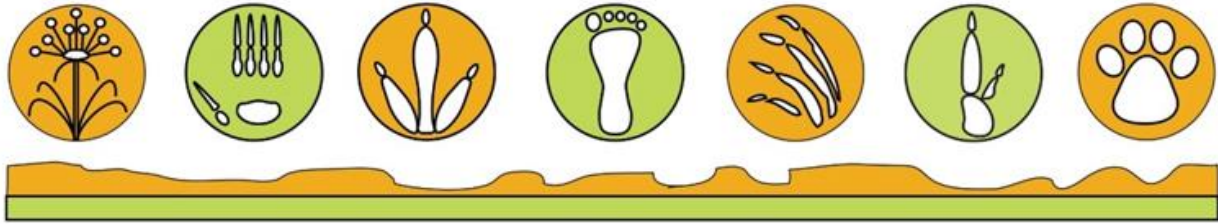


# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## MINUTES Ali Curung LA Meeting

Barkly Regional Council's Ali Curung LA Meeting was held in the Conference Room on Monday 25 September 2023 at 1:00 pm.

### **Russell Anderson**

Acting Chief Executive Officer

### **OUR VISION**

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

### **The Way We Will Work**

**We will make it happen!**

**We will be engaged and have regular opportunities to listen.**

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

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

**We are a responsible Council.**

**We will be a responsive Council.**

**We want to empower local decision making.**

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

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

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

**We need to be realistic, transparent and accountable.**

## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Authority Members Present

Meeting commenced at 1.40 pm with Noel Hayes as Chair.

- Noel Hayes (Chair)
- Jerry Rice
- Peter Corbett
- Andrew Tsavaris
- Ned Kelly
- Cr Luck Jackson

### 1.2 Staff and Visitors Present

- Michael Stanley-Hunt (BRC)
- Barry Natrass (BRC)
- Nicole Joy (Dept of EPWS)
- Pippa Hunter (Dept of EPWS)
- Liza Wilson (NT Hlth)
- Nettie Hodgson-Taylor (NT Hlth)
- Andrew Urquhart (NT Hlth)
- Sino Kaho (NT Hlth)
- Sonya Murphy (NT Hlth)
- Frederick Miller
- Harry Price

### 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted

#### Apologies

- Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin
- Kyle Godwin (NT Police)
- Mitch Gemmola (NT Police)
- Benjamin Charteris (NT Police)

### 1.4 Absent Without Apologies

- Desmarie Dobbs
- Cr Jack Clubb
- Cr Anita Bailey
- Cr Peter Jackson
- Purple House representative (invited)

### 1.5 Resignations

### 1.6 Disclosure of Interests

1.7 Review of Disclosure of Interest  
Nil

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Confirmation of previous Minutes

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#### 2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 24 July 2023 meeting

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and confirms the minutes from the meeting on 24 July 2023 as a true and accurate record.

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held in Ali Curung on 24 July as a true and accurate record.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved {resolution-number}*

## 3 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

### Actions from previous Minutes

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#### 3.1 Actions from Previous Meetings

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Actions from previous meetings.

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the Actions from previous meetings.

- Purple House are expected to attend the next Ali Curung LA meeting and deliver a presentation regarding renal services.
- Menzies School of Health will begin training staff for a hearing service in Ali Curung in early October 2023.
- The Animal Management Program provided by the Barkly Vet Practice will commence in Ali Curung on 10 and 13 October through to 15 and 16 October 2023 however the dates are yet to be confirmed.
- Murray Downs basketball shelter repairs are ongoing, and contractors have been engaged.

- The rubbish collection trailer is on back order however the community is able to utilise a borrowed trailer in the meantime.
- Use is being made of the new movie screen facility.
- Signage has arrived for the cemetery and traffic management speed awareness. These signs will be erected as time permits.
- Area Manager Michael Stanley-Hunt thanked the LA for its initiative in purchasing new streetlights which have now been installed.
- No response to date from PowerWater regarding the backup generator.
- It is envisaged that the tyre changing machine and air compressor will be functional at Murray Downs by the end of November 2023.
- Visitors requesting accommodation in Ali Curung can apply to the NIAA via the Area Manager.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved {resolution-number}*

## 4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

*Nil*

## 5 FINANCE REPORTS

### Finance Reports

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#### 5.1 Monthly Financial Report for Ali Curung Local Authority

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the updated LA Finance Report.

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the updated LA Finance Report.

- CFO was unable to attend due to bushfire priority funding work.
- The La Funds have been topped up since last meeting.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Lucy Jackson

Seconded: LA Member Ned Kelly

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved {resolution-number}*

## 6 AREA MANAGERS REPORTS

### Area Managers Reports

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#### 6.1 Area Manager Report for September 2023

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the September report by the Area Manager.

##### **SUMMARY**

- Water Resource's Division Department of Environment, Parks, and Water Security to meet with LA members on the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> September.
- Repairs to council assets are still under way.
- Taken delivery of new rubbish trailer.
- Airstrip maintenance required from Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- PO have been raised for contractor to complete the maintenance of firebreaks in Ali Curung and Murray Downs
- Replacement rubbish bins for Ali Curung and Murray Downs communities have been ordered
- Have contacted NT housing about the maintenance of yards. Residence lighting fires in yards to maintain them. In the current situation, this is quite dangerous.
- Police to hold community meeting about danger of lighting fires in yards. We have had multiple fires lit in yards to burn-off grass due to snakes.

##### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Community residents have occupied the new houses that have been built and renovated.
- The building of new housing has started in Murray Downs.
- The replacement of street lights in Ali Curung and Murray Downs has been completed that was fund by Ali Curung LA
- Pirate from The Black Wreath delivering and completed Build Your Own Guitar program over the last three months. An end of program concert was held on Wednesday 13Sep with Ali Curung Desert Eagles, AC Reggae and guest band Eastern Arrernte with the help of Artback NT.

<b>MUNICIPAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Staff</li> <li>• Four permanent full time municipal officers</li> <li>• 2 casual municipal officer</li> <li>• Recruiting Casual Staff</li> <li>• Hard Rubbish / Small Rubbish / Grass-priority</li> <li>• Rubbish twice weekly by ute &amp; trailer</li> <li>• General community maintenance</li> <li>• Airstrip maintenance</li> </ul>
<b>ESSENTIALSERVICES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting on airstrip maintenance to be carried out by Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics</li> <li>• Firefighting trailer has been inspected and service</li> </ul>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Staff</li> <li>• Two casual</li> <li>• Mail, Centrelink, General Administration services as usual</li> </ul>
<b>AREA MANAGER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisting age care</li> </ul>
<b>AGED CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration Staff assisting due to lack of staff age care staff</li> </ul>
<b>SAFE HOUSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Leader resigned</li> <li>• New team leader</li> <li>• Safe House training to commence 27<sup>th</sup> Sep by Deb Aldridge</li> </ul>
<b>YSR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Team Leader Jack Aldridge</li> </ul>
<b>NIGHT PATROL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services as usual</li> </ul>

**MOTION**

That the Local Authority receives and notes the September report by the Area Manager.

- Rise will be recruiting staff to manage the tyre changer machine at Murray Downs and Night Patrol to also be given keys for easy community access.
- Repairs are underway in the community.
- A rubbish trailer has been lent until new ordered trailer arrives.
- DIPL are yet to complete airstrip maintenance scheduled.
- A contractor is set to begin creating firebreaks on Tuesday 26 September 2023 for Ali Curung and Murray Downs and will also be extending the land fill waste facility area.
- NT Housing are to begin clearing grass in yards through a contractor and invoicing the occupier for the service.
- Music workshop for guitar making was a big success culminating with a music performance which was conducted successfully and received praise from many in the community.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved {resolution-number}*

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

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#### 7.1 Location of Trees in Community

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority discusses the location where to plant purchased trees.

**MOTION**

The Local Authority discussed the where to plant purchased trees and agreed they should be planted at

- Football Oval
- Cemetery
- Softball Oval

Area manager will form a working group to identify exactly where individual trees are to be planted.

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris**

**Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved {resolution-number}*



## General Business

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### 7.2 Woodfire BBQ locations

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses locations for the woodfire barbeques.

#### MOTION

The Local Authority agreed to have 1 wood fired barbecue permanently installed at the church and the remaining 2 units set up for portability.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved {resolution-number}*

## General Business

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### 7.3 Financial assistance with tyre changing

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discusses the need for assistance to aid the community with the costs of changing tyres at the Council Workshop.

#### MOTION

A scoping study to assess costs and extra equipment needed for the self-service changing of tyres at the Ali Curung BRC Workshop.

#### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Andrew Tsavaris

Seconded: LA Member Peter Corbett

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Resolved {resolution-number}*

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE

*Nil*

## 9 OTHER MATTERS FOR NOTING

*Nil*

## 10 REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Nil*

## 12 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### Visitor Presentations

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#### 12.1 Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security Presentation

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security.

#### MOTION

That the Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (DEPWS).

DEPWS representatives, Nicole Joy and Pippa Hunter gave a pre-LA meeting presentation to members and summarised during the meeting their discussions around:

- Groundwater and surface water
- Water application and supply, security and quality
- Some discussion was had about traditional story connections
- Areas not covered were details around sacred sites and dams

It was requested by Nicole Joy to amend the talking points listed in the agenda:

- 1. Receive and note Western Davenport Water Allocation Plan 2023 – 2033 Key messaging to read

When the next Davenport Water Allocation Plan 2023 - 2033 is next sitting, it will be raised at the next LA Meeting.

- 2. Local Authority has discussed their concerns for water with staff from the Department of Environment Parks and Water Security, Water Resources Branch who listened to their concerns and would like to be invited back to update the community on:

License allocations in the area  
Water Advisory Committee outcomes from their last visit  
Singleton Horticulture Project

A question was put to the LA by the Area Manager regarding management of the bore adjacent to the football oval.

It was explained by LA Member Andrew Tsavaris that the community owns the rights to the bore and documents are held by the Central Land Council.

Director of Primary Health in the Barkly, Andrew Urquhart encouraged members of the community to step up to the challenge of becoming

- Health Workers
- Drivers
- Auxiliary staff

It was acknowledged that the bar was set very high for many locals to be eligible and arrangements to amend the requirements would require a court order.

Harry Price and Frederick Miller spoke to the LA in regard to acquiring music equipment either through Barkly Arts or repairing what is already available.

Area Manager Michael Stanley-Hunt spoke in support of the local musicians being respectful of access arrangements to equipment and rehearsal space.

The Chair explained that the LA may be able to form an auspice agreement to acquire funding for the musicians.

## 13 OTHER BUSINESS

Area Manager Michael Stanley-Hunt gave a rundown of general business matters:

- New rubbish bins arriving for Ali Curung and Murray Downs
- 1 New Bin / household all old bins retrieved
- Fire mitigation is being conducted to protect the community with firebreaks
- There is an influx of new staff starting
- CAYLUS had sent 2 support staff for the school holiday program
- The proposal was put that the end office in the service centre building would be set up as a common office space for all visiting service providers such as Centre Link, Lawyers and government departments from time to time

### MOTION

That the Ali Curung LA move that the BRC office will provide an assisted tyre changing service for \$25 / tyre at pre organised dates and times.

### RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Peter Corbett

Seconded: LA Member Jerry Rice

## 14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Ali Curung LA next meeting date is 13/11/2023

Meeting Closed at 1:00 pm

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