

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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## AGENDA

The Tennant Creek Local Authority will be held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, 13 April 2021 at 1630.

**Steven Moore**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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# AGENDA

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## **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	2.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Confirmation Of Previous Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	316341
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as a true and accurate record.
- b) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as a true and accurate record.
- c) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true and accurate record.

### **SUMMARY:**

Confirm minutes of meeting held 10th November 2020, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 9<sup>th</sup> of March in the Council Chambers Tennant Creek as a true and accurate record.

### **BACKGROUND**

NIL




### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

NIL

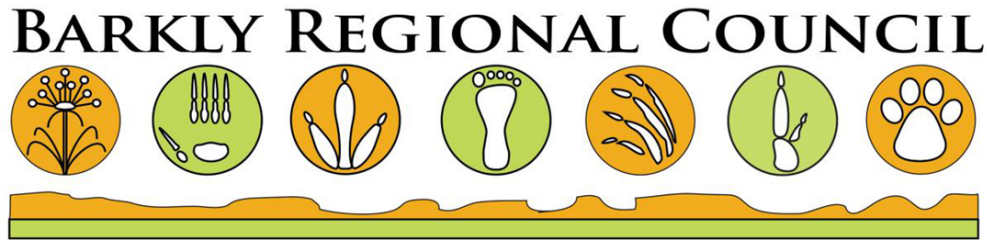
### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

NIL

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1**  November Minutes
- 2**  December Minutes
- 3**  March Minutes





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The Tennant Creek Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road Tennant Creek on Tuesday, 10 November 2020 at 4:30pm.

**Steven Moore**

## Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 1630 with Linda Renfrey as chair.

### 1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Elected Members Present

Linda Renfrey  
Cr. Kris Civitarese  
Cr. Hal Ruger  
Cr. Karan Hayward  
Greg Liebelt  
Josephine Bethel  
Ray Wallis  
Kara Blankenspoor

#### 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Steve Moore  
Damian Carter  
Sharen Lake  
Gary Pemberton

#### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

Ronalda Walker  
Mayor Jeff McLaughlin

#### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

Cr. Sid Vashist

#### 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

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  - Tennant Creek Cricket Association – Member
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There were no declarations of interest at this Tennant Creek Local Authority meeting.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as a true and accurate record.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Ray Wallis

**Seconded:** Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 73/20*

Add Sid Vashist and Sharen Lake to attendees

**3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**3.1 ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the actions items.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Local Authority Member Greg Liebelt

**Seconded:** Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 74/20*

**4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel

**Seconded:** LA Member Kara Blankenspoor

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 75/20*

**5. FINANCE**

**5.1 FINANCE REPORT - OCTOBER 2020**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.
- b) Recommend that council obtain costings for the installation of a slab, shelter and bench seating in the Kathleen Street Park precinct.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 76/20*

ACTION ITEM: Eldorado Park play area- council to bring back some options.

ACTION ITEM: Look into an X-Ray Machine for the vet clinic building and invite the principal from the veterinary practice to present to the LA.

Cr Kris Civitarese left the meeting, the time being 04:56 PM

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Local Authority Member Greg Liebelt

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 77/20*

### **6.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**MOTION**

**That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Local Authority Member Greg Liebelt

Seconded: LA Member Kara Blankenspoor

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 78/20*

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nil*

## **8. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**

*Nil*

## **9. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **9.1 COUNCIL REPORT- OCTOBER 2020**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

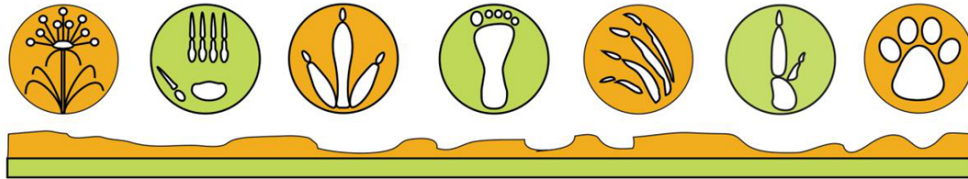
**RESOLVED****Moved:** Local Authority Member Greg Liebelt**Seconded:** Councillor Hal Ruger**CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved* TCLA 79/20**10. OTHER BUSINESS***Nil***11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN***Nil***12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS***Nil***13. CLOSE OF MEETING at 1731**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 5 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Tennant Creek Local Authority HELD ON Tuesday, 10 November 2020 AND CONFIRMED .

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Meeting commenced at 1637 with Linda Renfrey as chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Elected Members Present

Mayor Jeff McLaughlin  
Cr. Sid Vashist  
Cr. Karan Hayward  
Linda Renfrey  
Josephine Bethel  
Ray Wallis

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

Steve Moore  
Gary Pemberton  
Millicent Nhepera

1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

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Cr. Hal Ruger  
Kara Blankenspoor  
Michael Burton

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

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes from the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as a true and

accurate record.
Sid Vashist- apology in the last meeting – to amend

### 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

*Nil - no action items tabled at this meeting.*

### 4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

#### 4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

##### MOTION

That Council

- a) Receive and note the report

##### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Sid Vashist

Seconded: LA Member Kara Blankenspoor

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 80/20*

### 5. FINANCE

#### 5.1 FINANCE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2020

##### MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

##### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 81/20*

ACTION ITEM: Suggestion to put a bus shelter Blain Street near the caravan park end- to cater for disabled patients near the Blain Street flats.

### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1 PRESENTATION FROM TENNANT CREEK MOB

##### MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

##### RESOLVED

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel

Seconded: LA Member Kara Blankenspoor

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved* TCLA 82/20

The Tennant Creek Cemetery Beautification has been going very well. Trees (including Mahoganies), and different types of flowers have been planted at the cemetery.

In November 2020, reticulation was installed at the cemetery.

The beautification project itself is in its final stages, which is a significant accomplishment.

## 6.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

Drainage lid near Barkly House/Safari Lodge is broken and needs fixing.

Stanley and Paterson Drainage lid is broken and needs to be attended to.

Water fountains near the change room at Purkiss reserve- check if they can be moved/taken out to a different location.

Member Ray Wallis to get in contact with Gary Pemberton regarding footpaths that need to be fixed.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 8. OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

*Nil*

## 9. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

### 9.1 COUNCIL REPORT- NOVEMBER 2020

#### MOTION

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

#### RESOLVED

**Moved: LA Member Kara Blankenspoor**

**Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Josephine Bethel**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved* TCLA 83/20

Question was asked regarding why the location of the Christmas party was changed from Purkiss reserve to the Civic Hall- Mayor answered that it was due to several reasons including volunteers getting heat stroke.  
TCLA to reconvene in February.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

*Nil*

## 11. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

*Nil*

## 12. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

*Nil*

**13. CLOSE OF MEETING at 17:24**

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Meeting commenced at 1643 with Linda Renfrey as chair.

**1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Jeff McLaughlin  
Cr. Karan Hayward  
Cr. Hal Ruger  
Linda Renfrey  
Ray Wallis  
Lachlan Dunemann

1.2 Staff And Visitors Present

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Deferred- provisional meeting.

## 3. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 3.1 ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### MOTION

##### That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the actions items.
- b) Authorise the chair to write a letter on behalf of the Authority to the Minister regarding loss of jobs in PATS, and other services in the region.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis

Seconded: Cr Karan Hayward

**CARRIED UNAN.**

Resolved TCLA 1/21

Kathleen street Park costings to be added to the action list.

Member for Barkly, Steve Edington was invited to the table to answer some questions from the authority:

- Cr Ruger brought up the possibility of starting to market the Barkly for mining.
- The MLA that he would be happy with this and his position would be that the mining should create jobs for the people of the Barkly.
- MLA is happy to see what he can do as mining is his shadow ministry.
- The committee brought up the issues with the MVR not being open, and with inconsistent.
- The MLA stated that he raised that in parliament. He received a response from the Minister, which will be tabled at the next meeting.
- The Authority members also raised issue regarding the unavailability of specialised medical services, and PATS.
- The MLA noted these issues and stated that he has raised these issues with the minister. He received a response which will be tabled at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Recommend council to write a letter on behalf of the local authority regarding the loss of PATS jobs.

## 4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS



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

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED****Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis****Seconded: Cr. Ronald Plummer****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 2/21***5. FINANCE****5.1 FINANCE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2020****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED****Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis****Seconded: Local Authority Member Lachlan Dunemann****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 3/21***6. GENERAL BUSINESS****6.1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED****Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis****Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward****CARRIED UNAN.***Resolved TCLA 4/21*

LA members requested the infrastructure report to be in writing.  
 Santosh provided PATS an update on the Lake Mary-Anne playground which is due to be completed this month (March).  
 Hilda Street park is still waiting for a good price for an additional shed structure.  
 The Tennant Creek Chapel is now in the design phase.  
 The youth centre is now in the permit phase.

**6.2 PRESENTATION FROM DAVID HALL**

**MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** Cr. Karan Hayward

**Seconded:** LA Member Ray Wallis

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 5/21*

Barkly Vet – David Hall presented to the LA.

Tabled request of a list of 8 things that would bring the clinic up to scratch, and requested the LA to consider funding these.

The LA requested the vet to get quoted for the electrical equipment (ultrasound machine and laptop) that were listed.

ACTION ITEM: Santosh to do pricing on:

- 1- covers for fluorescent lights
- 2- wash up sink
- 3- painting
- 4- Colorband wall
- 6- drainage
- 7- awning of clinic window
- 8- renovation of cage area

**6.3 RESIGNATION****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the resignation of Josephine Bethel.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Ray Wallis

**Seconded:** Local Authority Member Lachlan Duneman

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 6/21*

**6.4 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE****MOTION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved:** LA Member Ray Wallis

**Seconded:** Cr. Karan Hayward

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 7/21*

**6.5 BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL UPDATE****RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

Deferred.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

*Nil*

8. **OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING**

*Nil*

9. **REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**9.1 COUNCIL REPORT- FEBRUARY 2021**

**MOTION**

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Ray Wallis**

**Seconded: Cr. Karan Hayward**

**CARRIED UNAN.**

*Resolved TCLA 8/21*

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Nil*

11. **THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN**

*Nil*

12. **VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

*Nil*

13. **CLOSE OF MEETING at 6.24pm**

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 6 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Tennant Creek Local Authority HELD ON Tuesday, 9 March 2021 AND CONFIRMED .

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Lind Renfrey  
Chair

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Steve Moore  
Chief Executive Officer

## **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Action Items Arising From Previous Meetings
<b>REFERENCE</b>	316352
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the actions items.

### **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**

Vet Action item: we have received quotes for the xray/scan machine. We are awaiting costings for all the other elements and we will presents this at the next meeting.

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**


Nil

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**


Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS:**


1  APRIL TCLA.pdf

<div>  <div> <b>TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY</b>  <b>ACTION LIST</b> </div> <div>9 March 2020</div> </div>						
	MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	Time Frame	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	ACTION LEADER	COMMENTS
1.	02/10/2018	<b>Tennant Creek Cemetery Beautification Program</b>	30/09/2020	a) There is \$41,500 allocated for the beautification of the Tennant Creek cemetery.	CEO/DI	<p>Concept drawings to be provided to Local Authority for comment when completed.</p> <p>03/09/2019 – Initial meetings held with TC Mob.</p> <p>08/10/2019 – Further consultations with TC Mob and RISE.</p> <p>12/11/2019 – Supplementary Agenda Item.</p> <p>10/12/2019 – Ongoing.</p> <p>18/02/2020 – Contracts established between Rise and Council to initiate CDP Project to be co-ordinated by the TC Mob. TC Mob to undertake project. (Jacquie Bethel to present).</p> <p>14/04/2020 – Planning works commenced</p> <p>16/06/2020 – Jacquie Bethel to make verbal presentation to Council regrading progress.</p> <p>14/07/2020 – Verbal update to be provided.</p> <p>13/10/2020- Expenditure breakdown included in Agenda</p>
2.	07/08/2018	<b>Hilda Street Park</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<p>CEO to Compile information and provide to LA Members prior to the September Local Authority meeting.</p> <p>Total LA Funding Allocated \$60,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2x Shade shelters</li> <li>- 2x Single BBQ with sink and preparation area</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> <li>- Collapsible Bollards</li> </ul>	CEO	<p>02/10/2018</p> <p>13/11/2018 - DIPL has commenced works with installation of a Water Meter.</p> <p>05/03/2019 – Works progressing.</p> <p>04/06/2019 - Awaiting further works – DIPL.</p> <p>06/08/2019 – DIPL invited to attend LA Meeting.</p> <p>08/10/2019 – Further consultation with DIPL.</p> <p>12/11/2019 – Copy of letter to DIPL to be tabled.</p> <p>10/12/2019 – Council to make EOI to complete.</p> <p>14/04/2020 – Awaiting Scope Of Works from DIPL</p> <p>12/05/2020 – Awaiting DIPL.</p> <p>16/06/2020 - Verbal update to be provided.</p> <p>14/07/2020 - Verbal update to be provided.</p> <p>14/07/2020- CEO to contact DIPL to put up a barricade for cars not to access footpath</p> <p>14/07/2020- CEO to contact DIPL regarding lack of progress with HILDA street park</p>

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<div>  <div> <div>TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY</div> <div>ACTION LIST</div> </div> <div>9 March 2020</div> </div>					
					9/10/2020- Documentation received from DIPL, and has been sent back. No update since. 10/11/2020- Santosh to Update 9/02/2021- Santosh to update <b>13/04/2021- Santosh to Update</b>
3.	13.11.2018	<b>Lake Mary Ann Playground</b>	31/12/2020	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 activities 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. 04/06/2019 - CEO to provide a verbal update. 06/08/2019 – No further information available. 03/09/2019 – No Action 08/10/2019 – To be discussed in LA Funding Allocations discussion. 12/11/2019 – Paper this meeting. 10/12/2019 – Ongoing 18/02/2020 – Paper this meeting. 12/05/2020 – Funding Agreement received. 16/06/2020 – Task: Finalise membership and set a date for the Project Control Group to meet. 14/07/2020 – Verbal report from PCG. 08/09/2020- Public consultation update this meeting 13/10/2020- Has gone out to tender and will close on the 29 <sup>th</sup> of October. 10/11/2020- Santosh to update 9/02/2021- Santosh to update <b>13/02/2021- Playground construction complete</b>
4.	05.03.2019	<b>Park Facilities Audit</b>	30/04/2020	Audit of all park facilities to identify existing 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 cataloguing/photographing assets. 04/06/2019 - Completion date 30 June 2019. 06/08/2019 – For discussion this meeting.

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<div>  <div> <b>TENNANT CREEK LOCAL AUTHORITY</b>  <b>ACTION LIST</b> </div> <div>9 March 2020</div> </div>					
					<p>03/09/2019 – Condition assessments to be incorporated into Asset Management Planning and future budgeting and budget review.</p> <p>08/10/2019 – Remains in progress.</p> <p>12/11/2019 – Supplementary Agenda Item.</p> <p>10/12/2019 – Remains in progress.</p> <p>18/02/2020 – Awaiting return of Director Of Infrastructure to finalise.</p> <p>14/04/2020 – CEO to disseminate information received for parks in Tennant Creek.</p> <p>16/06/2020 – Agenda item for incoming TCLA.</p> <p>10/11/2020 – Council to bring back options for the Eldorado park play area.</p> <p>10/11/2020 - Council obtain costings for the installation of a slab, shelter and bench seating in the Kathleen Street Park precinct.</p>
5.	8.09.2020	<b>Member for Barkly Invite</b>	13/10/2020	To invite the new Member for Barkly, Steve Edgington to attend the LA and speak about his vision for the Barkly for the next 4 years.	GO 13/10/2020- Invite has been sent, awaiting a response. <b>24/02/2021 – re-scheduled for 13 April 2021</b>
6.	10.11.2020	<b>Vet Clinic</b>	10/11/2020	Look into an X-Ray Machine for the vet clinic building and invite the principal from the veterinary practice to present to the LA.	CEO 24/02/2021- Invite sent, awaiting response. <b>13/04/2021- Update included in the meeting</b>
7.	08.12.2020	<b>Bus Shelter</b>	Ongoing	Suggestion to put a bus shelter Blain Street near the caravan park end- to cater for disabled patients near the Blain Street flats.	CEO 24/02/2021- Gary to update. <b>13/04/2021- Gary to update</b>
8.	09.03.2021	<b>PATS</b>		Recommend council to write a letter on behalf of the local authority regarding the loss of PATS jobs	25/03/2020- Request was presented to Council, awaiting update

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Chief Executive Officer Update  
**REFERENCE** 316354  
**AUTHOR** Steve Moore, Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) Receive and note the report

**SUMMARY:****BACKGROUND**

We have reviewed our five year infrastructure plan, this is currently being circulated to all LA's for feedback. (See the separate agenda item on this). Once this review is complete we will present it to council as a draft 10 year infrastructure plan.

The Mary Ann playground is now complete, we are also close to finalising the replacement of the chairs and tables along with some new BBQ's. the playground is being well used and some ground maintenance is underway to remove trip hazards, it will take some time for grass to grow back in.

The next few months will be busy as we complete a number of project prior to the end of Council's term. Construction of the chapel at the cemetery should commence shortly, while work on Purkiss Reserve is also drifting along.

The proposal for council to get more involved in Battery Hill has not progressed, Tourism NT discovered there was not enough time to complete the BBRF application. The project is now delayed until later in the year. In the meantime another proposal has been put up to Tourism NT to invest in the facility now. This may be something council gets more involved in in the future.

The TC roadworks are complete with line marking due directly. The work appears to have been carried out to a high standard and looks great. The roadworks along with our new streetlights are making a difference around town and lifting the appearance of the streets that have been completed. Further work will need to be done to eliminate dark spots now that the lighting changeover is complete.

Budgeting for the new financial year is underway, we hope to have this in the next LA agenda for feedback prior to seeking Council approval. It will be another tight year financially as we try to manage our limited income.

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

## **FINANCE**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Finance Report - November 2020
<b>REFERENCE</b>	316415
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

## **SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority financial report for the Tennant Creek Local Authority as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 will be tabled at this meeting.

Apologies for the delay in providing the information

## **BACKGROUND**

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

## **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

Nil matters

## **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

Nil matters

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** 5 Year Strategic Plan  
**REFERENCE** 316371  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- a) **Receive and note the report.**
- b) Provide feedback by the April Council meeting on the revised five year strategic plan.

**SUMMARY:**

Council management has updated the attached Strategic Plan for Council's consideration. The review is not a detailed re-write but rather an update to better reflect the work that has been done and the items that have become irrelevant.

The committee is asked to provide feedback on the draft Strategic Plan so the plan can be finalised at the April Council meeting. At the end of 2021 we would envisage the plan will be reviewed in detail with the incoming Council following the Council elections later this year.

**BACKGROUND**

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**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

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**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1  Strategic Plan - March 2021 - New Format 2.0.pdf



# Barkly Regional Council Strategic Plan 2021 - 2026



BRC Strategic Plan 2018-2023 1.0.0 03.03.2021

Barkly Regional Council has developed the 2018-2023 five year Strategic Plan to assist Council Members, Management, Staff and Stakeholders to focus resources towards the common goals outlined in the plan. This plan contains the goals, objectives and actions set by Council for the next five years.

The Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually to measure progress in achieving the goals and the plan undated to reflect the changing environment Council operates in.

#### Who we are

BRC is a regional council, providing infrastructure, services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children's groups, schools, businesses and agencies across the Barkly Region.

#### Purpose of a Strategic Plan

A strategic plan is developed to:

- Set priorities
- Focus energy and resources
- Strengthen operations
- Ensure that employees and stakeholders are working towards common goals
- Establish desired outcomes/results
- Assess and adjust the organisations direction in response to a changing environment

*Effective strategic planning articulates not only where an organization is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.*

#### Our Strategy will:

- Set seven goals
- List objectives to aid in achieving those goals
- Establish actions and timeframes that need to be achieved towards the overall strategy.



BRC Strategic Plan 2018-2023 1.0.0 03.03.2021

## OUR GOALS

- 1. Become the employer of choice in the Barkly**
- 2. Have a strong, culturally appropriate & respectful relationship with all residents, government agencies and stake holders within the Barkly Region.**
- 3. Improve community infrastructure across the Barkly**
- 4. Promote and advocate to address social inequality within the Barkly**
- 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**



## OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: BECOME THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE IN THE BARKLY	
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time employees	
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Development Plans</li> </ul>
OBJECTIVE 3: Improve staff engagement and morale	
OBJECTIVE 4: Increase the number of staff recruited from within the Barkly Region	
OBJECTIVE 5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	
GOAL 2: HAVE A STRONG, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE BARKLY REGION	
OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	
OBJECTIVE 2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	
OBJECTIVE 3: Ensure staff are trained and able to communicate appropriately in a cross cultural environment	
OBJECTIVE 4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy	
GOAL 3: IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE BARKLY	
OBJECTIVE 1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Footpaths</li> <li>• Lighting in public spaces and council properties</li> <li>• Council properties including Council owned houses</li> <li>• Public parks and gardens</li> <li>• Landfills</li> <li>• Plant and Equipment</li> </ul>
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	
OBJECTIVE 3: Develop a mechanism to obtain feedback from the community on infrastructure needs	
OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	



<b>GOAL 4: PROVIDE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE REGION</b>	
OBJECTIVE 1:	Provide employment opportunities for Barkly Residents
OBJECTIVE 2:	Advocate on behalf of all residents in the Barkly
OBJECTIVE 3:	Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities
OBJECTIVE 4:	Maintain a five year infrastructure plan
OBJECTIVE 5:	Increase the number of funded programs Council operates across the Barkly
<b>GOAL 5: SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE BARKLY FOR THE BENEFITS OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS</b>	
OBJECTIVE 1:	Attract new investment into the Barkly
OBJECTIVE 2:	Gain additional government spending in the Barkly Region
OBJECTIVE 3:	Increase tourism in the Barkly Region
OBJECTIVE 4:	Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly
<b>GOAL 6: BE THE LEADING COUNCIL THROUGH MAINTAINING BEST PRACTICE IN GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>	
OBJECTIVE 1:	100% compliance with the Local Government Act
OBJECTIVE 2:	Zero incidents of fraud and no Audit qualifications
OBJECTIVE 3:	Elected members are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities
OBJECTIVE 4:	Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial stability
OBJECTIVE 5:	Provide sound financial management to protect Council while delivering the maximum services to residents and visitors in the Barkly Region
<b>GOAL 7: PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE BARKLY</b>	
OBJECTIVE 1:	Stop illegal dumping in the Barkly
OBJECTIVE 2:	Have environmentally sound waste management practices
OBJECTIVE 3:	Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly





## ACTIONS

GOAL 1: BECOME THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE IN THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce staff turnover of full time and permanent part time employees	ACTION 1: Continue staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length of service awards</li> <li>At least one staff function per community per year</li> <li>Bi-annual staff get together for each locality</li> </ul>	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct annual staff surveys	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Conduct bi-annual staff performance appraisals	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Continue to convert casual staff to permanent		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a workforce plan incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training and Development Plans</li> </ul>	ACTION 1: Develop individual training and development plans to align with strategy	June 2022	
	ACTION 2: Bi-annual staff performance appraisals to incorporate employee career paths	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Identify current gaps between current staffing and workforce needs		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Review Workforce Management Plan	Annually	
OBJECTIVE 3: Improve staff engagement and morale	ACTION 1: Continue staff engagement initiatives each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length of service awards</li> <li>At least one staff function per community per year</li> <li>Bi-annual staff get together for each locality</li> </ul>	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Organisation wide acknowledgment of staff who perform well above expectation		Ongoing



	ACTION 3: Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch		
	ACTION 4: Conduct exit interviews for resigning staff		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Conduct annual staff survey	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 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	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maximise the use of CDP and identify CDP workers suitable for permanent or part time employment		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Advertise staff vacancies locally through electronic media i.e. social media, website, talent propeller and paper		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Use Tennant Creek Show Day and Careers Day to promote Council to the public		
OBJECTIVE 5: Maintain a vacancy rate below 5%	ACTION 1: Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Streamline and document the recruitment process	June 2022	
	ACTION 3: Identify the areas of high turnover and develop a mitigation strategy		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Maximise the use of recruitment software		Ongoing



GOAL 2: HAVE A STRONG, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE BARKLY REGION			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure effective engagement with Local Authorities	ACTION 1: Ensure Local Authorities (LA) meet as scheduled		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Rigorously enforce LA attendance policy		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Hold minimum of one public forum in each community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Conduct resident satisfaction surveys in each community	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Obtain regular feedback from residents, government agencies and stakeholders	ACTION 1: Conduct satisfaction surveys once per year	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Hold minimum of one public forum per community	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Hold regular meetings with government agencies and external stakeholders		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 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	June 2023	
	ACTION 2: Recruit only those people suitable for the position		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Maintain a program for Councillors and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Make wider use of the community and culture induction booklet		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: New identified staff to attend and participate in cross-cultural training		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Develop an internal and external communication strategy	ACTION 1: Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch	Quarterly	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Continue the use of social media platforms		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Keep Council's website current and relevant	Sept 2021	
	ACTION 4: Monthly email updates to staff	Monthly	Ongoing



GOAL 3: IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
<b>OBJECTIVE 1: Effectively maintain existing infrastructure to a high standard, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Footpaths</li> <li>• Lighting in public spaces and council properties</li> <li>• Council properties including council owned housing</li> <li>• Public parks and gardens</li> <li>• Landfills</li> <li>• Plant and Equipment</li> </ul>	ACTION 1: Maintain a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Engage local contractors when workloads are above staffing numbers		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Maintain a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damage.		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Develop and maintain a ticketing system to identify faulty/damaged property	Sept 2021	
<b>OBJECTIVE 2: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan</b>	<b>ACTION 1: Complete commenced infrastructure projects in a timely manner:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two new Youth Centres – Ali Curung, Tennant Creek</li> <li>• Bike path in Tennant Creek</li> <li>• Priority 1 Road Resealing – Tennant Creek</li> <li>• Refurbishment of Civic Hall – Tennant Creek</li> <li>• Construct Cemetery Chapel – Tennant Creek</li> <li>• Complete Lake Mary Ann Playground upgrade – Tennant Creek</li> <li>• Complete Skate Park – Alpururulam</li> <li>• Construct Basketball Court – Alpururulam</li> <li>• Construct Ablution Block – Ampilatwatja</li> <li>• Complete Sports and Rec Centre Refurbishment – Ampilatwatja</li> <li>• Construct Football Oval Change rooms – Elliott</li> <li>• Construct BMX Track - Wutunugurra</li> </ul>	June 2022	
	ACTION 2: Identify priority maintenance needs of existing infrastructure		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Budget to meet infrastructure requirements within the budgeting framework	Annually	Ongoing



OBJECTIVE 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	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct one survey in each community each year	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure effective planning to care for new and existing infrastructure	ACTION 1: Maintain a workforce plan		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Annual maintenance budgets to be sufficient to cover basic maintenance needs	Annually	
	ACTION 3: Maintain asset management plan and review annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Update asset management plan and review annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Complete and execute annual planned maintenance plan	Annually	Ongoing



GOAL 4: PROVIDE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE THE REGION			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 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	Dec. Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Develop individual training and development plans		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to programs		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Identify new funded programs that fit within Council's strategic objectives to increase employment opportunities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 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: Maintain positive media coverage of the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Work with Government, industry and funding bodies for greater investment in the Barkly		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Create and maintain a positive living environment for our communities	ACTION 1: Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Deliver efficient and effective Municipal services		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Participate in the annual tidy towns competition	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 4: Maintain a five year infrastructure plan	ACTION 1: Grow the five year infrastructure plan to a 10 year plan		
	ACTION 2: Effectively maintain new infrastructure required in each community		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Effectively maintain current infrastructure		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 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





GOAL 5: SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE BARKLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 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 Barkly Regional Deal Economic Development Working Group		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Identify new business opportunities through public consultation		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Engage with Government and business to identify new business opportunities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 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 with the use of various media		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Increase tourism in the Barkly Region	ACTION 1: Promote and Support the regular updating of the Tourism Master Plan		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Participate in the Barkly Tourism Action Group		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote the Barkly as a destination through Council's social media sites		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Support and promote community events		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Provide an annual budget to support community events	Annually	
OBJECTIVE 4: Have partnerships with organisations based in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Work with Tourism Central Australia and Tourism NT to promote the Barkly		Ongoing



	ACTION 2: Maintain partnerships to make greater use of Council assets		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Partner with local business and BRD Economic Development Working Group to identify new business opportunities for the Region		Ongoing





GOAL 6: BE THE LEADING COUNCIL THROUGH MAINTAINING BEST PRACTICE IN GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: 100% compliance with the Local Government Act	ACTION 1: Conduct annual reviews and periodic audits to ensure compliance with internal policies and Local Government legislation	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Maintain the risk management strategy and policy via the Audit and Risk Committee	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Conduct an annual review of the finance policies	Annually	Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Zero incidents of fraud and no audit qualifications	ACTION 1: Maintain all policies and procedures to ensure robust, best practice policies and procedures are in place		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Continuous improvement of policies/procedures to ensuring relevance and identifying where additional policies are required		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Appoint an independent chair to the Audit and Risk Committee to ensure best practice and financial controls are in place		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Elected members are fully aware of their role and their responsibilities	ACTION 1: Conduct annual governance, meeting procedures and financial awareness training with Elected Members	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Following the Local Government Election in August 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Induct new Councillors</li> <li>• Deliver governance training to new Councillors</li> <li>• Call for new nominations for Local Authorities</li> <li>• Call for new nominations for Council Committees and Sub-Committees</li> <li>• Training of new Local Authority members</li> </ul>	Dec 2021	
	ACTION 3: Ensure Elected Members are aware of changes in applicable Government legislation including changes to the Act.		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Maintain Local Authorities handbook and training program for Local Authority members		Ongoing



OBJECTIVE 4: Implement integrated planning framework that provides financial stability	ACTION 1: Complete and annual and five year cash flows and review	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Provide support to the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team to assist with development of Community Plans		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Move from five year to ten year forward planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Planning</li> <li>Asset Management Plans</li> <li>Infrastructure Planning</li> <li>Strategic Planning</li> <li>Workforce Plans</li> </ul>	Dec 2022	
OBJECTIVE 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 operating, cash flow and capital budgets and review twice yearly	Bi-Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget and acquitted on time 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: Monitor financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management		



GOAL 7: PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE BARKLY			
OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	DATE DUE	STATUS
OBJECTIVE 1: Reduce illegal dumping in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Stop illegal dumping on Council land with rigorous enforcement		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Work with stakeholders and the EPA to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Review dump fees annually	Annually	Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Regularly monitor illegal dump site to catch offenders		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Maintain and promote Snap, Send, Solve app		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 2: Improve waste management practices	ACTION 1: Monitor all Barkly land fill sites	Quarterly	Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Develop and implement some basic recycling for Tennant Creek	Dec 2022	
	ACTION 3: Lobby NTG to better support Council's Waste Management activities		Ongoing
OBJECTIVE 3: Use the natural resources of the Barkly for the benefit of residents and visitors in the Barkly	ACTION 1: Support appropriate, environmentally friendly mining development proposals within the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 2: Promote the regions natural beauty and cultural heritage		Ongoing
	ACTION 3: Promote and support regular updates of the Tourism NT Master Plan for the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 4: Actively support renewable energy opportunities for the Barkly		Ongoing
	ACTION 5: Commence program to introduce solar power for Council assets		
	ACTION 6: Lobby Power Water for more solar assets on communities	Annually	



## COMPLETED ACTIONS

GOAL #	OBJECTIVE #	COMPLETED ACTION
1	1	1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year 2. Document robust and timely recruitment procedures to ensure consistent recruitment standards 3. Recruit only those people suitable for the position
	2	1. Develop a workforce plan
	3	1. Introduce 2 new staff engagement initiatives each year
	4	1. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year
	5	1. Regularly review staff performance and provide honest feedback
2	1	1. Ensure Local Authorities meet as scheduled 2. Hold minimum of one public forum in each community annually
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	3	2. Recruit only those people suitable for the position 3. Introduce a program for Councilor's and LA's to brief new staff on the area and cultural history 4. Develop a community and culture induction handbook
	4	1. Quarterly staff briefings incorporating morning tea or lunch 2. Increase the use of social media platforms 4. Monthly email updates to staff
3	1	1. Develop a workforce plan to ensure we have sufficient staff to maintain current infrastructure 2. Develop and implement a robust reporting system for members of the public to report faults/damaged property
	2	1. Develop a five year infrastructure plan
	3	1. Conduct at least one public forum per year in each community 2. Ensure LA's are meeting as scheduled and infrastructure planning reviewed twice yearly by LA 3. Conduct at least one survey in each community each year
	4	1. Develop a workforce plan 3. Develop asset management plan and review annually
4	1	1. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year



4	1	2. Forward Plan to recruit school leavers from Barkly High Schools at the end of the school year 3. Continue apprenticeships and traineeships to grow our own staff
	3	4. Keep public spaces clean, tidy and well presented 5. Improve municipal service delivery 6. Participate in Tidy Towns competition
	4	2. Develop a five year infrastructure plan
5	3	3. Develop a Tourism Master Plan
	4	2. Establish partnerships to make greater use of Council assets
6	1	4. Implement a risk management strategy and policy (Audit and Risk committee to Oversee)
	3	3. Develop a Local Authorities handbook and training program for LA members
	4	2. Complete accurate annual budgets and review twice yearly
	5	2. Ensure all grant funding is expended in line and on budget with funding agreements 4. Improve financial management reporting to facilitate accurate budget management
7	1	3. Fully develop and implement a public awareness campaign 4. Work with stakeholders to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers 3. Review annual dump fees
	2	3. Review all Barkly Land fill sites
	4	4. Develop waste management plans



## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.2  
**TITLE** 5 Year Infrastructure Plan  
**REFERENCE** 316398  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report;
- b) Give feedback on the Tennant Creek 5 year Infrastructure plan, if any.

### **SUMMARY:**

The 5 year Council infrastructure plan is attached. Members are encouraged to recommend to Council additional project to be added to the list.

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1  TC 5 year infrastructure plan.pdf



**Barkly Regional Council**  
**Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans**

**January 2020**

Barkly Regional Council is a regional council, providing infrastructure, services and programs to individuals, couples, families, children's groups, schools, business and agencies across Barkly region. Council is responsible for the management, planning and development of a significant proportion of infrastructure. Council strive for a sustainable well-coordinated Barkly Region community- the business of community services and development is our priority.

Council is currently providing services through a group of assets valued around \$57M. The group of assets through which council currently delivering services are Transport infrastructure, Building and facilities, Parks and gardens, streetlight and a range of vehicles. Transport infrastructure includes all fixed assets such as roads and footpaths, whereas building and facilities covers the buildings, houses, sports facilities and other municipal facilities which is used to provide services. To meet the demand and expectation from community and to align with the level of service provided by Council, future spending is required in infrastructure and existing infrastructure needs to be maintained.

To meet the services level, the demand from the community and enhance liability to manage the existing assets, council has prepared a 5 years Infrastructure plan, an assets management plan for transport infrastructure and an asset management plan for Building and facilities. The 5 year Infrastructure Plan makes recommendations for the future provision of infrastructure and equipment. The infrastructure plan also priorities the funding requirements for infrastructure at local and regional levels. The Asset Management Plans provides the details of the current assets, its condition and defines the level of services to be provided and how the service is to be provided. It also provides the funding requirement to deliver the services.

**5 Year Infrastructure Plan:**

This plan has identified 88 projects valued \$34.1M which are planned for next five years, included are 38 projects valued \$29.9M which are considered as major projects. Major projects are defined by their value and complexity. Generally, project valued more than \$250K are considered as major projects. These identified projects include the projects nominated from local authorities, Council staff and Elected Members. It has also considered the need and demand projected from Asset Management plan.

	Project Type	Asset Type	Local Authority	Project detail	Priority	Cost Estimate (\$)	Budget			Project Category	Status
							Grant (\$)	Council (\$)	LA CP (\$)		
Tennant Creek											
1	Bike Path	Transport	Tennant Creek	Construction of bike path with lighting	P1P	\$2,064,000.00	\$1,651,200.00	\$412,800.00		Major	Commenced
2	Footpath	Transport	Tennant Creek	Construction of footpath	P2P	\$900,000.00		\$900,000.00		Major	
3	Staff - Housing	Building	Tennant Creek	D & C of 2 BDR (4 no) town house - Staff Housing	P3P	\$1,500,000.00		\$1,500,000.00		Major	
4	Office	Building	Tennant Creek	D & C new animal management facility/office	P2P	\$700,000.00		\$700,000.00		Major	
5	Admin Block	Building	Tennant Creek	Upgrade Council admin block	P2P	\$500,000.00		\$500,000.00		Major	
6	Office	Building	Tennant Creek	Weighbridge and office at Landfill site	P2P	\$400,000.00	\$320,000.00	\$80,000.00		Major	
7	Fencing	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Extension and construction of fence around cemetery	P1P	\$48,555.00		\$48,555.00		Minor	Completed
8	Lighting	Building	Tennant Creek	Install new external lighting at council office & Civic hall	P1P	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00		Minor	Completed
9	Fencing	Building	Tennant Creek	Council office security fencing	P1P	\$65,000.00		\$65,000.00		Minor	Completed
10	Civic Hall	Building	Tennant Creek	Civic hall upgrade	P1P	\$180,000.00		\$180,000.00		Minor	Completed
11	Public toilet	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Construct public bathrooms and shower for visitor use	P2P	\$600,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$120,000.00		Major	
12	Anzac Hill	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	Redevelopment of ANZAC hill and addition of viewing platform	P2P	\$240,000.00			\$240,000.00	Minor	
13	Lake Mary Ann	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	General upgrade	P1P	\$400,000.00		\$400,000.00		Major	
14	Lake Mary Ann	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	Upgrade toilet facilities	P2P	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00		Minor	
15	Lake Mary Ann	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	Caravan park development	P2P	\$3,000,000.00		\$3,000,000.00		Major	



	Project Type	Asset Type	Local Authority	Project detail	Priority	Cost Estimate (\$)	Budget (\$)			Project Category	Status
							Grant (\$)	Council (\$)	LA CP (\$)		
16	Street Light	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Upgrade existing street light with energy efficient light and vandal resistant. Addition of extra light to dark spot	P2P	\$600,000.00		\$600,000.00		Major	Commenced
17	Youth Links	Building	Tennant Creek	Youth links - specific purpose buildings	P1P	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00			Major	Commenced
18	Football Oval	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Construction of Staunton oval - fencing, filed upgrade, line post	P1P	\$152,524.00		\$152,524.00		Minor	Commenced
19	Swimming Pool	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Swimming pool solar water heater	P3P	\$288,000.00		\$288,000.00		Major	Completed
20	Civic Hall	Building	Tennant Creek	Air Conditioning of Civic Hall	P1P	\$300,000.00		\$316,000.00		Major	Completed
21	Admin Office	Building	Tennant Creek	Refurbishment of Administration building	P1P	\$600,000.00				Major	
22	Footpath	Transport	Tennant Creek	Footpath along Ambrose Street	P1P	\$120,000.00				Minor	
23	Footpath	Transport	Tennant Creek	Footpath along Karguru Road	P1P	\$100,000.00				Minor	
24	Bowling Club	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Bowling Club Green	P3P	\$250,000.00				Major	
25	Seating and Shade	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	New seating and shade in parks	P2P	\$150,000.00				Minor	
26	Anzac Hill	Facilities	Tennant Creek	ANZAC Hill viewing platform	P2P	\$220,000.00				Minor	
27	Lake Mary Ann	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	New play equipment at lake Mary Ann	P1P	\$400,000.00				Major	
28	One Tank Hill	Facilities	Tennant Creek	Walk path and lightening up the hill	P3P	\$250,000.00				Major	
29	Dog Park	Parks and Garden	Tennant Creek	New Dog Park in Tennant Creek	P2P	\$150,000.00				Minor	
30	Storage Shed	Building	Tennant Creek	Construction of storage shed at Depot	P2P	\$200,000.00				Minor	

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Notice Boards
<b>REFERENCE</b>	316440
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Kym Lenoble, Public Relations & Events Officer

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the reports

**SUMMARY:**

Tennant Creek notice boards.

**BACKGROUND**

Prior to the former IGA fire of 2020, Barkly Regional Council had multiple public notice boards that were located at the entrance and exit of the store which had high foot traffic and was valuable real estate to get community information out for people who did not have access to the internet or similar.

**Current Proposal**

As the IGA is being rebuilt and upgraded, it is a great opportunity to upgrade council's public messaging in line with the rebuild. As such the concept of a digital screen would be a great way to provide multiple scrolling messaging and provide advertising opportunities for local business and news articles from our now digital only local newspaper, the Tennant and District Times.

Natasha Henning, Editor at large at the Tennant and District Times endorses this proposal, and sees it as a chance to get the digital edition of the paper to people who may not have access to the internet or a smart phone.

The digital functions are not limited to news and community notices, but could also be a vehicle for important messaging in language, QR codes for audio versions of notices and information for community members with reading difficulties.

The screen plus installation and protection would cost around \$5000, of which we are asking \$3000 from the local authority to help get this innovative and multi-faceted community tool kick started.

This initial screen will be the first iteration of what the Communications arm of the council hopes to be an evolving project, with sights on eventually adding an outdoor weatherproof screen to the Tennant Creek clock tower.

The advantages of this technology would mean clearer and more efficient community messaging which can be updated and will stand out. The information can be updated as needed and the concept of loading information remotely is also being researched for emergency situations.

In a post pandemic society we need to seek options such as this that can be accessed regardless of whether we are able to travel, or are experiencing a full lock down. A digital public notice board would also mean we can promote our council related campaigns such as the next instalment of MyBarkly and other tourism campaigns, which would mean our local messaging will reach further and quicker.

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.4  
**TITLE** Australia Bureau of Statistics  
**REFERENCE** 315823  
**AUTHOR** Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report.

### **SUMMARY:**

The ABS has asked for the attached information to be circulated to the local authorities.

### **BACKGROUND**

### **ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

### **CONSULTATION & TIMING**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Census Paperwork.pdf



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## GENERAL BUSINESS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.5  
**TITLE** Correspondance  
**REFERENCE** 316397  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report

### SUMMARY:

The attached correspondence was received from Steve Edgington.

### BACKGROUND

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### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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### CONSULTATION & TIMING

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### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Letter to Minister Fyles 08.02.21 (from MLA).pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Letter to Minister Lawler (from MLA).pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Response from Minister Fyles (to MLA).pdf
- 4 [↓](#) Letter to Minister Lawler (from MLA).pdf



8 February 2021

Hon Natasha Fyles  
Minister for Health  
GPO Box 3146  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister,

I am writing in regard to the current restructure underway in the Department of Health and ask that you consider returning the position administering the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) to the Tennant Creek Hospital.

Since the PATS position was moved to Alice Springs, residents have complained about the time taken to receive their reimbursement of costs which they have stated have blown out to anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks and sometimes up to 11 weeks rather than a few days when managed in Tennant Creek.

During the 2019-20 financial year, 1830 patients accessed the PATS to travel from Tennant Creek to access medical services, claiming on average six nights of accommodation.

I've heard stories of appointments being cancelled because travel has not been arranged, the number of patients allowed to have a support person travel with them has been reduced and that reimbursement of any out of pocket expenses for a family member travelling as a support person with women having a second baby has now ceased.

From the stories that I often hear, it now seems that anything to do with patient travel from Tennant Creek now sits in a pile in Alice Springs with thousands of other applications from around Central Australia waiting to be processed.

The PATS position needs to be reinstated immediately at the Tennant Creek Hospital so that medical appointments, travel, accommodation and reimbursements can be managed in a timely fashion.

A number of concerns have also been raised since your announcement that work is underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity. Residents have asked whether this may impact on the construction of a new \$1.277 million administration building listed in this year's infrastructure program and what changes the restructure will bring for services, such as Dental, Podiatry, Optometry, Barkly Mental Health, Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse.

I have no doubt you are aware that people including staff and residents react to change in many different ways and for very individual reasons. This can directly impact the dynamic and efficiency of a team and can create anxiety and uncertainty regarding loss of employment and services in a place such as Tennant Creek and the Barkly region as a whole.

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So that I am in a position to update the residents of Tennant Creek and the Barkly region about the status of the position administering the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme, the restructure of the Department of Health and the status of the new \$1.277 million administration building listed in this year's infrastructure program, can you please advise:

1. Can you please confirm that the position administering the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme is no longer based in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, what are the reasons for moving this position and on what date were the functions and responsibilities of this position transferred to Alice Springs?
2. What is the average wait time for a patient to receive their reimbursement of costs associated with travel from Tennant Creek?
3. Since moving the PATS position to Alice Springs, have there been any claims for reimbursement that have blown out to anywhere from 4 to 6 weeks and sometimes up to 11 weeks before payment is made to the patient? If so, what are the reasons for this and what is being done to prevent this from happening?
4. Under what circumstances is a patient allowed to have a support person travel with them and have out of pocket expenses reimbursed?
5. In accordance with the PATS policy, is a pregnant patient allowed to have a support person or family member travel with them to Alice Springs and stay with them while waiting to give birth? If not, why not? If so, what costs are covered by the PATS under these circumstances?
6. Will the position administering the PATS be returned to Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, on what date is this happening?
7. Is the construction of a new \$1.277 million administration building listed in this year's infrastructure program on target to be delivered this year? If not, why not? If so, on what date will construction commence and whereabouts will it be located?
8. Has there been any consultation with staff at the hospital about the proposed location of the new administration building? If not, why not? If so, how and when was the consultation conducted and what was the nature of the feedback from staff?
9. What work is underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity and how will this benefit the Tennant Creek Hospital and health services in the Barkly region?
10. How many staff from the Tennant Creek Hospital and across the Barkly region are involved and what is their role in the change management process?
11. What changes will the restructure bring for services such as Dental, Podiatry, Optometry, Barkly Mental Health, Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse in Tennant Creek?
12. Are there any plans to change the service delivery location for Barkly Mental Health, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Volatile Substance Abuse in Tennant Creek? If so, what changes are planned, what are the reasons for changes and are the staff affected involved in the change management process?
13. Given the work underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity, will you be undergoing a consultation process with the people in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly region? If not, why not? If so, when will the consultation commence and is your government's Local Decision Making Framework or the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy being used? and

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14. Any other information to assist residents to better understand the PATS, plans for construction of the new \$1.277 million administration building and the work underway to integrate the Central Australia Health Service, Top End Health Service and NT Health into one mega-entity?

Thank-you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



**STEVEN EDGINGTON MLA**  
Member for Barkly

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11 February 2021

Hon Eva Lawler  
Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics  
GPO Box 3146  
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Minister,

At the Estimates Committee Hearing held in Darwin on Tuesday 8 December 2020 I raised concerns directly with you about the ongoing closure of the Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) in Tennant Creek.

After raising a number of questions about the operation of the MVR, I was advised that the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) were looking into improving service delivery and would consider what cross-skilling could be undertaken to ensure other staff were always available to assist when the MVR staff member was absent.

Since raising these concerns over two months ago, I continually receive a number of complaints about the MVR being closed and, when it is open, it often closes at 3:00pm.

Tennant Creek is the hub of the Barkly with residents travelling from remote areas into town to attend to a range of issues including MVR business. Locals and residents that travel into town have had enough and are asking for a consistent MVR service similar to that in Alice Springs, Darwin and Katherine to be available.

Can you please advise what your government is doing to ensure that the MVR is adequately staffed and open during normal business hours (8:30 to 4:30) Monday to Friday and when the people of the Barkly can expect the current problem to be resolved?

Thank-you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

**STEVEN EDGINGTON MLA**  
Member for Barkly

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Mr Steven Edgington MLA  
Member for Barkly  
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Via Email: [electorate.barkly@nt.gov.au](mailto:electorate.barkly@nt.gov.au)

Dear Mr Edgington *Steve*

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 February 2021, regarding the administration of the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PATs) in Tennant Creek, the status of a new facility at Tennant Creek Hospital, and the restructure of the Department of Health.

In July 2020, the Central Australia Health Service (CAHS) trialled processing all PATs requests through the office located at the Alice Springs Hospital (ASH). During and following the successful trial, a number of important efficiencies were achieved and continue to be achieved, including strengthening operational capacity, particularly in the COVID-19 environment, streamlining processes, consistent interpretation and implementation of guidelines and minimising budgetary overspend.

Currently, the average wait time for a patient to receive PATs reimbursement is 14 business days, providing all relevant documentation has been submitted correctly. A small number of delays did occur during the second wave of COVID-19 restrictions and one reimbursement was delayed for a period greater than six weeks due to an administrative error. Internal processes have now been reviewed to minimise unnecessary delays.

It is important to note that PATs provides a financial subsidy to cover a portion of out-of-pocket expenses only. In line with the PATs Guidelines, automatic approval for an escort is granted in the following circumstances:

- If a patient is travelling interstate for surgery or intensive treatments;
- Patient who is a child under 18 years of age and travelling for treatment or an appointment is eligible for one escort. The escort should preferably be the child's parent, guardian or primary care giver;



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- When the patient is a child under the age of 18 and has a condition that is considered life threatening two escorts (usually both parents) can be approved. A life threatening condition is defined as any illness or condition developed in childhood whereby the child is likely (probability of greater than 50 per cent) to die prematurely; and
- If a mother is travelling for treatment or obstetric confinement, and has one or more children under the age of two who she wishes to travel with her, the child or children travel can be approved. There is also automatic approval for one escort to assist. Children older than two years but less than 18 years must not be classified as escorts to circumvent the age limit.

There is some discretion in assessing applications and I refer you to the PATS guidelines (attached) for further information. Under the guidelines, there is no provision for an escort for pregnant patients, however, CAHS recognises the concerns for first time expectant mothers and provides 'outside of guidelines approval' for an escort for their first pregnancy confinement.

Construction of a new \$1.277 million building will commence on 15 February 2021, which will create a health hub at the Tennant Creek Hospital campus. The new building will be located in the courtyard north of the Community Corridor Ward and south of the service block. The new infrastructure will ensure services are co-located, enabling clients to access all of their health needs in the one location. Throughout the period March 2018 to September 2020, consultation with staff occurred via teleconference and onsite meetings, with feedback both constructive and informative.

The NT Health Better Together Program will guide a new integrated health system, focussing on embedding regional leadership into system-wide governance and decision making. This program will provide important benefits to all Territorians, including Tennant Creek and the Barkly region. Work on the integration of the health system through the Better Together Program is in its early stages, with structural changes to be determined. These changes will be shaped in collaboration with staff and stakeholders from the Tennant Creek and Barkly region to ensure they are responsive to local needs and priorities.

Thank you for bringing the concerns of Tennant Creek and Barkly residents to my attention. NT Health including Central Australia Health Service is committed to better business processes and communication with stakeholders, as well as, improving all health services in this important region of the Northern Territory.

Kind regards



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18 FEB 2021





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Dear Mr Edgington

Thank you for your letter dated 11 February 2021 regarding the Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) in Tennant Creek.

The MVR staff in regional offices work very hard to ensure people living and working in these regional centres have access to services when they need them.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is taking the necessary steps to ensure adequate staffing cover is available for the MVR office in Tennant Creek so that office working hours can be maintained.

This process is now underway to resolve this matter and my office will provide you with an update in the coming weeks.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eva Lawler'.

EVA LAWLER

15 FEB 2021



## GENERAL BUSINESS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.6  
**TITLE** Report from Director of Infrastructure-BRC  
**REFERENCE** 316439  
**AUTHOR** Santosh Niraula, Director of Infrastructure

## RECOMMENDATION

### That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report of infrastructure activities in the Town of Tennant Creek

### SUMMARY:

#### Recently Completed Projects:

1. Lake Mary Ann Dam Playground



2. Resealing of Streets of Tennant Creek – Line marking will be done within 12 to 16 April 2021.



3. Completion and Handover of Hilda Street Park – one additional shed structure to be installed within two weeks from 12/04/2021 – Purchase Order raised

**Current Projects:**

1. Tennant Creek Youth Centre – Demolition completed, Structural Design Completed, waiting for Land Development Permit for the construction. Expecting construction from first week of May 2021.





2. Tennant Creek Cemetery Chapel – 90% Design completed.
3. Picnic Tables for Lake Mary Ann Dam Playground – Tender Closed, need to do the assessment, will be decided in April 2021 Council Meeting
4. Tennant Creek Bike Path- design still not completed, delay by designer

#### **Future Projects:**

1. Refurbishment of Civic Hall – Purchase order for assessment issued, assessment to be done in next few weeks.
2. Tennant Creek Roads Resealing (Phase 2) – waiting for additional funding to be approved from NTG
3. Council Chambers Roof Refurbishment – under consultation with contractors.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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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.

**REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Report- February 2021
<b>REFERENCE</b>	316111
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

**SUMMARY:**

This Report is a summary of Council meeting for March 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

The March council meeting was very productive.

There was a presentation regarding information for the 2021 census. Members are urged to spread the word about the upcoming census, to make sure that the Barkly gets as many census responses as possible. This is important because the data that will come out of census will help in the future planning the Barkly.

There was also a presentation from RISE. They reported that 750 people were initially registered, this has gone up to 1275 in the past year. So even though it was a difficult year to operate in, they still yielded some results, and will continue to do more.

Council also had a meet and greet with the Indonesian consulate. This was a very pleasant engagement, with both parties hoping to collaborate on community events in the future.

Council resolved to remove the Jarra Jarra Access road from the list of roads serviced by Barkly Regional Council.

Council approved the tenders for the Ampilatwatja Sports and Rec center upgrade, the Wutunugurra BMX Track, Arlparra Sports and Rec Center upgrade and the Alpururulam Basketball court. So there is a lot of work set to commence soon.

**ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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**CONSULTATION & TIMING**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

## VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

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**ITEM NUMBER** 12.1  
**TITLE** Relationships Australia  
**REFERENCE** 316391  
**AUTHOR** Millicent Nhepera, Governance Officer

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Authority**

- a) Receive and note the report

### SUMMARY:

Relationships Australia will present to the authority regarding the national redress scheme.

### BACKGROUND

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### ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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### CONSULTATION & TIMING

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### ATTACHMENTS:

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