

# **OUR VISION**

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# AGENDA TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2019

The Tennant Creek Local Authority will be held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, 2 April 2019 at 4:30pm.

Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer

# **AGENDA**

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#### SUBJECT

#### MEETING TO COMMENCE WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL **OWNERS**

#### 1 **OPENING & ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1 Authority Members Present
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present
- Apologies To Be Accepted 1.3
- Absent Without Apologies 1.4
- Resignations 1.5
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	Nil
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	Nil
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	Nil
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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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# **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**



ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	270264
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

# RECOMMENDATION

## That the Authority:

a) Confirm the minutes from meeting held 5 March 2019 as a true and accurate record.

#### SUMMARY:

Confirm minutes of meeting held 5 March 2019 in the Council Chambers Tennant Creek as a true and accurate record.

#### BACKGROUND

NIL

# ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

## **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

NIL

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Tennant Creek Local Authority 2019-03-05 [267913].pdf



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# MINUTES

# **TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY**

# **TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019**

The Tennant Creek Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Tennant Creek on Tuesday, 5 March 2019 at 4:30pm.

# Steven Moore Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 4:41pm with Karan Hayward as chair.

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#### 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present Mayor Steve Edgington Cr Sid Vashist Cr Hal Ruger Cr Ronald Plummer Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin
- 1.2 Appointed Members Present Karan Hayward - Chair Josephine Bethel Wayne Green Ray Wallis
- 1.3 Staff And Visitors Present
  Steve Moore Chief Executive Officer
  Gary Pemberton Finance Manager
  Elai Semisi Director of Infrastructure
  Andrew Scoffern Governance and Quality Officer
  Deborah Booker -
- 1.4 Apologies To Be Accepted Cr Kris Civitarese Greg Leibelt
- 1.5 Absent Without Apologies Tony Civitarese
- 1.6 Disclosure Of Interest
  - Mayor Steve Edgington Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
    - Institute of Managers and Leaders Associate Fellow
    - Australian Institute of Company Directors Member
    - $_{\odot}$  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
    - o Alcohol Reference Group Committee Member
    - Regional Development Australia Chair
  - Cr. Kris M. Civitarese Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
    - $\,\circ\,$  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. Siddhant Vashist Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Tennant Creek Cricket Association Secretary/Public Officer
  - Barkly Electorate Officer /Member for Barkly
  - Battery Hill Member
  - o Barkly Art Member
  - o Tennant Creek High School Member
  - Tennant Creek Primary School Member
  - Christmas Tree Committee Member
  - Multicultural Association of Central Australia Member
  - Australia-India Business Council Member
- Cr. Hal A. Ruger Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - o Tennant Creek Memorial Club President
  - $_{\odot}$  Tennant Creek Children's Christmas Tree President
  - Territory Generation Employee
- Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Barkly Regional Arts Member
  - Tennant Creek Cricket Association Member
  - Nundahraga Entertainment Sound sub-contractor
  - Christmas Tree Committee Member
- Cr. Ronald Plummer Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Purrutu Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
  - Patta Aboriginal Corporation Board Member
  - $_{\odot}$  Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation Member
- Steve Moore Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Battery Hill Director
- Karan Hayward Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - Chamber of Commerce Barkly Region Chair
  - Alcohol Reference Group Chair
  - Greg Liebelt Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
    - ALSPO Tennant Creek Post Office Manager Director
      - WBC Agri
      - Barkly Freight
      - Tennant Creek Show Society President
  - Tony Civitarese Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
     T & J Contractors Proprietor
- Wayne Green Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - o Tennant Creek Cricket Association
  - Tennant Creek Athletics Club
  - AFL Northern Territory
  - Tennant Creek Primary School Council
  - o Tennant Creek High School Council
  - Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee
- Ray Wallis Affiliations, Clubs, Organisations and Memberships
  - o AFLNT Barkly Advisory Committee
  - Consumer Advisory Group
  - Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee Member
  - o Barkly Regional Accommodation Action Group Member
  - Tennant Creek Transport
  - Josephine Bethel

There were no new declarations of interest at this Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting but the LA Members noted that Members Bethel and Wallis had Disclosures of Interest that had not been updated.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### MOTION

#### That the Authority:

a) Confirm the minutes from meeting held 5 February 2019 as amended with changes below noted.

#### RESOLVED

#### Moved: LA Member R Wallis

Seconded:Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 13/19

Member Wallis noted Item 9.3 of the previous minutes was incorrect, second box Item a); motion reading 'Recommend that Council request a review of the viability of the appointment of a Parks and Gardens Supervisor, that person being a qualified horticulturalist'. 'Qualified horticulturalist' should instead say 'suitably qualified'.

Ensure Members Bethel and Wallis' disclosures of interest are updated, speak to CouncilBiz administrator about updating the template.

#### 3. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Nil

4. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

Nil

5. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 5.1 ACTIONS ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

#### MOTION

#### That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the actions items;
- b) Resolve that action items completed be removed from the action list; and
- c) Request that Council discuss opportunities and endorse the cleaning of the Mary Ann Dam floor under Action 9.

#### RESOLVED Moved: LA Member J Bethel

Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 14/19

Check January LA Minutes about a clean-up of Mary Ann Dam.

Chairperson Hayward shared 12 photos around to be deliberated for the clock tower. Cr Ruger proposed an image of a drop model of the town and it could be used to

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advertise certain events around town. People always look at the temperature of the clock tower so there is an opportunity to exploit this interest.

Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin left the meeting, the time being 04:57 PM Cr Jeffrey McLaughlin returned to the meeting, the time being 05:06 PM

# 6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT

Nil

# 7. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

# 8. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

#### 8.1 CEO UPDATE

MOTION

That the Authority: a) Receive and note the report RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member R Wallis

Seconded:Cr. Ronald Plummer

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 15/19

Chairperson Hayward commended the visual appearance of the Aboriginal Mob building.

#### 9. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

#### 9.1 QUOTE FOR POOL MOVIE SCREEN

#### MOTION

That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the Report.

#### RESOLVED

#### Moved: LA Member R Wallis

#### Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 16/19

The LA noted that this recommendation was made by the Director of Community Services, not through the LA. More focus should be on the Civic Hall which is underutilised.

#### 9.2 UPDATE - COUNCIL MEETING: 28 FEBRUARY 2019

#### MOTION

That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

# RESOLVED Moved: LA Member J Bethel

Seconded:Mayor Steve Edgington

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 17/19

Governance Officer to inform Place Names Committee of the recommendation of Tarca Park for the Haddock Street Park.

The LA discussed the centralisation of youth councils across Tennant Creek as several agencies across the town have similar programs.

#### 10. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

#### 10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT

#### MOTION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the Infrastructure and Municipal Services Report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member R Wallis

#### Seconded:Cr. Jeffrey McLaughlin

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 18/19

LA Members discussed that a common concern among residents of the town was the heat of playground equipment in summer months.

Cr McLaughlin noted various locations in Australia are using a special type of truck to shred car tyres under Municipal Item b.

#### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT**

#### MOTION

That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the Community Services Directorate Report.

# RESOLVED

# Moved: LA Member J Bethel

Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 19/19

Member Bethel commended the Barkly Veterinary Service and its contribution to the region.

#### 11. FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY

Nil

#### 12. LATEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT

#### 12.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT

#### MOTION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED Moved: LA Member R Wallis

Seconded:Cr. Sid Vashist

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 20/19

The LA discussed whether the Cemetery Extension Pathway was on the infrastructure Plan and the CEO confirmed this is an item for consideration; it was never formally adopted by the LA.

The LA raised concerns about the poor standard of the Eldorado playground but emphasised this is a Council discussion.

ACTION ITEM: Audit of all park facilities to identify what they require

#### 13. <u>REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS</u> <u>FINANCIAL YEAR</u>

Nil

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

#### 14.1 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the attached Code of Conduct

This Motion was not carried.

#### 14.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICIES

#### MOTION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the revised Local Authority Establishment Policy and Local Authority Operations Policy.

#### RESOLVED

#### Moved: LA Member R Wallis

#### Seconded:Cr. Hal Ruger

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved TCLA 21/19

Governance Officer to change Code of Conduct for Appointed Members page 4 to remove 'The President'.

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# 15. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

## 16. OTHER BUSINESS

# 16.1 REVIEW COUNCIL'S 5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

This Motion was not carried.

The LA requested a status update of the shading of the Lake Mary Ann recreation area at the next LA meeting.

#### **16.2 FRACKING UPDATE** - Councillor Hal Ruger

Cr Ruger spoke about recent developments in Fracking. The LA spoke about the recent fact finding missions going across Australia and the recent presentation to Council.

#### 17. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

#### 17.1 DEB BOOKER PRESENTATION – HARM MINIMISATION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH- PRINCIPAL ALCOHOL ACTION OFFICER

Chairperson Hayward to disseminate Deb Booker's details to all interested LA Members. Presentation only, no motion recorded.

#### 18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6:45pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Tennant Creek Local Authority HELD ON Tuesday, 5 March 2019 AND CONFIRMED Tuesday, 2 April 2019.

Karan Hayward Chairperson Steve Moore Chief Executive Officer

# ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Actions Items from Previous Meeting
REFERENCE	270265
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

# RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the actions items; and
- b) Resolve that action items completed removed from the action list.

#### SUMMARY:

The Action List represents a brief synopsis of the matters outstanding requiring actioning and updating by Council. The relevant responsible officer will provide an overview and update of items for consideration arising from the action list.

#### BACKGROUND

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#### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING** 

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

**1** Action List Final.pdf

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL	TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST	2 April 2019
MEETING TASK / Time	ACTION	

	MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	Time Frame	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	ACTION LEADER	COMMENTS
1A	02/10/2018	Tennant Creek Cemetery Beautification Program	30/06/2019	<ul> <li>a) There is \$41,500 allocated for the beautification of the Tennant Creek cemetery.</li> </ul>	CEO/DI	Concept drawings to be provided to Local Authority for comment when completed.
ЗА	04/12/2018	Anzac Hill	30/06/2019	Anzac Hill to be tidied up and fenced. Finance Manager contact Council's Grants Manager regarding progress on funding opportunities previously provided by the LA chair. Council to move ahead with activity at ANZAC Hill including commencement of the boundary fencing to existing Council owned property. LA asked that Council put together an action plan to be shown to the LA in regards to the development of Anzac Hill.	CEO/FM	08/01/2019 Amended lease documents forwarded to Owner 27/12/2018. 04/02/2019 – Refer Separate Report Signed lease still not to hand 05/03/2019 –Signed lease received. Works to be scheduled. 02/04/2019 – Works Completed.
4.	07/08/2018	Hilda Street Park	Ongoing	CEO to Compile information and provide to LA Members prior to the September Local Authority meeting. Total LA Funding Allocated \$60,000	CEO	<ul> <li>02/10/2018 <ul> <li>2x Shade shelters</li> <li>2x Single BBQ with sink and preparation area (Isolation point for the water)</li> <li>4x Tables Bench Sets</li> <li>1x Water fountains with animal trays</li> <li>4x Bench Seats</li> <li>Instructional signs</li> <li>Lockable bin stands</li> </ul> </li> <li>Shelter positions as allocated on the map 13/11/2018</li> <li>DIPL has commenced works with installation of a Water Meter.</li> <li>05/03/2019 – Works progressing.</li> </ul>

cataloguing/photographing assets.

Barkly Regional Cou				ORITY	2 April 2019	
	MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	Time Frame	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN		COMMENTS
5.	02/10/2018	Place Names Committee	With Place Names Committee	Check on parks, Karguru oval and Purkiss Reserve with Place Names Committee to see if any are official names. Clarification was requested in regards to this item.	GO	28/02/2019 – Council has endorsed "Tarca Park". Registration process to commence. 02/04/2019 – Registration lodged with Place Names Committee (May meeting?)
8	13.11.2018	Lake Mary Ann	Ongoing	13-11-2018 Recommend to Council that an assessment of Lake Mary Ann is organised including the Traditional owners consultation. 04-12-2018 Information requested on Councils activates in respect to the assessment at Lake Mary Ann	CEO	08/01/2019 Refer to CEO Report. 04/02/2019 \$3,550,000 allocated in current 5-Year Infrastructure Plan review.
10	13/11/2018	Pictures For Clock Tower	30/06/2019	Recommend that 4x pictures to be put on the clock tower on a rotation of 8 picture to come out of the Local Authority funds.	LA Chair	LA Chair will email the photos around to the Local Authority Members. 08/01/2019 Sub-committee of TC LA appointed to report back to LA on advancement of project. 05/03/2019 Chairperson Hayward shared 12 photos around to be deliberated for the clock tower. Cr Ruger proposed an image of a drop model of the town and it could be used to advertise certain events around town. People always look at the temperature of the clock tower so there is an opportunity to exploit this interest.
11	05/03/2019	Park Facilities Audit	30/06/2019	Audit of all park facilities to identify existinf facilities and what repair/replacement/improvements that parks may require.	FM/DI	02/04/2019 Finance has commenced its annual review of Council Infrastructure, physically sighting assets, performing conditioning assessments and

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL	TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST	2 April 2019
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BA	BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL			TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST		2 April 2019	
Cor	npleted Act	tions					
1.	20/03/2017	Tennant Creek Cemetery Beautification Program	30/06/2019	<ul><li>That the Authority</li><li>a) There is \$41,500 allocated for the beautification of the Tennant Creek cemetery.</li><li>b) Monies to be used to upgrade cemetery once extension complete.</li></ul>	CEO/DI	Council and CEO to proceed as recommended by the Local Authority. CEO emailed Narelle Bremner that once cleared and fenced, council will install reticulation. Need to engage with Friends of the Cemetery Commenced Fencing 02/10/2018 Ongoing 13/11/2018 Fencing works completed.	
2.	20/03/2017	Bus Shelter	Completed	<ul> <li>That the Authority</li> <li>a) Recommends looking at a scoping study for potential sitting shade shelters at current bus stops and we allocate \$10,000 towards this project.</li> <li><i>Resolved TCLA 21/17</i></li> <li>As of point 3, 07.08.2018 meeting CEO to contact Julalikari and IBA in regards to contributing funds</li> </ul>	DI	No progress. Item to remain and further update to be provided by the CEO at the next meeting. CEO to update at April Meeting. Email sites to LA members 07/08/2018 CEO to contact Julalikari and IBA in regards to contributing funds 02/10/2018 Julalikari is going to contribute \$25,000 to the Bus shelter. Confirmed the bus stop cut out can fit a coaster bus and unload a wheel chair (10.52 metres) 13/11/2018 - Work commenced. 04/12/2018 - Works completed.	
3.	20/03/2017	Anzac Hill	Completed	Anzac Hill to be tidied up and fenced.	CEO/FM		
9	13/11/2018	Karguru Oval	Completed	A formal plan for the work on Karguru Oval to be presented to the Local Authority	CEO	08/01/2019 Karguru Oval is to be fenced and goal post installed. No further works planned.	

5.	02/10/2018	Place Names Committee	Completed	Check on parks, Karguru oval and Purkiss Reserve with Place Names Committee to see if any are official names.	GO	13/11/2018 Recommend to Council to register Purkiss Reserve and Haddock Street Park 8/01/2019 – Refer Separate Report
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BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL	TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTH ACTION LIST	ORITY 2 April 2019
	Clarification was requested in regards to this item.	Application has been made to Place Names Committee. 04/02/2019 – Refer Separate Report. LA has been provided with correspondence from the Place Names Committee. 28/02/2019 – Council has endorsed "Tarca Park". Registration process to commence. 02/04/2019 – Registration lodged with Place Names Committee

# **CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA**



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Update
REFERENCE	270266
AUTHOR	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

#### SUMMARY:

With Vanessa Vukovic now in the EA chair, work has become more manageable with more time to work with my team and focus on priority tasks.

As you may be aware, Council have been officially notified that we have been successful with our Building Better Region Fund grant application. \$7.6m has been awarded to Council to build youth centres in Tennant Creek and Ali Curung and a bike path along the main drain in Tennant Creek. An additional project was also approved to build a cover over the Basketball court at Wutunugurra. This project has already been funded by NTG and we are negotiating with the BBRF team to vary that agreement to carry out another project.

Work has continued on the Regional Deal, the aim is to have an official signing towards the end of the month. If this is not possible it will take place early in April, the taskforce is working to secure dates when the Ministers and Chief Minister can attend. I should be able to deliver an update on the Regional Deal at the meeting.

Work on the Purkiss Reserve upgrade continues to limp along. The fencing tender has now closed and should be awarded in the near future. This will be the first of the major works to take place.

The Streetscaping project should also get underway shortly with the first PCG meeting held in week commencing the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. The Turbo Charging Tourism project is also progressing slowly.

Several infrastructure jobs are currently progressing well. New fences are being installed at Council Chambers and ANZAC Hill. Works to fence Staunton Street oval should commence shortly.

The past week has been consumed by the weather warning around Cyclone Trevor. As a member of the Emergency Management Team Council had resources on standby if required, thankfully Tennant Creek was not impacted by the worst of the weather so very little assistance was required, saying that it would have been nice to receive more rain!

Preparations have commenced for the FY19-20 budget and Regional Plan. The next three months will be busy as we finalise this year's work and plan for the coming year.

#### BACKGROUND

Nil Matters

# ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil Matters

# **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil Matters

# ATTACHMENTS:

# **BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED**



ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Update - Council Meeting: 28 March 2019
REFERENCE	270256
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

#### SUMMARY:

The Minutes from Local Authority meetings or provisional meetings must form part of the Agenda papers for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council. The Council must consider any items for attention, raised by each Local Authority meeting or provisional meeting, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council after the Local Authority meeting or provisional meeting.

The Council's response to these items is recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

This report summarises discussion and responses to items for attention noted by the Local Authority, together with items of note for the Local Authority.

#### BACKGROUND

#### Item 7.1: Council requested that:

CEO to organise public meeting on Monday 8 April for 5:30pm to address the issue of youth crime in Tennant Creek.

#### Item 8.4: Council resolved to:

- a) Ratify the execution of the following documents under the Council's Common Seal:
- 1. Lease agreement Lease of Lot 2084 ANZAC Hill TC Masters Family Trust Lease between BRC Saret Super Fund;
- 2. Lease agreement Commercial Lease of Part of the land 41 Peko Road Lease between BRC -Barkly BMX Club; and
- 3. Lease agreement Commercial Swimming Pool Kiosk Lease Tennant Creek Lease between BRC AQA Group.

#### Item 12.2: Council resolved to:

e) Receive and note the minutes from the Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting held on the 5th March 2019.

#### Item 16.3: Council resolved to:

- a) Receive and note the call for nominations for the Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee; and
- b) Approve the nomination of Council's Finance Manager as a LGANT Finance Reference Group representative on the Local Government Accounting Advisory Committee (LGAAC).

#### Item 16.3: Council resolved to:

a) Endorse the nomination of Mayor Edgington as Vice President – Regional and Shires on the LGANT Executive.

# Item 18.3: Council resolved to:

b) Appoint Linda Renfrey to the Tennant Creek Local Authority.

# ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil matters

# **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil matters

# ATTACHMENTS:

# SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA



ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Infrastructure and Municipal Services Report
REFERENCE	270268
AUTHOR	Elai Semisi, Director Infrastructure

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the Infrastructure and Municipal Services Report.

#### SUMMARY:

This report addresses municipal and infrastructure services activities within the Tennant Creek Local Authority Area for the month of March 2019.

#### BACKGROUND

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- 1. Karguru Oval development works Staunton St, Tennant Creek- Works scheduled for early April.
- 2. TC Extension Cemetery Layout plan of cemetery has commenced and is in progress.

#### Minor Projects

- 3. TC footpath repairs TC Depot crews fixing the worst locations Request For Quotation (RFQ) scheduled for end Mar.
- Boundary sign frames (5 x nos.) being constructed and application for erection submitted to DIPL and approved – 1<sup>st</sup> sign erected at top end boundary near Newcastle Waters 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar; 2<sup>nd</sup> sign erected 28<sup>th</sup> Mar at Barrow Creek boundary.
- 5. Lake Mary Ann Dam shade for play area decision to be finalised.
- 6. 41 Peko Rd (Head Office) Panel fencing with auto gate Project in progress (Contractor Allan Scott Builders); expected date of completion end Mar.
- 7. CCTV @ 41 Peko Rd Completed.
- 8. ANZAC Hill fence Completed.

# PROCUREMENT

# Upcoming Tenders

- a. BRC 002-19 Design & Construction of an HVAC Cooling system for TC Civic Hall posted on Tender link 15<sup>th</sup> Mar tender closes 10<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019.
- b. Tennant Creek Cycle/Exercise Path (BBRF funding approved)

# MUNICIPAL

# <u>News</u>

- a. TC Landfill additional land area Work in Progress
- b. Car tyres at TC landfill currently being sorted with aid of Barkly Work Camp before shredding – Works In Progress. At time of writing, tyre count under the 3 categories below was:

Truck	4WD	Car
612	1,508	1,506

Once tyres have been stacked in order, the tyre shredding contractor will be requested to provide a quote to shred tyres.

c. Streetlights – identified repairs completed by PWC.

# ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil Matters

# **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil Matters

# ATTACHMENTS:

# SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA



ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Community Services Directorate Report
REFERENCE	270271
AUTHOR	Moira Skinner, Director of Community Services

# RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the Community Services Directorate Report.

#### SUMMARY:

This report provides the Tennant Creek Local Authority members with update of activities across community programs in the Community Services Directorate.

#### BACKGROUND

#### Tennant Creek Swimming Pool

- The lease of the kiosk is now finalised with Steve and Jan Baldwin taking over the premise for a five year lease as of Saturday 16 March 2019, the transition went through smoothly on Friday 15 March 2019.
- Kiosk casual staff were notified by HR of the privatisation of the kiosk, most of the staff are lifeguards or Youthlinx casuals, Rosie and Denise have been employed with the Baldwin's, impact was minimal.
- Friday 5 April 9am, Barkly Regional Council will receive a Royal Life Saving Award for outstanding community service in providing water safety, education and training at the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool
- Royal Life Saving NT will start training Bronze Medallion on 23-24 March in Tennant Creek.
- First Aid (complete on line learning prior & then 3 hour assessment) Friday 5/4/19 3-6pm
- 1 day First Aid Course 6/4/19 9am -4pm
- Pool Lifeguard Course 6-7 April NOTE: Pre-requisite is current Bronze Medallion & First Aid

#### Animal Management

- For the period 15/02/2019 to 15/03/2018 Animal Management has impounded 16 dogs. 3 have been returned to owner, 5 rehomed.
- Cat traps have caught 16 feral cats which were euthanised, 4 small kittens out of this lot will be rehomed.
- 3 caution letters have been issued to dog owners this month.
- Dog on lead signs have arrived for the town and the depot crew will be putting the signs up over the next coming weeks.

#### Youthlinks

• Youth participation numbers have been steady from Tuesday to Thursday around 75 average and numbers increase on Fridays and Saturdays around 130 plus.

# **Environmental Health**

• Report attached

# **Tennant Creek Library**

• Reports attached

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES** Nil

**CONSULTATION & TIMING** 

Nil

# ATTACHMENTS: 1. Swimming

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- Swimming Pool Monthly Report Youthlinks Summary Report AEHW Monthly Report Tennant Creek Library Monthly Report **4**∏

# Monthly Report Summary – Town Pool

#### Income – \$18,692.45 (Compared with \$25,350.10 for the month of March)

- \$14,228.45 Food and Beverage
- \$4,143.00 Admissions
- \$181.00 Miscellaneous
- \$140.00 Shop

#### Issues

- Fluctuating chlorine levels for the 25mtr and Toddler Pool caused by humidity in the plant room causing the chlorine to clump and block the feeder. Yves Makita is working with Mike Nash and Lavery Plumbing to resolve these issues.
- Recent problems with the pH levels in the 25mtr pool. Yves Makita is working with Lavery Plumbing to resolve this issue. I am waiting on Chris Taylor to confirm Plant Room Training dates.
- Several children banned for various lengths of time due to fighting.

#### Programs

- Aqua Aerobics has been running successfully on Saturday and Sunday mornings with over 20 members of the community participating every Saturday.
- Bronze Medallion, First Aid/CPR and Lifeguard Training has been booked for 23-24 March, 5-6-7 April respectively with over 10 community members expressing interest already.
- Primary School Swimming Carnival was a great success with over 150 students attending.
- Anyinginyi Sport and Recreation have been attending the pool every Wednesday afternoon with over 20 school children each time.

#### **April Programs**

- Bronze Medallion, First Aid/CPR, Lifeguard Training organised for March/April.
- Exploring the possibility of organised sports in collaboration with Anyinginyi Sport and Recreation.
- Further involvement with Youthlinks to provide activities for students between 4:00pm-6:00pm Tuesday-Saturday.
- Tennant Creek High School Swimming Carnival to be held on either the

#### General

- Privatisation of Kiosk negotiations have been finalised. Kiosk will be leased out to private owners on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.
- A quote has been requested from Lavery Plumbing to replace the entire pump system.
   Ronnie Baldock has advised me to contact FigLeaf Products regarding a quote. An initial request has been sent and I am currently waiting for a response.

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#### Youthlinx

#### Summary Report from September 2018–December 2018

Due to lack of recording by a previous employee, the statistics were not recorded through the two months of July and August 2018.

However the matter has now been resolved and with new staff and a new program the last four months Barkley Regional Council's community services department has watched Youthlinx grow into a well-developed activity based program.

In **September 2018** it was noticeable that the youth participants (youth) had no discipline, they often used bad language to others and to staff, there were no manners whatsoever and they thought that they could be destructive with their actions without consequences. The youth needed to be asked many times to do simple tasks such as getting into the bus. The youth would also take off to the streets and throw rocks cars, houses and at staff vehicles. The young staff could not contain them in the yard. One misguided staff member encouraged bad behaviour by picking youth up in the middle of the night allowing their bad behaviour patterns to continue. The youth tended to 'humbug' staff for junk food. There were violent behaviours from the youth until new staff were brought in and started to cultivate good behaviour patterns and adapt the youth's many personalities providing a new activity environment.

In the new program, rules were introduced and properly enforced to ensure that the youth understood responsibility, consequences for their misbehaviour and routines. Consistency with the programs opening hours and consistency with transport home times reduced confusion amongst the younger children. Staff encouraged the youth by outlining that they were to follow the rules of the Youthlinx program and the going home for school day procedures with the provided Barkley bus and Youth patrol transport if they were to be rewarded with more activities.

By **October 2018**, the children became increasingly active and responsive with the new program.

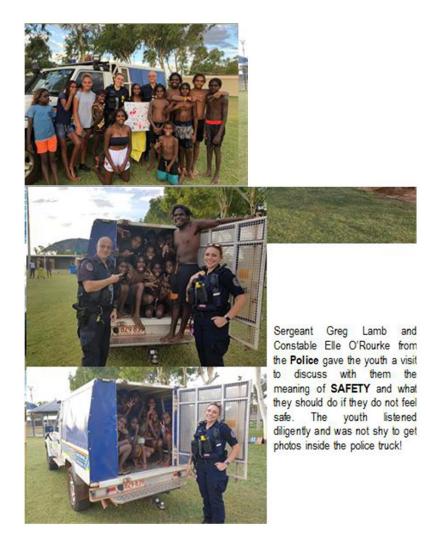
They enjoyed sports like AFL, rugby, table tennis, badminton, they also enjoyed the cooking stations that allowed them to help prepare, decorate and create dinner or snacks. The youth make sandwiches, cupcakes, arrowroot biscuits, pizza, cookies, hotdogs and pasta and staff's ensure that the food that is eaten is a healthy diet.

Arts and crafts activities are a favourite for the creative youth. The youth choose from a variety of activities and are encouraged with teamwork play and enjoy the camaraderie by playing games such as water-balloon throw, tug-of-war and piñata. The new program reduces aggression and tension between the youth themselves and the staff who are supervising.

By **November 2019**, there was a pleasant change in the youth's behaviour. The youth are more respectful with each other and to staff, a massive increase on the use of manners and a massive decrease on the use of bad language. The numbers of youth participants increased dramatically and are positively enjoying the program. The staff support and encourage the youth, teaching them respectful behaviour. The youth also understand the consequences of their actions and do not fight back when asked to leave if they misbehave. The youth are praised consistently for good behaviour. Parents also became more active with what's happening to their children.

The youth have daily visits from members of the local police to talk to them about what safety means to them, and what they should do if they don't feel safe and generally stay to play awhile. The youth enjoy walking to the pool for pool time and sometimes are beyond ecstatic when the

police join in with these walks. Territory Families Outreach also often assisted during evenings, networking with staff and police.



Through **December 2018**, the youth were more confident in the cooking stations and often shared with others the meals that they made. They do not fight back if they were asked to leave as a consequence of their bad actions. Those who were extremely well behaved were praised appropriately. The holiday program was a roaring success and the youth had a visit from members of the local fire brigade to discuss the meaning of WATER and FIRE SAFETY, and what they should do if their surroundings are on fire. The children listened very carefully and as a result were allowed to play with the firetruck's hose. The youth loved their experience with the fire brigade. Disco nights were also held at the end of the week as a treat which the youth and parents and police enjoyed tremendously. St John Paramedics came to discuss with youth what type of injury or illness would require them to call the ambulance. On top of that, the youth were given the opportunity to explore an ambulance and were given a demonstration on how to deal with a snake bite.



The youth are starting to understand stability with routine and the consequences of both good and bad actions. It evident now, that staff are more knowledgeable what activities the youth they like to do and staff play on their likes to reward good behaviour.

For example, there is one talented youth who loves painting good messaging on canvas during arts and crafts activities and has given their art as gift to the police as a thank you. Most youth are very interested in the cooking stations, the others with activities or sport. The youth and staff have built a strong relationship in which they are comfortable enough to trust staff if something is bothering them, which helps if case management referrals are required. Even two very bad behaved curfew youths are changing their behaviour patterns and are starting to recognise the rewarding system.

The change in youth is evident to those who are involved with Tennant Creek Youthlinx, most Saturday nights there is a head count of anywhere between 120 -150 youth participants and for the past three months Youthlinx has averaged 60 youths per night.

The rotation of casual staff such as teachers and doctors employed to the program avoids burn out with the large amounts of participants. However with the increasing numbers of participants Barkley Regional Council will need to look at other ways of funding to sustain the increases.

A new 3 million dollar venue will be built on the Tennant Creek, Purkiss reserve in the upcoming 12 months and this will assist staff in making the program stronger and provide a facility where youth in Tennant Creek feel supported.

The new program as of September 2018 has been a rounding success which has taken the last few months to implement. January to March 2019 figures have increased again as does the program.

The community services department's next step is to attract and provide the older youth with job pathways through the program in conjunction with the Caylus program.



#### February 2019 Monthly Report –IEHW Scott Spurling, Community Services

#### -Swimming Pool Entrance

Contractors for swimming pool café want entry gates moved back to front main gates, will take over pool entry administration duties. Three quotes have been sourced in accordance with BRC procurement policies from G and K, Alan Scott, and T and J, still waiting for replies from T and J and Alan Scott.

#### -BOC Bottles

Calibrate regulators for gas flow of bottles.

Swap out CO2 bottles at BOC centre located at Dexter Barnes under Alice Springs EH account for exotic mosquito monitoring program.

#### -Traps

Centre of Disease and Control (CDC) have joined in on assisting with exotic mosquito surveillance program.

Current program includes setting an EVS trap at the sewage ponds, and rotating a BG sentinel trap throughout residential area. All samples collected are sent to Entomology Darwin for identification.

#### -Larvae Surveillance Program

Assisted members of the NTG medical entomology department with their annual week long larvae sample collection of Tennant Creek. Sample numbers very low due to the minimal amount of rain Tennant Creek has received.

#### -Food Inspections

Assisted the Alice Springs NTG Environmental Health Officer in annual food inspections of Tennant Creek food venues. Venues inspected; Tennant Creek Hospital, Cheeky Bum Nappies, Childcare, Rockits, IGA, Swimming Pool Café. Will do follow up report on the pool café inspection. -Tennant based EHO returns 4<sup>th</sup> of April from long service leave.

#### -Pool Café

Begin recommendations for café upgrades for compliancy, following food venue inspection.

#### -IWD March

Update depot manager on International Woman's Day March with and liaise in regards to equipment and amount of workers needed.

#### -Sharps Disposal

Following up from last month's sharps investigation, Centre of Disease and control is assisting increasing public outlets of sharp disposal due to the amount of sharps being handed out exceeds the amount of sharps returned.

-Regulatory Training Attended regulatory training refresher with new animal control worker

#### Pound duties

-Offer relief to Animal Control Coordinator with pound duties when needed.

#### -Legislative Letter Head Template,

Designed a letter head for Barkly Regional Council based on NTG Legislative letter head. Template is to be used for regulatory orders under the NT Local Government Act; all letters are cross checked by Andrew Scoffern.

#### -Regulatory orders

Issued regulatory order for removal of car bodies on Whippet St and Casey St, Removal of cold room container on verger corner of Schmidt and Stuarts St. Removal of potential hazards on Brown St

#### -Projector Screen

Source quote from remote concrete for replica of primary school brick stage on school oval. Provide architect Keith Wilson with nominal screen size and location for design of approved plans for wind bearing movie screen structure. Green light has been given to Keith, awaiting plans from architect.

#### -UWS

Enrolled in autumn semester 2019 for bachelor, units; Introductory to Chemistry, and Environmental Planning and Climate Change. Manager has allocated 10-12 as study time in the library (Thankyou Moira O)



# **Tennant Creek Public Library Report**

#### Statistics

February 2019			
Adults:	561		
Children:	119		
Internet use:	71		
Total patronage:	680		
Daily Average:	28		
Item Circulation:	768		
New Items:	31		
New Members:	16		

#### Activities

- Toddler story time was started with trial day being Thursday from 10am, this day has been kept throughout February and March, however will be changed in April due to lack of attendance. It is believed that Thursday coincided with a FaFT session and parents were preferring to attend that, starting April the library will trial Friday from 9.30am (this will give time to advertise the change). The library will continue with weekly for now, but may look into fortnightly sessions instead.
- 2. Library in planning stage to run Easter crafts during week long school holidays, supplies order to be submitted by end of March.
- Author Andrew Holt approached library to host a book launch for his second release in the "Wise Kids" series A Wise Water World Inspires Me. launch was held Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, with eight attending. The library has purchased copies of his books to ass to our collection.
- 4. Library staff have nearly completed weeding the DVD shelves, storage space was becoming overcrowded so a number of titles have been cleared based on circulation and disc condition. Those of decent quality will be placed on the 'for sale' shelf to avoid going to landfill.
- Kylie on leave February 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Renjith filled in during the week and Rose covered weekend work. Rose had issues logging into library systems and as such loans were manually recorded and entered upon Kylie's return.

# LATEST FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT



ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	Local Authority Finance Report
REFERENCE	270257
AUTHOR	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

# RECOMMENDATION

## That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the report.

#### SUMMARY:

Attached for the consideration of the Local Authority is the financial report of the Tennant Creek Local Authority for the year to 28 March 2019.

#### Projects:

Tennant Creek Local Authority has received a request to have a public bicycle rack installed in the approximate vicinity of Paterson Street Hub - 139 Paterson Street (just south of ANZ Bank). Desktop research suggests that bicycle racks/rails can cost between \$900-\$3,000 depending on materials, design and installation.

Does the Local Authority endorse the investigation of the project and the seeking of quotes?

# BACKGROUND

Members should consider that money can only be allocated to items for Community benefit and not for the benefit of individuals.

We have attached a copy of the current financial position for members' information.

#### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

#### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Finance Report Tennat Creek Local Authority 29032019
- 2. Project Request The Hub

#### **Barkly Regional Council**

# Local Authority Allocation

Project: 405 Tennant Creek

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	Grants Received		300,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	300,000.00
	Tennat Creek Transport - Bus Shel	er Contribution				5,000.00	5,000.00
	INCOME TOTAL		300,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	105,000.00	305,000.00
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Approved		Expenditure Date					
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EXPENDITURE	Francisco de d						
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Jun-17	Town Clock	Nov-17	18,180.00	18,180.00			18,180.00
Dec-17	Vet***	Jun-18	24,074.56	19,443.93	4,630.63		24,074.56
Jun-18	Community Shade Structures	Aug-18	62,376.07	62,376.07			62,376.07
Jun-17	Bus Shelter	Oct-18	10,000.00		9,355.00		9,355.00
Jun-17	n-17 Hilda Street Park				28,692.33		28,692.33
LA Funding	Committed						
Mar-17	TC Cemetary	YTD Balance	5,252.81		5,252.81		5,252.81
Jun-17	Bus Shelter	YTD Balance			645.00		645.00
Jun-17	Community Information Board		6,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00
Jun-17	Hilda Street Park		70,008.08		41,315.75		41,315.75
Dec-18	Artwork - Town Clock		4,108.48		4,108.48		4,108.48
	EXPENDITURE TOTAL		200,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	- 200,000.00
BALANCE OF FU	NDS TO BE COMMITTED		100,000.00	_	_	105,000.00	105,000.00



# To: Local Authority Group Tennant Creek From: Paterson Street Hub at 139 Paterson Street Tennant Creek Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

#### **Request:**

Bicycle Rack or Bicycle Rails installed at Paterson Street Hub 139 Paterson Street Tennant Creek

#### Background:

Paterson Street Hub is emerging as a welcoming, safe and popular community venue for many people. We encourage people to bring ideas, share, learn and connect with each other. Paterson Street Hub offers conversation spaces, focus groups, consultations, a garden, information and skills building sessions, singing, drumming, environment group meetings, painting spaces, and a shared 'hot desk' co-working space for professionals with the aim of attracting more visitors to Tennant Creek.

#### Support for request:

Members of community have raised ideas such as a bike rack as they notice people coming to the Hub on bikes, they are aware of safety and risk factors when bikes are left on the pathway (bike rack will mitigate this risk). Volunteers who work at The Hub ride bikes to work and visitors also need to find a place to park their bikes safely and securely which clutters pathways and walkways.

#### Benefits and rationale:

Promoting healthy lifestyle- exercising and bike riding is aligned with Paterson Street Hub ethos, and we stand alongside other organisations in Tennant Creek who deliver healthy lifestyle and wellbeing messaging.

A bike rack out front clearly sets an expectation to ride your bike and park it here. The bike rack will also benefit our nearby neighbours, ANZ Bank, Red Centre Café and St Vincent de Paul.

#### Cost:

Desktop research suggests that bicycle racks/rails can cost between \$900-\$3,000 depending on materials, design and installation. How lovely might it be, to continue to generate positive stories about Tennant Creek for media, news, and community discussion for us to make a statement from the installation of the main street Bike Rack!

While efficient and effective spending is paramount, we see the bicycle rack or bicycle rails as a way to brighten the main street, complementing the quirky nature of the Paterson Street Hub and inviting and encouraging cycling as exercise. As is our practice, we encourage community participation in projects, perhaps a recycling project could be undertaken.

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



# ITEM NUMBER14.1TITLEMembers Code of ConductREFERENCE270267AUTHORSteve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

# RECOMMENDATION

# That the Authority:

a) Receive and note the attached Code of Conduct

#### SUMMARY:

The Local Authority Code of Conduct is included in the agenda for member's information only.

# BACKGROUND

NIL

# ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

# **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

NIL

# ATTACHMENTS:

1. Code-of-Conduct-Members-Policy-27.04.2017.pdf



TITLE:	Code of Conduct Policy - Members				
DIVISON:	Corporate				
ADOPTED BY:	Barkly Regional Council				
DATE OF ADOPTION:	27 April 2017 <b>DATE OF REVIEW:</b> 27 April 2019				
MOTION NUMBER:	OC38/17				
POLICY NUMBER:	CP000040				
AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer				

#### THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All Barkly Regional Council Elected Members, Local Authority Members, Council Committee Members

#### SUMMARY

The Code of Conduct is a statement of the standard to which Barkly Regional Council aims to conduct its business as well as its obligations to comply with all local government laws and regulations.

This Code of Conduct provides members with consistent guidelines for an acceptable standard of professional conduct. This Code of Conduct also addresses the ethical responsibilities of all members and details the high level of accountability and transparency expected in all activities of council.

#### OBJECTIVES

The aim of all policy is for members to provide strategic input into the effective operational framework of the organisation under S77, S78 and Schedule 2 of the *Local Government Act* (LGA).

#### BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act requires Councils to have a code of Conduct.

Section 77 – Obligations to have a code of conduct

- (1) A council must have a code of conduct
- (2) The code of conduct must govern the conduct of members of the council,
- members of local boards, and members of council committees
- $(3) \ A \ council's \ code \ of \ conduct \ must \ be \ accessible \ on \ its \ website \\$

Section 78 – Making or adoption of code of conduct

- (1) A council may, by ordinary resolution:
  - (a) Make or adopt a code of conduct; or
  - (b) Amend its code of conduct

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(2) Unless a council has a code of conduct that the council has itself made or adopted, the provisions set out in Schedule 2 constitute the council's code of conduct

Barkly Regional Council has chosen to adopt the Code contained with Schedule 2 of the Act as the Code governing the conduct of the Barkly Council Members, Local Board Members, and Council Committee Members.

#### POLICY

Local Government Act – Schedule 2

- Honesty and integrity
  - A Member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions
- Care and diligence
  - A Member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions
- Courtesy
  - A Member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, Electors and members of the public.
- Conduct towards council staff
  - A Member not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff
- Respect of cultural diversity
  - A Member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background

#### Conflict of interest

- A Member must, if possible, avoid conflict of interest between the member's private interests and official function and responsibilities.
- Where a conflict in fact exists, the member must comply with the member's statutory obligations of disclosure
- Respect of confidences
  - A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity
  - A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause hard to another
- Gifts
  - A member must not solicit or encourage gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council
- Accountability
  - A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources
- Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount
  - A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

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#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

In the implementation of the Barkly Regional Council policy development, all Elected Members, employees, Local Authority Members, Council Committee Members, communities and stakeholders are encouraged to communicate any risks they perceive to the Chief Executive Officer.

Risk Consequence	Catastrophic	Se	erious	Moderate	9	Minor		Insignificant	
Risk Probability	Almost Certain	Lił	kely	Possible	Unlikely			Rare	
Risk Treatment	Monitor	<u> </u>	Minimise		Spread		Tr	Transfer	
Risk Category	Probability		Conse	quence	Tr	reatment	R	esponsibilities	
Cultural	1-3		1.	-3 Minimise		DC			
Environmental	1			1		Monitor		DI	
People & Health	3-4	4 3-4		Minimise			CEO - DCS		
Reputation	4-5	4-5		-5 Minimise		linimise		CEO	
Operation	4-5		4-5		-5 N			CEO - DCS	
Financial	4-5 4-5		-5	N	linimise		CEO - DCS		

#### TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS

LGA	Local Government Act
Agency	The Northern Territory Government, Department of Local Governments and Community Services
CEO	Chief Executive Office of Barkly Regional Council, and includes an acting Chief Executive Officer
Code	Barkly Regional Council Code of Conduct
Confidential	Meaning is prescribed by Part 4 - Regulation 8 of the Local
Information	Government (Administration) Regulations 2008
Council or BRC	Both Barkly Regional Council as a body corporate and members acting together as an elected body unless the context requires one or other meaning
Delegate of Council	A person (other than a Member or part of council staff) or body, and the individual members of that body, to whom a function of the council is delegated
Election Campaign	Includes council, State and Federal election campaigns
Staff	An Officer or Employee of Council, however described
Member	A member of a council, a local authority, a local board, and a council committee (unless the context particularly relates to one of these groups)
NTCAT	Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal



President	The President of the Council
Personal	Information from which a person's identity is apparent or is reasonably
Information	able to be ascertained
Regulations	Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2008 or the Local Government (Accounting) Regulation

#### REFERENCES

Code of Meeting Practice Policy Conflict of Interest Policy Councillor Portfolio Policy Delegation Policy Elected Member Access to Information Policy Gifts and Benefits Policy Media (Incl. Social Media) Policy Presidential Protocol Policy Privacy Policy Purchasing and Procurement Policy

#### **LEGISLATION AND STANDARDS**

This Code of Conduct has been adopted by Council under the Local Government Act and is enforceable under that legislation.

Local Government Act (Northern Territory) Local Government (Administration) Regulations Local Government (Accounting) Regulations Right to Information Act

#### LINKS

https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Legislation/LOCAL-GOVERNMENT-ACT

#### **RESPONSIBILITY AND DELEGATION**

This code of conduct applies to all: -

- Elected Members
- Local Authority Members
- Council Committee Members
- Chief Executive Officer (delegated for implementation)

#### **EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years. 21 April 2019