support for the proposal
3. the applicant must show how the funds will be used in the council region
4. the proposal must promote the development of the council
5. the proposal must directly benefit the community within the council region
6. the proposal must be able to help the organisation or group to generate additional funds.

Donations or Sponsorship arrangements will only be considered when there is alignment with objectives outlined in the Regional Plan and benefits to the Council/community are demonstrable.

Key criteria for Council sponsorship:

Requests for donations and sponsorship can be made at any time and must be directed in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

Applicants should provide programming or activities that directly benefit the Barkly Region.

Council may enter into Donations or Sponsorship arrangements to provide support to outside organisations.

The public image, products and services of the organisation seeking sponsorship must be consistent with the goals and values of the Council. Organisations involved in politics such or where there is potential for conflict with Council's policies and responsibilities to the community, will not be eligible for Donations or Sponsorship.

All proposals should be able to demonstrate a valid contribution to outcomes for the Barkly Regional Council's community.

Donations or Sponsorship of organisations may be:

- On an on-going basis (subject to annual review)
- As seeding over a defined period of time
- A 'one-off'

This form of support is different to that provided for under the Council's Community Grants Program.

Any Donations or Sponsorship proposal should address the following:

- A statement of the objectives and detailed description of the activity
- Capacity to deliver long term benefits to the community
- Demonstrated ability to achieve timeframes and budgets outlined in the proposal
- The organisation's capacity for administering the project
- The activity's viability in terms of support from any other relevant organisations
- How Council's support will be acknowledged and publicised
- The names of other sponsors, proposed or confirmed, to be involved with the event or activity

The Council does not generally sponsor conferences, seminars, functions, individuals, record attempts or fundraisers unless they are directly related to the corporate objectives or local government.

The Council has an expectation that it will receive a return on its participation through demonstrated benefits including but not limited to:

- Appropriate branding and profile raising opportunities
- Ability to leverage Donations or Sponsorship through media or advertising
- Ability to leverage support through attendance or staging of display or complementary event where appropriate

Conditions

Recipients of Council Donations or Sponsorship will be required to:

- Enter into a written agreement clearly identifying the commitment made by both parties;
- Submit a tax invoice to Council
- Submit a completed sponsorship acquittal which includes a project report and a financial acquittal within three months of the project's completion.

Donations or Sponsorship funding must only be used for the purpose stated in the agreement.

Donations or Sponsorship for a Council activity

The Council may accept Donations or Sponsorship for a Council program activity or event where this is considered appropriate.

- Sponsorship agreements must be in writing and specify the obligations and responsibilities of the parties.
- The Council will recognise sponsors in a number of ways. The extent of such recognition will be specified in the sponsorship agreement.
- Sponsorship agreements must not compromise the integrity or expected service delivery levels of the Council activity;
- The Council will not allow a sponsor to determine the content any program or activity;
- If equipment is donated, the costs associated with maintenance, running and insurance must form part of the sponsorship arrangement;
- Any donations of equipment, materials and labour will be treated in accordance with Council's asset management policies.

It is important that any donations or sponsorship arrangement involving Council activities should:

- Be unambiguous and clearly understood by all parties
- Avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest
- Avoid real or implied preferential endorsement of a commercial product

- Provide suitable acknowledgment of the sponsor
- Ensure there is no conflict of interest arising as a result of the sponsorship
- Ensure that individual employees are not permitted to receive any substantial benefit from association with sponsors
- Not be used to provide routine Council services

Forms of recognition may include, but not be limited to:

Appropriate signage, media releases, inclusion of sponsor's name and logo in Council publications and advertisements, merchandising of goods at selected points of sale, display in the foyer of Council facilities for an activity of the sponsor when not required for the Council's own use.

Risk Assessment

Where a report is prepared for Council consideration a risk assessment must be included.

This should include:

- An analysis of each component of an offered sponsorship showing the relevance of the offering and perceived benefit to the Council
- Detail of the any expected degree of endorsement of the sponsor or sponsor's products
- Potential conflicts of interest
- The ability of the Council to provide adequate resources and facilities to meet the terms of the proposed agreement

Use of Council Logo

Permission to use the Council logo and relevant artwork is to be obtained from Council's Communications Officer. The Council logo will be used in association with any displays/promotions associated with the sponsorship.

LEGISLATION, TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

Part 2.3 of the Local Government Act establishes the role, functions and objectives of Councils and provides the basis for Barkly Regional Council's active role in community, cultural and social development.

RELATED POLICIES

Gifts and Benefits Policy

IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION

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

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.3
TITLE	Operations Director Report
REFERENCE	245765
AUTHOR	Mark Parsons, Operations Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council,

- a) Receive and note the report

SUMMARY:

- Another month down and the Communities continue to improve. All the Area Managers are working to improve service delivery in Communities.
- We have held an Area Managers recall Meeting this month which has been well received by all. We are continuing the education around the Local Authority Meetings, and the AM,s will soon be doing all the preparation and reporting relating to the LA meetings. They have also had sessions with all Council departments to make sure that the lines of communication stay open.
- Works are well underway on the Shiny Shed at Alpururulam, with the painting being finished. The ablution block has been built in Darwin and we are just awaiting it to be transported to Alpururulam and installed.
- Rainbow Gateway through our host agreement at Alpururulam started providing us with CDP Participants to work in the following areas; Municipal works 3-4 participants attend for 5 hours a day commencing the week of the 16/5/18, Aged/Community Care 1-2 participants and the Office 1 participant will commence the week starting 23/5/18.
- Our Community Coordinator at Wutunugurra has resigned and we have recruited a new staff member to fill this position on a short term 3 month contract whilst we go through the recruitment process. This person has already spent time out at the community and is well liked, and very proactive so we have high hopes for him.
- Ampilatwatja Local Authority has moved their next meeting from the 13th of June to the 20th of June. This was done to accommodate two of the LA Members being away on the 13th. It is good to see LA members being engaged in these meetings and having the foresight to move their meetings to facilitate quorum.
- We made quorum for Local Authority Meetings on 4 out of our 6 Communities this Month. Alpururulam and Wutunugurra both missed out due to lack of LA members on Community.
- I have been limited to the amount of communities that I have visited this month as I have had other commitments both work related and personal. I had the opportunity to undertake the role of acting CEO for a week and quite enjoyed the extra challenges this brought to my role. I still managed to visit both Wutunugurra and Ali Curung to catch up with our newest Area managers.
- The Communities continue to improve and I'm continuing to give the Area Managers as much help and guidance as possible, this includes encouraging them to further themselves through training, both internal and external.

- My position continues to throw up new challenges most weeks, but I believe these are part and parcel of living in the beautiful Barkly Region.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.4
TITLE	Allyway Comments
REFERENCE	245987
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Contact relevant land owners to discuss their view on the adjoining Alleyway and their interest in taking over that land.

SUMMARY:

At the April Council meeting Council requested the Management seek feedback on a proposal to close Alleyways in Tennant Creek. To date no feedback has been received.

At the request of Council Staff Tennant Creek Police have provided the following feedback:

- Alley Way between Hollis and Leichardt – property offenders constantly transiting/running from us between Village/Dump Camp and Bluestone Motor Inn
- Ally way between Thompson Street and Paterson Street next to the primary school. (Frequently used by property offenders to evade police and as a method of travel to avoid detection when breaking in)
- Alley ways in the vicinity of Eldorado Park which connects through from Skipper Street to Kathleen. (Frequent disturbances involving youths, rock throwing at houses and property offending due to the easy escape route)
- Alley ways between Boag/Griggs and Griggs/Martin, escape routes for property offenders and anti-social hot spots due to poor lighting and easy access to multiple streets with trouble houses all around
- Alley ways between Skipper/Wolsley/Kathleen Streets, big one for youths to run down after creating disturbances and/or when evading us
- Police are seeking further advice from supervisors on where lighting may be suitable solution.

To progress this proposal we recommend contact property owned who boarder Alleyways and the following;

- What is your opinion of the Alleyway.
- If council removed the Alleyway would they be interested in having that land added to their house Lot.

It will be a long term project to remove the Alleyways as they will require surveying and then the Department of Lands and Planning will need to make the necessary changes to the town plans.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 16.5
TITLE Cr. Vashist meeting with Hon. Mark Ryan
REFERENCE 245992
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note report from Cr. Vashist

SUMMARY:

Cr. Vashist requested to update the council on his meeting with the Hon. Mark Ryan, Minister for Police and Corrective Services, Queensland Government.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 16.6
TITLE Youth Council
REFERENCE 245993
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report from Cr. Vashist

SUMMARY:

Cr Vashist requested to discuss a youth council working from the model in Mt. Isa that has been in operation since 2012.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	16.7
TITLE	Alcohol Restrictions
REFERENCE	245491
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Discuss the current Alcohol restrictions in Tennant creek

SUMMARY:

The current and proposed alcohol restrictions could have a long term effect on Barkly residents and visitors

For council information we have attached the NT Liquor Commissions reasons for proposed variation of Licence that will effect Barkly businesses and residents should they be imposed.

Council should note there has been only one day of public consultation in Tennant Creek and Council have not had any communication with the Liquor Commission since those meetings.

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1  NT Liquor Commission.pdf

Northern Territory

LIQUOR COMMISSION

REASONS FOR PROPOSED VARIATION OF LICENCES

MATTER: PROPOSED VARIATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF LICENCES

LICENSEES

LICENCE NUMBERS

Aileron Roadhouse	81204578/FLL
Banka Banka Station	80817000
Barkly Homestead	81203263
Bluestone Motor Inn	80201870
Devils Marbles Hotel	81202869
Eldorado Motor Inn	80202797
Elliott Hotel	80104969
Goldfields Hotel	80102583/FLL
Headframe Bottle Shop	81002243
Outback Caravan Park	81117302
Renner Springs Desert Hotel/Motel	81202669
Sporties Club Inc	81402780
Tennant Creek Golf Club	81402752
Tennant Creek Hotel	80102044
Tennant Creek Memorial Club Inc	81402774
Tennant Creek Police Social Club	81403239
The Elliott Store	80902117
Threeways Roadhouse	81202764
United Wycliffe Well	80802878

LEGISLATION: Section 33, *Liquor Act*.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Northern Territory Government publishes data annually on the volume of alcohol supplied to liquor licensees by wholesalers. This data is used to estimate the amount of alcohol consumed around the Territory. In the two years to the end of 2014, the amount of alcohol supplied, and, it may be inferred, consumed, in Tennant Creek fell by 26%. Over the next two years it rose by 13%. No supply data has yet been made available to the Northern Territory Liquor Commission ("the Commission") since 31 December 2016. As at that date, the estimated per capita consumption of the drinking-age (ie persons aged 15 years and above) residential population in Tennant Creek was 24.5 litres of pure alcohol per year, more than twice the Northern Territory average of 11.9 litres,¹ more than two and a half times the national average of 9.7 litres,² and more than two and a half the National Health and Medical Research Council's guidelines of a lifetime average two standard drinks per day.³ With a drinking-age residential population of 2,342 persons according to the 2016 Census, this corresponds to a 24 can carton of full strength beer per person per week. If the recent upward trend has continued, the town now drinks the equivalent of more than 60,000 cans of Victoria Bitter every week.
2. The harm associated with these extraordinarily high levels of alcohol supply and consumption is similarly extraordinary. As the Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report ("the Riley Review") states:

¹ Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, *Northern Territory Wholesale Alcohol Supply 2009 to 2016*

² Australian Bureau of Statistics, 4307.0.55.001 - *Apparent Consumption of Alcohol, Australia, 2015-16* (1 September 2017)

³ National Health and Medical Research Council, *Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol* (Commonwealth of Australia, February 2009), p. 39

alcohol related harm, both to the individual drinker and the broader community... continues to have a devastating effect throughout the Northern Territory.⁴

In Tennant Creek alcohol related assaults increased by 24.6% between 2016 and 2017.⁵ At the average 2016 Tennant Creek levels of 5.3 standard drinks per person per day, males are 7 times more likely to die of alcohol-caused disease or injury than the average Australian; females are 10 times more likely to die of disease, and 4.5 times more likely to die of injury. The average Tennant Creek drinker has a one in four chance of being hospitalised over their lifetime as a result of alcohol-caused injury.⁶

3. In its Reasons for Decision delivered on 15 May 2008 of a Review of the Tennant Creek Liquor Supply Plan, the Northern Territory Licensing Commission made similar observations, and concluded that there was “an intolerable level of alcohol abuse in the township”. Tragically, ten years on, notwithstanding the very substantial gains made in 2014, the burden on government, the community, families and individuals of managing alcohol-related harm in Tennant Creek has again become intolerable, and is now unsustainable.

⁴ T Riley, P Angus, D Stedman, *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report* (October 2017), p. 8

⁵ Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, *Submission to the Northern Territory Liquor Commission*, 16 April 2018, p. 3

⁶ National Health and Medical Research Council, *Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol* (Commonwealth of Australia, February 2009), Figures 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

BACKGROUND

4. On 27 February 2018, the Director-General of Licensing issued a Decision Notice pursuant to s 48A of the *Liquor Act* ("the Act") varying conditions for seven days commencing on 28 February 2018 of the following licences:

Tennant Creek Hotel	(Liquor Licence 80102044)
Goldfields Hotel	(Liquor Licence 80102583)
Headframe Bottle Shop	(Liquor Licence 81002243)
Sporties Club Inc	(Liquor Licence 81402780)
Tennant Creek Golf Club Inc	(Liquor Licence 81402752)
Tennant Creek Memorial Club Inc.	(Liquor Licence 81402774)

5. The varied conditions imposed the following restrictions ("the restricted conditions"):
- A. takeaway liquor will only be available for sale Monday through to Saturday between the hours of 3pm and 6pm;
 - B. takeaway sales on Sunday is prohibited; and
 - C. sale of the following products will be limited to no more than one of the following per person per day:
 - i. 30 cans or stubbies of mid-strength or light beer; or
 - ii. 24 cans or stubbies of full strength beer; or
 - iii. 12 cans or bottles of Ready to Drink mixes; or
 - iv. One two litre cask of wine; or
 - v. One bottle of fortified wine; or
 - vi. One bottle of green ginger wine; or
 - vii. Two x 750 ml bottles of wine; or
 - viii. One 750 ml bottle of spirits.

The sale of port, wine in a glass container larger than 1 litre and beer in bottles of 750ml or more remains prohibited.

6. On 6 March 2018, the Director-General issued a Decision Notice continuing the restricted conditions for a further seven days.
7. On 6 March 2018, the Chairperson of the Northern Territory Liquor Commission requested Commissioners Goldflam and McFarland to conduct consultations with the Tennant Creek community with a view to proposing a variation of the conditions of Barkly region liquor licences pursuant to s 33 of the *Liquor Act*.
8. On 13 March 2018, the Northern Territory Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Hon. Natasha Fyles ("the Territory Minister") issued a Determination pursuant to s 33AA of the Act continuing the restricted conditions for a further three months, to 13 June 2018.
9. During the period of the restricted conditions, the Director-General wrote to licensees of licensed premises outside Tennant Creek in the Barkly region ("the regional licensees"), requesting them to voluntarily impose restrictions in similar terms to those applicable in Tennant Creek. With one exception (the Elliott Hotel), the regional licensees agreed to substantially comply with this request. The Commission commends this co-operative response.
10. On 20 April 2018, the Chairperson appointed Commissioners Goldflam, McFarland and Douglas to determine whether to issue a notice under s 33 of the *Liquor Act* and if so to determine the new licence conditions following receipt of the licensees' responses. The Commission, comprising Commissioners Goldflam, McFarland and Douglas, met on 3 May 2018 to determine the licence variations it proposes.

CONSULTATIONS

11. By way of newspaper notices and letters to affected agencies and individuals, the Commission sought submissions and issued invitations to attend public consultations in Tennant Creek on 4 April 2018, so that members of the public, stakeholders and licensees could share their views on whether they believed the restricted restrictions should be removed, relaxed, retained or made more restrictive, and to provide any other information or insights they had on reducing the Territory's harmful drinking culture as it is manifested in the Barkly Region.
12. On 4 April 2018, a total of approximately 90 people, including residents of Tennant Creek, Elliott and Ali Curung, as well as several licensees, participated in two consultation meetings conducted by Commissioners Goldflam and McFarland. The Commissioners consulted separately with the Officer in Charge of the Tennant Creek Police Station, and Commissioner McFarland also met a group of young people attending the Barkly Regional Council Youthlinx Night Drop-in Centre.
13. The Commission offered licensees of all licensed premises located outside Tennant Creek on the Stuart Highway between Threeways and Aileron the opportunity to meet Commissioners Goldflam and McFarland. Three licensees responded, and consequently the Commissioners consulted with the licensees of Threeways Roadhouse, Desert Marbles Hotel and Ti Tree Hotel.
14. The Commission requested key service providers in Tennant Creek to provide information indicative of alcohol-related harm during the first month of the restricted conditions (March

2018), and for comparison purposes, the previous month (February 2018), as well as the same two months in the previous year (March and February 2017).

15. The Commission received written submissions and information from:

- Australian Hotels Association (Northern Territory Branch)
- Barkly Education Office
- Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group ("BRADAAG")
- Barkly Regional Council
- Combined Aboriginal Organisations, Tennant Creek ("CAO")
- Devils Marbles Hotel
- Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- St John Ambulance Australia (NT)
- Hon. Senator Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs ("the Commonwealth Minister")
- Tennant Creek Hotel
- Tennant Creek Local Reference Group for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence
- Tennant Creek Women's Refuge
- Four private individuals

16. The Commission has noted and considered the views expressed and information received during the consultations and by way of the submissions received. The Commission acknowledges with thanks all persons and organisations who contributed.

17. In the Decision Notices of 27 February 2018 and 6 March 2018 referred to above, the Director-General refers to consultations she undertook prior to and for the purpose of

making those Decisions. The Commission has regard to these two Decision Notices, the consultations described therein, and the reasons set out therein.

THE APPLICABLE LEGAL PROVISIONS

18. These Reasons for Proposed Variation are issued pursuant to s 33 of the Act, which empowers the Commission to vary licence conditions on the Commission's own initiative. Section 33(2) requires the Commission to give affected licensees 28 days within which to respond to the proposed variation of licence conditions.

19. Pursuant to s 3(1) of the Act:

the primary object of this Act is to regulate the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor:

- (a) so as to minimise the harm associated with the consumption of liquor; and
- (b) in a way that takes into account the public interest in the sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor.

Section 3(2)(a) provides that a further object of the Act is:

to protect and enhance community amenity, social harmony and wellbeing through the responsible sale, provision, promotion and consumption of liquor.

20. Section 6(1) of the Act provides:

When a person (a decision maker) has regard to the objects of the Act in... determining the conditions of a licence, the decision maker must apply the **public interest and community impact test**...

Section 6(2) provides that the public interest and community impact test requires consideration of 15 listed objectives, the first of which is:

- (a) Harm or ill-health caused to people, or a group of people, by the consumption of liquor is to be minimised.

In its submission to the Commission, BRADAAG cited this passage from the Royal Australian College of Surgeons response to the Riley Review:

In the Northern Territory harm minimisation is currently mentioned as one of several statutory objects of equal standing... However, to be effective harm prevention and minimisation must be recognised as the primary objective of the legislative framework.

The Commission agrees with this observation, and, having regard to s 3(1)(a), considers the objective expressed in s 6(2)(a) to be of primary importance.

21. Section 6(3)(a) provides that the decision maker must consider the potential impact on the community in the area that would be affected by the outcome of changing the conditions of a licence and, in doing so, must have regard to six identified matters, the first (and, in the view of the Commission, having regard to s 3(1)(a) and s 6(2)(a), the primary) of which is:

- (i) The harm that might be caused (whether to the community as a whole or a group within the community) due to the excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor.

22. When determining the conditions of a licence, the decision-maker must apply the community impact assessment guidelines (s 6(3)(b)). On 6 March 2018, the Minister gazetted community impact assessment guidelines ("the guidelines") pursuant to s 6A(1) of the Act. In considering the conditions of the affected licences, the Commission has had regard to the guidelines.

23. Section 6B establishes an onus on an applicant licensee to satisfy the Commission that the approval of the application meets the public interest and community impact test. The Commission considers that s 6B has no application to determinations made pursuant to s 33.

24. Section 16(2) of the *Liquor Commission Act* ("the Commission Act") provides that "the Commission is required to convene public hearings to make decisions under the *Liquor Act*". In accordance with this provision as read on its face and in isolation, when Members of the Commission conducted consultations in the Barkly on 4 and 5 April 2018, they indicated their intention to conduct a public hearing in due course. However, following further consideration of the applicable statutory provisions, the Commission, for the reasons which follow, considers that it is not required to conduct a hearing before making a decision pursuant to s 33(3), doubts that it has the power to conduct a public hearing, and has determined not to do so.

25. Section 33 of the Act establishes a procedure without reference to the conduct of a public hearing. The Commission's view is that s 16(2) of the Commission Act, properly construed, provides that the Commission is required to convene public hearings only in circumstances where public hearings are required by the *Liquor Act*. That is, the words "under the *Liquor Act*" should be read, not as qualifying the word "decisions", but as qualifying the requirement to convene public hearings. This construction is open on the terms of the section. By this means, the two statutes can operate consistently as the intended legislative scheme. To read them otherwise would thwart the legislative intention and the sensible operation of the scheme.

26. Section 27 of the *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory* (Cth) ("the SFNT Act") empowers the Commonwealth Minister to declare any area in the Northern Territory an "Alcohol Protected Area" (APA). In exercising this power, the Commonwealth Minister must have regard to matters including:

- To enable special measures to be taken to reduce alcohol-related harm to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory;
- the wellbeing of people living in the area;
- whether there is reason to believe that people living in the area have been the victims of alcohol-related harm;
- the extent to which people living in the area have expressed their concerns about being at risk of alcohol-related harm;
- the extent to which people living in the area have expressed the view that their wellbeing will be improved if this Part applies in relation to the area; and
- any other matter that the Minister considers relevant.

27. Part 2 Division 3 of the SFNT Act empowers the Commonwealth Minister to determine the licence conditions of licences in relation to premises in an APA.

THE EFFECT OF THE RESTRICTED CONDITIONS TRIAL

28. The Commission, within the available timeframe, has been unable to obtain as much data regarding the impact of the restricted conditions as is desirable. The Commission undertook its consultations in Tennant Creek after the restrictions had been in place for only a little over a month. Within such a brief period, it was unlikely that statistically significant trends could be reliably identified, even if all of the relevant data had been provided.

29. Nevertheless, the anecdotal impressions of a broad range of service providers were consistent: the restricted conditions appear to have been associated with a noticeable decrease in alcohol-related harm. For example, the Commission has been informed that after the restricted conditions came into effect:

- Demand for Women's Refuge services decreased by 60% against the same period for 2017.⁷
- Domestic, family and sexual violence presentations to the Tennant Creek Hospital Emergency Department reduced from 37 in January 2018, before the restricted conditions commenced, to 12 in March 2018.⁸
- School attendance has gone up, students have been less hungry, and conduct and performance has improved, with reportable serious behavioural issues on Mondays declining from 18 to 5.⁹
- The number of young people staying out on the street at night has declined, and more young people are engaging with Night Patrol services.¹⁰
- The Watch House is less busy, the town is "quiet", public areas are free of heavily intoxicated people at night, children have ceased attending the police station to request food, more families are shopping for groceries on weekends, and there is noticeably less litter.¹¹

⁷ Report from Tennant Creek Women's Refuge, 23 April 2018

⁸ Report from Tennant Creek Local Reference Group for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, 19 April 2018

⁹ Report from Principal, Tennant Creek Primary School, 5 April 2018; Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services submission, p. 10

¹⁰ Report from Tennant Creek Local Reference Group for Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, 19 April 2018; Alba Brockie, Barkly Regional Council (BRC) Youthlink Night Drop-in Centre, 5 April 2018; Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services submission, p. 10

¹¹ Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services submission, p. 10

- St Johns Ambulance callouts for alcohol-related assaults have dropped substantially since the restricted conditions commenced.¹²

30. Police provided the Commission with data in relation to offending rates for various offence categories, for the months before and during the operation of the restricted conditions, in the corresponding months for 2017, and over the previous ten years. The Commission is unable to find that this data clearly or reliably establishes that harm has decreased in association with the trial of restricted conditions. The following table is illustrative. It indicates that when the restricted conditions commenced in March 2018, offences against the person declined from the previous month, whereas in the corresponding months of the previous year, the reverse had occurred. However, the datasets are small, and the reference periods are short.

Tennant Creek District (Offences by category, alcohol and DV involvement)

	Offences Against The Person					Offences Against Property				
	Total No of Offences	Total No of Alcohol Related Offences	Percentage of Offences Alcohol Related	Total No of DV Related Offences	DV & Alcohol Related	Total No of Offences	Total No of Alcohol Related Offences	Percentage of Offences Alcohol Related	Total No of DV Related Offences	DV & Alcohol Related
Feb 2017	20	16	80.0%	13	10	69	3	4.3%	1	1
Mar 2017	32	22	68.8%	22	16	43	8	18.6%	1	1
Feb 2018	48	31	64.6%	34	24	107	18	16.8%	2	1
Mar 2018	23	15	65.2%	12	10	66	4	6.1%	3	

	Active Policing					Traffic Offences				
	Total No of Offences	Total No of Alcohol Related Offences	Percentage of Offences Alcohol Related	Total No of DV Related Offences	DV & Alcohol Related	Total No of Offences	Total No of Alcohol Related Offences	Percentage of Offences Alcohol Related	Total No of DV Related Offences	DV & Alcohol Related
Feb 2017	94	57	60.6%	14	12	66	42	63.6%		
Mar 2017	91	59	64.8%	26	20	50	33	66.0%	1	
Feb 2018	129	84	65.1%	31	29	78	53	67.9%		
Mar 2018	134	90	67.2%	30	24	63	30	47.6%		

¹² Report from Michelle Goff, St John's Ambulance, 5 April 2018

31. The Commission notes that at around the time the restricted conditions commenced, the police, for operational reasons, discontinued regular Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs) at Tennant Creek takeaway liquor outlets.¹³ The longer-term datasets provided by police show that the introduction of POSIs coincided with a “dramatic” decrease in assaults from 705 in January 2014 to 228 by mid-2015.¹⁴ (This appears to closely correlate with the 26% reduction in consumption during this period referred to above.¹⁵) It is reasonable to infer that the discontinuation of POSIs in March 2018 tended to have the opposite effect.

32. The Commission considers that had “full lock-down” POSIs been maintained during the trial of restricted conditions, it is likely that alcohol-related harm would have been clearly and substantially reduced, and to a significantly greater degree than has now been observed.

RESTRICTED CONDITIONS: ESSENTIAL BUT NOT SUFFICIENT

33. The Commission notes the following comments by police in their submission in relation to this issue:

While the POSI strategy appears to have been effective, it incurred a significant, and ultimately unsustainable resource impost on police. There now appears to be an emerging willingness across government to work collectively and collaboratively toward redressing the alcohol supply issues. The appropriate limiting of takeaway licencing provisions, such as is currently and temporarily in place in Tennant Creek is considered an essential and complementary element to redressing the issues there. The continuation of the restrictions will go towards complementing the POSI strategy and

¹³ Report from Don Eaton, OIC, Tennant Creek police, 5 April 2018

¹⁴ Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services submission, p. 9

¹⁵ See paragraph 1

ensure, by way of limiting opening hours and liquor purchases, the sustainability of full lockdowns. In turn, full lockdowns, along with the Banned Drinker Register will maximise the intended outcomes of the NT Alcohol Harm Minimisation Action Plan 2018-2019, which has at its core changing the NT relationship with alcohol.¹⁶

34. The Commission agrees that restricted conditions alone are unlikely to be effective in reducing consumption and associated harm. During the Commission's consultations with the community, a prominent theme was that restrictions have previously been tried and failed. Given the tortuous history of restricted conditions in Tennant Creek over the last two decades, this view is unsurprising. The 1996 "Thirsty Thursday" package of restrictions was independently evaluated in 2000 and found to have had "a sustained positive effect on reducing per capita alcohol consumption and levels of violence and injury".¹⁷ However, by 2006, the Licensing Commission concluded that the ban on takeaways and front bar sales on Thursdays had ceased to be effective in reducing harm, and removed that restriction.¹⁸

35. The Riley Review stated that "the Northern Territory needs a comprehensive, coordinated and sustained approach to reducing alcohol related harm".¹⁹ The Commission notes that the Northern Territory Government has responded to the Riley Review by committing to implement almost all of the recommendations in the Riley Review,²⁰ publishing the Northern Territory Alcohol Harm Minimisation Action Plan 2018-2019, and establishing an Alcohol Review Implementation Team within the Department of the Chief Minister. The Commission also notes the passage of the *Liquor Amendment (Point of Sale Intervention) Bill*

¹⁶ Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services submission, p. 9

¹⁷ Northern Territory Licensing Commission, *Decision: Series of Hearings conducted pursuant to Section 33(3) of the Liquor Act 1978* (17 December 2001), p. 2

¹⁸ Northern Territory Licensing Commission, *Final Liquor Supply Plan for Tennant Creek and Threeways* (31 May 2006), p. 1-2

¹⁹ T Riley, P Angus, D Stedman, *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report* (October 2017), p. 8

²⁰ *NT Government's Response on Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report's Recommendations* (March 2018)

2018 on 3 May 2018 and the announcement by the Minister for Health on the same day that Police Auxiliary Licence Inspectors will be recruited to restore POSIs in Tennant Creek (among other communities). In the context of these developments, the Commission is optimistic that future restrictions on conditions will be supported and complemented by other measures that will prove to be effective.

36. In summary, the Commission's view is that although restricted conditions are by themselves insufficient to address Tennant Creek's alcohol problems, they are a necessary part of the solution, and that there is a reasonable prospect that the problems can be effectively addressed by imposing appropriate restricted conditions in conjunction with other measures.

COMMUNITY VIEWS: DRINKER'S PERMITS FOR TENNANT CREEK?

37. Formerly, s 32 of the Act required the Licensing Commission to have regard to "the needs and wishes of the community". That requirement was removed by legislative amendment which came into force on 5 May 2004.²¹ Nevertheless, the Commission considers that the views of the community are of relevance, having regard to s 3(2)(a) of the Act, which establishes as an object of the Act the protection and enhancement of "community amenity, social harmony and wellbeing", and s 6(3) of the Act, which requires the Commission to "consider the potential impact on the community" when making a decision to change licence conditions.

38. Accordingly, in its consultations the Commission invited members of the community to express their wishes, and they did so, presenting a broad range of views in relation to

²¹ *Liquor Act Amendment Act 2014* (Act No. 14, 2004)

takeaway licence conditions, ranging from no restrictions to extreme restrictions. The Commission finds that there is no consensus in the Tennant Creek community on this issue. In these circumstances, the Commission does not accord substantial weight to any one in particular of the various competing views expressed to it by members of the public.

39. Nevertheless, reference should be made to an issue that was raised by many Tennant Creek residents who participated in the consultation, namely the suggestion that a Permit System be introduced in Tennant Creek. Part VIII of the Act ("General and public restricted areas") allows for permits to be issued relating to a restricted area. In 2008 Tennant Creek was declared a public restricted area ("Dry Town").²² This restricts drinking in public places within the township. Permits can be issued for the consumption of alcohol in Tennant Creek public places by application to the Director-General of Licensing.

40. For a more general permit system to be implemented, Tennant Creek, including private residences, would have to be declared a general restricted area either in response to an application under s 76 of the Act or on the initiative of the Commission under s 76AA of the Act. Permits could then be applied for and granted pursuant to s 87 of the Act by the Director-General to residents of a general restricted area allowing holders to bring liquor into, possess liquor in and consume liquor in a general restricted area.

41. The Commission apprehends difficulties with this approach, including the administrative burden of issuing permits to tourists, the challenge of determining who would be invested with the authority to issue permits and by what procedure, and the impracticability of establishing a general restricted area on a major arterial road, the Stuart Highway. The

²² Northern Territory Licensing Commission, *Reasons for Decision: Application by Tennant Creek Council for a Public Restricted Area and Review of the Tennant Creek Liquor Supply Plan* (15 May 2008)

Commission acknowledges the apparent success of permit systems in other, more remote Northern Territory communities, but considers that on the limited material before it in relation to establishing a permit system for Tennant Creek, there is currently an insufficient basis to make a s 76AA own initiative proposal for Tennant Creek to be declared a general restricted area.

42. The Commission notes that the ongoing operation of the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) acts as an inverse “good drinkers register” and produces many of the positive effects that a permit system would bring.

SUBMISSIONS FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS

43. The Commission has given careful consideration to submissions from three key stakeholders, namely the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, and the Combined Aboriginal Organisations, Tennant Creek.²³ The police supported “maintaining (or enhancing)” the current restricted conditions. The Commonwealth Minister called for “much stronger takeaway alcohol restrictions”. The CAO advocated for tighter restrictions, with a proposed limit of one 6 pack of full strength beer per day. Both the Commonwealth Minister and the CAO supported the continuation of the current prohibition on takeaway trading on Sundays (as had also been recommended by the Riley Review²⁴). The Commission accepts these submissions.

²³ Comprising Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation and Papulu Aparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation

²⁴ Riley, P Angus, D Stedman, *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review Final Report* (October 2017), Recommendation 2.5.6

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

44. The Commission has also had regard to all the submissions it has received from affected licensees. At this stage, and noting that pursuant to s 33(2)(c) of the Act, the Commission is required to invite all affected licensees to respond within 28 days following the publication of these Reasons for Proposed Variation, the Commission proposes to defer detailed discussion of licensees' submissions until that period has expired.

45. In the course of the Commission's inquiry, it has become apparent that the trading hours and conditions of licensees in the Barkly region vary widely, presumably because they were fixed on a case by case basis. In the interest of promoting consistency, the Commission proposes to fix uniform takeaway licence conditions with appropriate allowance for the different conditions in the town of Tennant Creek and out of town.

46. The Commission has regard to the risk that the intended beneficial effect of restricted conditions may be undermined by counter-measures including:

- unlawful secondary supply ("sly-grogging")
- the relocation of problem drinkers to communities where the availability of liquor is less restricted
- the ordering of liquor on-line and delivered through the post
- the manufacture and consumption of home brew
- break-ins of licensed premises after hours to steal liquor

47. Having regard to these risks and the paucity of data made available to the Commission referred to at paragraph 28 of these Reasons for Proposed Variation, the Commission

proposes to conduct a further s 33 inquiry into takeaway trading in Tennant Creek and the Barkly 12 months after its pending decision. The Commission notes Recommendations 1.3.1 to 1.3.11 ("Research/Data/Evaluation") of the Riley review, which, when implemented, will be of substantial assistance to the Commission in making decisions firmly premised on a base of reliable evidence.

48. In the course of conducting its consultations for this matter, the Commission has received and notes with interest the following recommendations from stakeholders for measures that either lie outside the powers of the Commission, are outside the scope of this inquiry, or both:

- Revamping the BDR to allow the registration of local restricted conditions (Australian Hotels Association)
- Empowering police to seize and destroy liquor found in the possession of a person subject to an order that they not possess liquor (Police)
- Automatic BDR system recording of takeaway purchases, as distinct from the manual recording of purchases by the retailer (Police)
- Improve the amenities offered by licensees for drinking on the premises in pubs and clubs (CAO)
- Re-establishment of the Alcohol Reference Group and implementation of the Alcohol Management Plan (Barkly Regional Council)

49. In his submission, the Commonwealth Minister reminded the Commission of his interventionist powers under the SFNT Act, as set out at paragraph 26 and 27 of these Reasons for Proposed Variation.

PROPOSED TAKEAWAY TRADING HOURS

50. The Commission proposes that the prohibition on Sunday takeaway liquor trading remain in force throughout the Barkly.

51. The Commission proposes that in Tennant Creek, takeaway liquor only be available for sale Monday through to Saturday between the hours of 4 pm and 7 pm. Currently, the trading hours are from 3 pm to 6 pm. The reasons for the proposed change are:

- To avoid exposing children on their way home from school at 3 pm to drinkers congregating at the entrance to takeaway outlets at opening time.
- To provide employees who do not finish work until 6 pm with an opportunity to purchase takeaway liquor when they knock off.
- To enable police POSIs to be maintained without having to relieve officers when shifts change at 3 pm.

52. The Commission proposes that in the wider Barkly region, takeaway liquor only be available for sale Monday through to Saturday between the hours of 12 noon and 7 pm. The Commission considers that the proposed longer hours for roadside traders are justified because:

- The affected licensees depend largely on the custom of tourists, travellers and commercial drivers.

- The limits on the quantity of liquor that can be purchased set out at paragraphs 53 and 54 below will effectively prevent local drinkers from undermining the intended effect of the restrictions by “double-dipping”.

PROPOSED TAKEAWAY LIMITS

53. The Commission proposes that the sale of the following products will be limited to no more than one of the following per person per day:

- i. 18 cans or stubbies of light beer (not more than 2.7% alcohol by volume); or
- ii. 12 cans or stubbies of mid-strength beer (not more than 3.5% alcohol by volume); or
- iii. 6 cans or stubbies of cider or full strength beer; or
- iv. 6 cans or bottles of Ready to Drink mixes; or
- v. One bottle of fortified wine; or
- vi. One bottle of green ginger wine; or
- vii. Two x 750 ml bottles of wine; or
- viii. One 750 ml bottle of spirits, unless one such bottle has been purchased within the previous 24 hours.

54. The Commission proposes that the sale of the following products be prohibited:

- i. wine or fortified wine in a container larger than 750 ml
- ii. beer in bottles of 750 ml or larger, subject to the Special Condition at paragraph 57(ii) of these Reasons for Proposed Variation
- iii. high strength Ready to Drink mixes (not less than 7% alcohol by volume) in a container larger than 440 ml

CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 17.1
TITLE Correspondence
REFERENCE 245251
AUTHOR Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Correspondence

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATION

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- [1↓](#) 2018-05-01 Appointment to NT Place Names Committee - Ronald Plummer BRC.pdf
- [2↓](#) Leader of the opposition 11.05.2018.pdf
- [3↓](#) Gerry Wood MLA.pdf
- [4↓](#) Leader of the opposition - onshore shale gas development - 11.05.2018.pdf
- [5↓](#) SNAICC letter for Cr. Hayes.pdf
- [6↓](#) Letter of Invitation to BRC_May 2018.pdf



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Mr Damien Ryan
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Dear Mr Ryan

I am writing to advise that I have appointed Councillor Ronald Plummer as the Local Government Association of the NT's nominated member of the Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory, for a period of 3 years commencing today.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to submit for my consideration the three nominations required under the *Place Names Act*. I look forward to working with Councillor Plummer and other members of the Committee to enhance place naming processes for the Northern Territory, including in respect of this Government's commitment to progress complementary Aboriginal place naming and elevating Aboriginal identity, language and history into the everyday.

If you have any queries or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact either Ms Cassandra Arnott, Secretary, Place Names Committee on 8999 5334 or by email place.names@nt.gov.au or Mr Richard Smith, Senior Director Land Information on 8999 6711 or by email richard.smith@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Edgington

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Steve', written over the name 'Mr Edgington'.

UPDATE FROM PARLIAMENT

I wish to draw your attention to a contribution I made in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly that may be of interest to you.

I have attached the contribution as extracted from Hansard and hope you find it informative.

If there are any matters that you would like to bring to my attention, need assistance with or require information on, please know that my door is always open.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gary Higgins', written above the name 'Gary Higgins'.

Gary Higgins
Leader of the Opposition

9 April 2018



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GARY HIGGINS MLA
Member for Daly

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RESPONSE TO MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Delivered in the Legislative Assembly Chamber

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MITCHELL STREET, DARWIN N.T. 0800

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Contribution to Government Motion on Tourism

Mr HIGGINS (Opposition Leader): Mr Deputy Speaker, I respond to the minister's statement on tourism and wonder how long it would have taken for the minister bring this statement into the House had the opposition not given notice in February of the following notice that she recognises the importance of tourism to the Northern Territory. I remind members of the notice. It is on the notice paper and it reads as follows:

That the Assembly:

- recognises the fundamental importance of the tourism industry to the Northern Territory economy
- notes with concern the declining visitor numbers to the Top End
- urges increased investment in international and interstate marketing campaigns, increased efforts to secure more air links with Darwin, and collaboration with the Commonwealth government to revitalise Kakadu National Park to arrest this decline ...

I gave notice of this motion to Parliament House because I wanted tourism to be front and centre of this government's agenda. I gave notice of this motion in early February, at a time when the local tourism operators, particularly in the Top End, were struggling. They were crying out for government action—real action—to revive the tourism industry and visitor economy which had begun to lag. Our visitor numbers were down, three international airlines had pulled their routes to and from Darwin, our products were tired, especially in Darwin and there were very little new works being done on marketing the Northern Territory, both nationally and internationally. So, what has changed in a

month? All of these realities are still present, but one thing has changed. The government has announced what it terms a stimulus package under the brand Turbocharging Tourism. When this package was first announced, we could have been mistaken in thinking that this was a game changer for the tourism industry in the Territory, such was the hype with which it was announced. We understand the advertising campaign to promote the decision. The package was put together in five days and advertisements starting appearing in newspapers, on TV and websites at a cost of \$150 000—government's promotion of its decision, not the promotion of Northern Territory tourism product. Tourism operators were invited to briefing sessions up and down the Stuart Highway and the government wanted everyone to believe that it had taken it upon itself to revitalise the industry and return visitor numbers back to the levels that they once were many years ago. The problem was operators turned up to the briefings to be told only the three headline figures of what comprised the \$103m program. When I sought a briefing of the detail of the \$103m, the detail was still conspicuously absent. I was told that the marketing spend would largely be on interstate markets, existing UK, European and US markets and the emerging market of China. Further, I was told that we could expect new additional visitors arriving from interstate—and this one is really good—within three weeks, and within three months from overseas. I wish all concerned the very best of luck with those ambitious goals, but suspect they will not be realised and, indeed, you will need more than luck. Even a Tourism NT board member and CEO of an NT tourist association with whom I spoke recently, doubted these ambitious predictions. I will watch with interest and know from my experiences both as an operator for 16 years and the Chairman of the Katherine Regional Tourist Association—a position I held for four years— that it will take much longer. When I

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sought greater detail of what these campaigns were, what they looked like, what form they would take and where exactly they would be rolled out, I was advised that existing campaigns would be utilised in the short term and there would be a delay to the marketing campaigns as Tourism NT awaited the new master brand. I questioned the necessity to wait. After all, it is not the Territory's immense natural beauty, amazing cultural sites and iconic heritage which are the true selling points. Our visitation numbers have been in decline for some time now and against a backdrop of an economy in decline, as well as population, how long do Territorians have to wait? During the briefings it was stressed that international marketing campaigns targeted to the cities linked to Darwin by air were crucial to keeping these airlines operating in Darwin. This, of course, is a no-brainer but it begs the question, if it is so obvious then why did we lose the Malaysia Airlines route to Kuala Lumpur, the Air Asia route to Bali and the Philippine Airlines route to Manila all since this government came to power? I am advised that the Philippine Airlines manager failed to even get an appointment with the ministers at the end of last year when he wanted to negotiate some cooperative marketing support to keep the airline flying to Darwin. He was advised that they were unavailable. If the minister had been focused on this from the beginning, investing in international links and realising their importance, they might still be operating. This is a serious frustration for Territorians, especially expatriates who have lost a link to their friends and family. We have seen the announcements drip fed over the past few weeks, presumably to maximise the \$150 000 media impact. Perhaps rather than concentrating on media hits and its own image, the government should get on with governing and do what needs to be done for local tourism operators and the many Territorians who benefit directly and indirectly from this great industry. The minister has brought the details

to the House for us to comment on and I thank her for doing so. As outlined in the CLP's plan for economic development, the opposition knows tourism industry growth will be achieved by ongoing product and experience development. Investment in infrastructure and facilities that leverage natural, cultural and heritage assets, improving service standards and by creating a reputation that the Territory is synonymous with quality is how we will grow this important industry. Aligning experienced development with visitor demand and the stronger global economic outlook provides the conditions for solid and sustainable growth in visitor numbers in the coming years. A focus on emerging markets and alignment with trade and investment missions will aid in the delivery of tourism infrastructure and services to drive increased leisure visitation. There are also opportunities to better leverage parks and reserves to contribute to tourism-related economic development. I read with interest the minister's statement that contains most of this above word for word. I congratulate her on recognising and now implementing much of the CLP plan this comes a day after the Labor government has mirrored the CLP plan on auxiliary police officers. It seems after 19 months, this government has come to realise a number of CLP policies are indeed beneficial for Territorians. The opposition wholeheartedly supports investment in tourism. We wonder why, that with a struggling economy, it has taken you lot 18 months to realise the importance of the industry to Territorians, when the opposition recognised and valued the importance of the tourism sector and visitor economy to the NT gross state product. Today, the tourism sector has 13% of the population employed, or approximately 17 000 people directly and indirectly. When we look at the facts of this matter, the CLP government set out a plan to grow tourism in the Territory with the clear goal of creating a \$2bn visitor economy by 2020. This plan was driven and communicated

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by the CLP. Where are the Labor government's specifics and goals? The minister admits in her statement that there is no long-term tourism industry strategic plan, so what exactly have they been doing for the last 18 months? Note that the minister states the return on investment from increased tourism market expenditure is approximately \$37 for every \$1 invested. While this may be the case for an evidence-based government, where is the evidence? If we look at the total package of \$103m multiplied by the 37 times multiply is sited, we will see a \$3.8bn increase in revenue. I issue a word of caution to the minister. Her statement says that in the year ending December 2017, 1.8m visitors moved through the Territory. This figure comprises leisure visitors, business visitors and FIFO workers. These are not all tourists, minister. In fact I heard a board member of Tourism NT say recently that the INPEX work force represented 140 000 trips on aircrafts in and out of Darwin per year. This is a significant number and a double-edged sword. On one hand, they are not tourists and they should not be counted as such. On the other hand, when the number of INPEX workers winds down it presents an opportunity for more seats for genuine leisure visitors. The funding allocation of \$103m over two years is divided into three areas: \$26.57m for marketing; \$56.24m for infrastructure; and \$20.78m for enhancing the visitor experience. Of special interest is an amount of \$10.85m of corporative marketing with airline partners to increase leisure and business events visitation and to support sustainable tourism. The opposition supports the government's role in facilitating sustainable aviation services to the Northern Territory. There are a number of significant changes in the aviation industry such as Qantas changing its hub to out of Singapore. I asked the minister what opportunities she had negotiated with Qantas and other airlines to connect UK and Europe visitors through Singapore direct to Darwin. I recall in the late

90s we had the daily Qantas 747 flights from Singapore and return, providing seamless connections from the UK and European destinations. We also had Singapore Airlines, Garuda and Malaysian Airlines flying out of Darwin, providing considerable additional capacity and frequency for our international travellers. These were followed by the regular 767s. This was a result of the consumer demand generated through international wholesalers in partnership with the private sector and the tourism commission, and airlines responded accordingly. You generate demand for a destination, minister, through promotion. Airlines then fly there. I am advised that Emirates airlines, which operate twice daily 777s to Denpasar, Bali, will be flying A380s from Dubai to Bali, commencing in July this year. Given the appetite of UK and Europeans for Bali and a Territory adventure experience—not necessarily at the same time—what discussions have been held and what work has been undertaken to analyse this opportunity? Is the minister even aware of this opportunity? In Virgin Australia's six-month report to 31 December 2017: The economics of operating air services to and within the NT are quite challenging given the size of the market, the predominance of leisure traffic, seasonality and high cost of operation. While there may be a perception that fares are high, Virgin Australia's services are not performing well commercially despite cooperative marketing activity with Tourism NT, regular price discounting and collaboration with our airlines alliance partners to support passengers fed from international markets. Against this background we do not have any plans to expand services at this time. I ask the minister to comment on what arrangements have been discussed with Qantas and Virgin to further cooperate marketing within the domestic market, and when does she expect the price of flights in and out of the NT to be cut to a more affordable level for leisure visitors and locals? When I was in Alice Springs last week I was told

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time and time again that flights in and out of Alice Springs were so high that locals drive the 90km roundtrip to Yulara to avail themselves of cheap direct flights to the nation's capital. I hope the Deputy Speaker avails himself of this discount in getting his airfares to come to parliament. Such is the success of the marketing of Ayers Rock when it was under the previous CLP government and Tourism NT CEO, Tony Mayell. How many of these were already slated before the turbo-charging tourism package was announced? Are these new funding allocations? The addition of skywalks and other trail infrastructure and bike riding initiatives were identified well before the turbo-charging decision was announced. What was the methodology behind choosing those specific sites and businesses the CLP identified? That brings me to my next point, Kakadu National Park. The park requires serious investment in order to bring it back to an acceptable standard. As we know, the park and many of its sites are closed during the Wet Season. Kakadu is one of, if not the major attraction to the Top End and the Territory in general. It is an anchor attraction. UNESCO reports that 84% of international visitors visit World Heritage sites, and we have two of them. Kakadu should be open and accessible in some fashion 12 months of the year. Obviously there are natural restrictions, such as flooding, which prevent access for some time during the year. Traditional owners should be consulted on what they see as being appropriate to open areas within the park. At this point, I want to bring to members' attention the attitudes towards tourists visiting their country of three significant elders who have passed away. These men were very positive and agreeable, but with individual and important perspectives. Mr Bill Neidjie was a senior traditional owner of the Bunitj clan estate in Kakadu National Park. He was a descendent of the Gagudju speaking people who once inhabited the area and from which Kakadu takes its name. Mr Neidjie's major concern was

that visitors should be told more about the art sites and should not be permitted into his living areas. Mr Toby Gangale was a senior traditional owner of the Mirrar clan. His country included Mount Brockman, the present Ranger Uranium Mine and parts of Jabiluka area. Mr Gangale was the President of the Gagudju Association for a long time. Mr Gangale's concern was for the protection of ceremonial sites and burial sites. He said that Aboriginal people still need country to hunt and live in, and we have to look after all our sacred places and still let tourists come and have a good time. Mr Nipper Kaparegi was a senior traditional owner of the Badmardi clan estate within Kakadu National Park. Mr Kaparegi was concerned that tourists had guides with them and could not just roam about—they may get hurt. I seek leave to table and Australian Government document entitled Visitors to Aboriginal Sites: Access, Control and Management. It was a publication in which members can read the comments of these three great Aboriginal men and custodians of the park. Leave granted. Mr HIGGINS: There is no better way to escape the northern winter than to come to Australia and experience the Aboriginal culture and the ancient lands of Kakadu. It takes the will of everyone involved at Kakadu National Park, all the authorities and owners, to allow investment in boardwalks, skywalks and bitumen roads that will facilitate this access. The number of art sites in the park is 280, as noted in the Australian National Parks and Wildlife original survey. The majority of these are on the Mount Brockman outcrop and the escarpment following south to Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls, and beyond. What is needed is more access to the art sites and waterfalls to create an international all-round tourism experience. This would include, in accordance with the following: an all-weather road to be constructed from Jabiru township, east to Mount Brockman and across to the escarpment. The road should follow closely to the escarpment because of the altitude and

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the availability of rock building material from the rock screed. The art sites along the road on the base of the escarpment can be identified and accessed by building walking tracks and boardwalks to them. You would need about eight or ten of these sacred sites or these art sites would suffice along with the construction of lookout points along the way. Fording creeks that flow from the escarpment would be easier if it is closer to the wall. Upon reaching Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls, gorge walkways could be built to allow access to the top of the falls where viewing platforms could be built to allow visitors from the top of the cascades and plains country below. Night light shows could also be established. The Aboriginal people at the moment have limited means of income and could be employed in the building and development of the overall project and individual managers of the various art sites. At the same time the road from Jabiru could branch off to cross the East Alligator and provide all-weather access for locals in Arnhem Land as well as future tourism development. In this reinvigoration of Kakadu would give a great boost to visitation and in doing so give a better purpose to Jabiru itself. The funding of this project must come from the Federal Government. However, the opportunity for international sources to invest in a park belonging to the people of the world may be considered and should not be discounted. This would act as a catalyst to attract international tourists to see the wonders of an investment their country is involved in. It is vital that our visitor economy stretches across the 12 months of the year rather than simply the six months of the dry season. Operators tell me that Kakadu is only available ten weeks of the year and Kakadu is often known as Kakadon't. I've raised this investment by the Federal Government with a number of Federal Ministers for the benefit of the industry, traditional owners and Territorians more generally. I find it incredible that in a 31 page statement that speaks about targeting high

return markets, niche markets and growth markets, there is also not a single mention of sport or sport tourism. This highlights the lack of strategic priority, the lack of commitment by this Labor Government to sport. Indeed it is ironic that the largest gap in the tourism state is the lack of any mention of sport, especially when this government's pre-election priority was to bring back the Arafura Games. At the time and even now, one of the reasons given for wanting to reinvigorate the commercially dead event, the Arafura Games, was to get more of our northern neighbours on planes and into town. Mr Deputy Speaker, I have said before in this place that if people are not flying here they're not buying here. To overlook the importance of the sport tourist dollar is short-sighted and misguided. It also fails to realise any benefit from investment in having AFL big bash league teams play in the NT. The benefit of sport tourism are clear and the economics compelling. During my time as the Minister I've seen and heard how far reaching, diverse and inspiring the business of sport and recreation is across the Territory. In a state spectators who travel spend more on tickets, purchase sport brand products, visit restaurants and clubs, watch TV and many more. Travel companies and beverage companies also make huge profits at the time of events. Given that the Labor Government has a ten year plan for everything, including making decisions, where's the sports master plan. The previous CLP Government launched iconic and strategic sporting events such as the Mitchell Street Mile, an event made possible through the reallocation of some of the funds which would have been used for the Arafura Games. How will the Territory compete with other major regional sporting events like the South-East Asian Games. Our Asian neighbours invest a lot of money in their games. Their infrastructure is first class, plus it is more affordable for the nations to travel to Asian destinations. When the Country Liberals came to government the Arafura Games were fading, countries weren't

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attending and visitor numbers were down. It was decided it was better to reinvest in first class sporting events which would also have an element of community participation through school visits by the footy teams, unique volunteer experiences around the Davis Cup and a greater shoulder season event like the Mitchell Street Mile. The Country Liberals Government knew that leveraging government money to facilitate major football franchises to compete in the Top End would have multiple benefits and many positive flow-on effects that would have an impact for years to come. An example of the strategic leverage spend is:

- \$1m to continue the agreement with the Melbourne Football Club to hold Australian Football League games in the Territory
- \$0.6m to host a quarter final of the premiere international tennis event, the Davis Cup
- \$0.12m to bring a four nations women's hockey test team to Darwin
- Reviewed and implemented the remote sports voucher scheme to encourage communities to determine the sports activities for local children
- Delivered 12 national and international sporting events including AFL and NRL premierships matches, the Davis Cup, the international hockey open, the Sheffield Shield, Mitchell Street Mile and A League Football soccer matches.

To our north there are millions of middle class people looking to engage in sports, tourism and travel. This is an obvious major growth opportunity for the Northern Territory. Four hours to the south of Darwin there are six major cities and 23 million people. Four hours north you have 28 capital cities of nations, 36 trading ports and 69 international airports and half a billion people. There should be considerable potential to increase international students and other cross-cultural

exchanges from Indonesia and other neighbouring South-East Asian countries. Darwin offers a welcoming multicultural environment. We share a similar climate with many of our neighbouring Asian countries and can offer families a shorter flight home for their loved ones studying abroad. International sport and high performance training facilities offer a platform on which to attract international students. By 2030 the Asian middle class will grow by 600 million to almost 3 billion and it is this growth that offers the Northern Territory unparalleled opportunity. Sport and recreation is not just ball games however. My time does not allow me to outline the many other sports, arts and cultural events so successful under the CLP Governments, for example the Darwin Cup Carnival, V8 Supercars, an array of motorsport activities in the Top End and Central Australia, regaining and mountain bike riding to name but a few. Darwin Festival and so the list goes on, we say promote all of these highly successful events and more. We say continue to work with federal Government as the CLP did to acquire a national Indigenous cultural centre for Alice Springs. Locals say do not build it at Anzac Oval, which by the way belongs to the council. Consider the vacant and centrally located Melanka's site. As Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries, I was very proud of the previous Country Liberals Government commitment to our recreational fishers. We invested in world class fishing infrastructure, investments that made the NT the place to be for recreational fishing. Remember the million dollar competition, the Barra Classic also in my electorate of Daly; that is a world class event. We actually invested \$4m for the Dundee boat ramp with money for Mary River and the Shady Camp Road. Let me conclude by stating that the opposition is the greatest proponent of the tourism industry. The previous government had a plan for the development of this important industry. We have seen the benefits of the work done particularly with the strong

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visitation levels in Central Australia and the number of visitors to CLPinitiated events including Red Centre NATS, Aussie rules, rugby league, cricket and other sporting events. We are pleased that after 19 months that this government has recognised the importance of tourism to a declining Territory economy and I look forward to the results and the return on investment of these considerable additional funds.



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Submissions re Liquor Amendment (Point of Sale Intervention) Bill 2018

Recently the Government introduced legislation into the NT Parliament which would allow what the Chief Minister stated recently in a media release (March 12th)

An additional 75 police auxiliaries will be trained as Liquor Inspectors and stationed in front of bottle shops as part of a comprehensive Territory Labor Government plan to stop alcohol-fuelled violence in the NT.

The Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors will form part of a new 97-member strong unit within the NT Police, and will include 12 police officers specifically targeting secondary supply, seven operational staff and three prosecutors.

The measures will be backed by an \$11.83 million investment annually – the largest ever investment allocated to target the supply of alcohol in the Northern Territory.

This will see frontline police return to core policing roles – including getting them back into remote police stations - and will deliver on recommendations from the historic Riley Review into Alcohol.

Justice Riley recommended

3.6 Point of Sale Interventions (POSIs)

3.6.1 POSIs continue in regional centres after the commencement of the BDR until (and unless) it can be demonstrated that they are no longer required.

3.6.2 The Liquor Act be amended to empower uniformed Licensing Inspectors to undertake the POSI role.

3.6.3 Appropriate training be provided to Licensing Inspectors to enable them to undertake the POSI role.

3.6.4 Police continue to undertake the POSI role until Licensing Inspectors are employed and trained.

3.6.5 The POSIs regime be monitored and then evaluated to measure its continuing effectiveness and efficiency.

As an Independent I believe this important piece of Legislation should have gone to a Scrutiny Committee to allow adequate time for the public and relevant organisations to comment on this Bill before it is debated in Parliament in the May sittings - but the Government has refused to do that.

Here are some questions that might arise from reading the Bill if it went to a Scrutiny Committee

- Is the proposal by the Government in keeping with Justice Riley's recommendations?
- Are police auxiliaries stationed at bottle stops an effective use of police resources?
- Who will pay for the \$11.3 million per year to fund the new police auxiliaries?
- Should the job be for licensing inspectors with increased powers as per the Riley Report?
- Who should pay - the NT Government or the alcohol industry?
- Are there any racial discrimination issues with this policy?

I am asking if you could please look at the proposed Bill (attached) and send through your views and comments.

Comments need to be in by April 24th 2018.

Kind regards,

Gerry Wood

LIQUOR AMENDMENT (POINT OF SALE) INTERVENTION BILL (Serial 47)

Ms FYLES (Attorney-General and Justice): Madam Speaker, I present a bill entitled the Liquor Amendment (Point of Sale) Intervention Bill 2018, and table the explanatory statement and Human Rights Capability statement.

I move that the bill be read a first time.

Territorians deserve to live in safe communities. Our government has a comprehensive plan to make our community safer. The Gunner Labor government continues to implement the recommendations of the Alcohol Policies Legislation Review (the review as it will be further referred to in this speech) and to make important alcohol reform.

I acknowledge those opposite—Independent and opposition—who have continued to avail themselves of briefings and being informed on this issue.

Recommendation 3.6 of the review recommends formalising a point of sale intervention regime known as POSIs and this legislation implements that recommendation. POSIs will complement the Banned Drinker Register in keeping with the review's recommendations, and future legislative work will also develop a new model to monitor compliance by licensees and enforcement of the Liquor Act.

We have many licensees across the Northern Territory who do the right thing, but there are a few who do the wrong thing and supply alcohol to those who then cause harm in our communities. This is an area that government is determined to strengthen. There is no pointing the finger and blame of previous governments, it is simply something we need to strengthen to protect our community.

I now turn to the bill's substantive contents. The bill principally amends the Liquor Act in two respects—first by inserting a new Part 8C which contains the operational aspects of the POSI regime and also several new sections elsewhere in the act to complement its operation. I have said publicly and in the House before that we will completely rewrite the Liquor Act, but we need to make these amendments to get these measures in place as soon as possible.

The new sections contemplate licensing inspectors carrying out the functions of the POSI regime which implements Recommendation 3.6.2 of the review. These inspectors will have the same powers as police officers to carry out these roles.

New section 101ZK provides police officers and inspectors with the powers necessary to enforce the POSI regime on and in the immediate vicinity of licensed premises by empowering the police officer or inspector to require a person who is appearing to purchase, or apparently intending to purchase, alcohol from the licensed premise to do certain things. Specifically, the police officer or inspector may ask the person to provide their name, address and to show identification to identify themselves and questions to establish the 2 identification provided is accurate. The police officer or inspector may use that information to establish whether the person is prohibited from consuming alcohol. The person may also be required by the police officer or inspector to answer questions about where the alcohol is intended to be

a breach of the peace or threat to public safety occurs, or is likely to occur, at or near the licensed premises.

The Commissioner of Police may also temporarily suspend the licence for up to 48 hours if the licensee, or an employee or agent of the licensee, is being investigated for an offence against the Liquor Act, and an investigating police officer reasonably believes that the offending is likely to continue.

While this suspension power is more limited than that given to the Director-General of Licensing, who may suspend a liquor licence for up to seven days, it is appropriate to deal with immediate operational concerns such as public safety, to promote social harmony or wellbeing, and to avoid death and injury that is connected with the use of alcohol.

New section 48C requires the Commissioner of Police to report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice annually on the number of suspensions imposed under new section 48B, the licences that were suspended, and the period for which those suspensions had effect. That report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

These amendments which make the bill are vital to implementing the recommendations of the Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review, and providing front line officers with the powers necessary to regulate and enforce the responsible consumption of alcohol.

While further work will continue to develop and support the Government's broad alcohol reform policy, including a new model for compliance and enforcement, this bill represents an important step in regulating alcohol related harm and protecting our community.

It is very important that this bill is put in place so that we can put in place the recommendations of the Riley Review. This government is committed to tackling the harm that alcohol causes in our community. We have changes to the Standing Orders which allow a minister to seek urgency of routine passage or sending it to a scrutiny committee—and I do not propose that this bill goes to a scrutiny committee. It is work that needs to be put in place. The full review of the Liquor Act will be conducted and that will go to a scrutiny committee.

This is putting in place the recommendations of the Riley Review. It will be able to go to the process that we have where it will sit on the Notice Paper until the May sittings. I have had requests to pass this on urgency, but the timing of passing in the May sittings will allow scrutiny—for members to take this bill away from the House and to look at the detail and how it will be enacted—it will go through the committee stage of the parliament in the May sittings.

I commend the Liquor Amendment (Point of Sale Intervention) Bill 2018 to honourable members.

Motion agreed to; bill read a first time.

Ms FYLES: Madam Speaker, I move that the second reading of the bill be made an order of the day for the first assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Serial 47
Liquor Amendment (Point of Sale Intervention) Bill 2018
Ms Fyles

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act*

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LIQUOR AMENDMENT (POINT OF SALE INTERVENTION) ACT 2018

Act No. [] of 2018

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Act No. [] of 2018

An Act to amend the *Liquor Act*

[Assented to [] 2018]
[Introduced [] 2018]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Liquor Amendment (Point of Sale Intervention) Act 2018*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Liquor Act*.

4 Section 4 amended (Interpretation)

Section 4(1)

insert (in alphabetical order)

alcohol-related offence, for Part VIIC, see section 101ZJ.

Police Force means the Police Force of the Northern Territory established by section 5(1) of the *Police Administration Act*.

5 Sections 48B and 48C inserted

After section 48A

insert

48B Commissioner's power to suspend licence

- (1) The Commissioner of Police may suspend a licence for not more than 48 hours if:
 - (a) any of the following occurs, or is likely to occur, at or near the licensed premises specified in the licence and the Commissioner considers it appropriate to suspend the licence:
 - (i) an emergency or natural disaster;
 - (ii) riotous conduct;
 - (iii) a breach of the peace or threat to public safety; or
 - (b) the licensee, or their employee or agent, is the subject of an investigation for an offence against this Act in relation to the licensed premises specified in the licence and a police officer investigating the offence believes on reasonable grounds that the offence is likely to continue.
- (2) The Commissioner must:
 - (a) immediately give written notice of the suspension to the licensee, the Minister, the Chairperson of the Commission and the Director-General; and
 - (b) include in the notice the period of suspension and reasons for the suspension.

48C Annual report to Minister

- (1) The Commissioner of Police must give a report to the Minister that provides the following information for each financial year:
 - (a) the number of suspensions imposed by the Commissioner under section 48B(1) during the financial year;
 - (b) the licences that were suspended;
 - (c) the periods during which those suspensions had effect.
- (2) The report for a financial year must be given to the Minister within 3 months after the end of the financial year.

- (3) The Minister must table a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly within 7 sitting days after the Minister receives the report.

6 Part VIIIIC inserted

After section 101ZI

insert

Part VIIIIC Point of sale intervention

101ZJ Definition

In this Part:

alcohol-related offence means an offence against this Act or the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017*.

101ZK Point of sale intervention powers – customer

- (1) A police officer or inspector may exercise a power under this section in relation to a person (the ***customer***) if:
 - (a) the customer is on licensed premises or within 20 m of:
 - (i) an entrance to the premises; or
 - (ii) an entrance to the building containing the premises; or
 - (iii) a driveway or car park for the premises; and
 - (b) the customer appears to be purchasing or intending to purchase liquor for consumption away from the premises.
- (2) The officer or inspector may require the customer to do any of the following:
 - (a) state the customer's name and address;
 - (b) state where the customer intends to consume the liquor;
 - (c) show the customer's approved identification as defined in section 31A(4);
 - (d) answer questions about the information contained in the approved identification:
 - (i) to confirm that the information is accurate; and

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- (ii) to find out if the customer is prohibited from consuming liquor at the place stated for paragraph (b) or in general;
 - (e) state whether the customer intends to provide any of the liquor to another person.
 - (3) If the customer appears to intend to provide any of the liquor to another person, the officer or inspector may also require the customer to answer questions about the other person, to find out if the other person is prohibited from consuming liquor.
 - (4) The officer or inspector may investigate whether either or both of the following apply to the customer or the other person:
 - (a) a prohibition mentioned in section 31A(2);
 - (b) a bail condition as defined in the *Bail Act* relating to liquor, for a bail granted under Part 3 of that Act.
 - (5) If the officer or inspector suspects on reasonable grounds that an alcohol-related offence is likely to occur, the officer or inspector may do either or both of the following:
 - (a) seize a container purchased by the customer that the officer or inspector has reason to believe contains liquor;
 - (b) prevent the customer from entering or remaining in the premises.
 - (6) If the officer or inspector believes on reasonable grounds that the approved identification is fictitious or false in a material particular, the officer or inspector may seize the identification.

101ZL Point of sale intervention power – licensee

- (1) This section applies if a police officer or inspector:
 - (a) exercises a power in relation to a customer under section 101ZK; and
 - (b) suspects on reasonable grounds that an alcohol-related offence is likely to occur.
- (2) The officer or inspector may direct that the licensee of the premises and the licensee's employees must not sell liquor to the customer for the remainder of the day on which the direction is given.
- (3) A person given a direction under subsection (2) must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the direction is complied with.

101ZM Police officer and inspector obligations

- (1) If a police officer or inspector seizes a container under section 101ZK(5)(a), the officer or inspector must destroy the contents of the container as soon as practicable.
- (2) If a police officer or inspector gives a direction under section 101ZL(2), the officer or inspector:
 - (a) must give the name of the customer to the licensee or employee; and
 - (b) may give other information about the customer to the licensee or employee to enable the licensee or employee to identify the customer.

101ZN Failing to comply with requirement

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with a requirement given to the person under section 101ZK(2) or (3).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

Note for subsection (1)

It is an offence against section 106BE to provide false information to a police officer or inspector.

- (2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply if:
 - (a) the requirement was given by a police officer who was not in uniform and who did not produce their police identification after the person asked to inspect it; or
 - (b) the requirement was given by an inspector who did not produce their identity card after the person asked to inspect it; or
 - (c) the police officer or inspector did not, before giving the requirement, warn the person that failure to comply with the requirement is an offence.

Note for subsection (3)

The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned (see section 43BU of the Criminal Code).

101ZO Failing to comply with direction

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person:
- (a) is given a direction under section 101ZL(2); and
 - (b) fails to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the direction is complied with.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months.

- (2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.
- (3) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) if the person has a reasonable excuse.
- (4) A police officer or inspector may lodge with the Director-General a complaint under section 68 in relation to an offence against this section.

101ZP Sharing information

Despite section 9 of the *Information Act* and the operation of any other law of the Territory that prohibits or restricts the disclosure of information, a person may disclose information that is requested or collected under this Part for the purposes of enforcing this Part.

101ZQ Point of sale intervention powers do not limit other powers

A power conferred by this Part on a police officer or inspector is in addition to, and does not limit, any other power the officer or inspector may have under this Act or another law in force in the Territory.

7 Section 106BE inserted

After section 106BD

insert

106BE Providing false information to police officer or inspector

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person intentionally gives information to another person; and
 - (b) the other person is a police officer or inspector; and

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- (c) the information is false in a material particular and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance; and
 - (d) the police officer or inspector is acting in an official capacity and the person has knowledge of that circumstance.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months.

- (2) Strict liability applies to subsection (1)(b).
- (3) In this section:

acting in an official capacity, in relation to a police officer or inspector, means the officer or inspector is exercising powers or performing functions under, or otherwise related to the administration of, this Act.

8 Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.

consumed, whether the alcohol is being purchased for themselves or another person, and whether the other person is prohibited from consuming alcohol.

In addition, the police officer or inspector may investigate whether the person or any person to whom that person intends to split alcohol is subject to prohibition under section 31A(2) of the Liquor Act or is subject to bail conditions relating to liquor.

New section 101ZN makes it an offence for a person to fail to comply with a requirement under the new section 101ZK to provide information with a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units. This is a strict liability offence. The police officer or inspector must produce identification if asked by the person and also warn the person that failure to comply is an offence before issuing a requirement.

This is a strict liability offence. The police officer or inspector must produce identification if asked by the person, and also warn the person that failure to comply is an offence before issuing a requirement.

If the police officer or inspector reasonably suspects that an offence against the Liquor Act or the Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017 is likely to occur, the police officer or inspector may seize the alcohol that has been purchased and destroy it.

The police officer or inspector may also prevent the person from entering or remaining on the licensed premises and new section 101ZL empowers a police officer or inspector to direct the licensee of the premises to not sell alcohol to that person for the remainder of the day.

The police officer or inspector may also provide the licensee with the name of the person and additional information necessary to enable the licensee to identify that person. In addition, if the police officer or inspector reasonably believes that the identification provided by the person is false or fictitious, the police officer or inspector may also seize the identification.

New section 101ZO makes it an offence for a licensee, who has received a direction not to supply alcohol to a person for the remainder of the day, to fail to take all reasonable steps to comply with that direction, with a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units or 6 months of imprisonment. This is a strict liability offence. If a licensee commits that offence, the police officer or inspector may also lodge a complaint against them with the Director-General of Licensing.

New section 106BE also makes it an offence to provide false information to a police officer or inspector acting in their official capacity, carrying a maximum penalty of 50 penalty units or six months of imprisonment.

The second aspect of the bill provides a power to the Commissioner of Police to temporarily suspend a liquor licence, giving effect to recommendation 2.7.4 of the Review, which recommends that the Commissioner have similar powers to that granted to the Director-General of Licensing under section 48A of the Liquor Act.

The new section 48B empowers the Commissioner of Police to suspend a liquor licence for a period of up to 48 hours if the Commissioner considers that it is appropriate because an emergency or natural disaster, a conduct that is improper, or



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Dear Mr Edgington

Onshore Shale Gas Development

I am writing to you to make you aware of the NT Opposition's motion in Parliament during the last sittings to support the development of an onshore shale gas industry here in the NT.

I have attached for your convenience my contribution to this motion, as well as the contribution from the Deputy Opposition Leader, Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA.

In addition, you may be interested in a major speech I gave at the Darwin Minerals Council on 28 March 2018. The speech, also attached, highlights the importance of making the NT nationally and internationally competitive. The mineral resources sector has a long and proud history in the NT, and is a critical component to securing our future economic prosperity.

The minerals resource sector and an onshore shale gas industry present the NT with an unprecedented opportunity for investment and jobs. The benefits of these industries will continue to be felt in the NT for decades to come.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to get in contact. I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'Gary Higgins', written over a horizontal line.

Gary Higgins
Leader of the Opposition

9 April 2018



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MOTION

Onshore Shale Gas Industry

(Wednesday, 21 March 2018)

Delivered in the Legislative Assembly Chamber

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MOTION

Onshore Shale Gas Industry

Mr HIGGINS (Leader of the Opposition): Mr Deputy Speaker, I move that this assembly recognises the tremendous potential of a well-regulated onshore shale gas industry to create significant wealth and ongoing long-term jobs in the Northern Territory and implores the government to make an immediate decision on the lifting of its moratorium on onshore gas development in order to give the industry certainty and to unlock this tremendous potential.

The CLP Opposition brings this motion forward with a mix of frustration and excitement. We are frustrated like every business in the Territory with the lack of vision and action by this Labor Government but excited about the potential to transform the Territory with a shale gas revolution.

I note that today's NT News details how there is overwhelming support for the use of hydraulic fracturing to extract deep shale oil and gas reserves. I quote from today's NT News:

A new poll has found there is overwhelming support in Darwin for lifting the ban on fracking.

The shale energy revolution will produce new demand and unleash new wealth across the Territory. So Chief Minister, it is time to show leadership and begin to talk about the benefits of an onshore gas industry.

An onshore gas industry means jobs for Territorians. Onshore gas is a major opportunity for the Northern Territory with substantial potential resources at MacArthur, Bonaparte, Beetaloo, Georgina and Amadeus basins. Significant local employment and revenue potential. Growing markets for LNG and domestic gas facilitated by the 622 kilometre Jemena pipeline started under the previous CLP Government which connects to Eastern Australia. Energy security for the Northern Territory. Significant existing body of work particularly the Hawke Report.

There has been a robust regulatory framework introduced in 2016 and disclosure models were already in place under the CLP. So how big is this opportunity? In one basin alone—Beetaloo, perhaps the most famous of the basins I have mentioned—there are approximately 400 trillion cubic feet, or TCF, of gas. This is roughly double the estimate given in the government's economic development framework, which stated there were 200 TFC. Considering that one TCF is what it takes to power all of Australia for one year, one understands how massive the Beetaloo resource is.

The opposition and Territorians are frustrated by far-left, anti-fossil fuel activists telling us lies. These fracking activists, or fracktivists as I have called them, need to listen to people. Do not use them as some sort of political currency. The TOs at Beetaloo Station have given their consent and want exploration work done into this abundant shale gas resource.

United voices are against onshore gas no matter what. Their confused submission to the fracking inquiry touches on everything from PFAS to Adani, but misses the main point. They highlight the danger of BTEX chemicals, but it is already illegal to use in drilling operations in the NT. Luckily, there are saner voices like the Urban Development Institute of Australia in the NT, UDIA. The CEO, Graeme Suckling—especially when he discusses onshore gas and the role it can play in addressing the population issues.

One of the most important ingredients in any business is the cost of energy. Reliable, affordable power is a critical component for success in private enterprise; this is a fundamental rule. In the NT we have world-class potential for shale gas to power not only the NT, but Australia and the East Asia region for decades.

Let us look at the types of jobs onshore gas would create, stable, ongoing and well-paying. Not only this, but it is a huge incentive for the NT to develop capacity and educate future onshore oil and gas engineers. There are clear flow-on effects regarding upstream

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and downstream industries, and indirect services sector support roles.

We need to have an educational system, private business community and a government that is able to make the most of this unprecedented onshore gas opportunity. The opposition has sat with all stakeholders in this debate, the pro and anti-camps. Across the world, there has been an energy revolution, a shale gas revolution led by the US.

The former CLP government put in place pipelines to prosperity through partnerships with Jemena to build a 622 kilometre gas pipeline from Tennant Creek to Mount Isa. In doing so, the NT's gas was connected to the eastern seaboard. CLP policies also supported a pipeline of private sector investment and growth. This was done through pro-business policies such as a focus on lower taxes, reducing the cost of living and removing red tape through dedicated red tape reduction squads in the department of business.

There has been a litany of lies from the anti-fracking and fracktivist camps. As a Territory, we need to focus on creating more wealth. A well-regulated onshore gas industry is a key pathway to grow the wealth-creating capacity of the Northern Territory. Labor and this Territory Labor government in particular is only good at spending money, not making it.

However, like all socialist regimes, eventually one runs out of the other people's money. In this instance, I use the example of the GST distribution. GST makes up 50% of the NT's budgeted income every year. How could we ever credibly advance the cause of statehood if we continue to rely so heavily on the Commonwealth? Over 71% of all Territory income comes from the Commonwealth. The potential billions of dollars that would come into the Territory coffers if there was a well-regulated onshore gas industry would go a long way to replacing the dependency on Canberra.

The opposition noted the many constructive submissions made to the fracking inquiry. For example, the Consolidated Pastoral Company,

CPC. There is merit in CPC suggesting the government look to lessen concerns on water by resourcing an independent land and water commission as in New South Wales.

This would safeguard the progress to double beef production by 2030 and keep it on track. Let us keep the Territory on track by focusing on creating money, not spending money. This Labor government is more interested in social policy than economic policy. Secure, reliable and affordable power is what Territorians want and deserve.

The Labor government must leave its far-left ideology at the door and be guided by science. After all, this is supposed to be an evidence-based government. Government must listen to key stakeholders like the Darwin Major Business Group when it says in its submission to the fracking inquiry that onshore gas industry will deliver significant long-term benefits and opportunities. Engineers Australia NT's submission states:

A thriving on-shore gas sector, acknowledging the cost and availability of energy, should be a key priority for sustainable economic growth in the Northern Territory.

Developing this important future sector of the Northern Territory economy is not restricted by the engineering technology currently available.

Providing a set of regulations that are both effective to prohibit high risk practices, while providing flexibility for innovation which can improve the shale gas sector to potentially become a nation leading or world leading sector, will help to drive investment and long term employment opportunities throughout the Northern Territory.

To be globally competitive the Northern Territory needs to develop long term and sustainable energy policies; energy policies that can be built on the back of a gas supply that can provide power to industry and the community for many decades.

The CLP opposition could not agree more with this vision of the NT nationally and internationally from Engineers Australia NT. It is not just businesses and pastoralists like

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Helen Armstrong of Gilnockie Station who want the government to set up and get on with regulations of an onshore gas industry. As she said:

My opinion as regards hydraulic fracking is one of general excitement.

This Labor government needs to lift this ideological ban to allow billions of dollars that benefit poor communities across the Territory. We know this means, at a minimum, 6300 jobs, according to Deloitte's 2015 economic assessment impact report.

Santos is planning 2300 jobs over its operational forward investment plan. Pangaea have hundreds of jobs mapped out and ready to roll out. The hold up is in the moratorium. We know this procedure for accessing gas, which has been done for decades, is safe.

Dr David King, a seismologist, in his submission the fracking inquiry, puts it rather succinctly:

Fracking is a well established, well understood technique to stimulate oil and gas production in "tight" (low permeability) subsurface formations. Over a million we'll have been fracture stimulated in North America with no adverse effects to water table, environment and damaging seismicity.

The key point and the impact of the moratorium—this unnecessary moratorium has killed jobs and is costing jobs. Take Mark Sullivan for example. Mark has a small business, MS Contracting, involved in mining and the resources sector. In 2016 he agreed to work with Pangaea. He was gearing up to employ 130 people; now it employs only one.

Mark purchased Flying Fox Station in 2003. In 2011 the Labor federal government at the time placed a moratorium on the live cattle trade, which immediately ceased his cash flow and ability to remain solvent. In order to financially survive he established MS Contracting, MSC, a civil construction arm of his business, specialising in providing services to the mining and onshore oil and gas industry.

On 3 February 2016, the Labor government announced a policy that would place a moratorium on fracking within the onshore oil and gas industry in the NT if they won government in the upcoming election on 27 August 2016. Immediately upon this confirmation, Pangaea ceased all of its operations in the NT oil and gas sector due to the uncertainty of the continuation of the industry and have been able to capitalise on the major investment that it already injected into the NT via oil and gas exploration. Following close behind in withdrawing from the NT were the remainder of MSC oil and gas clients, winding back their work programs for the same obvious reason.

Post-election Labor won government on 27 August 2016 and initiated the fracking moratorium. Since then, the MSC business has gone from potentially employing 130 employees to not being able to keep its previous peak of 55 employees and currently now only employs one.

When Origin shut up shop due to the unscientific moratorium on hydraulic fracturing there were \$120m worth of program investment outstanding—that is a large investment in anyone's terms—and as such, a well-regulated onshore gas industry was a key plank of the CLP plan to diversify the economy. I have continually tabled a copy of that plan in this House and I only hope those opposite have actually read it.

Not only will onshore gas development provide for the Territory's energy security, but it brings a huge and lasting economic benefit to the Territory. As I said, over 6300 jobs will be created, according to Deloitte's 2015 report, into the likely economic benefits of an onshore gas industry in the NT. Just how cheaply we can provide gas here in the NT? Modelling the US example, we would likely achieve product around \$2 per gigajoule. Across the nation at the present time, the cost of production averages around \$10. This is a game-changer for industry and potentially could be the foundation stone for the long-sought-after manufacturing base the Territory needs to grow a sustainable, self-sustaining population.

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In addition, if we look at the environmental benefits of gas, natural gas will have tremendous benefits for consumers and the environment. Natural gas is affordable, reliable, flexible, efficient and energy-dense. It is also the least carbon intensive of the major energy sources and when used for power generation it emits up to 60% less carbon dioxide than coal.

Then there are the direct infrastructure benefits to the community. Much of the road infrastructure accessing sites around the prospective basins will need to be upgraded. This will be done by private companies using private capital, but will have the clear benefit of being able to be extended to pastoralists, TOs, and post-production, to the public. There are approximately 250 TCF gas resource in the McArthur basin.

Talk about sovereign risk! How are we to entice national and international players to invest in the Northern Territory if the rules of the games are likely to change? We know the Labor Party went to the election with a plan to increase power prices by over 400% through a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing of shale gas and an unscientific, unreliable renewable target of 50% by 2030 ...

Members interjecting.

Mr HIGGINS: I will repeat it because, obviously, they were not listening.

Mr WOOD: A point of order, Madam Speaker! Members cannot interject except from their own seat.

Madam SPEAKER: Thank you, Member for Nelson, that is quite correct. Cease interjecting.

Mr HIGGINS: Obviously, the Member for Katherine does not know whether she is coming or going.

I will repeat that, Madam Speaker, because we missed a bit of that. When we know that the Labor Party went to the election with a plan to increase power prices by over 400% through a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing

of shale gas and an unscientific, arbitrary renewable target of 50% by 2030. We have the cheapest source of energy in the world in the form of our shale gas resource. We should use this resource to spur on petrochemical industry. A policy decision on unconventional oil and gas in the Territory does not exist in isolation, it must be viewed in the context of a longer term ambition for energy and the environment, manufacturing and the Territory economy more generally.

In summary, onshore gas is an unprecedented opportunity to create thousands of ongoing long-term jobs as well as a lucrative stream of our own resource revenue. Onshore gas is good, the benefits for the economy start with jobs. Unconventional oil and natural gas activity created 9% of the new US jobs in 2011 and it now supports 1.7m jobs. This is projected to grow to 3m jobs by the end of the decade.

There was a chemical industry renaissance fuelled by unconventional gas and gas liquids. Business and investors are the true source of innovation and job creation. They create value and compete every day to bring better products to more consumers, more economically, more safely and more responsibly.

At this moment we need a government and policies that recognise private enterprises' long history of driving advancement and opportunity. It falls to us to tell the extraordinary story of unconventional oil and gas in a way that inspires a renewed confidence in the power of business to build a better Territory.

Ohio in the US is a good example of what could happen in the Territory if well-regulated onshore shale gas industry is allowed to go ahead. From 2008, 180 000 direct shale gas jobs were created. Ohio's shale gas jobs pay 60% more than the Ohio average and in the shale gas countries there has been a 66% decline in unemployment since 2018.

There are clear benefits to farmers and agriculture too, with the cost of fertilisers likely to fall with the development of an

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onshore gas industry. The Territory Government should be considering putting in place incentives for companies to come here to explore and test for shale, oil and gas.

The message is simply, shale gas can be developed sensibly and safely, protecting the local environment with the right regulation. Let us get on with the job. It is time to get the Territory moving again.

Chief Minister, Labor has been in government for 19 months and development of a well-regulated, well-managed onshore gas sector has been unnecessarily delayed for that long. It is time for the Chief Minister to get off the fence, unlock the gate and let the Northern Territory reach its full potential, no matter what the unions tell you to do.

I commend this motion to the house.

Mrs FINOCCHIARO (Spillett): Mr Deputy Speaker, I approach this debate with a point of concern. My electorate of Spillett not only covers a portion of Palmerston, but includes the business districts of Pinelands, Berrimah, Winnellie, Wishart, East Arm and more. My electorate is quite expansive between the Bagot Road overpass, including the Narrows right through to the furthest reaches of Palmerston.

The small and medium businesses in my electorate are absolutely doing it tough. Everyone, in contribution to this debate, has reflected on the state of the economy and the fact that our businesses are really struggling. The feedback I get, much like the Member for Blain was saying that people are telling him that this is the toughest it has ever been.

Unfortunately when I am speaking with people there is this real sense of hopelessness—business owners are incredibly resilient people, it takes real guts and gumption to open and run your own business and I take my hat off to business owners and people who embark on running their own business. The fact that their resistance—the sense of now knowing what is around the

cornering, not seeing the light at the end of the tunnel is really distressing, and for a lack of a better word, lowered moral right across the community.

The Territory and businesses need something that they can see, that is tangible, something to work towards and continue the fight because at the moment in these times, our business owners, in particular, are fighting as hard as they can to keep employing staff and to keep the doors open.

Let us not forget, if a business has to make the heartbreaking decision to close its doors it is not just the impact on the business owners or families, but also the staff and no employer wants to have to shed staff, particularly in tough times but often that is the reality that they are faced with and it is a horrible and harsh reality.

The businesses and people in my electorate are not talking this place down and we do not want to be talking the Territory down, in fact, it is quite the opposite. We really are a land of opportunity. There is so much unrealised potential in the Northern Territory—onshore gas and the development of that industry is just one of the many opportunities Territorians have going in to the future.

The problem is the confidence in this government is at an all-time low. We have seen a government that is incredibly cautious and paralysed and unable to make decisions. We have countless reviews and moratoriums on foot and no real indication of important decisions coming forward. In fact, we have not actually seen this government prove itself and be able to make strong decisions in order to keep forging forward and keep momentum in the Territory, in order to drive the Territory of the future because that is what a government is there to do. They are there to lead and without moving in to my contribution on the next motion—leadership is such an important element—the morale and the future prosperity of the community and this government lacks it in just about every way you can think of.

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We know they came to power on a promise to conduct the review and Justice Pepper has done her work. There is no disputing that, but we have a final report coming down, we think, next week. Let us not forget that the draft report has been in circulation, I think since November last year. I can take a wild guess that the key recommendation—that being that onshore gas can be developed in a safe and highly-regulated environment—will not have changed between November and now.

I am hoping that this government has used that time very wisely and started to seriously reach the point of a decision so that when that report is dropped—next week or whenever it might be—they can very quickly give certainty to Territorians, the business community and industry about what the state of play in the Northern Territory is. There is no question that the decision this Gunner government should make is that hydraulic fracturing can be done safely in a highly-regulated environment. No one wants to see a reckless decision, but no one is suggesting that there be one.

We need to be practical about this and to talk truthfully about this matter—that is that, done correctly in the right regulatory environment, this is an amazing opportunity for the Territory. It will give hope and confidence and create any number of jobs, both immediately and well into the future. It is very important that it is not just a sugar-hit opportunity. This is a long-term generational opportunity for jobs. It is a very exciting opportunity.

In Question Time today, the Minister for Education was saying that the department looks at what are the jobs of the future, or in a community, or how we get our kids ready to seize those opportunities. It is really exciting that the teenagers in high school, the little ones in primary school, or even the ones younger than that, have an opportunity to engage in an industry and have these jobs of the future ready to go.

One wonderful young man who has just graduated from McKillop Catholic College in Johnston in my electorate will be going off to

uni this year—he is probably there right now, given it is late March—embarking on a very fancy sounding degree for the oil and gas industry. That is amazing. I said to him before he left, ‘Go, learn as much as you can, soak up all of that knowledge and come home. Come back to the Northern Territory. We want you to come back with all of that knowledge and invest yourself back here and be part of the future of the Northern Territory. Be part of our next phase.’

It is an exciting time and we only hope that the Gunner Labor government will make a timely decision. We hope that the decision is the right one.

The gas industry could power all of Australia for over 200 years. That is beyond comprehension. It is enormous. Again, let me refer back. We are talking about the development of a safe, robust and well-regulated onshore shale gas industry in the Northern Territory. No one is talking about anything other than that. That 200-year figure, which sounds completely untouchable and unattainable—it is enormous—is pulled straight out of this lovely little document, *Our Economic Future*, which has been printed large so the members opposite can see it from that distance—this is your plan, your document. This is not anyone else’s document but the Gunner Labor government’s document.

Madam Speaker, I seek leave to table the economic development framework for the benefit of the House.

Leave granted.

Mrs FINOCCHIARO: If the government will not listen to its own plan—which has been developed by our hard-working public service and informed by industry—look at it or realise the thousands of jobs that an industry of onshore gas could create, then you could knock me over with a feather. If the government does not make the right decision when that report is handed down, I do not know what decision they will ever make to ensure there are jobs in the future. As an opposition member, we are being very

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proactive in this space and having as many conversations around the onshore gas industry as we possibly can. No matter who we speak to, on all sides of the argument, everyone wants certainty. You can understand that, it has been over a year now.

The economy is not in as great a position as it could be at the moment. Home finance approvals are down over 20% year on year to February 2018. New dwelling construction approvals are down and are continuing to trend downwards, which is really sad. Private investment is also down. We are fast approaching the end of the INPEX construction phase. As an opposition we certainly support local business and the Chamber of Commerce in their proactive campaign to demonstrate the capacity and capability of local industry to deliver maintenance and sustainment works for a world-class shale gas industry. This is really important.

On that point, I acknowledge the work of the Chairman of the NT Manufacturers Council, Owen Pike. Owen is well known; I probably do not need to mention his credentials. He is showing real leadership in the campaign to bring billions of dollars' worth of investment into the Territory.

Alongside a desperate lack of leadership and ability to make a decision from this Gunner Labor government, we have also seen an out-of-touch government. They were quick to point the finger at the previous government for being arrogant and out of touch, when they have found themselves streamlined into the same position.

In November 2017, this Gunner Labor government distributed the revenue discussion paper. The Treasurer says this is a mature discussion about tax, but I do not know how many people believe you, Treasurer. It is very strange to put out a paper talking about raising tax right across the board, not just one, two or three taxes, but every conceivable tax the government could alter, increase or add comes out before Christmas last year.

It is lazy, particularly when there are opportunities to create own-sourced revenue, like onshore gas. When house prices are falling, why are we talking about a land tax? That could cause a collapse. If you are a sparky, welder or trainee currently working on INPEX, you want to know what is next. If this government is so committed to keeping people in the Territory and growing the population, where are the jobs? People who have a job will stay, and those without will leave.

We cannot grow the Territory without having a fundamental, strong base of secure employment and opportunity. This is not just about the jobs that we have, but to grow jobs so that young people who are off to university, like the young man I mentioned earlier, come back because there is nowhere else in Australia they would rather be to have a long and prosperous career where you have a home, stay and build their family and contribute for decades to the growth and prosperity of the Northern Territory. That is what we want.

Private businesses want to pour not millions, but billions of dollars into the Northern Territory. Companies like Origin, Santos, Pangaea and Falcon all have programs that are ready to go. If the moratorium was lifted today, Pangaea could dust off its exploration plans and begin investing overnight. There would be money flowing into the Darwin and Katherine economies overnight.

You do not have to believe me, speak to them and they will tell you. They will tell you themselves.

It is ironic that in this whole debate this government—that loves their evidence-based approaches, although we have seen some pretty shonky and questionable evidence-based approaches, 400 square metres springs to mind but that is a conversation for another day—seems to be rejecting the evidence on how to have a highly-regulated, safe, robust onshore gas industry.

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We still have the Hunter Inquiry from the previous Labor Government; that was in 2012. We still have the two Hawke reports, from the previous CLP Government. Then there was the Hunter Review in 2016. These are just a few of the inquiries into hydraulic fracturing to extract deep shale gas here in the Northern Territory. When the Pepper Report is handed down that must be the end of it. A decision must be made.

Even Labor's own Martin Ferguson, the former Commonwealth Minister for Resources, believes activists driven by hostility to fossil fuels and this faith in renewable energy are using misinformation to push that anti-gas agenda. The reality is fracking has been used since 1947 in the oil and gas industry and it was first used in the Territory in 1967. It was also used to develop water bores which I know the Member for Daly and the Member for Nelson love talking about bores and all those wonderful things in the rural area.

Across the world, more than 2.5m fracks have been completed. We hear claims of environmental contamination where no harm has occurred. There is a lot of talk about worst case scenarios to create fear in the development of this industry. There is no question that good laws and good regulation are an essential part of this.

Rosemary Sullivan from Cave Creek Station put it very well in her submission to the inquiry. She said:

Why is Lock the Gate activist Lauren Mellor allowed to dominate much of the Mataranka meeting, barely drawing a breath? It was listed as a community forum. She is not a local, despite what she would say to tourists at markets when attempting to get them to sign petitions against fracking, but merely a paid activist from Darwin.

She is likewise concerned that good companies like Santos and Origin will be virtually regulated out of existence. What the Opposition would like to highlight is the economic benefits that will come out of a well-regulated oil and gas industry. There is no question that the jobs will flow, if this

government makes a decision and says yes we will have a highly-regulated, safe, sustainable gas industry into the future.

The Chamber of Commerce in their submission to the fracking inquiry said:

We are in a stagnating economy with many of our companies looking to downsize or even close during 2018. Going forward there was a clear message from our members that the development of a sustainable onshore gas industry is critical to the economic future of the Northern Territory and would like to see it commence as soon as possible.

Importantly the development of this industry offers to generate much needed employment and business opportunities in some of our regional and remote areas as outlined by the report by ACIO Allan which we hold to be a conservative view of the economic impacts of the industry.

Secure, reliable and affordable power, that is what Territorians want, that is what they deserve and Territorians have now had enough of the government's moratorium. They want to see action, they want to see leadership from this government and they want that restoration of private sector confidence.

To quote British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, we:

Contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

The Revenue Discussion Paper launched in November as I touched on earlier, has introduced even more unnecessary uncertainty around taxation and royalty regimes here in the Northern Territory. One of the most significant industry risk reports is the Mining Journal World Risk Report, which claimed that mining investment in the NT was perceived to be riskier for investors when compared to part of Central America and Africa, and that it is self-evident that any move to increase the tax burden on Territorians will decrease the purchasing power of Territorians, in effect taking money out of the economy.

It is clear that if families have less money then there are fewer purchases of goods and services, and the flow-on effects cascade

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throughout the economy. These effects will continue until such time as a circuit breaker is activated.

A point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker!
Pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request an extension of time.

Motion agreed to.

Ms FINOCCHIARO: The opposition believes a coordinated and ambitious plan to diversify and energise the economy requires a circuit breaker of a well-regulated onshore gas industry. There is tremendous potential in the Northern Territory, but political courage and leadership is required to address these issues.

At some point this government will need to start talking about wealth creation, supporting industries and unlocking the wealth we have here in the Northern Territory. It will need to start leading and embracing economic policy, not just focusing on—granted, they are important—social policy aspects. It needs to broaden its scope.

One of the key messages from the Country Liberals is that we will keep taxes down to life the economy up. That is much more than just a slogan. We know that the best form of welfare is a job. We know that a rising tide lifts all boats.

There is no question that our priority as a government would be very different to the Gunner Labor government's approach, and we recognise that a strong society is built on a strong economy. The Gunner government has an opportunity to turn things around, restore confidence, give hope, create jobs and pathways for the future, ensure people are choosing the Territory—that uni graduates and apprentices from around the country are deciding to come here because this is the land of opportunity.

I hope that next week we see a swift, well-constructed decision from this government that leads Territorians. I hope the uncertainty the government has put upon Territorians as a result of its moratorium and this review is

finally put to bed, and everyone get on with business.

Mr HIGGINS (Opposition Leader): Mr Deputy Speaker, it is interesting to listen to some of the debate today. I thank all the members on this side for their contributions. I thank the one member on the other side for her contribution, the Deputy Chief Minister.

The thing that has become obvious to me when listening to government is that it does not have much to say, and when it does not have much to say it only want to pick on the previous government. During Question Time I highlighted the issue that when you question the government on policy, it cannot defend it. It simply says, 'We have this policy because the previous government was not any good'. That might be your personal opinion, but there are a lot of people out there, over 30%, who agree that the previous government was good. They actually voted for us.

Member interjecting.

Mr HIGGINS: It was not 70% that voted. I pick up on that comment. You were a fraction over 40%. You need to add up and take your shoes and socks off. We are past ten.

We need to put a lot of this into perspective. The reason they pick on the previous government and make their statement every time they get asked a question or make a speech—but when there is a difficult subject, to actually get there and say something, what do we hear? We hear nothing. Just silence.

The biggest issue facing the Territory—and we hear silence from all of them bar one.

The thing that was raised by government in this was that, 'We will go ahead with this moratorium,' and I am on the record as saying, 'Yes, it was one of your election commitments'. But it has gone on and on and on. The reason for this is, as the Deputy Chief Minister said, 'We are about restoring trust'.

I will give you a few little questions about restoring trust. Where was the mention of the half-a-day holiday before the last election? If

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you want to trust a government, why is that first decision it made something it did not tell anyone about—a decision they said they made by consulting with the unions—not with the people of the Territory but with the unions. That was the first issue.

The second thing they said was, 'We care about Territorians. We will not change any of the policies of the previous government that are working'. What did they do? They stopped the Home Improvement Scheme. What happened then? They had to admit it was wrong and restart it and found out that, yes, the economy was on its way down. The previous government knew that and was addressing it. You people came into government, 'We will be honest, open and transparent and base everything on science'. Where was the science behind the half-a-day holiday? Where was the science behind cancelling the Home Improvement Scheme?

I raise another one—Dan Murphy's. Where was the scientific evidence? We rushed through legislation on a 400 square metre limit. There was no discussion with the people out there in the Territory. There was no scientific evidence behind it, irrespective of those opposite saying there was. That was the third one.

The fourth one we have here today. 'We made an election commitment. We will go with this National Indigenous Cultural Centre. We will spend \$50m'. We heard today the minister saying it was \$150m, then when she was questioned, 'Oh, everyone knew it would be more than a \$50m build'. It will be a hell of a lot more than that and \$150 000 may not even see it all the way through. That is open and transparent, isn't it? That is really being open and transparent with the people of the Territory.

Last is his discussion paper that is out there on taxes. Land tax—before the election, Michael Gunner, the Chief Minister, said he would not have a land tax under his Labor government. Yet, what are we doing? The Treasurer would not even rule it out today. She will not rule it out, yet that was an election commitment.

They stand behind their election commitments when they talk about something that is holding the Territory back—that is, making a decision.

Before the election, we were told that this would be a three-month project—six-month and 12-months. We have seen an extension. We are now at 19 months. The economy is going backwards, people are leaving the Territory.

It was also interesting that in the only response we got from the other side, there was not one mention of jobs, nor any other benefit that would come out of making a decision.

The other thing we heard was that there were poor regulations in place. Yet, we had Rachel Hunter asked to do a review by the previous government—good enough to do a review in 2012. The previous CLP government also used that same Rachel Hunter to do a review in 2016. Her conclusion was the regulations were satisfactory and moving in the right direction. So, I query the Deputy Chief Minister's accusation about the regulations.

But the question is, where is this government with the regulations? It has had 19 months. Why has it not been developing those draft regulations? It can book through regulations overnight about 400 square metre limit, but they cannot put in a regulation that actually helps industry. The ones they want to put in are the ones that destroy industry and private sector investment.

The underlying thing with this whole motion is getting a decision. That is why that next motion is there. We need leadership. But the question I ask is if this government will not do it, who will confront the activists? Who will confront.



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Speech

Mr Gary Higgins MLA
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Ladies and Gentleman, thank you for the honour to address you here today.

Let me start with a few words on the economic landscape in the NT today.

Debt and deficit

The broad economic landscape of the NT at the present time (March 2018) indicates that there are significant structural issues present.

'Bouncing back' or returning to long term average economic and population growth rates will not be easy or automatic.

Budget deficits and a declining population demonstrate that there is a need for economic reform in the NT.

Fixing the economy

There are serious challenges....

- Construction has halved in 18 months.
- The INPEX issue –will the economy survive employment numbers at the INPEX site dropping from 9,000 now to 300 approximately during the operational phase?
- Not only is mortgage lending down, but so too are dwelling approval numbers. Critically population growth figures will go negative for the first time in 14 years.

The Government is seeing a transition in the economy from **good to bad, and bad to worse.**

Energy and investment is being tied up by red and green tape.

Political courage is required to address structural spending issues.

At some point Government needs to start talking about wealth creation and support industries that unlock wealth.

The Labor Government need to address economic policy, not just social policy.

The Revenue Discussion Paper launched in late November 2017 by the Labor Government has introduced unnecessary uncertainty around the taxation and royalty regimes in the NT.

Any move to increase the tax burden on Territorians will take money out of the economy.

Given the constraints on the sources of revenue – why not also examine government spending?

The Opposition believes that a co-ordinated, ambitious plan to diversify and energise the economy can be achieved through a well-regulated onshore shale gas industry.

Turning to the specifics of Mining

Mining has a very proud history in the Northern Territory and when commodity prices were at record levels so was the extent of exploration and the opening of new mines.

In recent years we have seen commodity prices drop and significant legacy issues and controversy surrounding a small number of mines in the NT.

What this means is that the industry faces a number of challenges including reputational risk.

We have seen this play out in emotional arguments put forward in the fracking debate.

Fracktivists have clouded the debate with myths and untruths and tarnish everyone in the industry with the same broad brush.

We need to let the truth be heard and allow people to come to their own conclusions.

The minerals industry makes a large tax contribution in the NT.

In fact, in Financial Year 17/18 it is forecast to be the largest component of own source revenue.

Over the past decade, it has been a major source of growth, investment, jobs and higher living standards, as well as a large contributor to government revenues.

Deloitte Access Economics has estimated the total economic contribution of mining and mining equipment, technology and services to the Northern Territory in 2015-16 was \$3.2 billion (10 per cent of total Territory activity) and 23,500 jobs.

It is important to recognise the importance of stability and certainty when it comes to investment decisions.

To this end political risk and fiscal policy uncertainty undermines efforts to attract investment to the NT.

One of the most significant industry risk reports is the Mining Journal's inaugural World Risk Report¹ which claimed that mining investment in the NT was perceived to be riskier for investors when compared to parts of Central America and Africa.

The resources sector will be critical to securing the NT's long term economic success.

One of the key messages of the CLP is that **a future CLP Government will keep taxes down to lift the economy up.**

We know that the best form of welfare is a job, and we know that a rising tide lifts all boats.

¹ <http://www.mining-journal.com/static/world-risk-report-2017>

Our philosophy is that taxes should be as low and as broad as possible.

The question is how would a CLP Government be different from the current ALP Government?

Priorities – our priorities would be completely different.

The current Government has an apparent and strong interest in pushing a social agenda. But where is the economic focus?

The CLP Opposition recognise that a strong society is built upon a strong economy.

So getting the fundamentals right is critically important.

This Government simply doesn't understand business, private enterprise or investment criteria.

For example the whole system of planning in the NT is under review.

Not just a section but the whole Act.

Similarly, and more drastically the Labor Government Revenue Discussion Paper released in November last year effectively put every tax and royalty setting up for review.

Simply, this unnecessary uncertainty does nothing to support domestic or foreign private investment in the NT.

The NT ranks poorly for tax competitiveness on that same review from the Fraser Institute at only 40th on its taxation regime list in 2017.

The NT's poor performance on taxation is in large part due to the 20 per cent profits based tax which is high compared to other jurisdictions.

The NT's falling rankings underscore the importance of not making changes to the existing royalty regime that would in any way reduce the competitiveness of the regime or undermine stability through retrospective changes that would impact existing investments.

We know from the Mineral Council's submission to the Labor Governments' Revenue Discussion Paper (an excellent submission and thank you for making one) that between 2005 and 2013 Australia saw \$423 billion in direct investment but only 4% of this came to the NT.

What is clear from that result, that fact, and is clear from the Mineral Council's submission is that the NT needs a more competitive tax system.

A CLP Government will make the Territory tax competitive.

[Resources 2030 Taskforce](#)

Earlier today at the National Press Club, the Federal Minister for Natural Resources and Northern Australia Matt Canavan announced the formation of a Resources 2030 Taskforce.

The Resources 2030 Taskforce will work with the Federal Government to ensure that the Australian resources sector is globally competitive.

This Taskforce will be given 6 months to come up with new ideas to attract investment, find new minerals, cut red tape, progress regional economic development and ensure that Australia gets the best use of its resources before they are exported.

This work will result in a National Resources Statement later in the year.

In the NT too, we must think more strategically to remain nationally and internationally competitive.

The Opposition welcome the initiative of the Federal Coalition Government to produce a Resources Policy Statement.

Other mining countries like Canada are producing strategic plans for their resources sector. It is time for the NT to follow suit.

The Government must lead or we will get left behind.

[The CLP's Budget Response 2017](#)

The only way for the Territory to grow is to allow private enterprise to invest, to take advantage of our natural advantages of geography, climate, people and resources, and to do what private industry does best: get on with the job.

With the 50% Renewable Energy Target, it has let the Federal Labor Party set its energy policy.

The CLP have a direct and straightforward plan to diversify our economy, into the seven key pillars: energy, minerals, tourism, agribusiness, international education and training, defence, supply and service.

The Opposition want to pursue priorities which help, not hinder Territory businesses.

We would like to see strategic infrastructure to support defence and civilian service capability.

We want to see a safe and regulated onshore gas industry.

For Tourism, we want to see increased marketing, upgraded infrastructure and new product development and experiences.

We want to see the government get back to the Northern Territory's strengths on trade with Asia.

In Budget 17/18 we again reached the projected \$5.5 billion dollars in debt, which saw Labor lose government in 2012.

The Labor Government inherited a debt to revenue ratio of 27%, and are projecting that this will rise to 87% in the forward estimates.

For months now the Labor Party has kept the hamster wheel of government turning through inquiries, committees, committees of inquiry, moratoriums, panels of experts, economic summits, audits, surveys, advisory boards, consultation boards, and feasibility studies.

The Country Liberals Opposition will oppose lazy tax grabs.

We will oppose it because increasing the taxation burden is **unfair, unwise, and unnecessary**.

Onshore Gas

As Leader of the CLP it is my job to work with the community to find ways for the development of a safe, sustainable on-shore gas sector that delivers benefits for us all. We all know that there have been numerous reviews into onshore unconventional shale gas extraction.

The Opposition and many Territorians are frustrated by far left anti-fossil fuel activists telling lies.

These fracking activists or '**fracktivists**' need to listen to people, don't use them as some sort of political currency.

In other words, it is up to **all of us** to argue the case for on-shore gas.

One of the most important ingredients in any business is the cost of energy.

Reliable, affordable power is a critical component for success in private enterprise.

This is a fundamental rule, and here in the NT we have world class potential for shale gas to power not only the NT, Australia but the East Asian region for decades to come.

Let's look at the types of jobs that onshore would create – stable, ongoing, well paying.

The former CLP Government put in place **pipelines to prosperity** - literally through partnerships with Jemena to build a 622km gas pipeline from Tennant Creek to Mount Isa. In doing so connecting the gas of the NT to the Eastern Seaboard.

CLP policies also supported **a pipeline of private sector investment and growth**.

This has been, will continue to be done through pro-business policies such as a focus on competitive tax levels, reducing cost of living and removing red tape.

Really, as a Territory we need a focus on creating more wealth in the Territory, a well-regulated onshore gas industry is a clear pathway to add to the wealth creating capacity of the Northern Territory.

Labor is only good at spending money, not making it.

We have the cheapest source of energy in the world in the form of our shale gas resources.

We should use this resource to spur on a petrochemical industry.

It's time to unlock the gate. It's time to get the Territory moving again.

[World Class Companies Right Here Right Now](#)

However, we shouldn't stop at onshore gas there are many world class resource opportunities here in the NT. Take vanadium for example.

Vanadium Redox Batteries or VRB batteries could be a global game changer when it comes to renewable energy storage.

Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries have advantages over other systems due to their:

- Scalability
- Lifespan of 20 years
- Immediate energy release
- Excellent charge retention (up to 1 year)
- Suitability for grid connection
- Ability to discharge 100% with no damage

Here in the NT we have TNG's Mount Peake Vanadium-Titanium-Iron Project. A world class major project.

It is important that we get better at celebrating our successes currently in field.

We must also get better at selling and demonstrating our capacity and capability.

[No plan for growth](#)

This Labor Government has no plan to support business to become competitive internationally.

This is where future growth and wealth will be earned, yet everything in the Revenue Discussion Paper if implemented will only make doing business more expensive, and NT business less competitive.

Blind blunt instruments like uniform tax increases are regressive, inefficient and ineffective.

Territorians deserve a better tax system with taxes that are lower, simpler, and fairer.
Politicians must remember that investment in the mineral resources sector is not guaranteed.

Mining companies are not Government ATMs.

Our golden goose must fly like a phoenix, not be strangled by red and green tape.

Thank you.



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14 May 2018

Noel Hayes
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BY: *Coultin*

Dear Noel,

RE: FORUM FOR ABORIGINAL OUT-OF-HOME CARE SECTOR STRATEGY – 14 JUNE

I would like to invite you and other representatives of your organisation to participate in a forum to set directions for a strategy to grow the role of Aboriginal agencies in out-of-home care services in Central Australia. The forum will be held at Kungkaskan Cook, Shop 17 Diarama Villiage, Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs on 14 June 2018 from 9am until 4pm. This will be a very important opportunity for Aboriginal community and organisations to share their vision for the future of the sector.

SNAICC – *National Voice for our Children* is working to support the development of the strategy. This work aligns with NT Government commitments through the Royal Commission implementation plan to fund and develop Aboriginal controlled organisations to take a leading role in working with our children and families.

SNAICC's role is to facilitate the participation of Central Australian Aboriginal communities and organisations to develop a quality, evidence informed strategy that can improve support and outcomes for Aboriginal children and their families. At the core of this work is the goal to replace the current child protection system that fails our families with an Aboriginal-led approach that ensures our children can be safely cared for in their Aboriginal families, communities and cultures.

The forum will include presentations on interstate and local Aboriginal-led approaches in child protection and workshop sessions to input to the design of the sector development strategy.

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To RSVP or for more information about the forum, please contact our Senior Project Officer in Alice Springs, Eileen Van Iersel, at eileen.vaniersel@snaicc.org.au or on 0447 746 112. You can also speak with our Social Policy and Research Manager, John Burton on (03) 9489 8099. Please send your RSVP by Tuesday, 5 June.

We look forward to meeting with you and your team at the forum and continuing our work together to create child and family services that can genuinely respond to the needs of our Aboriginal communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharron Williams', with a stylized, cursive script.

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TENNANT CREEK ALCOHOL REFERENCE GROUP

23 May 2018

Mr Steve Moore
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Dear Mr Moore

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group TC ARG).

This Group was established in 2014 by the then Minister, and held it's first meeting on 7th of April 2014 to oversee the development and implementation of the Tennant Creek Alcohol Management Plan (AMP). The AMP was launched in October 2015.

Following that development, several changes have occurred, including changed Chairing arrangements and the election of a new government that has implemented an Alcohol Policy and Legislation Review and committed to implementing 219 of the Review's 220 recommendations, all of which are relevant to Tennant Creek.

Whilst no longer a ministerially appointed group, existing members have agreed to continue to meet and work together, given the current situation in our community. We also agreed to update and expand membership to incorporate wider interests and engage broadly within the community so that we can review our AMP and have input into the implementation of the Alcohol Policy Review in our community.

To this end, I am writing to seek participation of an Elected Member of the Barkly Regional Council on the ARG to ensure that we have a new revised AMP with strong strategies that will make a difference in our community of Tennant Creek and in our Barkly Region.

Our next meeting is on the 27th of June 2018 at 2pm at the Papulu Apparr-Kari Conference Room.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me at khayward@papak.com.au if you have any queries.

Sincerely



Karan Hayward
Chair, Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group